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BC's space crunch nearing

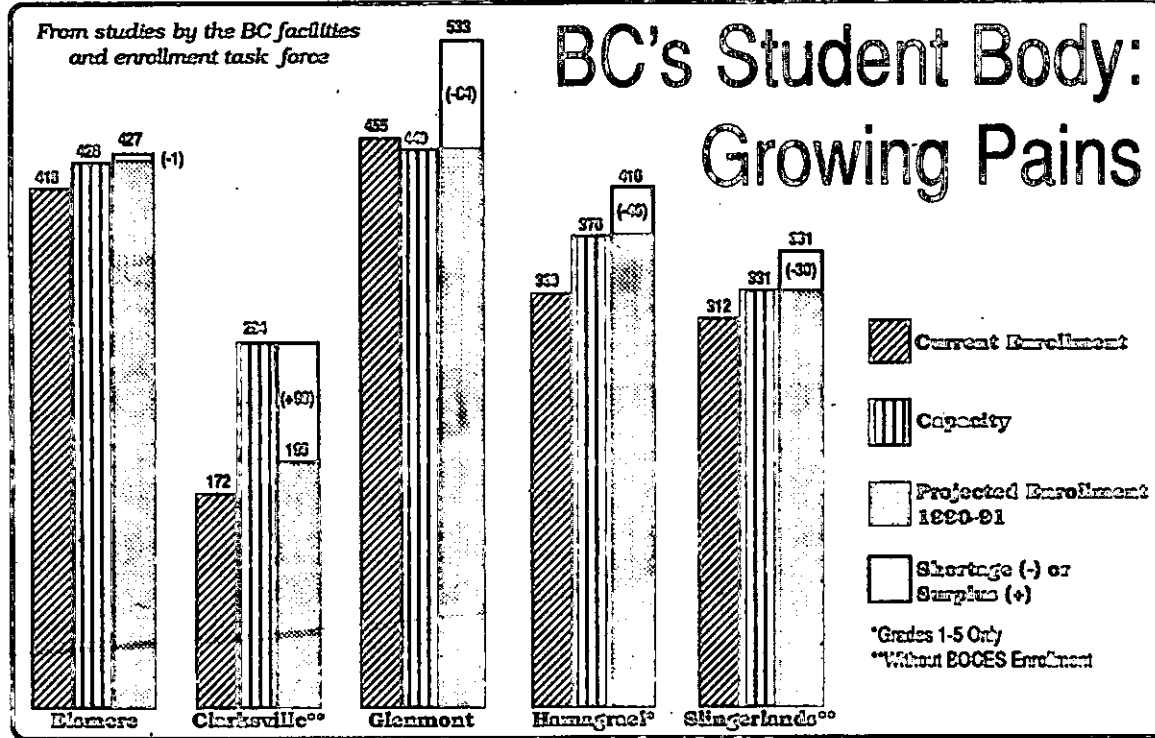
By Patricia Mitchell

The space crunch could hit most Bethlehem Central elementary schools as early as 1990-91, according to two reports presented to the board of education last week.

In two years, the reports say, most elementary schools could face an enrollment larger than capacity under guidelines established by both the state and the district. For example, the Glenmont School, where the problem is predicted to be the most severe, has a state capacity of 459 and a district capacity of 449, but the enrollment is expected to grow to 533 students by 1990-91 — 74 more than state guidelines and 84 more than district guidelines.

Also according to the reports, while enrollment is expected to grow about 16 percent by the year 2000, space needs are already tight in Bethlehem Central schools. By the turn of the century, enrollment is expected to grow by 613 students from the present level of 3,746 to 4,359. The population bulge can be expected to work its way through the school district, impacting on the elementary schools from 1991 through 1996-97, then to the middle school and then on the high school.

In the school buildings where space was found lacking, all but



the Elsmere School could allow an expansion.

The facilities and enrollment task forces reported their findings to the Bethlehem Central school board Wednesday after about three months of study. Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the next step will be for the facilities and enrollment committee to take the two reports and develop

options for future building needs in the district.

Studying facilities and enrollment, were identified as the top priority for the school year by Loomis. The committee is expected to develop options for the school board by May with a decision by the board due by the end of the school year.

The committee is scheduled to

begin its work Thursday, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. in the district offices.

While the reports predict enrollment as far ahead as 1999-2000, the problems are more immediate. Using three-year enrollment figures and state and district capacity levels in the elementary buildings, BC's growing space needs could come as soon as

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Civic center, costs rising

By Patricia Dumas

By the summer, workers are expected to be roofing the 15,000-seat arena of the Albany County Civic Center. Along with the workers, the cost of the center is also going up.

A few weeks ago, Michael Polovina, the center's project director, outlined construction progress that calls for roof installation to begin before fall. Last Friday, the Legislature's civic center committee was presented with revised designs for the center entrance that will add another \$3 million to the estimated \$42.5 million project cost.

The center's estimated cost is supposed to be financed by a \$35 million county bond issue and a \$6.5 million loan from the state's Urban Development Corporation.

In order to pay for the newly designed entrance which includes 20,000 feet of retail space, county officials will have to find some way to borrow money without exceeding the \$35 million limit which the legislature set on bonding. County Attorney William J. Cenboy II has suggested that the county could come up with the money by borrowing against rents it expects to receive from leased retail spaces in the center.

Little league drive gets boost

By Sal Prividera

The Tri-Village Little League, attempting to raise over \$90,000 to pay for long-delayed repairs and improvements to the league facilities in Bethlehem, has received a major boost from General Electric's Selkirk plastics plant.

The league's capital improvements project will include replacing a 35-year-old building, which houses the league's snack bar, restrooms and storage for the leagues equipment, preparing a new field to meet space demands, replacement of the main grandstand bleachers and replacement or refurbishment of snack stand equipment, said Jeffrey Pesnel, league treasurer. He said the entire project would cost the league about \$93,800.

The General Electric Selkirk Plastics Operation donated \$25,000 last Wednesday to get the league's fund drive started. The money will be "earmarked" for the league's new building and pay for slightly more than half its cost, Pesnel said.

He added that the league was told by a contractor that it would be cheaper to put up a new building at an estimated cost of \$45,000 than to repair the current one-story structure.

The snack bar building is "starting to fall down," Pesnel said. He said the building's concrete slab foundation has heaved and destroyed the underground plumbing, resulting in no water being available for the fields or for drinking fountains. The toilets often back up, causing a potential health hazard, he said.

The league plans to repair the pipes for the upcoming season and "just hope it (the building)

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Kicking off the Tri-Village Little League's fund raising campaign in a big way, the General Electric Foundation has donated \$25,000. Announcing the donation last week at the league's Kenwood Ave. site were, from left to right, Barry Gibbs, GE Selkirk Plant manager; Richard Van Wormer, president of Tri-Village Little League; Ruth Hallenbeck, member of the league's capital improvements committee; Jeffrey Pesnel, treasurer of the league; James Conheady, GE Selkirk's manager of community relations; and Doug Brownell, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

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A lonely winter scene on Oakwood Rd., Delmar, was captured after this week's snowfall.
Dave Pearce

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Budget additions concern BC board

By Patricia Mitchell

Budget proposals totaling over \$300,000 were made to the Bethlehem Central school board last week, and although the budget process has just started some board members are already worried.

Proposals in the operations and maintenance budget include the start of a district-wide roof replacement program, safety padding on gym walls and additional stage lighting and sound equipment for the high school auditorium.

The proposals under the operations and maintenance lines were the first to come to the school board after a proposed "fundamental operating budget" of \$22,349,645, an increase of 9.66 percent over this year's \$20,280,615 budget. Still to be proposed are additional staffing, transportation and instructional programs.

Tax rates for the proposed budget will probably not be estimated until the end of March.

Board member Bernard Harvith raised the question of when to start cutting the budget and suggested the board cut the natural gas consumption to \$220,000 from \$225,000, citing new boilers in most of the buildings. He said the best process is to cut at the beginning of the budget work.

"We're in trouble here this year," Harvith said. "Wake me up when you want to cut."

Most other board members wanted to wait for more work sessions. Board member Marjory O'Brien said she wants to know what the needs are and Pamela Williams said the board has not received all the budget data yet.

However the board did decide to eliminate a first priority proposal that would have provided for 25 additional parking spaces at the high school for \$9,000.

Board member Charles Reeves said the board will have to do a "helluva selling job" on any budget increase over 10 percent. He said he could not defend a 13 to 14 percent increase.

Board President Robert Ruslander said Reeves was talking politics, but Reeves replied he thinks it is the logic of getting the budget through. Reeves said he thinks the board should wait a month and then begin cutting.

In addition to the proposals presented to the board Wednesday, Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer said new federal asbestos regulations require an inspection and a management plan for removal for all school districts in the country. It has to be budgeted and he said it seems expensive.

While it is too early to tell exactly what will be required, Zwicklbauer said, all buildings will have to be inspected at an estimated \$5,000 to \$7,000 per building. Then the district will have to develop a management plan for removing the asbestos by October with work to begin in July, 1989.

The first priority proposals made to the board include:

- Replace the auditorium, upper gym and "A" wing roofs at the high school at \$191,100, including architectural fees. This is similar to a proposal last year for a 10-year roof replacement and renewal program, but school board members decided instead

fund architectural fees to begin mapping out the project.

- Provide two additional telephone lines at three elementary schools for \$3,990 plus a yearly line charge of \$1,440.
- Additional stage lighting and a sound system for the high school auditorium at \$33,000.
- Safety pad the upper gym walls at \$10,800.
- Install an industrial arts dust collection system for \$75,000.
- Enclose an art area and create two small conference rooms across the hall at the Clarksville School for \$6,400.
- Resurface the blacktop play area for \$4,500 and the sidewalks at Hamagrael for \$3,600.

Second priority proposals totaling \$97,900 include replacing the band room drapes and install a chain link fence around the track at the high school, replace ceiling tiles in a corridor at the middle school, replace the gym pad covering at Clarksville, make alterations in the cafeteria for a gym station at Glenmont, and repair curbing at the front entry at Slingerlands.

A new parking lot off Van Dyke Rd. was one of the items included under third priority proposals. Others outlined included providing a master clock system at Slingerlands, installing a public address system for the upper and lower high school gyms, and replace ceilings in the middle school's toilet areas for a total of \$165,150.

This is the second year the BC school board will build from its fundamental budget by adding new proposals. The fundamental budget includes items that are considered necessary for continuing this year's programs into the next school year.

Then proposals in each area of the budget for new programs and equipment will be made to the school board, grouped in priorities from one to three. When preparing the budget to put before the voters, school board members will pick and choose from those priorities what it would like to include in the budget.

New proposals for staffing will be made at the next budget work session Wednesday (today) at 7:30 p.m.



It's that time of year as area nursery schools hold their registration for fall openings. During the open house at the Tri-Village Nursery School in the First United Methodist Church Sunday, Caroline Milano, left, and Courtney Arduini have some time to play as their parents, Frank Milano and Kathy Arduini with Chelsea Arduini relax. On the cover: The line forms at the rear for nursery school registration.

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Spotlight photos

□ Little league

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holds together," said Pesnel.

The snack stand equipment is outmoded and "just doesn't work anymore," he said.

Pesnel said the building's state of disrepair was not caused by neglect, but because there was "never enough money to maintain it."

The league also needs to expand its storage facility in the building since it has grown to over 500 players and the original building was constructed for 100 players, he said.

Since league practice is to not turn away any child who wants to play baseball, there is a need for constructing a fourth field, he said, adding that the land is available.

Pesnel said the league's inability to raise enough funds would not stop the season, but would cut down the number of games because of space problems. He said that the league has a contingency plan for constructing a "less formal" fourth field. The league wants to get started on its renovations and expansions as soon as the 1988 season is over.

In addition to monetary donations, the league is looking for people to donate time and services and has contacted the Glenmont Job Corps. to help where it can, Pesnel said.

New post office hours

Due to federal deficit reduction measures, most post offices in Bethlehem and New Scotland will change the hours of their window service or the hours their lobbies are open starting Saturday, Feb. 13.

At the Delmar Post Office, the window hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 4 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 3 p.m., Friday, and from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., Saturday. The lobby hours will stay the same.

In Glenmont, the window hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Thursday, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, and from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday. The lobby will also close earlier on Friday at 5 p.m.

The Selkirk Post Office's window hours will be from 8 a.m. to noon, and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

In Slingerlands, the window hours will be from 8:30 a.m. to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 8:30 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

At the South Bethlehem Post Office, window hours will be from 7:30 a.m. to noon, and 1:30 to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday. The post office will be open from 8 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

The New Scotland Post Office's window hours will be from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 9 to 11 a.m., Saturday.

In Voorheesville, the window hours will be from 7:30 to 11 a.m., and noon to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and the post office will be open from 9 a.m. to noon, Saturday.

Post offices in Clarksville and Feura Bush will not change their hours. In Clarksville, they are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1:30 to 5:30 p.m., Monday to Friday, and from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday. Feura Bush hours are from 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., and 1 to 5 p.m., Monday to Friday, and 7:30 to 11:30 a.m., Saturday.

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EDITORIAL

Of course, St. Valentine's Day traces back to antiquity. And along the years some figure who's lost to history came up with the agreeable idea of exchanging sweet nothings. Actually, the day has less to do with a martyred Roman priest than with association with the mating season of birds. Shakespeare: "St. Valentine is past; begin these wood-birds but to couple now."

Very gradually, the early trickle of billets-doux became a happy tradition most honored by poetasters, little girls and boys, and sentimental larger folk who painstakingly constructed lacy and elaborate cards for, perhaps, a secret heart-throb.

Eventually, in only recent times those innocent (and often anonymous) notes of affection turned into the flood of store-boughten cards, candy, flowers, apparel, and other means of conveying that certain feeling one to another.

Yet we still seek to count the ways in which we can say "I love you" — or even "warm personal regards."

Often, we fail to comprehend how near and how easy these ways can be.

Unless we pay prompt heed, we may neglect to find the proper way to reassure the objects of our affection that we really do care.

Lights on, heads up

High among the extra hazards that winter driving presents is the level of visibility. During a snowfall or other precipitation, the problem (if not the road) is obvious, of course. But under any weather conditions, the problem is a special one that deserves drivers' frequent attention.

One vital aspect of the problem is the use of headlights during the twilight hours of early morning around the time of sunrise and the late afternoon as dusk gathers during the homeward-bound traffic.

Most drivers are alert to the need to provide timely illumination for their own ability to discern the road and other cars. But far too many drivers seem unaware or heedless of the fact that by their tardiness in turning headlights on they are adding sharply to other drivers' inability to see all objects on the road. A darkened car proceeding along among a line of lighted cars is an additional, undesirable hazard. When cars' lights begin to go on in the gloaming, all other drivers should respond promptly so that each swiftly moving vehicle is equally visible. (Some drivers do remind others by blinking their headlights.)

Related to this maxim is the matter of giving yourself enough visibility by frequent wiping the headlamps to clear away the caked effluvia from the sloppy roads. Headlights' brilliance is sharply reduced by this dried-on curtain that curtails visibility. For that matter, give the driver behind you the benefit of a clean pair of tail-lights. (And why don't service station personnel help out in this respect? An imperfect survey indicates that this is one of the "full services" that is hardly ever employed. It would help.)

If you happen to note the number of one-eyed cars approaching you, you are aware of the hazard that they, too, present — especially in dimly lit days. A driver behind his own wheel naturally finds it less than easy to realize when one light goes. Why don't service station operators ask drivers, when at the pumps, to turn their lights on momentarily — just for a check (and opportunity for a sale)?

Those are just some of the special concerns of winter driving, and they hold true even though we note with thankfulness that days are becoming longer, gradually, at each end.

It should be no surprise to anyone that when roads are even damp, much less coated with slithery snow and ice, particular caution is called for. Most drivers seem to recognize this fact, but obviously some don't. It's pretty well established that accidents occur when one or more drivers do something wrong or just fail to have their vehicles under control under all circumstances.

It's necessary to not merely avoid the wrong action on your own part, but to be prepared for the mischance of another's error. The driver who does the unexpected, especially under these strained conditions, is inviting danger and trouble — whether it be such a gross mistake as the trucker on the Thruway who attempted a U-turn, or the driver who pulls out of line impatiently.

Holding school a dangerous decision?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The morning of Feb. 4 dawned with the weatherman's predictions right on target again for the second time in two weeks. As the list of closings were read off, it was apparent the storm was wide spread from the Mid-Hudson Valley deep into the North Country. The Bethlehem Central School District did not elect to close as 90 percent of the area districts did, nor to have a delayed opening as the schools in Southern Columbia and Northern Dutchess Counties (which have been severely hit by bad weather this winter) determined was the best action, so my daughter and I prepared for school and work as usual.

Our neighborhood had yet to be plowed, while New Scotland Rd. and Kenwood Ave. were in poor shape at best. However, I was not prepared to find the Slingerlands School parking lot untouched as I swung into drop off my daughter at School's In. As my car struggled to reenter Union Ave., I had real serious doubts as to the advisability of traveling under these conditions. Road conditions did not improve along the route to the McCarty Ave. parking lot in

Vox Pop

Albany. The road conditions were worse than the conditions commuters faced on Jan. 26 when the schools closed.

Certainly the loss of State Aid and/or a vacation day in April does not justify jeopardizing the lives of our children and the district's staff. A life lost due to a vehicular accident can not be replaced but a lost day of school can. Can the district afford the liability of an accident which results in the death of a student? Even an area district, which is known for its conservative approach to snow days, recognized the dangers the weather had brought.

Dr. Loomis freely admitted that none of the school parking lots had been plowed at 7:30 a.m. If the weather was so severe that the school district was unable to adequately deal with snow removal, why did he deliberately jeopardize our children's lives? Is the issue of money so important in this district as to cause a supposedly responsible person to

abandon his responsibility to the persons for whom he is supposed to have their best interests as top priority? I am sure if an accurate survey was made of the amount of constructive teaching accomplished that day, it would be found to have been minimal.

If school was absolutely necessary, a two-hour delay would have enabled highway crews to clear roads, avoided commuter traffic, and permitted clearing of school lots.

As a parent, a taxpayer and a voter, I expect more responsible decision-making in the future on matters which have the potential of unfortunately becoming life-threatening.

Name Submitted

Slingerlands

Bethlehem Central Superintendent Leslie Loomis, who makes the decision on whether to hold school, said Friday the decision is based on two concerns only: "first, the safety of students going to and from school, and second the safety of the staff." The decision is made by 6:30 a.m. in order to notify radio stations of the cancellation, if any. Ed.

BC buses roll in snow

Editor, The Spotlight:

It seems that the lessons that were learned during the storm of last October have already been forgotten in February.

Today, Feb. 4, 1988, I was forced to keep my son out of school. I awakened early in the morning to hear the announcements on the radio stations of school closings due to snow. As the morning wore on the list of schools grew longer and the snow got deeper, but there was no mention of Bethlehem. Outside no traffic was moving and until late in the morning no plow had visited our street. But, despite this school must go on.

Our house is located just one half block from bus riding eligibility so my son would have to walk nearly a mile. When school busses did pass they skidded, cars were out of control, there were no plows. But school must go on.

It is not October, the weather reports indicated the storm was coming well in advance. But there were no plows and school must go on.

What is more important, our children's safety or jeopardizing the Easter vacation plans of

school administrators and teachers? I guess in Bethlehem we know the answer, school must go on.

Jerry Friedman

Delmar

New York Retarded

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the last edition of *The Spotlight*, I noted that not-for-profit organizations such as the New York State Association for Retarded Children were presenting testimony to the Legislature regarding the crisis in staff recruitment and retention which we are facing across New York State. I noted that this problem was jeopardizing the care rendered

to the developmentally disabled citizens whom we serve.

I wanted to write a follow-up to the hearings and note that they very effectively conveyed our concerns to the state Legislature. Eight not-for-profit organizations offered testimony to Assemblywoman Elizabeth Connelly and Senator Nicholas Spano. Further, Office of Mental Retardation Commissioner Arthur Y. Webb offered his support indicating that he would continue to advocate for salary improvements in key program areas. This is critical since the commissioner has been instrumental in helping

Words for the week

Poetaster: An inferior poet; a writer of worthless verses. (Say it as poet-aster, with a short "a" like the flower.)

Idiopathic: Arising spontaneously or from an obscure or unknown cause. Used by physicians to inform you that they don't know what's causing you misery. (The first "i" is short, the second is more like "e" — as in idiot.)

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Letter from a friend



A letter came the other day from an old friend who every so often writes his thoughts on one or another matter that's interesting him or perhaps puzzling him. And he tries to transfer those thoughts to me — usually quite effectively.

This time, I decided to share most of his letter with those people who are kind enough to read my observations in *The Spotlight*. Here goes.

One day late in January (he wrote) I experienced a very unusual and highly personal, not to say sentimental, occasion.

For the first time under even remotely normal circumstances, I was presented with an opportunity to spend some time with my daughter-in-law. Perhaps technically, as you realize, she may not be my daughter-in-law, for she is the widow of my son. May I add here that, in a rather weird and certainly touching coincidence, we met on the anniversary of the day I last saw that son.

She lives quite some distance away and certain conditions had conspired to prevent our getting together in the too-many months past.

The last time we saw one another was at the funeral of her husband, my son. We've never been privileged to have a customary familial relationship.

During that time, our contact has been through some tentative telephone conversations and occasional letters (mostly hers, I'm afraid) that first ended with "Sincerely" and then with "Affectionately" and then with "Love."

But I have learned much about her because her sisters-in-law, my daughters, who themselves had

barely known her "before" have become, in different ways, her loving friends, offering — at various times — shelter, presence, shoulders, counsel, ears, and hearts.

Unquestionably (I'm proud to be able to say), they helped pull her through after a dreadful, brutal experience full of horror and terror. She was riding beside her husband when a truck plowed into the driver's seat of their car. (Just a few moments before they had traded places.)

But she is more than a survivor of that tragedy. She has survived the trauma of it as (apparently) a whole person, functioning in the classic "I ain't down yet" manner of heroes and heroines.

Widowed (and childless) at 20, a bride of less than a year, she put her head down, went back to work, and eventually started to look forward. After a few months she changed jobs, moved to a larger city with better opportunity to reinstate her interrupted education, and began to focus on a teaching career. Now she's contemplating the possibility of taking advantage of a new chance to advance her education. The

idea of a teaching career has broadened, too.

She is quiet by nature and surely sobered by life's mischance. But she comes across as a real person, one of dignity and quality and self-knowledge, with demanding goals and no evidence of self-pity. With a lifetime ahead, she's ready to do her full bit. Seemingly, there's little room for the bitterness that you or I would feel toward the drunk who is imprisoned for killing her husband.

I can appreciate only too well the dreadful temptation to dwell on the tragedy, to think about it every day, virtually every hour. I can't say how this afflicts her, but despite the "bad days" that follow the "bad weeks" and the "bad months" she doesn't exhibit it.

Her strength will carry her far in life, very likely into another family some day. But today she does honor not merely to herself but to the memory of my son. This family, too, knows no better way to honor him than by giving her, in return, love and honor.

I mentioned that technically she might not be a daughter-in-law. Perhaps not, but she is, rather, much closer to being a daughter.

Her name is Hope. Perhaps that has something to do with what I've written here.

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Dudley again: I'm glad that I decided to make this use of my friend's thoughts. I'm reminded somehow of lines from *The Iliad*, which I remember this way: "Now, though numberless fates of death beset us which no mortal can escape or avoid, let us go forward together, and we shall give honor to one another."

that chiropractic should."

Coincidentally, an article in the January issue of *Harvard Medical School Health Letter*, which, as you would expect, is edited by medical physicians, takes up the subject of "Low Back Pain: What About Chiropractors?" and notes that sufferers most often turn to orthopedists, and next most commonly to chiropractors.

"Why is it," the *Health Letter* asks, "that chiropractors get so much of the 'back business'?"

"Two reasons come to mind. The first, which everyone would agree on, is that nobody else is all that effective with low back pain. The second, which is less certain, is that chiropractors have something special to offer their patients."

In reporting that some chiropractors are "seeking to become more closely allied with regular medicine in a cooperative relationship," the unsigned article states:

"Chiropractic and regular medicine do not appear, in practice, to be mutually exclusive. A Canadian survey found that 97 percent of chiropractors refer patients to physicians for care and that 84 percent also had patients referred from physicians. It appears that patients generally use chiropractic care in addition to, not instead of, regular medical care."

Tumors, infections, ruptured disks, and fractures are a few of the unhappier possibilities, and all of these require skilled medical intervention.

"But the vast majority of back-pain sufferers have what is called an idiopathic condition — there is no apparent cause for their pain. No treatment approach for idiopathic back pain can truly be called scientific, and of the so-far non-scientific approaches, chiropractic appears to be among the most effective."

After a further pro-and-con discussion of the varying views and positions, Ms. Shell concludes: "Whether there is a scientific basis to chiropractic theory remains to be seen, but the fact is that, for whatever reason, many people are helped by chiropractors, at least over the short term."

"Despite the efforts of the medical establishment to keep them out, chiropractors are gradually edging their way into the mainstream of health care, thanks mostly, it seems, to popular demand for their services."

"If, as the medical community claims, the success of chiropractic is due to good politics rather than to good health care, then it is certainly politics of the grass-roots variety. Chiropractic will not go away. Nor does it seem to be in the public's best interest

Students' rights

Sal Prividera, a part-time reporter for *The Spotlight*, prepared part of last week's report on how area high schools have reacted to the U.S. Supreme Court's decision on high school newspapers. He is a student at Junior College of Albany.

By Sal Prividera

After reading the various opinions about the recent Supreme Court ruling in the case of *Hazelwood School District v. Kuhlmeier*, I have a few thoughts and concerns about the ruling.

POINT OF VIEW

The first, obviously, is the right of students to write about issues of importance to both themselves and their peers. Often these are issues that school administrators would choose to ignore or keep quiet, such as teen pregnancy.

While researching the story, I thought, based on personal experience, what a frustrating battle it must have been for the students. As a college student, I faced the same battle with the dean and some faculty when I was a co-editor of my college paper.

The previous editor had published an article and a cartoon that could have resulted in a libel case, according to the administration. As a result they wanted to have a tight grip on the paper during the new school year.

Since no faculty member on campus wanted to become involved with a political "hot potato", an outside advisor was hired and told to hold the editors in tight rein. The result would be his approval of any article written by the student staff.

We, the co-editors, found this system unacceptable since we wanted to be free to write about anything of importance, much as any editor would. We did not mind having an advisor, who could steer us from practicing poor journalism, but we wanted the final say.

After several long meetings, the advisor quit his post. Some faculty members became upset, but we rode out the storm and regained the control we wanted.

However, the battle wore out my co-editors, who began to shy away from anything controversial or anything that might upset someone on campus. So, in reality the war had been won by the administration.

The students of Hazelwood High School should be commended for their dedication to the fight, albeit a losing one. To stand up for what you believe is difficult to do, but when you are in a school setting it is doubly difficult, as it is a system designed to keep the students in their place.

The Missouri high school principal found articles on teen-age pregnancy and the impact of divorce on students "inappropriate" because students could possibly be identified and references to sexual activity and birth control were "improper for younger students to see."

The issue of teen pregnancy and birth control is one that high school students should be writing and informing each other about, provided that the information is accurate. Too many high school-age girls are finding themselves facing an unplanned pregnancy because of ignorance on their own part and that of their partner.

Schools are providing information, but it is usually too little too late; at least this was the case at the suburban, predominantly middle class high school I graduated from four years ago. However, this is getting away from the subject at hand — censorship of students.

If the principal was worried about pregnant girls being identified, he could have edited the story in a manner that would have insured that the girls could not be identified. This is, to my understanding, the job of an editor.

As for references to birth control, I would doubt that any young person who is high school age (approximately 14-18 years of age) has not heard of birth control, especially with the current AIDS rampage. And, with the need to practice safe sex for that reason, the more young people know about birth control the better off they will be.

Surely the principal's concerns could have been handled through responsible editing without having to remove the stories from the paper. The editing process is important for student journalists to learn about, since if they intend to pursue a journalism career it is a process they will deal with daily.

Seemingly this situation would have been an ideal learning tool, since the stories could have been changed to protect the identities of pregnant girls and any reference to birth control deemed too graphic could have been toned down, while still conveying the message.

Instead, the situation became a lesson in students' rights — or more appropriately, their lack of rights.

Publisher's note:

The Supreme Court reaffirmed Article I of the Bill of Rights pertaining to freedom of the press, which has been interpreted as granting a publisher the freedom that includes responsibility and liability. The publisher sets policy that is executed and enforced by the editor. Reporters work under the direction of the editor. Any person has the right to start his or her own publication and become a publisher, thus assuming responsibility and liability for this freedom.

CONSTANT READER

Conspiracy versus chiropractic?

Constant Reader looked at a variety of articles on health last week. And now here's a different slant that may well be of interest to you.

A highly topical development in the entire field of health care is the recent decision by a Federal judge finding the American Medical Association guilty of conspiracy in "restraint of trade" against the chiropractic profession.

The decision and related aspects of putting it into effect are described in an article in the February issue of *The Atlantic*. The writer, Ellen Ruppel Shell, notes that the court's decision also declared that the AMA "had unlawfully deprived chiropractors of association with medical doctors," and had "eroded the credibility of the profession."

The judge stated that the AMA had "never acknowledged the lawlessness of its past conduct" and that "there has never been an affirmative statement by the AMA that it is ethical to associate with chiropractors." (The AMA is appealing the decision.)

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our sector begin to make salary gains already realized in residential programs and proposed in the Governor's 1988 budget for certain day programs.

Hopefully, the Legislature will approve of the proposals set forth by our agencies and those supported and developed by the commissioner in order to deal with this most difficult problem.

*Ben Golden
Associate Director
State Association
for Retarded Children, Inc.*

Delmar

Beware of 'sales' men who enter uninvited

Editor, The Spotlight:

Please warn your readers, particularly senior citizens, of the recent presence in town of a man who pretends to be a legitimate buyer of jewelry and silver, especially of coins.

As a result of an incident at my home, he is now incarcerated and won't be bothering you for a while. But he may be back, and there may be other like him. If you don't know people who come to the door, don't let them in. This man entered my home without permission, so beware.

He is incarcerated because of the effective action of Detective Theodore Wilson of the Bethlehem police. He had removed some valuable coins from my home while ostensibly trying to evaluate them for purchase. He employed several tricks, such as putting a 1988 price-list cover on an outdated catalog of values. Later, the detective was able to locate him — and my missing coins.

Name Submitted

Delmar

Nominations sought for citizen of the year

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is asking for nominations for Citizen of the Year and Business Person of the Year. The awards are presented each year at the chamber's annual dinner.

All nominations must be submitted by Feb. 29. Nomination forms are available from the chamber office at 118 Adams St., Delmar, or call 439-0512.

Norman's Gate approved

By Bill Cote

Bethlehem's town planners issued approval last Tuesday for the long-controversial Norman's Gate Subdivision.

The Planning Board focused on a letter of clarification submitted by the independent engineering firm which originally and ambiguously recommended caution for land use along the Normanskill bank. Rather than prohibit destruction of any undergrowth within a ten-foot boundary along the slope line, as outlined in the original recommendation, the firm suggests that a proposed change could be regulated by the planning board and engineering department on an individual basis. The firm further recommended that no concentration of surface water be directed toward the top of slope.

Board members continued to wrestle with issues surrounding the use of land along the steep clay bank but were satisfied with the modes of control proposed. They unanimously voted for conditional final plat approval.

The 36-lot Euclid Ave. proposal has been in the pipeline for some six years. Local opposition, a court battle and a judicial decision that sent the soil issues back to the board for resolution led to the final plan.

In other action the board:

• Tabled a two-lot subdivision proposal on Maple Terrace. The

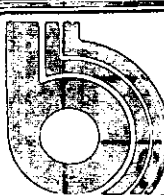
A-Residential lands of Briggs McAndrews lie along the easterly side of Kenaware Ave. in Delmar and will require a feasibility study for joining two ends of Stratton Place, a town road that remains separated by the parcel.

• Sent a proposed Feura Bush Rd. subdivision into the pipeline. The one-lot proposal at the intersection of McCombe Dr. raised board concerns over the home's orientation to the street with respect to rear and side yard setback regulations and the percent of the lot that the structure will cover. The board voted to allow the applicant's preliminary presentation.

• Set a Feb. 16 public hearing a one-lot Elsmere Ave. subdivision proposal. The 2½-acre parcel on the westerly side of Elsmere Ave. is owned by Veronica and Richard Mokhiber and came before the planning board after the zoning board of appeals denied a variance request for a two-lot subdivision of the land last July.

Children's Valentine's party to be held

A Valentine's Day Party for children up to age six and their parents will be held on Friday, Feb. 12 at 9:30 a.m., in the nursery on the first floor of the United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.



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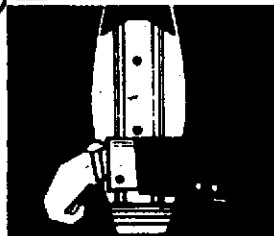
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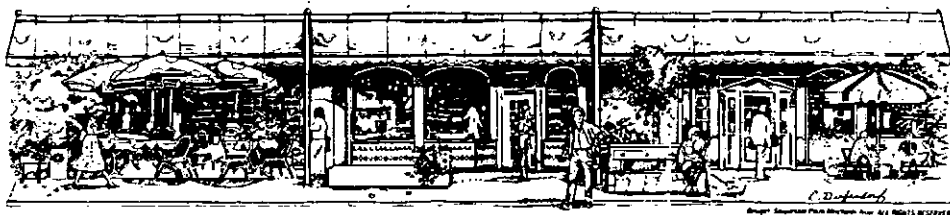
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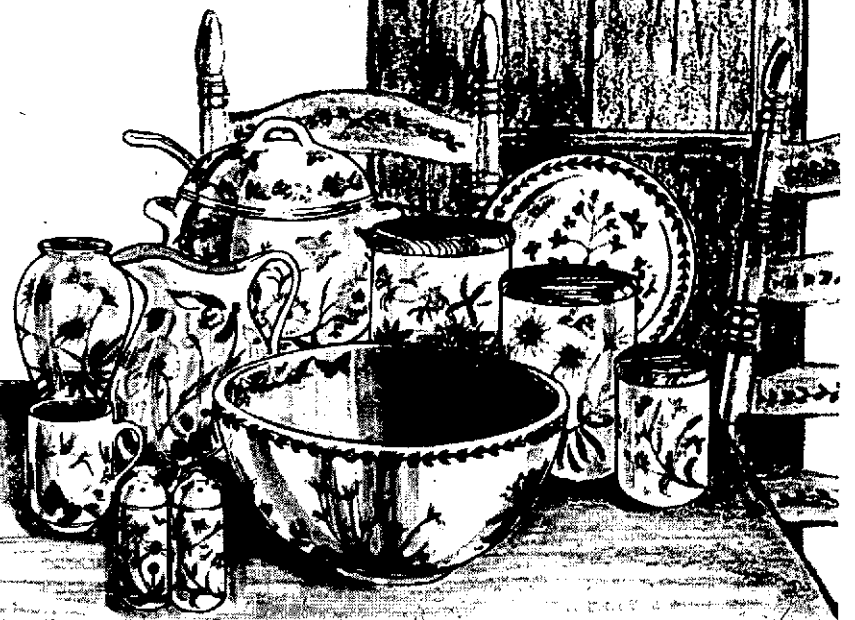
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Kiwanis ecumenical service

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold the 16th annual Henry Tiger Ecumenical Service on Thursday, Feb. 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The annual lenten service was begun in 1973 by the late Henry C. Tiger who started it as a means of promoting spiritual brotherhood for members of the local Kiwanis Club.

The service will also include participants from the three other local churches; St. Matthew's Catholic Church, the New Salem Reformed Church and the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Refreshments will be served. The public is cordially invited to attend.

American legion plans supper

The Voorheesville American Legion will sponsor a spaghetti supper on Saturday, Feb. 13 at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Serving will begin at 4 p.m. The

dinner, open to the public, will cost \$6 for adults and \$3 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

Scouts to talk on Mexico

The Auxiliary of the Voorheesville American Legion, Dept. of New York, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Feb. 11 at 7:30 p.m. in the Legion Hall. Guest speakers for the evening will be members of Voorheesville Girl Scout Troop 259 who will describe their recent trip to Our Cabana in Mexico.

The girls under the leadership of Bonnie Foster and Robin Shufelt visited the International Girl Scout Center as well as several cities in Mexico last July.

Friendship liturgy for children

In honor of Valentines Day a special Children's Friendship Liturgy will be held at St. Matthew's Church on Saturday, Feb. 13 at 5 p.m. mass. St. Matthew's Folk group will provide the music and a reception

will follow. In the spirit of Friendship all are invited to bring items for the Human Concerns food pantry.

Youth fellowship dance

Members of the Methodist Youth Fellowship at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville are sponsoring a Valentines Dinner/Dance for the adults of their congregation on Saturday, Feb. 13 in the church social hall.

Winter vacation for schools

Schools in the Voorheesville Central School District will be closed for winter vacation from Feb. 15 until Feb. 19. Classes at both the high school and grade school will resume on Monday, Feb. 22.

Library slates free movies

To entertain students during vacation the Voorheesville Public Library will hold two special vacation movies. On Monday, Feb. 15 the library will present "Short Circuit", a comedy about a free wheeling robot starring Steve Guttenberg and Ali Sheedy. On Wednesday, Feb. 17 the classic "Charlotte's Web" will be shown. Both movies are free and begin at 2 p.m.

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson reminds everyone that the library will be open on both Feb. 12 and Feb. 15.

Label donation reminder

Last Call for any labels for the Campbell's Labels for Education Program. Co-ordinators Anne Lennox and Diane Wozniak remind everyone that the program ends this week so everyone who wishes to donate labels must do so by this weekend. Collection canisters are located in the grade school foyer and the Voorheesville Public Library. The program provides free science, computer and gym equipment for the district in exchange for the proofs from various products including all Campbells, Swansons and Scott products.

Special reading program

To tie in with the Parents as Reading program, the Voorheesville PTSA is sponsoring a special presentation by Jim Snack called "Reading is Magic". Two shows will be presented. One will be at 1:20 a.m. for grades K through 3 and the other at 2:20 p.m. for 4 through 6.

Parents of a.m. Kindergarten students are welcome to bring their children to the 1:20 p.m. show.

The program is made possible through funds from the Fall Fun AppleFest.

Spring craft fair plans

Spring will soon be here and the Voorheesville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary is planning a spring craft fair on March 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the firehouse on School Rd. Any crafters interesting in renting a table may do so by calling Patty Duncan at 765-2551 or Sue Halpin at 765-4305. Cost of table rental is \$10.

Meals on wheels program open

Several area senior are interested in taking part in the Meals for Wheels program offered but have been told that they must have at least eight people to have the service delivered to the Voorheesville Area. Anyone over 60 years of age who is interested in having either the hot lunchtime meal costing \$3 or both the lunch and dinner meal, costing a total of \$3.50, delivered should contact the Meals on Wheels office at 456-6465 as soon as possible.

Valentine's Dance

All junior and senior high school students are welcome to attend the Valentine's Day Dance by St. Matthew's Youth Group, Friday, Feb. 12, from 7 to 10:30 p.m. at the Old Church on Pleasant Sr. WFLY deejay Michael Morgan will be on hand for the evening. Admission is \$3.50.

Continuing education

A final reminder that there is still time to sign-up for the continuing education courses offered by the Voorheesville Central School District. Those who missed in-school registration this week may still register by mail. For information, call the school at 765-3314.

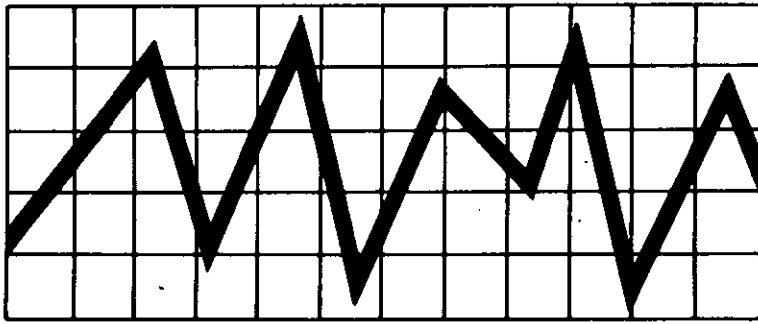
Selkirk woman treated after two-car crash

A two car crash on Rt. 9W Sunday afternoon sent a Selkirk woman to the hospital when her car struck by another car, Bethlehem police said.

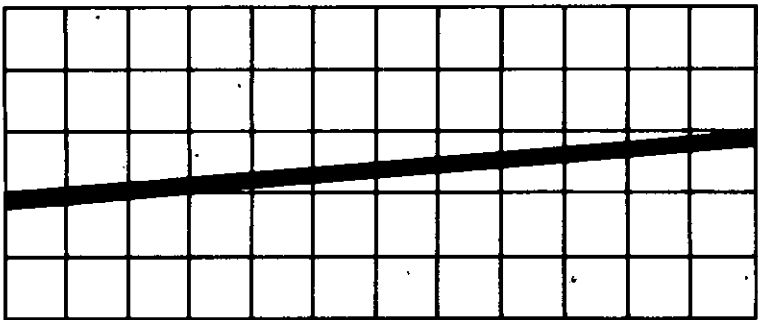
Joyce Behuniak, 44, was treated and released from Memorial Hospital for a neck injury sustained in the crash, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said she stopped her car on Rt. 9W because another car stopped in front of her. She was then struck from behind by a car driven by Nina Armisto, 23, of Pleasantville, police said. Armisto was not injured.

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No appeal on Riester ruling

By Patricia Mitchell

The New Scotland Town Board will not appeal a recent court ruling naming Fred Riester as holdover town attorney, but will allow the planning board to name its own counsel for the year.

These actions Wednesday resolve deadlocks over the appointments by the politically divided town board. The board is absent a fifth member because Supervisor Herbert Reilly had to vacate his board seat when he was sworn in as supervisor. The board is also split on how to fill Reilly's empty seat.

Reilly recommended at Wednesday's meeting that the town board not appeal a recent ruling by state Supreme Court Judge Robert Doran declaring Riester the hold-

New Scotland

over town attorney until the board is able to break its deadlock and appoint its counsel for the year.

Riester sued the town board to be declared the hold-over attorney after Reilly and Democrat Town Councilman John Sgarlata backed John Biscone, Reilly's campaign manager for the recent election, and Republican Councilmen Allyn Moak and Wyman Osterhaut backed Riester. The judge declared for Riester under Section 5 of the state's Public Officer's Law.

The board also decided to allow

the planning board to appoint its own zoning attorney for the year. Chairman Robert Hampston said the board is working on updating the zoning ordinance and will soon be receiving a proposal for a 430-unit development from the Galesi Group, and the board feels it needs an attorney to best operate.

Funds for a zoning attorney are included in this year's budget, Hampston said. The planning board has two candidates for the position, and he said he expects the board will discuss it further before it elects its counsel.

John Bailey, who served as zoning attorney last year, advised the planning board last month that it has the power and

authority to hire experts, clerks and secretaries under the state's Town Law. He said an attorney is considered an expert. Bailey also said that he would be willing to continue as the zoning attorney.

Also at Wednesday's meeting, the town board accepted the resignation of Mabel Brate from the planning board due to health reasons, but decided against naming Voorheesville resident Lawrence Woods to the seat. The board agreed to instead seek a resident of Clarksville to fill the vacancy.

Reilly said he nominated Woods, a senior environmental

planner with Clough Harbour and Associates, because he would have been able to back Hampston up. He said he did not look at where Woods is from but at his qualifications.

Acknowledging that Woods would be an asset to the planning board, Moak said two board vacancies, including one from a resident of the hamlet, have recently been filled by Voorheesville residents and he would like a representative from Clarksville. Sgarlata and Osterhaut agreed with Moak.

"I do think they should be represented," Moak said.

Schools face funding gap

By Sal Prividera

The Voorheesville Board of Education received some facts and figures from district administrators during a special budget meeting held last week. The information was compiled by the district superintendent and business administrator in response to questions raised at the previous public meetings.

One of the topics raised at the public meeting was publicity on the budget and getting information to the district residents in a manner that was more easily understood. Board member Jack McKenna suggested that the board send information in shorter articles and "do a little more common talk narrative."

District Superintendent of Schools Louise Gonan said that most districts use "a popular budget", which is a description in common language rather than just numbers.

Board member Steve Schreiber said the district should give more explanations of why taxes go up rather than budget figures and the equalization rates. Board member Joseph Fernandez suggested that the information explain

the relationships in macro terms using the last four year's budgets. He said that the changes in each year should be explained.

McKenna suggested that the board "send out a little update on the budget," which other board members said was a good idea.

Business administrator Gene Grasso and Gonan generated several informational graphs for the board members to look at. The graphs included figures for Voorheesville, several other school districts and state average figures.

Included in the informational packets were a graph of the district's approved operating expenditures per pupil, salaries per pupil and enrollment.

The district was found to be spending \$3,700 per pupil compared to the state average approved operating expenditure per pupil of \$4,200, Grasso said. Gonan told the board that the salaries per pupil chart showed the district chose smaller classes and was

spending more on programs. She said the figures "also say its probably time to spend on facilities. Do we look at shifting our emphasis or adding to the budget," she said. "These are choices that will have to be made."

The board and Gonan decided to delay making decisions on class sizes and the number of sections of certain grades until more information is available on the number of students the district will have in September.

The next budget meeting will be held on Thursday, Feb. 25, at 7 p.m. at the district office.

Pancake dinner

The Faith Lutheran and Glenmont Reformed churches of 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, will hold a Pancake Supper on Tuesday, Feb. 16, from 5 to 7 p.m. at the church. The public is invited. Tickets, sold at the door, are \$4 for adults and \$2 for children under 12.

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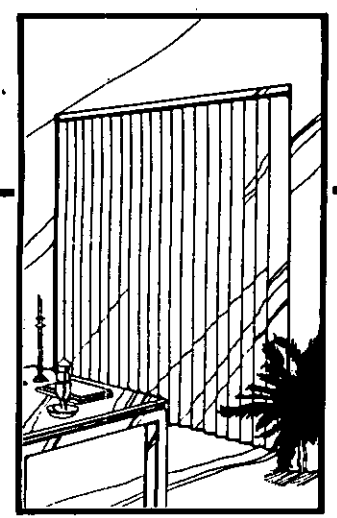
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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, first Wednesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, conservations advisory council, as required, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at district offices in high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Landfill open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at town hall.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

Project Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Project Equinox, Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

American Legion, meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

AARP, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, are offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Feura Bush Funsters, 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeological Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day on Monday and Wednesday and on Saturday Mornings. Information, 439-4258.

Adult Education, registration, Voorheesville High School, 7-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, meeting to address staffing costs, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

THURSDAY 11
FEBRUARY

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at firehouse, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185, meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, meeting at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

Bowling, sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

Parent Support Group, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club, lecture and slide program on steamboats by William E. Tinney, Normanside Country Club, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-5362.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, coffee, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-1000.

Original Play, by fourth grade social studies classes, Slingerlands Elementary School, 2 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

FRIDAY 12
FEBRUARY

Recovery Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Chabad Center, services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATRE

"Shogun Macbeth," Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, The Egg, Albany, through Feb. 11. Information, 443-5222.

"Summer and Smoke," by Tennessee Williams, Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Feb. 11-13, 8 p.m. Tickets, 783-2527.

"Thursday's Child," Capital Rep Theater, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, Feb. 13 through March 20. Tickets, 462-4534.

"On the Verge," play by Eric Overmyer, State University at Albany, Feb. 25 through 27, 8 p.m.; Feb. 28, 7 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

MUSIC

The BoDeans, four-person ensemble, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6351.

Concert for Soprano, Recorder and Guitar, Hudson Valley Community College Cultural Center, Morrison Ave., Troy, Feb. 10, 8 p.m. Information, 270-7117.

"Hallelujah," concert of gospel music presented by Pearl Williams-Jones, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, Feb. 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"New Music Festival '88," State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, Feb. 18, 19 and 20, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

Tom Chapin, performs acoustic music at Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$10 admission, 7 and 10 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

Skip Parson's Riverboat Jazz Band, The Fountain, New Scotland Ave., Albany, Feb. 12 and 13.

Kevin Dolan, new-age guitarist, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Tickets, 454-5178.

Empire State Youth Orchestra, playathon fund raiser, Colonie Center, Albany, Feb. 13, 10 a.m.-9 p.m.

Music from Salem, chamber music concert, Under the Bell Tower Cafe, 25 E. Main St., Cambridge, N.Y., Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Reservations, 677-2495.

La Bottine Souriante, concert sponsored by Old Songs, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Tom Ross, Jane Ira Bloom and Jeff Fuller, concert of American jazz, Union College, Performing Arts Studio, Schenectady, Feb. 12, 7:30 p.m.

FILM

"The Absent Minded Professor," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 14, 1:30 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877 or 474-5801.

"They Made Me a Criminal," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Feb. 16, 2 and 7:30 p.m.

"Museum," documentary on museum life, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Feb. 16, 12:10 p.m.

DANCE

"Footworks," concert by members of University at Albany Student Dance Council, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Western Ave., Albany, Feb. 10-12, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

"The Lost Honor of Katharina Blum," Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 15, 8 p.m. Free.

"La Dolce Vita," Union College, Schenectady, Feb. 16, 7:30 p.m. Free.

ART

"Gary Larson: The Far Side of Science," 400 original cartoons, State Museum, Albany, through Feb. 20. Information, 474-5877.

"Interplay," Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Feb. 20. Information, 463-4478.

Paintings and drawings by Allen Grindle and Wendy Williams, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Feb. 18. Information, 462-4775.

"In the Spirit of the Past," baskets, pottery, jewelry and stained glass ornaments, Valley Artisans Market, Hubbard Hall Opera House, 25 East Main St., Cambridge, through March 10. Information, 686-5975.

"King Remembered," pictures by photojournalist Flip Schulke, State Museum, Albany, through May 16. Information, 474-5877.

Works of Eleanor Bolduc, Marilyn Pendleton, V. Remington Rich, Carol Turner and Barbara Wooster, Main Square Shoppes, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar, through mid-February. Information, 439-6437.

"Photographs from the Farm Security Administration Files," by painter and photographer Ben Shahn, Picotte Gallery, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., through Feb. 21. Information, 454-5185.

Paintings by Eleanor Bolduc, Bethlehem Public Library, through February. Information, 439-2339.

"Wall Pieces," art works by Suzann Phelan Denny and Phoebe Helman, Rathbone Gallery, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 4. Information, 270-2246.

Photographs by Katharine Kreisher and Nancy Cloonan, Diatal Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, Feb. 16-March 11, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

Mezzotints by Watanabe, etchings by Boulanger and silkscreens by Sawada, Greenhut Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through Feb. Information, 482-1984.

"Broadsides," early advertising art, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July, 1988.

"Departing This Day: Steamboating on the Hudson River and Lake George," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October. Information, 462-1676.

Miniature Houses from the Collection of Natalie Buchman, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2, Information, 463-4478.

Three-Dimensional Works by Judith Hand and Wes Foley, Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Rd., Troy, through Feb. 11, 9 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 274-4440.

Paintings and Drawings of Allen Grindle and Wendy Williams, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Feb. 18. Information, 462-4775.

Faculty Exhibit, Harmanus Bleeker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, Jan. 22-March 12. Information, 465-2044.

Quilt Show by the Pieciful Valley Quilters, Hubbard Hall, Cambridge, through March 10. Information, 677-2765.

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Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Valentine Making Workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, for toddlers and preschoolers, 10-11 a.m.; for school-aged children, 4-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Quilters United in Learning Together, workshop, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 477-9705.

Valentine's Party, for children and parents, with games and refreshments, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

SATURDAY FEBRUARY 13

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Chabad Center, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

Antiques Show and Sale, sponsored by Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, Bethlehem Central High School, 11 a.m.-6 p.m.

Spaghetti Dinner, Voorheesville American Legion, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Community Church, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m.; Sunday school, 9 a.m.; baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

Onesquethaw Church, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m. Sunday school.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

First Church of Christ, Scientist, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

Glenmont Reformed Church, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and junior choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Eucharist with breakfast, 8 a.m.; family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

Antiques Show and Sale, sponsored by Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, Bethlehem Central High School, noon-5 p.m.

MONDAY FEBRUARY 15

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

Temple Chapter 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Mothers' Time Out, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Alateen Meeting, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Bethlehem Public Library, normal hours of operation. Information, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Information, 439-4258.

Bethlehem VFW Post 3185 Ladies Aux., meets on third Monday of each month, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.

Film, "Closed Circuit," Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY FEBRUARY 16

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Legion Auxillary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, 57th birthday dinner, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Blood Pressure Clinic, free testing, third Tuesdays through April, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Sign Language Workshop, for grades 4 and 5, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

Pancake Supper, sponsored by Faith Lutheran and Glenmont Reformed Churches, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 5-7 p.m. Information, 465-3836.



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Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

American Association of Retired Persons, meeting with celebration of 15th anniversary, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 1 p.m. Information, 439-1887.

WEDNESDAY FEBRUARY 17

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District, regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, 439-4039.

Testimony Meeting, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

Normansville Community Church, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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School's Out Film, "Ghidran, the Three-headed Monster," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Selkirk Fire District, Board of Commissioners meeting, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont, 8:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, film of historic churches, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Children's Activity Day, with games, crafts and music, sponsored by PTA, Elsmere Elementary School, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 439-8536.

Book Discussion, with Helen Adler, "As I Lay Dying," by William Faulkner, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Film, "Charlotte's Web," Voorheesville Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, meeting at First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 356-3149.

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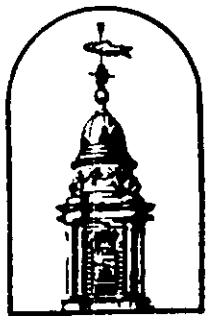
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Public Hearing, on application of variance under article 5 of town zoning ordinance, at premises of 450A Schoolhouse Rd., North Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

Lenten Service, Jerusalem Reformed Church, noon and 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0548.

Senior Citizens Lunch, Jerusalem Reformed Church, noon. Information, 439-0548.

THURSDAY 18 FEBRUARY

Good News Gang, puppeteers, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6370.

Children's Workshop, on arrowheads, for grades 1-3, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30-11:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and prospective members, post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

THURSDAY 11 FEBRUARY

Noontime Presentation, "The Office Women of America, 1870-1930," with Anita Shapone, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Concerned Friend of Hope House, support group for parents of substance abusers, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Legislative Breakfast Forum, National Federation of Independent Business, Turf Inn, 205 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 7:45 p.m. Information, 434-1262.

Literacy Volunteers of Albany, student-teacher recognition day, Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 449-8074.

A World of Difference, Korean Dinner, with 12 delicacies, Newtonville United Methodist Church, 6 p.m. Information, 381-1390.

Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, special events advisory council, business blender, Peggy's Canal Side, State St., Schenectady, 5:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

Information Exchange, for people interested in foster care or adoption, Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

Valentines Raffle, under direction of Junior League of Albany, Next-to-New Shop, 419 Madison Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 439-0539.

FRIDAY 12 FEBRUARY

Chemanon, self-help group for adolescents using drugs and alcohol, meets Fridays, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

Altamont Station Squares, Western-style square dance, Guelderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 382-0680.

"Salute to the Hilltowns," talent show, Berne Knox Westerlo High School, Rt. 443, 7:30 p.m. Information, 872-0681.

Salute to Hospitalized Veterans, with Matilda Cuomo and Miss New York State, Albany Veterans Administration Hospital, 113 Holland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 462-3311.

Lecture, "Pornography as Romance," by Michelle Barale, Humanities Lounge, Union College, Schenectady, 12:30 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Breakfast Seminar, for small business owners, "An Insider's Painless Tips at Tax Time," Quality Inn, Albany, 7:30-9 a.m. Information, 463-2661.

Capital District Mother's Center, drop-in morning, 405 Quail St., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 482-4508.

SATURDAY 13 FEBRUARY

Circle Eight, western square dance, Knights of Columbus, Coxsackie, 8-11 p.m.

Defensive Driving Course, Safety and Health Council Inc., 845 Central Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

Folk Art Workshop, "Fine Points of Folk Art," State Museum, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 442-3218.

Pet Expo, petting zoo with 50 animals, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-8 p.m.

Proctor's Gala, dinner with viewing of "Big River" and silent auction, Carl Company Store, Schenectady, 6 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

Film, "The Thing," State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, final winter series race, State University at Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 477-9422.

Ski Fest, with balloon launch and snow sculptures, Ski Windham, Windham, noon. Information, 734-5116.

Postpartum Fitness, class on routine exercise and stress management, Women's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guelderland, 10 a.m. Information, 452-3455.

Medical Lecture, Robert S. Bisslerup, M.D., will speak about sickle cell anemia, hypertension and AIDS, Bethel Baptist Church, Troy, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 372-3376.

SUNDAY 14 FEBRUARY

Pet Expo, petting zoo with 50 animals, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.

Valentines Workshop, for making greeting cards, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Black History Program, Voices of Mt. Pleasant Baptist Church, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2:30-4 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, meeting, MS Chapter Office, 421 New Karner Rd., Shaker Park West, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

Film, "The Cotton Club," Schact Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

MONDAY 15 FEBRUARY

Lecture, "The African International Ethos," part of Siena's lecture series "Celebrating Difference: Unity in Diversity," Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Film, "The Cotton Club," Schact Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, 7 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"Aesop's Fables," movie for children, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

TUESDAY 16 FEBRUARY

Harlem Globetrotters, hilarious basketball magic, RPI Fieldhouse, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 276-6262.

Antique Ski race, using old equipment, Ski Windham, Windham, 11 a.m. Information, 734-5116.

"Warm Up to Egypt," family program to learn about Egyptian exhibits, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 10:30-11:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Lecture, by Shirley Chisolm, first black woman elected to Congress, "Black Women and the Constitution," Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage Troy Campus, 8 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"Ampersand is Beautiful People," movie for children, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Compassionate Friends, self-help group for parents whose children have died, monthly meeting, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

Small Business Council, breakfast meeting, "How to Get the Most Out of Trade Shows," Holiday Inn, Schenectady, 7:30 a.m. Information, 372-5656.

Albany Artists Group, Mary Loughton, past president, will lecture and demonstrate new artists' tools, Madison Avenue Baptist Church, Madison Ave. and Partridge St., Albany, all welcome, \$2 admission; 7 p.m.

NYS Legislative Forum, Warren Anderson, senate majority leader and temporary president, will present "Highlights of the Legislative Session," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-noon. Free.

WEDNESDAY 17 FEBRUARY

"Warm Up to Egypt," family program to learn about Egyptian exhibits, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 10:30-11:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Ash Wednesday Service, Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow, 7:30 p.m. Information, 756-2255.

Architecture Lecture, "Tropes l'Oleil," about the problems of post-modernism, College Center Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

"Skoopy and Sweetheart Bunny Tales," movie for children, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Save the Pine Bush, benefit dinner, Westminster Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, \$7 and \$2 admission, 6 p.m. Reservations, 462-0891 or 434-1954.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 10 FEBRUARY

Travel Film, "Switzerland," New Scotland branch of Albany Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Lecture Series, "Realizing the Fault," talk on decline of modernism, College Center Auditorium, Union College, Schenectady, 7 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Roundtable Luncheon, with Michael Caprio, Old Federal Building, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-4557.

New Directions Night, for women considering returning to college, Russell Sage College, Cowee Hall, 65 First St., Troy, 7-9 p.m. Information, 270-2218.

Poetry Reading, with Jeanne Finley and Ellen Biss, RCCA Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Burn Awareness Program, with first aid information, part of National Burn Awareness Week, Health Works, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information, 474-5370.


Baseball Card Convention, with Keith Hernandez, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 5-9 p.m. Information, 377-0219.

Housing Information, Albany County Senior Housing Options Program, Martha Brown Urban Extension Center, 230 Green St., Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 765-3535.

Tax Information Center, assistance provided, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 457-4242.

Women's Press Club, luncheon, meeting to discuss desktop publishing, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 11:45 a.m. Reservations, 457-7463 or 439-7538.

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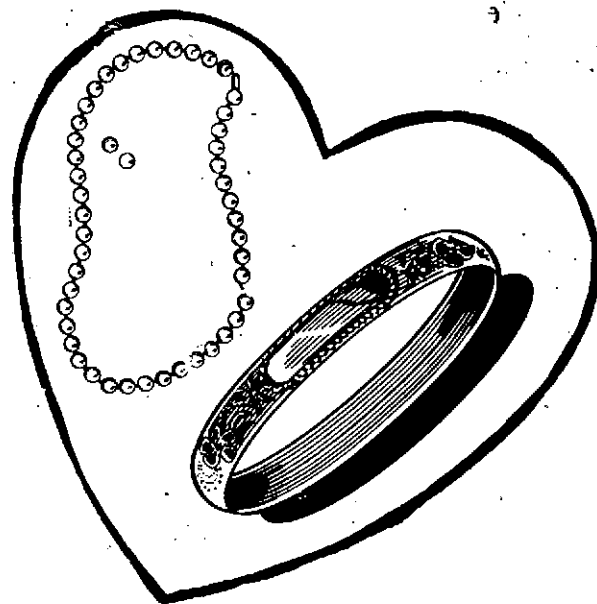
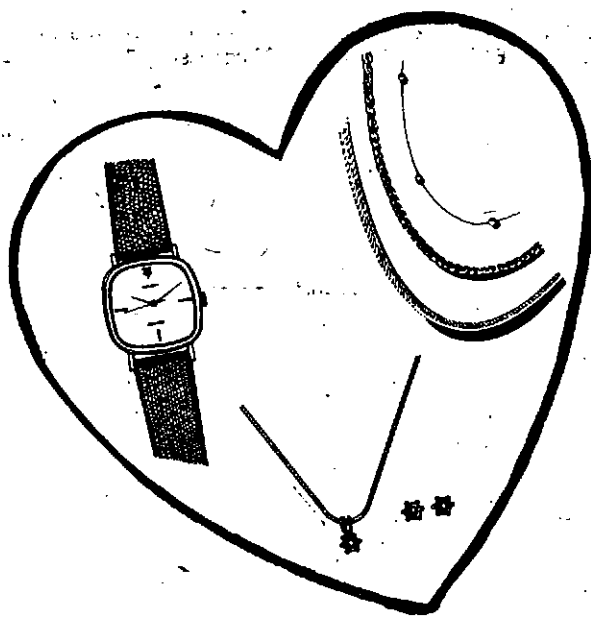
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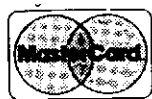
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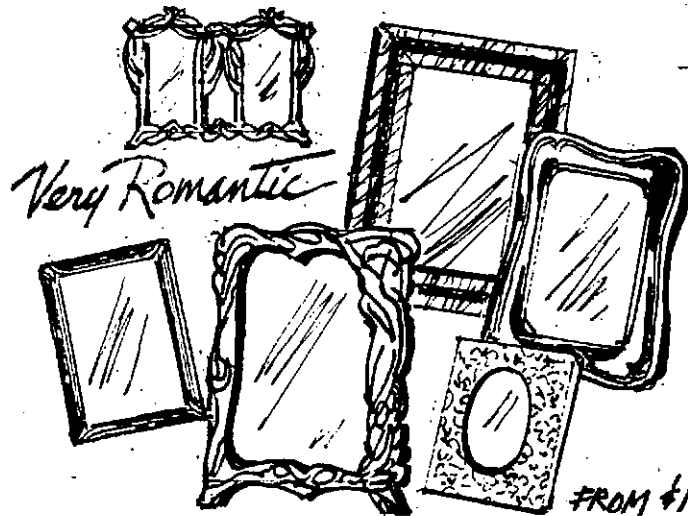
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our newspaper to include personal items, may we make an exception to wish Wilbur Hallenbeck a happy 83rd birthday. Many Selkirk residents remember Mr. Hallenbeck as their mail carrier for some 35 years. Best wishes.

RCS Parent Night

The RCS Senior High School announces a Parent Night for the parents of students presently in the 8th grade. It will be held on Thursday, February 11 at 7 p.m. at the high school. Guidance counselors will be discussing scheduling for students entering the 9th grade this September. Parents are urged to attend.

Open education meeting

An open forum meeting of the RCS Board of Education will be held on Monday, February 22 at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The public is encouraged to attend with any questions they may wish the board to address.

To assist the board in answering questions that may require some research to assure a thorough response, participants are requested to submit their questions to the RCS Board of Education, 26 Thatcher Street, Selkirk, N.Y. 12158.

The next Board of Education meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 16 rather than the 15th

in order to observe the Presidents' Day holiday.

Newkirk earns scout award

Ken Newkirk of Selkirk was recently awarded the rank of Eagle Scout for his project to improve the trail system at the Van Rensselaer Forest Preserve adjacent to the First Reformed Church on Route 9W in Selkirk.

Ken, a 1987 graduate of RCS Central High School, is now an engineering student at Clarkson University.

Scout winter freezeout

Boy scouts attended their "Winter Freeze out" recently at the Boyhaven Camp in Saratoga County. The group included seven adult leaders and 22 boys from our area. All the scouts learned winter survival skills and some completed advancement requirements to become second or first class members. Boyhaven is operated by the Schenectady boy scout council.

Hallenbeck birthday salute

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White on dean's list

Beth Ann White, daughter of Mrs. Farney White of Selkirk, has been named to the Dean's list for the Fall term at Hartwick College, Oneonta, N.Y. Beth is a junior majoring in psychology.

Pancake supper reminder

Don't forget the Pancake Supper sponsored by the Faith Lutheran and Glenmont Reformed Churches of Glenmont. Servings will be from 5 to 7 p.m. on February 16th at the church located behind the Town Squire Plaza. The public is invited to share this feast for a mere \$4.00 per adult and \$2.00 per child up to age 12.

Artists of the month

Artists of the month from Pieter B. Coeymans School are Nicole Spisak and Tyler Moylan. Both these fifth graders completed contour or "continuous line" drawings of hands and shoes. These drawings show very sensitive line and concentration by the artists. Great job everyone, especially Tyler and Nicole.

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Historical program

"The Schuyler Women," a slide program, will be presented by the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, at 2 p.m., Thursday, Feb. 18. For information call 436-8289.

Women 'serious' after New Scotland crash

Suzanne Bagnall, 19, of Rockville Center, has been upgraded to serious condition at Albany Medical Center Monday following a two-car crash on Rt. 85 Friday night, Albany County Sheriff's Deputies said.

Bagnall was a passenger in a car driven by William Gibbs, 19, of South Floral Park, deputies said. Gibbs allegedly failed to stop for a stop sign at the Rt. 85 intersection with Rt. 157 and was struck broadside by a vehicle driven by Paul Aragona, 44, of Westerlo, deputies said.

Deputies said Bagnall sustained head injuries in the crash and was listed in critical condition upon arrival at the hospital. Another passenger in Gibbs' car, Michael Malvin, 19, of Rockville Center, who was treated and released at Albany Medical Center, deputies said.

Gibbs was charged with failure to stop at a stop sign, deputies said.

Post hosts dinner

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Department of New York, will celebrate its 57th anniversary with a birthday dinner on Tuesday, Feb. 16, at the post rooms.

Cocktail hour will be from 6 to 7 p.m., followed by dinner. Price is \$7.50 per person. To make reservations before Feb. 12 call Lois Smith at 439-5541.

Old time movies

The Bethlehem Public Library will be featuring an old time film festival on Friday, Feb. 19, from 10:30 to 11:45 a.m.

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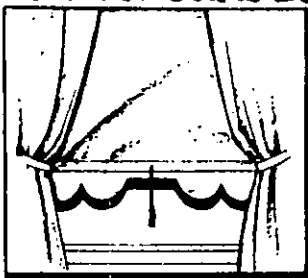
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RCS to consider new teaching slots

By Sal Prividera

The addition of several teaching positions was the first budget recommendation to be received by the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education as the district begins to prepare the budget for 1988-89.

The district's education committee recommended the board add: a music teacher; one half-time remedial teacher, one at the junior high school and one at the elementary school; a half-time speech services teacher; and a two fifths science teaching position, Superintendent of Schools William Schwartz said. The committee also recommended increasing the current half-time attendance to full time and reducing the teaching time of department chairs, he said.

The positions if added could cost the district approximately \$87,000. Schwartz said the district estimates a cost of \$30,000 per teacher including

benefits. He said that the recommendations were "very preliminary."

In other business, the board:

- Tabled a proposal to grant a partial real estate tax exemption for elderly persons and scheduled discussion for the next regular board meeting.

- Heard the results of a parental survey on student lunch optional items such as chocolate milk and cookies. A 40 percent return from district parents found "parents by and large approved" of the program, Schwartz said.

The next board meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. at the board of education offices.

In Glenmont The Spotlight is sold at Grand Union, CVS, Glenmont 5 A's, Cumberland Farms, Heath's Dairy, Van Allen Farms and Three Farms Dairy.

Fourth grade play on Constitution

Slingerlands fourth graders, ending a social studies unit on the U.S. Constitution, will perform an original play about the document and its signers, Thursday, Feb. 11 at 2 p.m. in the Slingerlands School auditorium.

The public is invited to the performance, which includes several original songs, including "Frankly Franklin," and a finale about the preamble and freedom.

Proctor's Gala this Saturday

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□ BC's space crunch

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1990-91. Besides the Glenmont School, Elsmere, Hamagrael and Slingerlands could be faced with more enrollment than is allowed by state and district guidelines.

The report did note that because of the difficulty in predicting population estimates

for each elementary school, the figures should be taken with caution.

The Elsmere School has a state capacity of 385 students but the district guidelines set the capacity at 426. Enrollment is projected at 427 by 1990-91, 42 over state or one over district recommendations.

The problem appears to be less severe at Hamagrael and Slingerlands. The Hamagrael School has a state capacity of 378 students and a district capacity of 376, and enrollment is predicted at 416 by 1991-92, 38 over state guidelines or 40 over the district's. With a state capacity of 335 and a district capacity of 331, enrollment at the Slingerlands School is predicted at 361 in three years, 26 students over state and 30 students over district guidelines.

Only the Clarksville School's enrollment is expected to remain under its capacity levels. It has a state capacity of 297 and a district capacity of 294, and with 1991-92 enrollment predicted at 195, it will be 102 or 99 students under its capacity.

The enrollment task force found that the elementary enrollment will peak in 1991-92 at 1,979 students, up 294 from this year's 1,685, and enrollment will hold in

the 1,800-student range through 1996-97.

Just where the growth will occur and which schools will be most affected was more difficult to predict, the report said. Projecting percentages for share of student enrollment over the next three years, the study predicts the Glenmont School will have the largest share of BC elementary students and grow 68 students from its current 465 enrollment to 533 by 1990-91.

Moving on to the middle school, the population is expected to grow by 313 students from the present 887 to 1,200. This level is expected to be maintained for a few years, with 1,051 students expected in 1999-2000, for example.

The population rise will then impact on the high school, where the student body will increase 426 students from the present enrollment of 1,174 to 1,600 towards the end of the century.

Population estimates for the next five years are more dependable than predictions after

that, the report said.

These figures were derived from the number of students entering the elementary level and the percentage of students in a current grade level moving on to the next grade in the following year, the "survival rates".

The projected enrollment figures also take into account the predicted migration into the district from turnovers in present housing. However the report predicts Bethlehem's building growth, now at a lull, will have a significant impact on future enrollment. Also seen as impacting on enrollment is the population of women of child bearing age declining as the "baby boomers" grow older.

The figures released Wednesday are comparable to a report last year by Assistant Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews, then acting superintendent. He predicted enrollment in the elementary schools will grow to 1,935 students by 1991-92, 44 less than the latest report, due to housing starts and higher birth rates.

McAndrews recommended adding 11 classrooms to district schools because of rising enrollment and increasing space needs.

The school board tabled the study to wait for a new superintendent to take over.

In another report, the facilities committee found space at the elementary level to be inadequate, too small or below generally accepted size standards, but most schools have adequate space for expansion if necessary.

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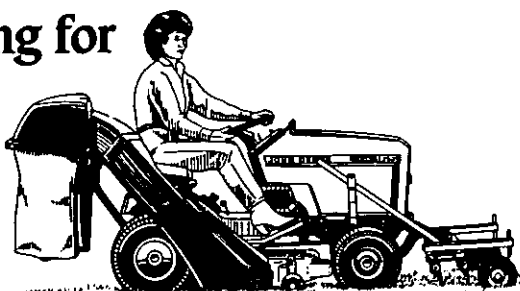


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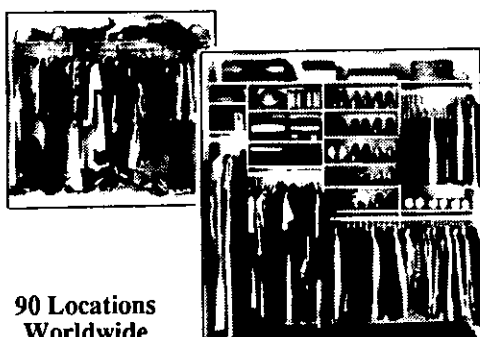


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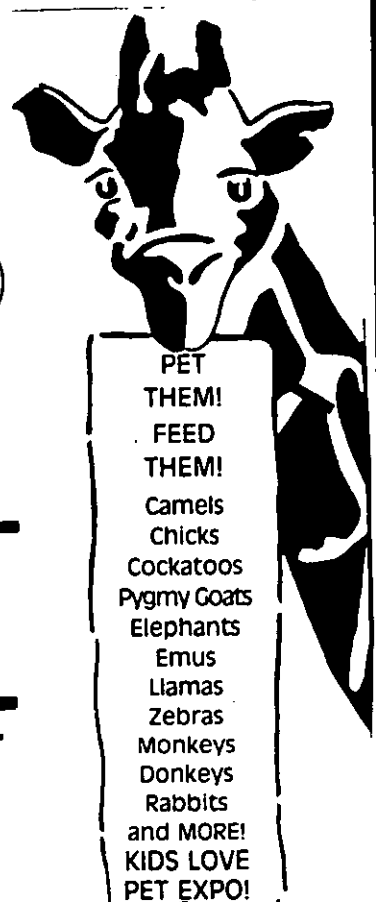
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High school parking explored

By Patricia Mitchell

Having rejected the idea of more parking at the Bethlehem Central High School, the BC school board will look into the cost of increasing its bussing for high school students.

Those steps are part of an ongoing problem of an overflow of parking at the school that has area residents concerned. The town is considering prohibiting parking on roads around the high school during school hours.

The school board decided at its meeting Wednesday to find out how much it would cost to bus students living over a mile from the schools instead of the present mile and a half. The board may also survey students and families to see if the increase in bussing would be used.

However, the board did decide later in the meeting to eliminate a proposal to add 25 extra parking spaces at the high school in its proposed budget for next year.

During a recent meeting between district and town officials, Superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis said if the town views continued off-campus parking by students as a problem, no parking zones on Brockley, Evelyn, and Longmeadow drives and the west side of Van Dyke Rd. during school hours could be set up and enforced. Parking would not be eliminated on the east side of Van Dyke, next to the school. More students could also be driving to school with the start of spring weather.

After a meeting last fall between town and district officials, the district did allow students to park in the soccer lot at the rear of the high school grounds and told students that they would prefer that there be no parking off-campus. Loomis said the parking on Brockley Dr. went from 15 cars to zero to two but parking along Van Dyke Rd. was unchanged.

Residents in the area have complained of damaged lawns, garbage left and that delivery trucks can not get in.

However, the potential of eliminating parking on town roads during school hours has one parent concerned. Mary Berry, president of the high school's community organization, said she thinks limiting parking is very discriminatory.

"They have just as much right to be on those roads as anyone else," Berry said.

This is a changing society, she said, and students may have jobs to go to or they may just want to drive. Berry also pointed out there are no sidewalks around the high school and she said she would encourage her son to drive to school because of the lack of that safety feature.

Barbara Silver, another parent, said she believes many high school students drive because there is no 4 p.m. bus as there is at the middle school. If students miss the 3 p.m. bus they have to wait until 5:30 p.m. to go home.

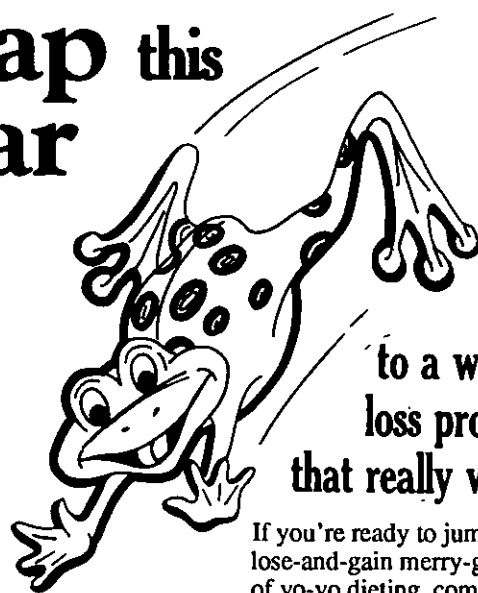
However, Assistant Principal Jack Whipple said he isn't sure more transportation would eliminate the problem because driving is a form of independence and it is high school students' right to drive.

The district should not encourage students to drive to school, said board member Bernard Harvith. He said he doesn't feel any moral obligation to spend tax money on parking spaces, but that BC could check into the cost of increasing bussing and propose it to the voters.

"We have paved over enough of the universe," Harvith said.

In other business, the BC school board also heard a request from Silver to increase storage at the high school for the drama group to store props. She said when it began to put together a play this year, the group found props from previous years were taken outside and left in the weather. A couch and chair, doors, frames, backdrops, walls and costumes were lost because of weather damage.

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BC team wants to pin class A Sectional title

By John Bellizzi

The atmosphere in the Niskayuna High School gymnasium was charged, with electricity last Wednesday as the Bethlehem Central wrestling team finished

their 1987-88 dual-meet campaign with the kind of intensity that has characterized the Eagles' show-downs with other Suburban Council powers this season. The crescendo that built throughout the evening reached its climax in

the final bout, which ended in a 2-2 tie, which also caused the team score to end in a tie, 28-28.

Finishing their dual-meet season 10-3-1, the Eagles are after bigger game now in post-season tournament action—specifically, a Class A Sectional title. The Class A tournament, which will be held at BCHS this Friday and Saturday, is the qualifier for the Section II finals, the last preliminary tournament before the New York State championships.

Finishing in the top two in this prestigious tournament is a very credible goal for BC, according to head coach Rick Poplaski. "It will be really close," he predicted. "I think we can really get it together for this tournament. A lot of kids who win here will be strong contenders for the Sectional championships (to be held at RPI Feb. 20)."

Bethlehem has already proved itself to be a formidable contender in tournament play this season, and the varsity team reinforced this position again last weekend at the Suburban Council Invitational held at Shaker. Earning 186 team points over two days, BC

placed third behind champion Shenendehowa and only two points behind runner-up Burnt Hills. Bethlehem crowned two individual champions in Chris Saba, currently undefeated in his fifth varsity season with a 28-0 record, at 132 pounds, and Steve Guynup, a senior with only two losses in his fourth varsity season, who won the 167-pound weight class. Both won in the finals by decision.

In addition, three Bethlehem wrestlers placed second in their respective weight classes. Senior Mike Mosley was decided in the 155-pound finals, 14-6, and John Gallogly, wrestling at 132, one class above his usual weight, came in second behind A.J. Suits of Shenendehowa. BC junior Pat Leamy, who placed first at 98 in last year's tournament, fell to Shenendehowa's Steve Mitola in the finals at 105.

Jim Hoffman took third at 177 pounds for the Eagles. Tom Nyilis at 126 and John Reagan at 250 came in fourth, and Paul Vichot placed sixth at 145.

Prior to last weekend's tournament.

In the give-and-take dual meet at Niskayuna, Bethlehem's first victory came from Leamy in the third bout. He gained two takedowns for a 7-0 score in the 105-pound weight class. Erick Brown earned four team points and gave BC a 7-6 lead with his 11-0 decision at 112 pounds. Niskayuna went back on top in the next two bouts, but Gallogly narrowed the gap with a 5-2 decision at 132 pounds. Saba tied the team score with a superior decision at 138 pounds, taking his opponent down and letting him up eight times. Then he scored nine more takedowns, winning the match by 20-8 and adding to his undefeated record.

Pete Bragaw nearly picked up another varsity win Wednesday night instead finishing in a 6-6 draw. Mike Mosley's 7-0 decision at 167 tied the team score at 20-20. A pin by Guynup and a technical fall in the next match left the teams still deadlocked at 26-26 going into the superheavyweight bout.

In the decisive matchup, BC's Reagan took his opponent down in the first period to earn a 2-0 lead. His man escaped in the second period, and when Reagan was taken down in the third, his opponent gained the lead at 3-2. Reagan then tied the score of the bout with an escape to end the match and the meet in a draw.

Bethlehem's JV team met a rare defeat at the hands of Niskayuna that same evening. BC pulled out only four victories that night, losing 33-16. However, the junior varsity, under the guidance of coaches Mike DeAngelis, Bob Anderson and Craig Walker, had a successful outing over the weekend at the Amsterdam JV Tournament. Bragaw captured his fourth JV tournament championship at 167 pounds on Saturday to finish the season with a 24-0 JV record. En route to the finals, where he won by technical fall, Bragaw chalked up a pin, an incredible first-period 16-0 technical fall, and a victory over Mohonasen varsity wrestler Mike Benaquista, 8-0 in overtime. Two Bethlehem wrestlers took fourth, sophomore Kevin Schoonover at 105 and junior Mark Farina at 132.

That ended the JV season, giving them a 10-4 final dual meet record. The freshman wrestling team, coached by John DeMeo, also finished their season last week. BC's last dual meet was an exhibition meet against Saratoga's freshman, without team score being recorded.

The Class A Sectionals begin at BCHS Friday, with the first round of wrestling scheduled to start at 5 p.m. The quarterfinals and first-round consolations will be wrestled that evening. Second-round consolations will commence at 10:30 Saturday morning, with semifinals scheduled for noon. The finals will begin at 7 p.m.

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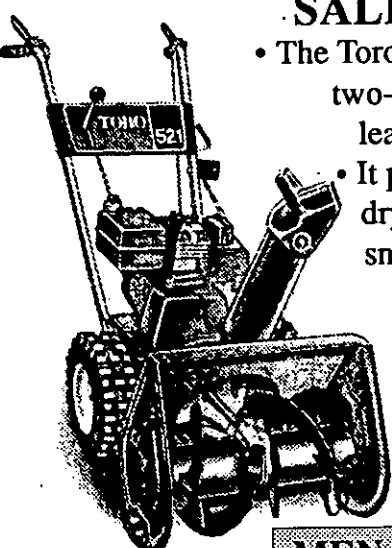
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Eagles win at home but lose on the road

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

The Bethlehem boys varsity basketball team suffered what the Suburban Council circle have named appropriately, the sickness.

According to Coach Jack Moser, most of the teams "fought it off earlier in the season," including Mohanasen. It seemed a wicked twist of fate that the Eagles would win their game against Columbia on Tuesday to tie Guilderland for first place in the Gold Division and then lose to Mohanasen, forcing the Eagles to second place behind Guilderland. The sickness is when a team plays well at home, and not so well on the road.

It was the foul shots that won the game for Bethlehem in Tuesday's game against Columbia. The first quarter was a defensive one and at the buzzer, Bethlehem was in the lead with a score of 13-7.

Bethlehem was without starter John Peyrebrune this game due to tonsillitis (he played for four minutes in the second half), but reserve point guard, Neil Breslin, emerged as Bethlehem's new hero. Breslin played for almost the entire game and had "very few turnovers," said Moser. Breslin had an "excellent game" taking advantage of all opportunities open to him. He "handled the ball well" Moser said, tallying eight points and 10 assists.

In the second quarter, the Blue Devils attempted to come back, but the Eagles front line of Todd Wright, Jim Blendell, and Jeff Hawley were too much for them. By halftime, the score was 29-19, Bethlehem. The Eagles maintained a general 6-1 lead over Columbia in the third, and ended the quarters 46-40.

The final six minutes of the

game were jam-packed when Bethlehem widened the lead after five unanswered shots. Columbia then closed in with a score of 48-47, but this was the closest they would ever get. The Eagles came storming back and held Columbia to 47 points for four minutes and six seconds. With two minutes to go, Peyrebrune hit two foul shots, the first in a long line of them which boosted the score to 63-49.

With one minute and forty-six seconds left, Hawley fired in one more leaving the score at 64-51. Breslin notched a foul shot which brought the score to 69-59 with fifty-four seconds to go. Peyrebrune hit for two with 30 seconds to go with the score at 71-62 and Breslin secured the win with two more foul shots with 11 seconds to go. The final score was 75-64.

Wright led the team with 23 points, Blendell notched 12, and Hawley hit 17. Combined, Blendell, Hawley, and Wright tallied an impressive 52 points and 42 rebounds.

With the satisfaction of having a regained tie under their belts, the Eagles went on to lose a heartbreaker to Mohanasen. Bethlehem "came out flat" in the first half, Moser said, as the sickness struck.

Late in the fourth with six seconds to go, Bethlehem missed a one-on-one shot from the foul line. With two seconds to go, Mohanasen called a time out. They hit a leaning fadeaway, the last shot, and that was the ballgame.

Bethlehem played Colonie at home for their last home game Tuesday and Burnt Hills away on Friday. Right now, Coach Moser says the team is gearing up for Sectionals which take place on Feb. 19 and 20.



Confused? Bethlehem's Paul Curran no. 34, plays offense as Todd Wright plays defense as the team faced Columbia Tuesday. R.H. Davis

Grapplers at second

By Matt Bates

The Voorheesville wrestling team finished second in the Colonial Council tournament over the weekend, bowing only to regular season champion Ravena.

The Birds placed six wrestlers in the finals, but could only produce one titlist. At 112 pounds, Bob Blanchard pieced together an excellent tournament and made the finals. He then pinned his opponent in 5:50 to earn the title.

However, all of the other finalists for Voorheesville lost. At 126 pounds, Tom Ravida made it to the finals but was decisioned, 9-6, in a high scoring match. Matt Cillis had a low scoring match in the finals at 132 pounds. His match was close all the way in his loss, 3-1. Rick Leach also had a tough match in the finals. At 138, he held his opponent to just two points but was still beaten, 2-0. John Traudt had been the only person to beat RCS' Tim Baranska in the regular season. They met again in the finals at 177 and this time Baranska came up the victor. Traudt was edged, 3-2. The only other finalist for the Birds was Mario Darpino at 250. He made it to the finals but was pinned in 2:40.

The Birds will now focus their attention towards the sectionals. The team hopes to send a lot of wrestlers to the state qualifiers.

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Girls win three, look to sectionals

By Matt Hladun

As the season winds down, the Voorheesville girl's basketball team only seems to be improving as the girls won all three of their games this week in an easy fashion.

They beat Schalmont by 23 points, Watervliet by 12, and Waterford by 42.

When the team faced Schalmont on Monday, they got off to an offensive struggle in the first quarter, but fortunately the defense kept them in the game. The first quarter score was proof of this because it was only 6-2 in Voorheesville's favor.

The offense bounced back in the second quarter by outscoring the Sabres 11-4, to take a 17-6 halftime lead, as the defense remained consistent.

In the second half, the girls did more of the same, by walking all over the Sabres en route to a 40-17 victory.

Tricia Carmody, once again, led the Birds in scoring by finishing with 10 points.

Basketball

The following night, the girls played again. This is a hard task to do and in this occasion, it was even tougher because they had to face a tough Watervliet team. To add to that, the girls were also without the services of starting forward Tally Bausback, who was sick that day.

Unlike Monday's game, the girls got off to a good start and were able to take a first quarter lead. But in the second quarter, Carmody got into foul trouble and was forced to sit out most of the quarter. This allowed Watervliet to fight back and take a one-point, 21-20, halftime lead.

The second half would not be like the first. The girls jumped on the Cannoneers and used Jen Elliott's 11 points to beat Watervliet, 49-37.

The leading scorers of the game were Carmody with 23 points,

despite sitting out 12-14 minutes with foul trouble and Jen Elliott, with her excellent second half performance, finished with 15 points. Another key player of the game was Kristen Foster, who pulled down 14 rebounds.

The final game of the week was against a weak Waterford team, and Coach Frank Carrk elected to start the girls who have not seen that much playing time this season. They played a somewhat weak first quarter and allowed Waterford to stay with them and finish with a 9-9 score.

In the second quarter, Carrk brought the usual starters in. Each team scored three points to tie the game at 12-12, but then it was time for Watervliet to come alive. The girls seemed incessant with their defense and went on an incredible 26-point spurt to give them a halftime lead of 38 point's to Voorheesville's 14.

It was the second teams turn to hold Waterford down in the third quarter and they did. They outscored Waterford 17 points to 4, led by Melanie Wakely's six points.

The fourth period was the putaway, each player played equal time, finishing Waterford off, 72-30.

The final statistics showed that Carmody finished with 16 points, Carey Donahue had 11 points and 13 steals in a brilliant defensive effort, and Wakely finished with 12 points.

This week, the girls finish the league schedule with three games against Schalmont, Ravena, and Holy Names, the last two the tougher games. The girls are presently 10-3 in the league and 11-5 overall.

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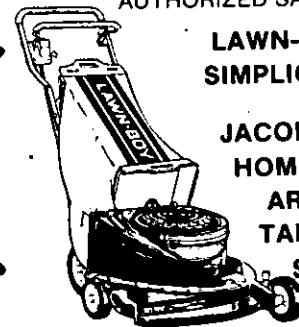
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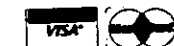
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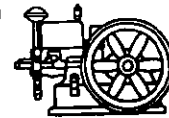


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SPLASH!

BC takes Troy, falls to New Hartford

By Sarah Scott

Overcoming the odds, the Bethlehem boys' swim team was able to defeat Troy last Tuesday, 96-76, in a tough meet. On Saturday BC struggled against powerful New Hartford, but suffered its first defeat of the season, 89-83.

Entering the New Hartford meet, BC was a severe underdog. Bethlehem did not place until the second event, the 200-yard freestyle. Justin Baird placed second in 1:45.34, and Chris Engstrom was third. Brink Hartman won the 200 IM in 2:06.87 to tie the score of the meet. Chris Drew won the 50-yard freestyle in 21.75 seconds.

In an exciting diving competition, BC's Bill McCarthy placed first and set a pool record. Andy Sattinger was second, giving BC a tenuous lead in the point score. In the 100-yard fly, Geoff Frank took second in 59.27 and Hartman was third. Chris Drew won the 100-yard freestyle in 49.53. Baird took second in the 500-yard freestyle in 4:57.94 and Engstrom took third with a personal best of 5:16.5.

Despite some of the best individual performances of the

season, the Eagles were not able to hold their lead in the last few events. Cameron O'Connor took second in the 100-yard backstroke, Scott Whitney placed third in the 100-yard breast in 1:08.8, but the meet had been decided by the time the 400-yard freestyle relay team of Hartman, Baird, Anthony Ferro and Drew placed first in 3:22.45. Chris Engstrom, in summing up the feelings of many team members said, "We won at heart."

Entering the Troy meet, Bethlehem was well prepared. The meet was expected to be as tough or tougher than last year. BC graduated many swimmers, while Troy lost only a few, which left the meet a virtually even match.

BC was unable to begin the meet on a winning note, and got only a second place in the first event, the 200 medley relay with a team of O'Connor, Whitney, Frank and Ferro. From the next event, the 200 free, Bethlehem battled to retain a narrow lead. Baird won the 200 free in 1:50.03. In the IM, Hartman placed first in 2:08.18. Drew won the 50 in 22.54

with Frank giving BC a 1-2 finish in an exciting race.

In the diving, McCarthy with 169.25 points and Sattinger with 160 gave the Eagles another 1-2. In the fly, Brink Hartman placed second. Drew and Ferro went 1-3 in the 100 free, Drew turning in a time of 51.05. Baird was clocked in 5:01.10 in winning the 500, with Engstrom third and Patrick Fish fourth. Baird pulled ahead quickly to remain in first place throughout the race. For the first half, Engstrom was closely pursued by a Troy swimmer, but widened the margin in the later laps. Fish was even with a Troy rival until the last 25 yards, but pulled ahead to touch out his challenger.

O'Connor won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:01.53. Keith Dix and Whitney took second and third in the breaststroke, and the BC team of Hartman, Baird, Engstrom and Drew wrapped up the meet by winning the freestyle relay in 3:31.14.

This week Bethlehem is preparing for the tough Sectionals, where they will be defending champions for the 18th straight year.



Competitors get ready to start the relay at Saturday's BC meet with New Hartford. R.H. Davis

Guilderville win three, end season 7-8

By Stephen A. Smith

The Guilderland/Voorheesville combined swimming team ended its regular season last week in a convincing manner. Three consecutive victories improved their record to 7-8. "This is much better than previous years for the Guilderville team," commented head coach Larry Dedrick.

Guilderville started on their win streak against the Albany Academy Cadets. The Knicks had no problem, winning on the road by a score of 50-12. The Knicks took an early lead and never looked back.

Travelling to Saratoga the Knicks set the tone of the meet by winning the opening medley relay. By the end of their scoring onslaught they had a lopsided victory, 50-18. Youth and experience both paid off. Senior captain Kevin Tyrrell was again the main

support. As for the youth, David Washburn and Joe Tyrrell were strong contributors. Dedrick had this to say about the meet: "I really feel this season was outstanding and this meet was just an example of how much this team has improved over the past season."

Guilderville closed out the week with a home meet against the Silver Warriors of Niskayuna. This meet was a little closer, but the end result was the same. David Washburn put Guilderville

ahead with a win in the 200 freestyle. Kevin Tyrrell then won the individual medley and the 100 free. Guilderville kept this meet in the family with all the scoring coming from the brother teams of Kevin and Joe Tyrrell and the brothers Gary and David Washburn. The final scoring were victories in the breaststroke by Gary Washburn and by the freestyle relay foursome to close the meet with a score of 48-28.

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Girl hoopsters bounce back, take 2

By Bill Dixon

A hard-edged losing streak was upset stunningly last Wednesday as the Bethlehem girls basketball team hosted a crucial game against Columbia and easily defeated them 50-36.

The victorious *esprit de corps* continued on into Saturday when the team faced Mohanasen and chalked up another win with a score of 57-32.

Bethlehem had looked forward to the Columbia game with a certain amount of wariness and uncertainty. Columbia had soundly trounced Niskayuna, a team that had twice defeated BC and had for some weeks been ranked first within the Suburban Council's Gold Division. If Bethlehem could beat Columbia, then maybe Niskayuna wouldn't be too hard to handle by the time Sectionals came around.

"We were very surprised," said Coach Gene Lewis of the game's decisive first quarter. Bethlehem pulled ahead quickly and was able

to undercut the other side's raggedly assembled defense. Columbia's first strategic notion was to double team Eagle forwards Anita Kaplan and Julie Francis. But this didn't seem to work quite as well as it should have. Kaplan drove through for 10 points in the first quarter, while Francis sunk in two of her 23 points for the game, helping to put Bethlehem ahead 14-10 by the end of the quarter. Though the Eagles did have a four-point lead, that in itself would not be enough to cinch the game for them.

The second quarter saw the team tighten its defense severely enough to shot out Columbia, while at the same time keeping up 11 points worth of offense, of which Julie Francis scored six as Kaplan worked out some foul trouble on the bench. The score at the half had Bethlehem ahead 25-10, but the Eagles just wouldn't let up.

Columbia did come back in the third, scoring a respectable 10 points to Bethlehem's 15. Even so,

it seemed to be just too little too late. Not even out-scoring B.C. by six points in the final quarter would be enough to begin challenging the orange and black shades of dominance that had up until then completely colored the Eagle home court.

At Mohanasen, the team faced a different situation even though Mohanasen's reputation wasn't nearly as formidable as Columbia's. It was, and still is, considered to be a team with a large amount of talent and hidden potential. Fortunately for Bethlehem, that potential kept out of sight just as the Eagles were coming down excitedly off their Columbia win.

"We were never in any danger," said Lewis.

The game started out with Bethlehem ahead, with the score at the end of the first quarter 9-6. Mohanasen, like Columbia, had also tried double teaming Kaplan (Francis had the night off), but ended up getting even worse results. Nancy Frattura moved up

and in the first quarter sunk five of her seven points for the game. Teammate Michel Gibbons also proved dangerous to the Mohanasen defense, with her game total of twelve points. It would seem that the opposition had been concentrating too hard on Kaplan and had left themselves open and vulnerable to, as Lewis put it, "the well balanced attack" of the rest of the Bethlehem offense.

"We were a little concerned about not having Julie. But we looked it over and saw that if everyone just put in their average number of shots we'd still come out ahead. But we used a lot of different people and we scored quite well and pretty easily," Lewis observed.

At the end of the first half, it was clear the Bethlehem had come to carry on what they had started the Wednesday before. Julie Hart and Jen Flynn did their share during the course of the game, putting in eight and six points respectively. As the third quarter started, the score stood at

27-10 in favor of the the Eagles. Even with the spread being a not too insurmountable 17 points, the second half of the game would become more exercise than competition. The Eagles had the lead and they would make well sure that they kept it, scoring 14 points to Mohanasen's eight in the third quarter.

In the last quarter, a futile attempt at the comeback put 14 points through the BC hoop but gave up another 16. The win put Bethlehem back in second place within the Gold Division, a rank they now share uncomfortably with Niskayuna.

Wednesday the team faces Colonie:

"We have our work cut out for us. We'll have to work hard at them and concentrate, then we'll just have to let the chips fall where they may," Lewis said.

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Indians place third in volleyball tourney

By Kim Van Derzee

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk varsity and junior varsity volleyball teams had a very busy week as they both won in the Colonial Council.

On Monday the Indians played Holy Names and defeated them 15-3 and 15-2. Tammy Samsel played well in both games. The Indians second match saw them beat Cohoes in two games 15-3 and 15-0. Everyone played good in both games.

On Friday Ravena matched up

with Voorheesville and won in two games 15-9 and 15-5. Kris Gerg and Dawn Dinardi both played two good games, offensively and defensively.

On Saturday the Indians traveled to Plattsburg to play in the Plattsburg tournament, placing third. Gerg, who led RCS to the Colonial Council title and third place in the tournament, was named to the tournament All-Sar team.

Their first game of the day was against Saranac Central School,

defeating them 15-10 and 15-9. Gerg led the team with hits while Dinardi led in serves.

RCS then upset Northeastern Clinton, 15-12 and 15-12. The Indians had a good serve-receive game.

Next RCS played the eventual champions, Peru, and lost in three games. They lost the first game 15-11, but Lisa Ray, Terri Gardener, and Gerg all played well.

The semi-finals was a rematch between Ravena and Northern

Adirondack. Ravena, who won the previous meeting, lost 15-1 and 15-7. "They got on a roll and we couldn't stop them," said Coach Ron Racy.

The Indians last match of the

day was for third and fourth place, and they defeated Plattsburg Central in two games, 15-10 and 15-5.

BC gymnasts edged out

By Deborah Cousins

With freshman Chrissy Mann back on her feet again, plus the strong will of everyone, the Bethlehem gymnastics team came very close to a victory last Wednesday over Guilderland and Chatham. "It was incredibly close," said Coach Tim Bennet,

"but we just didn't have enough to do it."

Bethlehem ended with a score of 98.1 to Guilderland's winning score of 102.5 and Chatham's second place score of 99.8. According to Bennet, this was Bethlehem's highest scoring meet and probably the best so far in

terms of competitiveness. Bennet, although happy with the performances, was really hoping for a win to help propel the team into the Sectional meet on Saturday.

Mann, bouncing back from an injury, took first place in the all-around competition with a 28.5, and scored impressively well on the beam with an 8.2.

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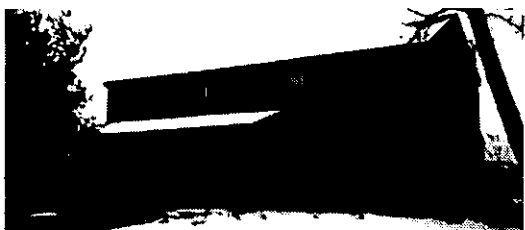
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Ethel Priest

Ethel Hannay Priest, 97, of Delmar, a retired teacher, died Friday, Feb. 5 at Samaritan Hospital in Troy after a long illness.

She was born in Schoharie, N.Y. and was retired from teaching in the Bethlehem Central School District.

She was the wife of the late Harold W. Priest.

She is survived by a daughter, Ruth Van Woert of Glenmont, five grandchildren, and 12 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Elmwood Cemetery, Selkirk. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Trinity United Methodist Church Memorial Fund, Albany.

Margaret Duane

Margaret Morgan Duane, 84, of Glenmont died Monday, Feb. 1 at Ann Lee Home in Colonie.

She was born in Malone, N.Y. and was the wife of the late William Duane. She was a homemaker.

She is survived by two sons, David Collins of East Schodack and Steven Collins of Ellicott City, Md.; a daughter, Lynn Jerabek of Glenmont; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in Schenevus Cemetery, Otsego County. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Joseph Lombardi

Joseph D. Lombardi, 55, of Delmar died Wednesday, Feb. 3 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

He was born in Troy and was a Delmar resident for over 20 years. He was employed in the warehouse division of Price Chopper Supermarkets for the past 13 years.

He was a member of the Polish American Citizens Club and a

communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

He is survived by his wife, Christine Pekrol Lombardi; a son, Anthony J. Lombardi of West Berne; a daughter, Bridget Lombardi of Delmar; a brother, Frank Lombardi of Saratoga Springs; two sisters, Sandra Filuta of North Greenbush and Lucy Tangora of Delmar; and a grandson.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany.

Frederick W. Posselt

Frederick W. Posselt, 71, of Glenmont died Friday, Feb. 5 at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany of lung cancer.

He was born in the Bronx and is survived by his wife of 47 years, Jane Dootz Posselt.

In addition to his wife, he is survived by three daughters, Mildred Posselt of Jamaica Plain, Mass., Marcia Posselt Goldblatt of Philadelphia, Pa., and Helena Stasiuk of Delmar, a brother, Rev. Arthur Posselt of Bayonne, N.J.; and three grandchildren, Tania, Stephen and David Stasiuk, all of Delmar.

Services were private and arrangements were made by the Tebbutt Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Nancy Fox-Solomon

Nancy Ellen Fox-Solomon, 39, of Onesquethaw Creek Rd., Feura Bush, an active communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar, died Wednesday, Feb. 3, at Memorial Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Rockville Center and grew up in Bellmore. She was a Feura Bush resident since 1974.

She held a master's in economics and taught at the College of St. Rose from 1978 to 1981.

She was one of the founders of Simple Gifts in Albany, a bookstore and center that organized Christian non-violent activities, and also served on the original board of that organization.

A communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, she was a leader in many parish activities, including prayer networks that she created, the adult religious education board, the RENEW program and the peace and justice commission.

She posthumously received St. Thomas' annual religious education award for many years of teaching children and adults in the parish on Thursday.

She is survived by her husband, Edward; two daughters, Sarah and Elizabeth; a foster son, Daniel Cook; her mother, Henrietta Fox of Bellmore; a sister, Patricia Murphy of Riverhead; a niece and a nephew.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont. Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Nancy Fox-Solomon Memorial Peace Scholarship Fund, Box 401, Slingerlands, 12159.

Civic center

(From Page 1)

According to Harold Joyce, the Legislature's majority leader and chairman of the civic center committee, that would be appropriate. Polovina has been authorized by the committee to find out whether retail merchants would be willing to locate in the center and pay high rents for the prestige of the civic center address.

On Tuesday, the Albany County Republican Party called for a state investigation of civic center financing. At a press conference, GOP Chairman George Scaringe released a letter he and the legislature's minority leader, W. Gordon Morris, sent to state Comptroller Edward Regan asking for the investigation "because there is already \$6.5 million of state Urban Development Corporation funds earmarked for this project."

In the letter to Regan, the Republicans said that Albany County officials "intend to seek more money from the state for a project which is not yet 50 percent complete a year after ground-breaking, and is already estimated to cost nearly \$20 million over the

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Date	Department or Unit	Nature of Call
Jan. 28	Delmar Rescue Sqd. II	Respiratory distress
Jan. 28	Delmar Rescue Sqd. II	Medical emergency
Jan. 28	Delmar Rescue Sqd. II	Medical emergency
Jan. 29	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop Struc. Fire Standby
Jan. 29	Delmar Rescue Sqd. I	Medical emergency
Jan. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Jan. 30	Delmar Rescue Sqd. I	Medical emergency
Jan. 30	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Jan. 31	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Jan. 31	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Feb. 1	Delmar Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop Struc. Fire Standby
Feb. 1	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Feb. 1	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Feb. 2	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Feb. 3	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Pole fire
Feb. 3	Delmar Fire Dept.	Standby
Feb. 3	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
Feb. 3	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Feb. 3	Delmar Rescue Sqd. I	Medical emergency
Feb. 3	Delmar Rescue Sqd. II	Medical emergency

There will be an open house on Sunday, Feb. 21, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Selkirk Fire House in Glenmont (next to K-Mart) to view the new Bethlehem Ambulance. All are welcome.

bonding cap of \$35 million authorized by the Albany County Legislature."

Scaringe said the Republicans are also calling for the resignation of Joyce as chairman of the civic center committee because of a "conflict of interest." Joyce is president of a union whose members are working on the project, Scaringe said.

Snarled in controversy and delay, the center has been making news years before the headline shows it is expected to attract.

In his fall 1983 campaign, Albany County Executive James J. Coyne proposed the center as a site for conventions, shows, and sports events. In April 1986, the county legislature authorized the \$35 million bond issue. A year ago, on Feb. 5, ground was broken in downtown Albany where the project will be built on 8.1 acres bounded by Beaver, South Pearl and Eagle streets and by the South Mall arterial.

Ever since Coyne suggested it, the center has been a controversial issue. The public and the legislature have debated its merits, the county, state, and private property owners have haggled over land acquisition for

it, environmentalists and historians have gone to court to challenge its site, construction problems have slowed its progress, and design changes have boosted its price.

The overall civic center costs include debt service on the bond. The annual \$3 million amount required for that is handled through a \$1.5 million budget appropriation, \$1 million from the county's two percent hotel, motel tax and, once the center is operating, an anticipated return from a \$1 surcharge on attendance at events.

Coyne recently proposed some unbudgeted items for the center, some of which officials say are mandated by state safety codes. The list includes corporate boxes, high quality seats, sprinklers and canopies. He claims that the county can afford the extras without raising property taxes and said he will ask the state Urban Development Corporation for more money.

The civic center is slated to open in the fall of 1989. Structural steel erection for it started in December. Next on the schedule is installation of pre-cast seating units. Then, trusses will be installed to which metal decking will be attached for the roof.

Polovina says plans are to have the building enclosed before next winter in order to allow mechanical, electrical, and plumbing systems to be installed during the winter of 1988-89.

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Bethlehem AARP notes 15th anniversary

In celebration of the 15th anniversary of their founding, the Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold a tea and illustrated talk on "Wildlife in Your World."

The program will be at their regular meeting, Wednesday, Feb. 16, at 1 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave.

The tea, hosted by wives of the past presidents of the organization, will be followed by the wildlife presentation, presented by Anita Sanchez of the Five Rivers Environmental Center.

Lutheran church hosts Bible school

The Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, will be holding its annual vacation Bible School, February Sunshine, on Feb. 16, 17 and 18.

This year's theme is "Teaching, Preaching and Reaching."

Classes, from 1 to 3:15 p.m., will include Bible study, singing, games and crafts for children age four through grade five. Singing will be led by Ruth Rice, choir director.

There will also be February Sunshine Bring a Friend Fun Night on Feb. 16, from 7 to 9 p.m., for middle school youths, grades six, seven and eight. Judy Nestlen and the Rev. David Nuss, assistant pastor, will be teachers for the program that will include a Bible lesson, songs and creative T-shirt tie dyeing.

For information on registration, \$3.50 per child with \$7 maximum for a family, stop by the church office.

Country club women to meet Thursday

With William "Steamboat Bill" Tinney presenting his famous lecture and slide program on "Hudson River Steamboats," the Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold its February Bridge Luncheon on Thursday, Feb. 11.

The cocktail hour is scheduled for 11:30 a.m., with lunch at 12:30 p.m.

Decorations will be the Valentine's Day theme and members and guests will play cards after the luncheon.

Mrs. William Tinney, vice president and social chairman of the organization, and Margaret Smith are co-chairmen of the luncheon. For reservations, call the club at 439-5362.

In Elsmere The Spotlight is sold at CVS, Johnson's, Brook's Drugs, Paper Mill, Grand Union, and Tri-Village Fruit.



Shirley Post, left, of the Olde Time Clocks of Glenmont, shows some antique clocks to Marian Jewell, manager of the Tawasentha Chapter of the DAR's antique show and sale. Olde Time Clocks will be one of the dealers invited to be on hand at the show at the Bethlehem Central High School, Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 14, from noon to 5 p.m. *Spotlight*

Antique show, sale at BCHS

The Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR 17th Annual Antique Show and Sale will be held at the Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Saturday, Feb. 13, from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., and Sunday, Feb. 14, from noon to 5 p.m.

The invitational show will feature selected dealers with a wide range of antiques, including, furniture (country and period), clocks, stoneware, woodenware and tinware, glass, china, quilts, linens, silver, jewelry, books, prints, dolls, toys, tools and Shaker smalls.

Highlighted again this year will be appraisals, both verbal and written, of small portable items by Russell Carlsen, well-known appraiser and auctioneer, for a small fee. The chapter's Kalico Kitchen will also be on hand this year.

Admission is \$2.50, or \$2 with a discount coupon. The proceeds from the show are used to benefit various philanthropic projects, such as schools for underprivileged children, for those with learning disabilities, and for educating American Indians.

For information, contact show manager Marian Jewell at 439-4142.

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Is it here already? The formal day to declare sweet sentiments to one's chosen?

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ON THE HOME FRONT

Susan Gordon



Can there be anything more endearing than he rising at noon and she at dawn? Or his love of clutter and hers of bare space? Even her adoration of light woods clashes with his love of more somber tones.

In some homes, jalapeno peppers time-share with parsley and other milder condiments. And spanking new furnishings co-exist with refurbished pieces. Soft folds drape some windows, vertical blinds others. Miro lithographs adorn some wall; Monets grace others. Her retreat, his domain.

Differences in temperament enhance the relationship. She is energetic, he lethargic. Or he is artistic and she practical. Tomorrow's bag lunch often has been made between dinner preparations and Madame Butterfly's first aria.

Enter magic. Somehow those differences mist away in mutual admiration of butterflies and of the same authors, in shared dreams, loping walks and a glass of warm milk at day's end. Happy Valentine's Day, dearhearts.

'Cross examinations' theme for lent

"Cross examinations" is the title of the Lenten program being sponsored by the Glenmont Reformed Church this Lenten season. Beginning on Wednesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m. and continuing Feb. 24, March 2, 9, 16 and 23, worshippers will be confronted with the true meaning of the cross of Jesus Christ and will be challenged to hear the words of

Jesus and "take up their cross daily and follow Him!"

A covered dish supper will begin at 6 p.m. each Wednesday, prior to each service. The community is invited to join with the church for a time of sharing food and fellowship. Participants are asked to bring a covered dish of food to share. Beverages and place settings will be provided. For information, call Rev. Robert Testino EnTin at 436-7710 or 436-0655.



Community Corner

Winter Break Fun

The Elsmere School PTA is offering a morning of fun and activities for the winter break on Wednesday, Feb. 17, from 9:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.

There will be games, crafts and storytelling. Paul Strausmann will entertain with music and Dean Davis will entertain with animals.

There is a \$2 charge for each student and snacks are extra. For information, call 438-8536.



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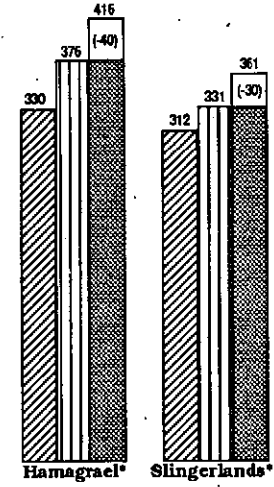
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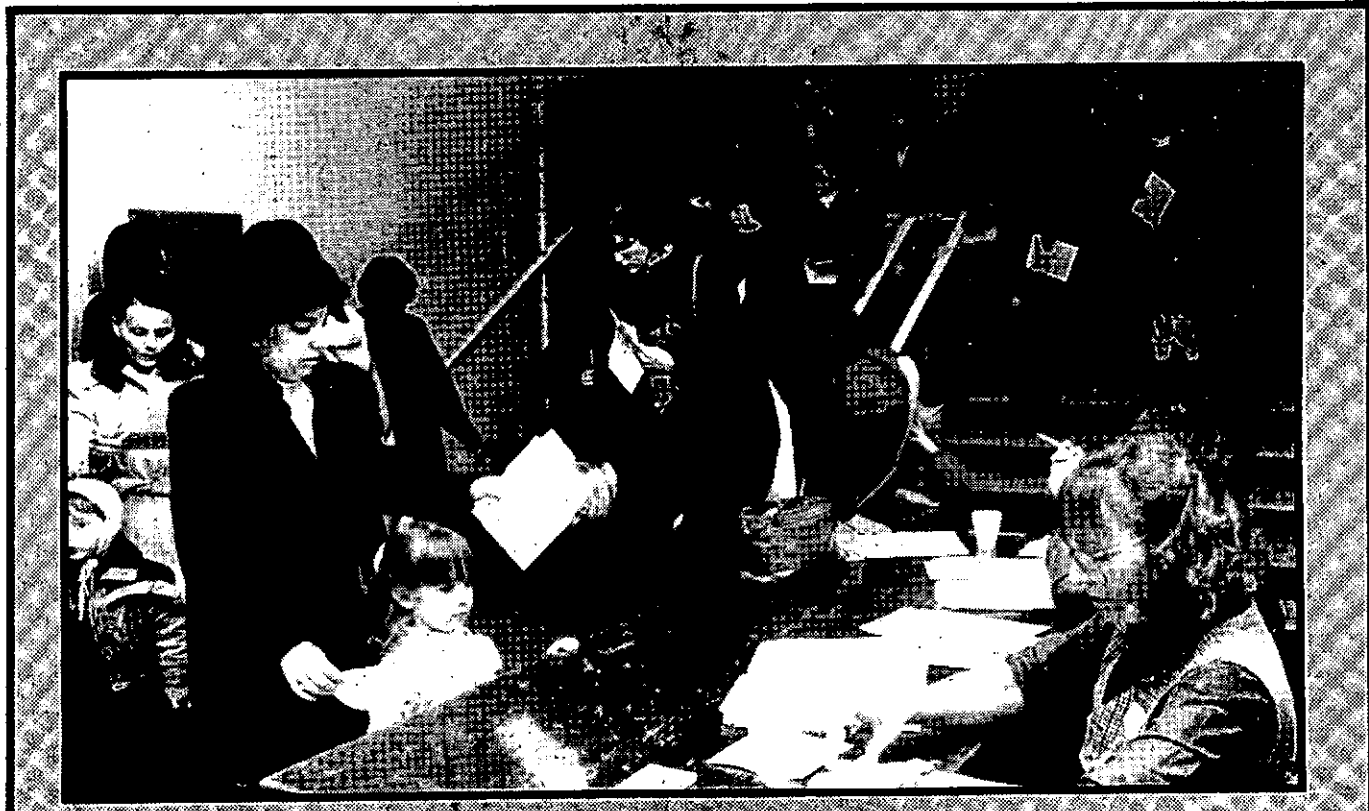
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