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Asbestos costs nudge BC budget

But state aid may increase

By Patricia Mitchell

The Bethlehem Central school board has earmarked \$80,000 to hire a consultant to put together an asbestos management plan by October.

The expenditure is needed so the district can comply with new federal requirements on asbestos in school buildings.

The school board decided to add the funds onto next year's budget during a budget workshop Wednesday. While it is still building its budget and has no projected tax rates yet, some changes were made on both the revenue and expenditure sides. Other additions to the budget by the board include modifying some elementary schools for art, music and Challenge areas, and to start a new elementary reading program.

However, the school board also made some additions to the revenue side, agreeing to accept additional funds from its Capital Fund investments. The board learned its state aid ratio has gone up and decided against funding some other proposals.

The cost for bringing in an outside consultant to put together BC's asbestos management plan is estimated between \$80,000 to \$100,000, said Superintendent

Dr. Leslie Loomis. The cost is not state aidable and it does not include asbestos removal that will be outlined in the plan, he said.

The district needs to prepare its asbestos management plan by Oct. 12 and to start implementing the plan by July 1989, Loomis said. It is a "good piece of work" and takes a considerable amount of expertise to put together. He said most other districts in the area agree that an outside consultant should be brought in because of the potential liability. BC is getting ready to begin interviewing for its consultants, Loomis said.

The district needs to move rather quickly for a consultant, said Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer. There are not enough consultants certified by the Environmental Protection Agency to do the work and BC has not been able to get a list of those who have been certified from the EPA, he said.

The pace of the federal legislation has moved so rapidly that agencies overseeing compliance have not been able to catch up and there is some doubt that they will be able to regulate,

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Karen Pelletier, right, director of the Bethlehem Senior Services Department, is honored as citizen of the year by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at their annual dinner last Saturday. Also, from left,

are Rita Klein, Isabel Heilman and Joseph Lamprecht, all Bethlehem senior volunteers. Also honored by the chamber was Richard Ahlstrom, *Spotlight* publisher, as the chamber's business person of the year.

An approach to AIDS education

By Sal Prividera

Following completion of in-house recommendations on AIDS education, the Voorheesville Board of Education will be turning to interested members of the community to serve on the state Regents-mandated committee that will make recommendations on the new AIDS curriculum.

The recommendation to begin formation of the community committee was made to the board by Richard Leach, a health teacher and member of the

Voorheesville

district's in-house committee on Acquired Immune Deficiency Syndrome (AIDS) education.

The community committee will study the AIDS curriculum and the district's program to make recommendations to the board on what should be taught. The committee will make recommendations about what is age-

appropriate and give the school board an indication of what the community wants its children to be taught.

The final decision on what will be taught and how it will be taught will be made by the board of education. "When they are done we will have a community-based program," Leach said.

"I think we have a good program in place," Leach said, adding that he thinks the com-

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Moquin pleads in DWI death

Deborah Ann Moquin, 36, of Albany pleaded guilty Monday in Albany County Court to manslaughter and other charges stemming from the Aug. 6, 1987, automobile crash that killed 15-year-old Cathleen Quinn of Delmar.

Moquin plead guilty before county Judge John G. Turner Jr. to second-degree manslaughter, second-degree vehicular manslaughter, two counts of vehicular assault, two counts of felony driving-while-intoxicated and misdemeanor reckless driving, said Daniel S. Dwyer, chief assistant district attorney.

Dwyer said that Turner dismissed second-degree murder charges because "the evidence was legally insufficient." He added that no plea bargaining was involved in Moquin's plea of guilty. He said the county "refused to participate (in a plea bargaining) since no prescribed sentence was set."

Quinn was killed while riding with her parents, Dr. Brian and Alice Quinn, on Rt. 85 near the Thruway overpass. Moquin crossed into the northbound lane to pass another car and struck the

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A mother struggles to cope with death

Editor's note: The following article is the second in a four-part series on area women who are making an effort, each in her own way, to address community problems such as the number of deaths and injuries that result from driving while intoxicated.

By Theresa Bobear

Betty Martin of Glenmont knows well the suffering that drunk driving can bring to a family. In 1982 Betty and William Martin lost their 20-year-old daughter Michele, then a nursing student at the State University College at Plattsburgh. Michele, the sister of Mary Beth and Melinda Martin, was killed on Rt. 85 in a collision with a driver who had been drinking.

"At that particular time our whole family was just paralyzed," said Mrs. Martin.

"The death... is against everything we ever hoped or dreamed for her," she said. "Your whole world changes. It's shattered."

"It's a nightmare, and you never wake up," she explained in a wavering voice. "You go on



Betty Martin of Glenmont offers support, referrals, information and victim assistance by operating the DWI Victims' Hotline from an office in her home.

with your life, but it's always there."

"When it's a DWI, you not only have that tremendous agony, but there's rage, a blinding rage," said Mrs. Martin.

"It's never called a DWI

crash. It's called an accident," said Mrs. Martin. "This wasn't just an accident. This was someone who was playing Russian roulette with human lives."

Betty Martin followed the legal proceedings against the

other driver. "What I found was that it was as if we had no part in anything that happened in the criminal justice system," she said. "Nowhere was Michele being represented in any of these (hearings). Her voice was silent."

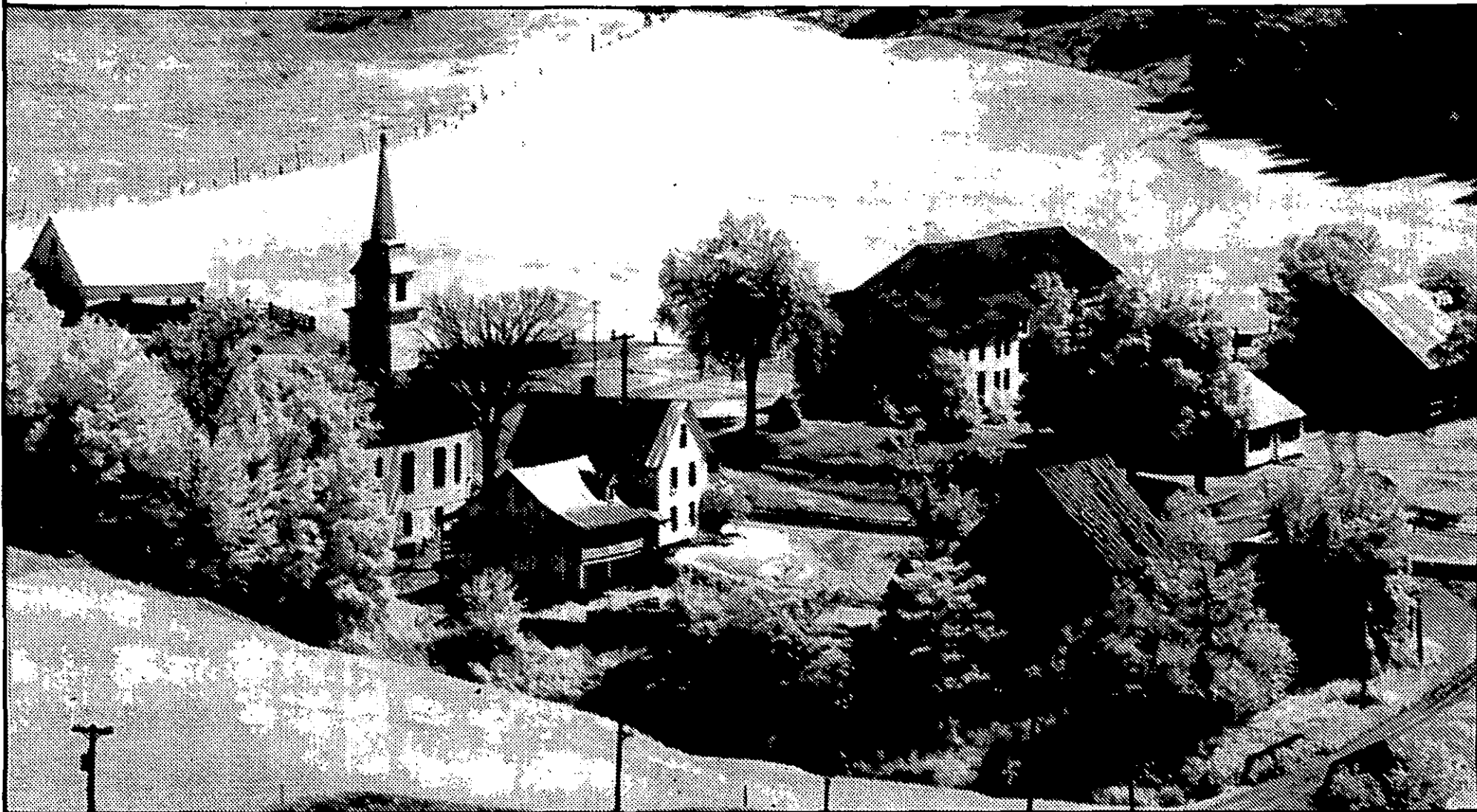
"In Albany County I have to say that when Dan Dwyer found we wanted to be involved without being vindictive or irrational, walls came down," said Mrs. Martin. Dwyer is chief assistant district attorney for Albany County. "Dan Dwyer said, 'I'll speak for Michele.' He identified Michele as a person."

The driver, George Donnelly, was convicted of manslaughter after a trial in Albany County Court and is currently serving his five to 15 years sentence in state prison.

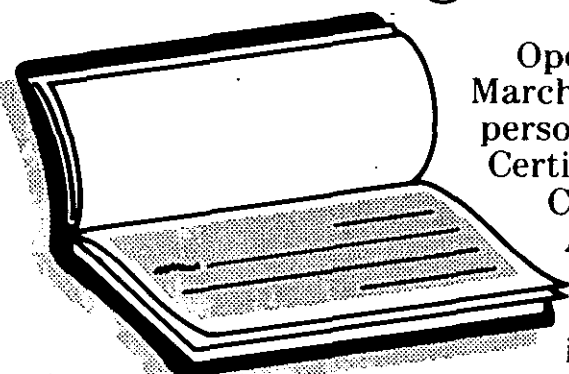
Since her daughter's death, Mrs. Martin has been devoting some 20 hours each week to supporting and assisting other victims of drunk driving collisions, educating people about drunk driving victims'

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No agreement on civic center

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County Executive James J. Coyne will pursue his plan to ask for more state money if needed to help finance the spiraling costs of the civic center even though Republican legislators insist they won't support any more public funding for the project.

Coyne and Democrat Harold L. Joyce, the county legislature's majority leader, vow that the center can be financed without draining taxpayer dollars.

Coyne wants the county to borrow more money from the state's Urban Development Corporation which already pledged \$6.5 million toward the center's construction. He also would like the county to issue bonds to finance features that would boost the over-all project cost to \$52 million.

Seeking bi-partisan backing for his financing proposals, the county executive presented his plan to the Republican legislators two weeks ago in a series of unprecedented meetings. But at a televised press conference Wednesday, the minority party members spurned Coyne's attempt for their help. They declared "thumbs down is our reply to the sales pitches of the county executive and the Democrat majority of the county legislature."

They also called for Coyne's resignation "on grounds of mismanagement, misrepresentation and utter incompetency" and they urged "an immediate halt" on construction work at the county civic center site in downtown Albany until they are fully informed about the project's scope and cost. Delays, they declared, "would be far less costly to the taxpayers than if we continue on this disastrous course of squandering public money on an ill-conceived, inadequately-planned facility."

Coyne and Joyce reacted with surprise and exasperation at the Republican show of strength. They dispute the minority party's contention that increased construction costs will burden the taxpayers beyond the debt costs of the \$35 million bonding cap which the legislature has set for the project.

"The key to this whole thing," Joyce said, "is that we have lowered property taxes eight out of 10 years and we intend to continue that record. We don't want to do anything that is going to raise taxes. If the civic center goes over budget, we will have to find offsetting revenues or we will have to scale back."

Coyne wants to get those offsetting revenues by leasing corporate boxes in the 15,000-seat

center area to private companies, leasing commercial space at the center entrance and by finding other undisclosed sources of private financing.

But Coyne said last week that "there will be a problem if we don't bring in enough money from the private sector."

"No new tax money will be used," Coyne said.

According to Joyce, the need for more money from the Urban Development Corporation is nothing new.

"From the very beginning when the UDC said it would give us \$6.5 million if we build the civic center in downtown Albany, I have said that it was not a fair share, proportionately, for their partnership in the project," he said.

He claims that the corporation has provided more support proportionately for projects of similar scope elsewhere in the state. Calling the UDC "valued partners in this project," Joyce points out it never ruled out additional funding. Rather, he said, their position has basically been "wait and see what the total project cost is."

Right now, Joyce said, the civic center project is within budget on bid-letting for site preparation, concrete foundation work, pile driving, fabrication and erection of steel.

He disagreed with the Republican position that minority members have not been consistently informed about the project's scope and costs.

"If they want to use it as a political issue, it's understandable, but they have misrepresented the facts," Joyce said.

Answering reporters' questions at the Republican press conference last week, minority leader W. Gordon Morris said the county would have to win permission from the Republican-controlled state senate in order to get a UDC loan. "I don't think any responsible Republican senator would support any project unless he knew where it was going," he said.

Morris also said that "UDC doesn't have a private printing press that rolls off dollar bills for civic centers."

Last month, the Republicans called for a state audit of civic center finances. The comptroller's office has reported that it has informed Republican county chairman George Scaringe that it is too soon to address many of the party's concerns about the project. A routine audit is already under way which will consider the project up to its current point.



Holly Billings, of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, at last Friday's public concert sponsored by the group at Bethlehem High School. A group of children attending the concert actively participate. *Dave Pierce*



Solid waste group active

By Bill Cote

As the solid waste disposal crisis looms over the Capital District, Bethlehem is moving into position to deal with its own solid waste problems. The task force looking at the issue is receiving one powerful message — long-term solutions are becoming increasingly irrelevant.

In January the Bethlehem Town Board established a task force to address the waste disposal issues and the town's alternatives. The group, which includes professionals in the environmental and engineering fields as well as citizens who have an interest in the issue, has held two meetings and established a regular meeting schedule. Meetings will be held in the town hall on the second and fourth Tuesday each month at 7:30 p.m. Chairman Dennis Corrigan has said he encourages residents with related

expertise and also those with simply an interest to attend.

A task force organizational meeting Feb. 1 addressed the town's potential both to create waste and to solve the problems that it creates.

Corrigan, an environmental engineer and town councilman, encouraged the group to examine alternatives that break from traditional thought. He also stressed the importance of community awareness and participation.

Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's commissioner of public works, provided a local context and discussed progress made at the state level in dealing with the issue. He suggested that recycling can be an effective way to reduce the crisis but that markets must first be created to handle the "specialized waste." He cited a Midwestern brewery that requires

a percentage of their bottles to be made with recycled glass and has consequently absorbed a large portion of the scrap glass in their area.

But, said Secor, recycling is not the whole answer. "where will we be without ANSWERS?" he asked.

The Albany New York Solid Waste Recovery System, ANSWERS, is presently the Capital District solid waste center, processing solid waste for 14 local communities. Most of the waste is shredded for burning in the state's Albany steam generation plant. Waste in excess of daily plant processing capacities and ash is dumped directly into Albany's landfill. The landfill is rapidly approaching the legal limit.

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Potholes and glaciers

March can be a dreary month, winter not yet over (as we learned last week), but the melting snow revealing an accumulation of sins along our public byways.

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It's good to keep in mind that the snow does melt, what is underneath is cleaned up, and that the brown earth and bare trees do turn green. In the meantime, we can justifiably gripe a little.

This is, of course, the season of potholes, and the inevitable explanations as to why they occur and whose fault they are. One stretch of Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, west of the Four Corners, is in particularly bad shape right now. For a while, cars had to literally slow to a crawl to negotiate an obstacle course near Borthwick Ave.

In general, residents of this area have little to complain about in terms of road maintenance, thanks to local highway departments that take real pride in keeping on top of things. Unfortunately, the part of Kenwood that is deteriorating is owned and maintained by the state, which has its own way of doing things. That stretch of road is scheduled for resurfacing in 1989, and no amount of prodding by local officials seems to have budged the Department of Transportation on that score, so we will have to wait.

Meanwhile, it is good to see town Highway Department workers chipping away at the glaciers along Delaware Ave. in an effort to make the sidewalks passable. However, it does seem like misapplied labor. Delaware Ave. is the major commercial thoroughfare in Bethlehem, yet every winter the sidewalks become clogged and unusable. Because this is a major state road, it is plowed thoroughly — so thoroughly that the town's sidewalk plow can't keep up. And too many property owners and merchants don't take responsibility for their own areas.

Sidewalk plowing is a service that few towns afford their citizens. For most of us it is a welcome luxury, while for some it is an essential service. But it should not absolve property owners — particularly commercial property owners — of their responsibilities. We think it is time for the Bethlehem Town Board to consider a local ordinance spelling out the responsibility of property owners to keep their sidewalks clear.

Primary unfairness

Now that Super Tuesday has come and gone, for better or worse, New Yorkers can start to think about our own Presidential primary, which comes on April 19. By that time it could be all over except for the shouting, or we could be a part of the most dramatic primary season in many, many years.

If the Republican race is still not decided, New York's primary is not likely to do much to settle the matter. It should not come as too much of a shock to find that many residents of this state, including those who are properly registered to vote, won't get a chance to participate in this primary in any meaningful way.

In New York, the winner is George Bush. The vice president's name will be the only one on the Republican ballot in nearly half of the state, and even in areas where there is a contest, including the Capital District, Bush enjoys an overwhelming advantage in organization and party support.

This is, unfortunately, the way the game is often played in this state. Both major parties have been guilty of using the state's complex and arcane election laws to keep their opponents off the ballot, or at least tie them up in court for so long that their campaign is crippled before it gets off the ground.

This year it is the Republican powers who, having decided whose bandwagon to jump aboard, have used the law to keep Bush's opponents off the ballot in six congressional districts. Given the difficulty of obtaining legal petitions, the other candidates didn't even file in eight other districts.

In the Capital District, Republicans will be able to vote for either Bush, Robert Dole or Jack Kemp, with Pat Robertson a possibility if his petitions survive scrutiny. If you are for any of the latter three, the best you can hope for is a strong second place. On the Democratic side, there is a full house, including Lyndon LaRouche and an uncommitted slate (for the diehard Cuomo fans, presumably.)

Small comfort that the legislature has just passed a bill that will allow a write-in vote to name the candidate, rather than the candidate's electors. That sort of token change is almost insulting. What is needed is a much fairer, simpler system, one that is not ripe for manipulation by the politicians in power.

Speaking of youth, education

Alcohol out of place at sports banquet

Editor, The Spotlight:

The other evening I attended a sports banquet to honor the efforts of a group of Bethlehem student/athletes and their coaches. It was not a particularly exciting evening for the parents but the kids and the coaches more than deserved our recognition. It was gladly given.

I was once again struck by a hypocritical dichotomy. The kids had been dressed up by their parents and looked like little men (one child was chastised, with good humor, by his coach, for not wearing a tie). Their "pep squad" in their cocktail dresses or tight pants, bulging busts, pretty painted faces and overwhelming perfume, looked and smelled like little women, much older than their years. Some of these kids will vote in the next presidential election. Some have registered for the draft. None of them may drink.

The organizers of this event provided a cash bar for the parents. Before the festivities, the parents gathered around the bar and sipped cocktails, brought their drinks to the table and frequently slipped back to the bar for refills and wine for the dinner. Soon the kids were emulating their parents, going to the bar for cokes and little fancy drinks with Grenadine syrup and bits of fruit. I wonder how many of those parents drove their kids home?

The organizers of the event told me that the parents wouldn't come to the banquet if they couldn't get a drink!

What kind of a message are we giving these kids who want so desperately to be "grown up"? "You can dress like an adult, vote, fight, die and make love like an adult, but you are not an adult until you can drink! And drinking is the way adults have fun!"

I know I sound like a temperance radical. Not true. I have nothing against alcohol. I enjoy it as much as the next person. I don't believe a high school sports banquet is the place for it. Nothing so confuses and infuriates our children as the hypocrisy of their parents!

William F. Frye III

Delmar

Little league thanks donors

Editor, The Spotlight:

With a great sense of appreciation, I am writing this letter to thank *The Spotlight* for the recently published article outlining the deteriorating conditions at Magee Park and announcing the kickoff of the Tri-Village Little League Capital Improvements Fund Drive. *The Spotlight* has taken the lead in advising its readers of a problem that affects a large segment of the Bethlehem community and its greatest asset — our children.

I would also like to take this opportunity to thank the fine people at the GE Plastics Selkirk Division who have come to our aid in an overwhelming manner with their recent donation of \$25,000 to the TVLL Capital Improvements Fund. This money has been earmarked for the purpose of erecting a new field house at

Vox Pop

Magee Park. On behalf of the 500 boys and girls who will play ball this year, and the thousands of children who will play in subsequent years, I would like to thank Mr. Barry Gibbs, GE Plastics Selkirk plant manager, and Mr. James Conheady, GE Plastics Selkirk manager of employee and community relations, for what I know was a huge effort on their part in securing this grant for us. As it has many times in the past, GE Plastics has demonstrated its sense of community spirit and involvement by taking the lead in responding to the needs of the Bethlehem community. In so doing, GE Plastics has set a fine example for the community at large and the Bethlehem business community in general.

Regarding the TVLL Capital Improvements Fund Drive, if any *Spotlight* readers overlooked it, I would like to refer them to TVLL's full page advertisement on page 2 of the Feb. 17 issue. We have attempted to briefly outline some of the serious problems which TVLL faces in its 35th Anniversary Year in this ad, and in fact we are making a desperate plea for support from the community.

We ask those that think their individual contribution is unimportant to the fund drive to reconsider. Every penny donated towards our goal of \$100,000 is critically important, and every penny collected will be spent for capital improvements at Magee Park. We at TVLL guarantee that none of the money raised in this effort will be used for any other purpose.

Although the response to our fund raising effort to date has been slow, we have placed our trust in the ability of this

community to respond forcefully to demonstrated need as it has in the past, and we are counting on a positive response. For 35 years, TVLL has not once let the community's children down, and in its time of need, we know that the community will not let TVLL down.

We urge everyone who possibly can to invest in the children of Bethlehem and help us reach our goal by making a tax deductible contribution to:

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Finally, I would like to once again thank all of the sponsors, volunteers, patrons and benefactors who have been involved, and who have helped to make our program so successful over the past 35 years. To all of you, our deep appreciation and gratitude is extended.

Richard R. Van Wormer
President
Tri-Village Little League

Science club lacking at Bethlehem Central

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was not surprised to read in a local paper that American students are not doing very well in science.

Here in good old Bethlehem, our high school has 17 sports teams, three publications, four music groups, three theatre groups, one business group, student government, and 13 other social activities, but no science club. Again I am not surprised, since over the years many of our local school board members have been lawyers and businessmen, with perhaps little or no training or interest in science.

Reynard K. McClusky

Delmar

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Birthday bonus days

How do family customs start? All families have them. Every family does some things differently from other families — for instance, our early riser birthday parties. Like most wonderful memories, our tradition just happened.

Shopping for birthdays was a difficult task, for by today's standards, we have a big family, half a dozen children. But hiding the gifts was the real challenge.

I used our bedroom as a gift wrapping station. When caught in the act of wrapping a gift, the gift was stashed under the bed. And so in time under our bed became the place to store gifts, birthday or other.

A gift bought, made or promised had to make it under the bed before "the day arrived." Dad worked late. The kids were in bed when he got home. He believed that big events should be celebrated together. Our only option was to birthday party in the morning. What better place to party than in the warmth and comfort of mom and dad's bedroom and bed?

So we started the cruel and inhumane custom of waking the family earlier than usual in order to insure the celebrant of good wishes and maybe something new to wear, or bring to school and show.

The children came in wrapped in blankets stripped off their beds, carrying their pillows, complaining because of the early hour and how unfair it was that they had to get up early because it was someone else's "dumb birthday."

We didn't have the birthday cake at this hour. We did manage coffee and juice while we waited for the Happy Birthday Person to make their grand entrance. "HBP" was the last one called into the room.

Dad would start singing "Happy Birthday to You!" The echoing chorus left much to be desired.

A volunteer was commandeered to reach under the bed and hand the presents up to "HBP." If the celebrant did not move fast enough, the crowd would yell, "Hurry up dummy, I'm going to be late for school," or some other equally encouraging phrase.

Whenever the birthday person didn't look overjoyed with a gift, Dad would start up another rousing round of "Happy Birthday to You."



There was no particular order to the opening of the gifts. Two from mom and dad and one from each brother and sister and then one labeled "bonus-bonus-bonus," which in time got to be "the" most important gift.

"Bonus-bonus-bonus" came about this way. With a lot of kids in the family you have to be careful to keep the balance of gifts the same. At least I always felt it was very important. One Christmas, when they were tallied up, there was one extra present. So, the gift was labeled "bonus-bonus-bonus" and the lucky person who found it — got it.

Some gifts were more difficult than others to hide under the bed. Like a racing bike. The gang said, "you'll never get that under the bed." We did.

We put a picture of the bike under the bed with a string tied to it. We ran the string through the hall and down the stairs to the family room under our room, tied the string to the bike. Voila! The bike was "under the bed."

For all their sleepy, grouchy complaining our children recall our family birthday custom and now consider it a tradition. When our oldest girl celebrated her last birthday at home before she married, she said, "no matter where I go, I'll always come home for my birthday."

Another daughter was unhappy because she was born on Christmas Day. She felt cheated because she didn't have a separate day to celebrate her birthday. Fair is fair, so her birthday party went on before anyone could get to the tree or the presents.

Now, that really raised wrath. They griped, but they made the best of it and maybe the wait to get to their presents under the tree made the rest of the day a bigger success.

Our Christmas birthday child, now grown, realizes that Christmas Day is a great day for a birthday. It's one of the few times we are all together. She can give them all that "did you remember it's my birthday" smile!

Well, those are some of the days we talk and laugh about when the Good Lord allows the family to be together. Holiday, christenings, anniversaries, and . . . birthdays. Those "bonus" days.

Word of the week

Arcane: Mysterious, secret, obscure. Sometimes used to describe the occult or the legal profession.

Perspective on mine case

The contributor of this this Point of View article is president of the Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, which has been opposing the proposed Larned and Son mine on the Tall Timbers property east of Voorheesville. The piece was submitted in response to a Feb. 17 editorial, "Time to talk in New Scotland," urging negotiations to settle the litigation on the mine issue.

By Robert C. Morrison

Last week, more than two hundred people crowded into the New Scotland Town Hall to once again voice their concerns on the prospect of a large scale sand and gravel mine adjacent to the Village of Voorheesville. The Town Board has been studying the situation, and Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, after having met in executive session with the board, wants citizens and town officials to know that we continue to oppose a negotiated settlement.

As most people know, the issue has become entangled with concerns about water supplies, major residential development on adjacent property, and a host of related matters. We feel it is time to put the "basics" of the case back into perspective, and to explain why the town can and must stand firm against the proposed mine.

Stripped of rhetoric and mumbo jumbo, the legal issues are pretty straightforward. Last spring, a State Supreme Court Judge ruled that New Scotland's zoning law prohibiting mining at the Tall Timbers site couldn't be enforced, because state laws governing mining took precedence; the lawyers call this "pre-emption". Round one for the mining applicant. Recently, the town and Concerned Citizens won their joint appeal of this decision in the Appellate Division of Supreme Court, a middle-level appeals court, where a panel of judges found that our local mine ordinance is not preempted by state law. This followed a decision by the state's highest court, the Court of Appeals, that settled this issue once and for all, ruling unanimously that localities can determine where mining will and will not be permitted.

What needs to be stressed is that New Scotland won its case on this issue fairly and squarely and about as decisively as it's possible to do in our legal system. This central fact has, unfortunately, become nearly lost in the ensuing debates and discussions about the Tall Timbers property.

Given these facts, why are the town and Concerned Citizens still "in court" over the mining question? Again, the issues aren't nearly as complex — or as formidable as some would have us believe. Simply stated, the Appellate Division decision gave the miner a chance to prove why he individually should be exempted from the local law, and should therefore have a right to pursue his application for a Special Use Permit. To win this point, the miner must show, basically, that his application to mine wasn't covered by the September, 1986, zoning change which outlawed mining on the Tall Timbers property.

As we've repeatedly pointed out, this is a tall order indeed, because zoning laws have consistently been applied by the Courts in favor of a community's rights, when those rights are pitted against those of an individual property owner. In New Scotland's case, of course, the celebrated zoning "change" on which the miner hangs his hat was nothing more than a return to the town's original Master Land Use Plan, enacted many years earlier.

Despite the weakness of the miner's case, and the town's decisive victory on the central issue, it's fair to look at the consequences of a loss on the "grandfather" issue discussed above. That outcome has also been badly misrepresented, or simply buried, in the overall discussion. Given the "worst case" scenario — an outright defeat on this point — the town would simply be required to reconsider the miner's application for a Special Use Permit, subject to all the requirements imposed by its Planning Board on such applications. Here also, the company would have the burden of showing that the proposed mine — with its host of environmental and quality of life problems — would somehow benefit and be in harmony with the community's character, interests and well-being!

POINT OF VIEW

In summary, the Town of New Scotland needs to realize that it is in the driver's seat on the question of mining at the Tall Timbers site. To think or behave otherwise would indeed be equivalent to snatching defeat from the jaws of victory!

All well and good, some will say, but why not negotiate the case? The miner has made a cash offer, which he claims would help the town meet the costs of a badly needed water district. Court battles cost money, and the outcome is never certain. All good arguments on their face; however, let's examine some pitfalls the miner would sooner have us forget:

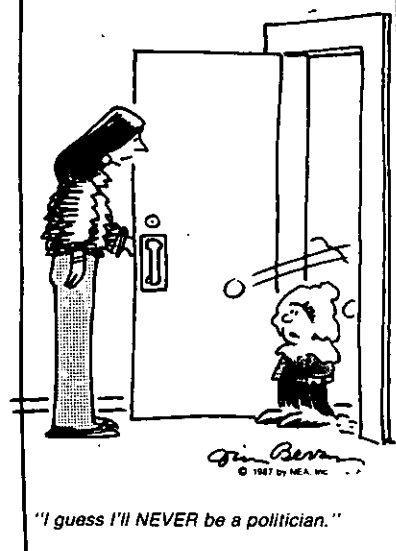
1. In plain English, the town would be accepting payment for a public nuisance, representing a burden on taxpayers in the immediate area and, indeed, throughout the community. The "quality of life" issues of truck traffic, noise, dust, lowered property values, damage to roadways, etc. are real; from a legal and practical standpoint, the town would face a tremendous liability, as residents individually and collectively sought their own remedies against a local government which has failed to protect their rights when given the tools to do so.

2. From the outset, the question of potential damage to underground water supplies has been among the most serious objections to the mining proposal. Now a developer has offered to construct a water district sufficient to meet the needs of existing homes adjacent to the Tall Timbers property, based on aquifers which underlie that property. What's not being made public is that the mining company proposes to operate their mine literally on top of the very supplies on which the developer hopes to rely. This, residents dependent upon that supply — both present and future — could find their new-found "lifeline" damaged in short order, through contamination, depletion or both. The impact of mining on water resources has never been settled to our satisfaction. The critique commissioned by Concerned Citizens found many flaws in the hydrology report prepared for the town. This community simply can't afford to risk damage to this irreplaceable resource, especially in light of the problems now faced by homeowners bordering the Tall Timbers property.

3. To its credit, New Scotland has launched what appears to be a comprehensive review process for the Galesi development proposal. As noted above, the developer has stated that its proposed water district will have sufficient capacity to allay the present problems of surrounding home owners, in addition to meeting the new project's water supply needs. Through the review process, the town is in a position to require that this commitment be met; that is, that the developer build and deed to the Town a water system of sufficient capacity to meet both objectives. Thus, the token cash "offer" from the Larned firm represents nothing more than an offset against the Galesi Group's costs for delivering on this commitment! We encourage the town to take every advantage of potential water resource development on the Tall Timbers property, for the benefit of present and future residents. We implore the town not to jeopardize the proposed water district before it's even built, by permitting a mine to threaten the supplies on which it would depend!

For nearly two years, Concerned Citizens for New Scotland has responded to the objections of hundreds of people regarding the soil mining proposal. We are a town-wide organization, responding to a town-wide issue. With the community's help and support, we've halted the most outlandish land use proposal to surface in New Scotland's long history. Proof of our success lies in the court decisions discussed here, in the town's support, and, last but not least, in the miner's cash offer! We appreciate this opportunity to discuss the issues, and will continue to work for the community's best interests.

Berry's World



Hendrix anthem: question of censorship?

Editor, The Spotlight:

In his letter that you published on Feb. 17, David Martin writes of the "humiliation" to Bethlehem Central that was attendant to the playing of what is apparently a satiric version of the national anthem by one Jimi Hendrix. Mr. Martin goes on to describe the music as being "anarchist." What is the definition of "anarchist" music?

It is too bad that the swimming coach, Ken Neff, felt it necessary to characterize the event (the students' choice of the piece) as his own mistake and to apologize for it. Since when does the fact that "a lot of people" might take offense justify censorship? Mr. Martin went on to say to the students, in effect: "we gave you a million dollar pool so you better listen to what we say and conform to our (adults') opinion as to what is proper behavior." Nothing turns young people off faster than preaching.

Vox Pop

Of what are Mr. Neff and Mr. Martin afraid when it comes to free speech? Or of whom?

Frederic B. Adler

Delmar

More reading urged at middle school

Editor, The Spotlight:

We have a wonderful school system and for many it is one of the reasons we choose to live in this community. However, like all institutions, there are areas that could be improved or strengthened. My concern is the lack of a yearly required book reading list for students, especially in Middle School.

The grade schools have adopted a mandatory monthly reading program which I applaud. The High School (at least 9th grade) has a strong book reading and writing program. But, what has

happened to Middle School? Where is their reading and writing program? There are certainly some teachers at Middle School who developed their own programs but why is there not an apparent, overall, required book reading policy? Besides book lists for each grade (1-12) what has happened to required summer reading?

Not all children will be readers, whether as a child or an adult, but are we as parents and educators doing them harm in not insisting that a strong reading program be part of their formal education?

Our schools must establish a better program and as parents we must support our school's efforts and encourage our children in their reading. I urge all parents to contact the Board of Education and request Bethlehem Central's reading program, in all 12 grades, include required book reading lists for both the school year and summer vacation.

Merri Meislahn

Delmar

Middle School Principal Frederick Burdick said the school does have reading lists — although not required reading lists — that are developed by the school librarian, discussed in English classes and sent home to parents. Students are encouraged to read by a variety of

means, he said. "We do cover a large variety of reading material in our English classes," he said. In addition, students are encouraged to use the library, and teachers develop a feel for what their individual students are interested in. Ed.

More on planning

Ritchko letter said 'defensive'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Considering Mrs. Ritchko's letter in the March 2 issue of *The Spotlight*, I know that, although some progress has been made, the Bethlehem Town Board still has a long way to go in terms of accepting constructive criticism, truly welcoming public input, or accepting, let alone encouraging, positive change.

Town Board Member Ritchko's letter illustrates a defensiveness and a misperception about planning and public participation

issues that are, frankly, unfortunate in a person who is an elected representative of the people, and also claims to be a citizen's advocate.

Mrs. Ritchko took issue with John Smolinsky's Point of View article appearing in the Feb. 17 *Spotlight*. As chairman of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, John, I believe, presented a thoughtful and fair piece on the status of the planning issue in our town.

Now let's see why Mrs. Ritchko took issue: She says she feels "compelled for the sake of history to clarify the town board's leadership role in the planning process for the Town of Bethlehem."

The first example Board Member Ritchko gives of this leadership is that "In 1985 we began discussions at the town board meetings concerning the need for a professional planner and how we could increase community participation within town government."

Let me say that taking nearly three years (1985 through November 1987) for the town board to hire a town planner does not demonstrate strong leadership or a burning desire to get a planner hired. Nor am I convinced that the town board would have hired a professional planner by 1987 if it were not for the strong advocacy of citizens of our town. Second, concerning citizen participation, both at town board and town planning board meetings, until recently, the fact is that public input was not particularly welcomed, let alone encouraged, and usually not seriously con-

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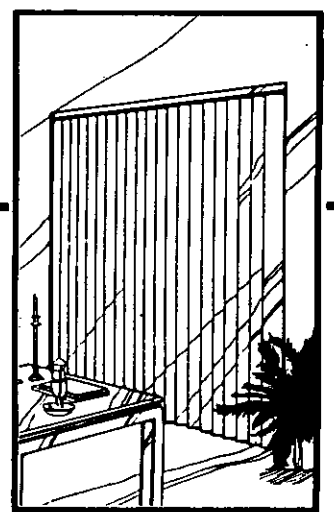
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sidered. I believe that our citizens who have attended board meetings know this to be the unfortunate truth.

Mrs. Ritchko is again defensive about Mr. Smolinsky's statement "that there has been a disconcerting silence on his recommendations for a Master Plan and zoning changes."

The fact is that 1,400 residents of the town signed petitions which BCRP presented to the town board a year ago, requesting the town to make the commitment to create and adopt a Master Plan for our town. In many letters and at many town board and planning board meetings the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning have advocated for a Master Plan. Yet, the town board has taken no action on this issue. I would hope that Mrs. Ritchko would show her concern and leadership by getting the town board to address this issue now rather than, taking issue with John Smolinsky's honest, and I believe legitimate concern.

To conclude, Mrs. Ritchko might better show her citizen advocacy by becoming an active spokesperson on the town board for critical policy decisions that must be made, rather than using her energies to criticize a citizen for saying it like he sees it — and unfortunately like it is.

Let's move forward from this point to use our combined efforts to attack the real issues. However, for the sake of the community, our community, we best not get bogged down in meaningless, unnecessary and time consuming rhetoric or analysis which will keep us from the urgent and critical actions which this Town Board must take now. Namely:

1. Resolve that the process will begin now to develop a Master Plan for the town.

2. Commit other resources as required by Town Planner Lipnicky for additional planning staff and/or planning consultants to carry out the master planning effort and effectively staff the planning office.

Massive and wide-spread development is on our doorstep, and we cannot afford to delay these required actions any longer.

Samuel E. Messina
Bethlehem Citizens
for Responsible Planning

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BCRP 'still waiting' for answers from town

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to Sue Ann Ritchko's letter that appeared in the March 2 *Spotlight*, I would like to clarify two points. John Smolinsky's statement that the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning "gathered support for a full-time planner in March of 1987" is correct. Many hours were spent collecting signatures in support of three major issues — a master plan, a full-time planner and upzoning. We feel that our efforts are responsible for bringing these issues to the citizens, more than 2,000 of whom signed our petitions.

Mrs. Ritchko also stated, "the Town Board will address all issues in a timely manner." I have to ask her what she considers to be timely? Petitions submitted to the town board 11 months ago have yet to be acknowledged. Numerous letters containing questions, which the board requested we submit in writing, have never been answered. Is this the "timely manner" she refers to? Mr. Smolinsky's reference to the "disconcerting silence" on the part of town officials is quite accurate. We feel the answers are long overdue.

We feel that the town board must explain to us exactly how it

is considering the "total community" as they "shape the future of our town." We invite all those concerned in our town's future to join us at our next meeting on Monday, March 14, at the Town Hall, Room 106.

Jean Ducar
Treasurer
Bethlehem Citizens
for Responsible Planning

Master plan, other issues unanswered

Editor, the Spotlight:

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and I want to thank *The Spotlight* for the opportunity to share some views on planning with the Bethlehem community in the Feb. 17 issue.

Two thousand residents who supported the hiring of a town planner are still waiting for a response to their calls for a Master Plan, rezoning certain areas for less dense development and a full environmental consideration of all segments of the Delmar Bypass extension.

Development of a Master Plan will, in part, be dictated by the necessary time to seek both professional and community input, but the task should be approached with some urgency. Several housing projects, totalling about

1,000 units, are now being reviewed by the town, and about 1,000 more are projected. If we are going to move slowly to develop a Master Plan then we must not approve or disapprove the projects until they can be evaluated in the context of a town Master Plan. Let's get to work!

John Smolinsky
Bethlehem Citizens
for Responsible Planning

Bulgaro doesn't speak for all Orchard Park

Editor, The Spotlight:

I read with interest a letter in your Feb. 24 issue, written by Patrick J. Bulgaro, urging support for negotiations on resolving the complex issues regarding mining water and development of Tall Timbers. He states it "was a welcome surprise, particularly to residents of Orchard Park who have been long suffering with bad water or no water at all."

In his usual shotgun approach in drawing attention to his problems and those of his neighbors in parts of the new Orchard Park development, he has made a blanket statement that all residents of Orchard Park are suffering with water problems.

I have lived in the older section

of Orchard Park for over ten years, and we and almost all of our neighbors have very adequate water supplies and few problems with the quality of our water. A recent test of our water indicated a level of 9.2 mg/L sodium and 54 mg/L chloride; these are both well below the acceptable limits set forth by the Albany County Health Department.

I would like to see *The Spotlight* interview, and the Albany County Health Department sample, the water of residents of both the older and newer sections of Orchard Park to establish the creditability of Mr. Bulgaro's statements.

As president of the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association, Mr. Bulgaro, who should be working toward the betterment of all residents of Orchard Park, seems to be suffering from a severe case of tunnel vision.

I can sympathize with those who are having water problems and I too would like to see their problems solved. My only issue is the manner in which Mr. Bulgaro is seeking a solution.

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Board is Cedar Ridge agent

By Bill Cote

The Bethlehem Planning Board voted last week to establish itself as lead agency for the coordination of a proposed 132-lot subdivision off Orchard St.

The primary role of the board will be to act as a catalyst for the transfer of information between the various agencies involved and the town for the Cedar Ridge development. Presently only the Albany County Health Department and state Department of Environmental Conservation have been contacted for their input.

The development will be on farm land on the north side of Orchard St., near the controversial Delmar Village project. John Smolinski, chairman of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning stood at the meeting to voice a concern about the proposal in general and asked about a June, 1987, letter that he sent to the board. He said the letter, which raises questions about the developer's Environmental Assessment Form, hasn't been acknowledged.

After the meeting, board Chairman Ken Ringler said a review of the project files

indicates that former board Chairman John Williamson had answered Smolinsky's letter.

The plan would take affect in two stages, first to the north with 77 lots and then the southerly portion with 55 lots. The developer estimated that the construction would take place over four to five years.

In other planning business:

- The board listened to testimony at public hearing for a two-lot Slingerlands subdivision located on McCormack Road between Maple Ave. and Cherry Ave. No testimony was heard in opposition to the plan, but the board received two letters from neighbors who contended that the proposal would detrimentally affect the value of their properties by limiting future development, and by creating a dust problem with a proposed long driveway along the property line.

- Gave conditional final approval to the one-lot Elsmere Ave. Mokhiber subdivision subject to restrictions along a drainage swail that transverses the property.

- Set a public hearing for a two-lot Delmar subdivision on the

lands of Porter Howard. The plan to develop parcel along the old skating pond on Delaware Ave. will be aired March 15 at 7:30 p.m.

- Set a public hearing for March 15 at 7:45 p.m. to consider an application from Mr. and Mrs. William Morrin to subdivide their Feura Bush Rd. property. The parcel, located at the McCombe Dr. intersection, generated questions from the board about front and rear yard setback requirements. The issue is likely to be explored in depth at the hearing.

Krumkill Rd. crash injures 2 women

A head-on crash on Krumkill Rd. Thursday night sent two Albany women to the hospital, Bethlehem police said.

Tracy Castleman, 23, and Hermine Jarvis, 42, were treated and released for injuries from St. Peter's Hospital. Police said that Castleman lost control of her car due to snow and struck Jarvis' car head-on.

QUILT to meet

Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) will meet Friday, March 11 at the United Methodist Church in Delmar from 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m. The meeting will feature textile conservator Deborah Turpin, who will demonstrate techniques for cleaning and storing quilts.



Dragons may live forever in fairy tales, but this masterpiece sculpted by Michael Reed from 2700 pounds of ice has already begun to melt. Reed, an art student and culinary graduate, took more than a day to create his front lawn sculpture at 18 Herber Ave. in Elsmere. *Spotlight*

Albany man pleads to Town Squire burglary

Rudolph Gause, 32, of Albany pleaded guilty in Albany County Court last Tuesday to charges stemming from a Dec. 19 incident in which he drove a car through a plate glass window at the Radio Shack store in the Town Squire Shopping Center.

Gause pleaded guilty to the reduced charge of third-degree attempted burglary before Albany

County Judge Joseph Harris. He had been charged with stealing a number of videocassette recorders once he and another person were inside the store. Sentencing was set for March 23.

Blessing Rd. burglary nets video equipment

The Wednesday morning burglary of a Blessing Rd. home is being investigated by the Bethlehem Police Department. The homeowner reported items worth over \$4,000 missing including two videocassette recorders, a computer, two televisions and a compact disc player, police said.

Police said the home was entered through the patio door and the thief or thieves unlocked the garage door and pulled their vehicle into the garage to load it.

Seatbelts off, 2 men injured on Rt. 144

An early morning car crash on Rt. 144 sent two men to Albany Medical Center, Bethlehem police said. Samuel J. Seaborn, 60, of Selkirk and Bernard T. Fischetti, 39, of Troy were treated and released for injuries received in the collision, police said.

Police said the crash occurred when Seaborn's car crossed in to the southbound lane, striking Fischetti's vehicle. Both men were ticket for failure to wear a seat belt.

Drug material found

A Delmar man was arrested Jan. 27 for criminal possession of a hypodermic syringe and unlawful possession of marijuana, Bethlehem police said. The man was arraigned in town court on the misdemeanor charges and released on his own recognizance, police said. He was given an April 5 court appearance date.

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Dowerskill owners Board in lather over car wash still don't like plan

By Bill Cote
Dowerskill residents are still not satisfied with plans for developing section two of their neighborhood. About 30 residents attended Tuesday's Bethlehem Planning Board meeting for presentation of a second revision to the 123-unit, 55-acre proposal.

The new plan cuts the number of apartment units from 64 to 62 and allows for a basketball and tennis court. It also moves the 62 apartments away from section one town homes and closer to Rt. 9W. New single family homes would act as a buffer between the two. But residents contend that the plan doesn't go far enough.

Tom Fiesinger, president of the Village Square Homeowner's Association, spoke on behalf of the group. He said that objections to the new plan haven't changed. They want the section two plan to include a homeowner's association

Info on radioactive waste disposal

An informational meeting on low-level radioactive waste disposal "Nuclear Medicine — A Significant Generator," sponsored by the Albany County League of Women Voters, will be held Wednesday, March 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar. The meeting will include a panel discussion with members of the panel from Albany Medical Center and the director of the state commission for the disposal of low-level radioactive waste.

Man caught carrying marijuana in car

A 41-year-old Albany man was arrested and charged with felony possession of marijuana after he was stopped on a traffic violation, Bethlehem police said.

Glendon J. Henry was arrested after officers found 2½ to three pounds of marijuana in his car, police said. Police said five bags of cut and dried marijuana and marijuana plants also were found.

Henry was also charged with unlawful growing of marijuana, police said. He was arraigned and released on \$2,500 bail.

and additional recreational facilities.

At previous meetings Dowerskill residents said that an association assures that homes and apartments are well maintained. Recreation facilities in section one are maintained by dues-paying home owners who feel that exclusion of section two residents may create animosity and possibly vandalism to their pool and courts. According to testimony at the Dec. 1 public hearing, existing facilities would not be adequate for both sections.

Developer Kent Jenkins revised the plan to appease section one residents and there seems to be some hope for progress toward peaceful coexistence between the two sections. "I don't think that Dowerskill homeowners will ever welcome the idea of apartments in section two," Fessinger said. But he added that if apartments are inevitable, the current plan showing them closer Rt. 9W is better than previous ones.

Alzheimer's Disease lecture Thursday

The Russell Sage College Department of Nursing will hold a lecture dealing with Alzheimer's Disease on Thursday, March 10 at 7 p.m. in the Bush Memorial Center on Congress St., Troy.

The program, "Community Resources for Alzheimer's Patients and Their Families/Caregivers," will feature a panel of local health care professionals. The program is part of a series of lectures held by the college on the disease.

For information, call 270-2231.

Correction

The Onesquethaw Fire Department was incorporated in New Scotland in 1942, and until that time no fire departments existed in Clarksville. A story on the Vadney's store in Feura Bush incorrectly stated a fire department existed in Clarksville in 1938.

By Bill Cote

The dialogue resembled television courtroom exchanges when the owner of the Bethlehem Auto Laundry came to the Zoning Board of Appeals last Wednesday evening. Discussions initially centered on alleged use violations that the board felt compelled to address now that the Glenmont concern is requesting two special exceptions to the zoning ordinance.

Dennis O'Shaughnessy, the current owner of the car wash, used car sales lot and detailing shop on Rt. 9W, spoke to the board in 1976 as an employee on behalf of the previous owner. At that time the board issued approval for placement of cars along Rt. 9W and for the now thriving detailing shop, contingent upon adherence to testimony at the public hearing.

Minutes of that meeting indicated that the board's understanding was that no more than 12 cars connected with the sales operation would be on the property at a time and that all autos for detailing would be contained within the approved structure. The board cited an apparent disregard for zoning issues when O'Shaughnessy's business grew.

O'Shaughnessy's lawyer argued that his client is not in violation as cited even though O'Shaughnessy himself said that he has had up to 25 or so cars on the property at a time. Board members suggested that even that figure was conservative but voted 5-1 to give him 15 days to remove the vehicles in violation. One board member was adamant that giving him two weeks is too much. He contended that O'Shaughnessy knowingly broke the law and should be given no favors.

The board then opened public hearings for special exception that O'Shaughnessy requested to construct a peaked roof over a

section of the car wash and to display cars along Rt. 9W.

No one spoke against the issues but board members expressed reservations over the ambiguity of the plans that were submitted. No decision was made. In other action, the board of appeals:

- Accepted the withdrawal of Joseph Tannatta's February request to operate an adult home on his 405A Schoolhouse Rd. property. At the meeting, Chairman Charles Fritts also presented a new request by Tannatta to operate a nursery school and day care center at the same North Bethlehem location. The new plan was sent back for plot plan revision and a plan showing the ingress and egress for the operation.

- Set a public hearing for March 16 at 8 p.m. for a variance request from Frank Markus of 257 Orchard St., who wants to replace his deteriorating garage

with a larger one. Markus plans to use the space for storage of two trucks and to perform routine maintenance on them. He operates now as a pre-existing non-conforming use.

- Also on March 16, the board will hear plans by Jerald Vanick of 75 Adams Place in Delmar to construct two additions to his home that would create the need for a double variance, one for allowable side yard distance and the other for percentage of lot occupancy.

Attorney Barr has role in Albany play

Martin Barr, a Delmar attorney, will portray Harry Brock in the Albany Civic Theater's production of "Born Yesterday." The play opens on Friday, March 11 and closes March 26. Performances are at the Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Tickets \$7, are available by calling the box office at 462-1297 or at the door.

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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

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.

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.

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.

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.

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

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.

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

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, conservation advisory council, as required, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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.

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.

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

Fiction Lecture, on "Bread and Wine," by Ignazio Silone, with Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Lenten Service, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, general meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 4 p.m. Information, 439-6885.

Faith Lutheran Church, mid-week lenten service, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-6191.

THURSDAY 10
MARCH

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.

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 the fire house, 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.

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

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. 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.

Albany County Audubon Society, observation of Australia's Bicentennial, with Tim McCabe, Five Rivers, Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 436-9875.

"You Can't Take It With You," performed by the Bethlehem High School Drama Club, for senior citizens, Bethlehem High School, 8 p.m. Free, information, 439-6274.

AIDS Talk, on AIDS, by Dr. Sara Elmendorf, Bethlehem High School, 2:10 p.m. Information, 439-5679.

Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary, of the Department of New York, monthly meeting, Post Rooms, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2268.

Helderview Garden Club, meeting with Phyllis Rosenblum speaking on landscape design and perennials, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

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

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

"Nonsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through May 15. Tickets, 235-7969.

"My Three Angels," Riverview Productions, St. Mark's Dinner Theater, 10 North Main Ave., Albany, March 11-13, 7 p.m. Reservations, 463-2586.

"Born Yesterday," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, March 11-27. Tickets, 462-1297.

"Madame Butterfly," Moscow Musical Theater for Children, The Egg, Albany, March 11-16. Tickets, 443-5111.

"Chapter Two," Nott Memorial Theater, Union College, Schenectady, March 9, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

Sid Caesar with the Buddy Greco Quintet, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 11, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

DANCE

"All That Jazz," cabaret performances by Maude Baume and Company, eba Theater, Lark and Hudson, Albany, March 11-13. Reservations, 465-9916.

Multi-cultural dance movement, with Dyane Harvey-Salaam, College Center, Union College, Schenectady, March 11, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6172.

MUSIC

Organ Concert, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge St., Albany, March 11, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

Keith Brion and His New Sousa Band, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 10, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Capitol Hill Choral Society, "Forsaken of Man," Cathedral of All Saints, 62 South Swan St., March 11, 8 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra, family concert, Palace Theater, Albany, March 13, 3 p.m. Tickets, 465-4633.

Schenectady Symphony Orchestra, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 12, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-3884.

Christopher Parkening, guitarist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, Second and State St., Troy, March 15, 8 p.m. Tickets, 272-0046.

Relache, contemporary music ensemble, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 9, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

FOLK

Passages, folk duo, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, March 11, 8 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

Critton Hollow, St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, March 14, 8 p.m. Tickets, 765-2815.

Clancy Brothers with Robbie O'Connell and the Northeast Winds, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Duffy Brothers and Innis Free with the Michael Farrell School of Traditional Irish Dance, Albany City Arts Cabaret Theatre, March 11, 8 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

ART

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

Works of Shirley Grady, part of the Community Arts Series, Ravena Branch of the Catskill Savings Bank, Ravena, through April 8. Information, 372-3376.

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

"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.

"Constructions," works of Ed Owre, Gallery of the Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, through March 18. Information, 465-1481.

"Send Us a Lady Physician: Women Doctors in America, 1835-1920," State Museum, Albany, through May 1. Information, 474-5877.

"Christian Imagery in Contemporary Art," Rice Gallery, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 9. Information, 463-4478.

RCCA Landscape Competition Winning Entries, RCCA Gallery, 189 Second St., Troy, through March 18. Information, 273-0552.

"Works on Paper," by Alfred Leslie, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through March 29.

"Albany's Families: 350 Years of Growth and Change," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through May 29. Information, 463-4478.

"Furniture and Decorative Arts from the Permanent Collection," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2. Information, 463-4478.

Watercolors and Oil Paintings by Raymond A. Decker, Bethlehem Public Library, through March. Information, 439-3491.

FILM

"Hundred and Two Mature — Art of Harry Lieberman," State Museum, Albany, March 15, 12:10 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 9
MARCH

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Fire District Commissioners, meetings second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

Second Milers, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

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

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

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

Lenten Bible Study, on "Romans," with Rev. Richard Hibbert, Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

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FRIDAY 11 MARCH

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.

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

"You Can't Take it With You," performed by the Bethlehem High School Drama Club, Bethlehem High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6274.

Manhattan Clam Chowder Sale, Faith Lutheran Church, all day. Information, 439-2183.

Quilters United in Learning Together, monthly meeting with talk by Deborah Turbin, United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 477-9705.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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.

Car Wash, sponsored by the Voorheesville Fire Department, Fire House, School Rd., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Faith Lutheran Church, service with communion, 9 a.m., Sunday School and Adult Bible Study, 10 a.m. 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 439-6191.

SATURDAY 12 MARCH

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

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

"You Can't Take it With You," performed by the Bethlehem High School Drama Club, Bethlehem High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6274.

Bethlehem Art Association, meeting featuring Scott Brodie, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-6808.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, lenten bible study and fellowship, 8:30-10 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

Roast Beef Dinner and Dance, sponsored by the New Scotland Democratic Club, Clarksville Fire House, 7 p.m.-1 p.m.

St. Patrick's Day Diner Dance, with the Tune Toppers, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, cocktails, 6:30 p.m., dinner, 7:30 p.m. Reservations, 765-4712.

Community Quilting Bee, to complete a quilt for the library, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Bake Sale, to benefit the Blossoms Montessori, Grand Union, Delaware Plaza, 9 a.m.-noon.

MONDAY 14 MARCH

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.

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

A.C. Sparkplugs Dance, modern western square dancing featuring mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

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.

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.

SUNDAY 13 MARCH

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour; Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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Gardening Program, with Denise Campbell discussing water and container gardening, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Selkirk Fire District, board of commissioners meeting, Fire House Number 2, Glenmont, 8 p.m.

Sports Night, sponsored by the Parent Teacher Organization, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-7925.

Voorheesville Board of Education, meeting, Board Offices, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Mad Hatter's Tea Party, for pre-schoolers, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 15 MARCH

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

A.W. Becker PTA, meets second Tuesdays, Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

Slingerlands Fire District, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

Book Discussion, on contemporary biography and autobiographical fiction, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Pesticide Certification Training, to educate users of safe application procedures, William Rice Cooperative Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 1 p.m. Information, 765-3510.

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

American Association of Retired Persons, chapter meeting, with talk by Town Supervisor Robert Hendrick, United Methodist Church, Delmar.

Community Quilting Bee, to complete a quilt for the library, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

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.

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Delmar Progress Club, antique study group meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

Lenten Bible Study, on "Common People," with Rev. James Daley, Community United Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

Pops Concert, featuring concert band, stage band, choruses and soloists, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

Informational Meeting, on low-level radioactive waste disposal, sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Information, 456-0384.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, program, "A Look at Our Embroidery Chapter's Study Groups," Delmar United Methodist Church, 10 a.m. Information, 477-4511.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget work session, 90 Adams St., 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Public Hearing, on 257 Orchard St. and 75 Adams St., Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

THURSDAY 17 MARCH

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.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership. Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

Food Stamp Form Aid, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

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.

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

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. 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.

Historical Slide Program, "Music Halls and Movie Palaces," Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

FRIDAY 18 MARCH

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

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

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

Duplicate Bridge, all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

St. Patrick's Day Dinner Dance, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m.-1 a.m. Reservations, 765-4748.

Community Quilting Bee, to complete a quilt for the library, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 19 MARCH

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SUNDAY 20
MARCH

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Normansville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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.

South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 9
MARCH

Small Business Albany Presentation, State Issues, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 465-7511.

Book Reading, by Nancy Willard, winner of the Newbury Award for Children's Literature, Troy Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Illitis and Colitis Education Meeting, Cusack Auditorium, St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-0252.

Luncheon, honoring Merrill Lynch for its contribution to the Albany Symphony, Federal Room, SUNY Plaza, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

Slide Lecture, "Birds," by David Steadman, State Museum, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Talk, "Cyclosporine — Action, Inhibition and Toxicity," by Tom Rosano, Room, 205, Science Hall, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 2:45-4 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Plumbing Repairs Class, Delaware Branch of the Albany Public Library, 517 Delaware Ave., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 493-4267.

Law Lecture, "Women, Courts and the Constitution: Historical Perspectives," by Maren Stein and Barbara Ruhe Grumet, Kellas Formal Lounge, Russell Sage Troy Campus, 12:40 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

Baseball Card Show, Polish Community Show, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 5-9:30 p.m. Information, 377-0219.

Business Show, sponsored by the Schenectady County Chamber of Commerce, Ramada Inn, Nott St., Schenectady, 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

Foreign Relations Program, "Mexico and the U.S.: Ambivalent Allies," with Daniel Levy, Albany Public Library, noon. Information, 463-8173.

Women's Press Club, with presentation on self-motivation by Marjorie Wood, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 5:30 p.m. Information, 457-7463.

THURSDAY 10
MARCH

Mini-Convention, with sessions on home health care and nursing homes, Cohoes Multi-Service Citizen Center, Cayuga Plaza, Cohoes, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 436-1006.

Mohawk Chapter DAR, meeting with talk on "Vignettes of the USSR," William K. Sanford Town USSR, Colonie, 1:30 p.m. Information, 438-8746.

Art Lecture, "Critical Issues in American Art History," by James Kettlewell, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30-8 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"History of American Advertising", slide presentation, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

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

American Hostages Lecture, by Lawrence Martin Jenco and Peggy Say, Activities Center Gymnasium, College of Saint Rose, 404 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-5314.

Job Raising Advisory Board, of the Multiple Sclerosis Society, meeting, 421 New Karner Rd., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

FRIDAY 11
MARCH

Soroptomist Club, open lecture on the sexual exploitation of children with State Police Investigator Edmund Girtler, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-0737.

"Anything Goes", play, Cobleskill High School, Cobleskill, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

Association of Rental Property Owners, monthly meeting with discussion on mutual goals, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-3920.

SATURDAY 12
MARCH

Steamship Historical Society, performances, lectures and displays, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, noon-5 p.m. Information, 474-2096.

"Anything Goes", play, Cobleskill High School, Cobleskill, 7:30 p.m.

Children's Program, "Mobius Strips, Group Logic, and More Hands-On Puzzles," State Museum, Albany, 10:45 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5877.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, three and six mile races, State University at Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 482-3682.

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

Computer Orientation, to qualify individuals for using the Apple Computers, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10-11 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

Siblings Classes, to prepare youngsters for the arrival of newborn siblings, C-1 Dining Room, Albany Medical Center, Albany, 10-11:15 a.m. Information, 445-5162.

SUNDAY 13
MARCH

St. Paddy's Day 8K, starting and finishing at Boat Launch, Corning River Front Preserve, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 462-0222.

Our Savior's Lutheran School, science fair and open house, Mountainview Ave., Colonie, 2-4:30 p.m. Information, 456-9511.

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

Irish Concert, by Lucy McCaffrey, performances of traditional Irish Songs, tunes and stories, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

"Born Free", benefit performance for the AIDS Council of Northeastern New York, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m. Information, 434-1000.

Music Program, "The Years of Glory," featuring Antonio Vivaldi, State Museum, Albany, 3-4 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Camera-Photographica Show and Sale, Colonie Elks Club, Rt. 155 Latham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1880.

Toy Train Show, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group, meeting with discussion on personal issues, 421 New Karner Rd., Shaker Park West, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

MONDAY 14
MARCH

Brown Bag Lunch, with discussion on "Women and the Constitution: Perspectives for the Future," Hearing Room A, Legislative Office Building, Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 474-3612.

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Auditions, for "Equus," Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

Hispanic Affairs Conference, with workshops and speakers, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Information, 457-0749.

Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, meeting, State Museum, Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-1437.

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.

Fort Orange Chapter Daughters of the American Colonists, regular meeting with Dutch treat lunch, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Albany, 11:30 p.m. Information, 286-3283.

Hispanic Affairs Conference, with workshops and speakers, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-11 p.m. Information, 457-0749.

Book Review, with Dan DiNicola, "Bonfire of the Vanities," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Home Maintenance Class, on tile repairs, Albany County Cooperative Extension, 230 Green St., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

American Diabetes Association, open house, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

WEDNESDAY 16 MARCH

American Association of the University Women, meeting with Assemblywoman Helen Weinstein, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2526.

American Diabetes Parents Group, meeting with presentation on the Clara Barton Camp and the Joslin Camp for Boys, 50 Colvin Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

Soviet Program, "The Soviet Union: Gorbachev's Reforms," Albany Public Library, noon. Information, 463-8173.

Fashion Luncheon, held by the Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Desmond Americana, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

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Girl, Katrina Marie, to Karen and Clifford Deering, South Bethlehem, Feb. 18.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Pamela Nicole, to Liza and Robert Tougher, Delmar, Feb. 15.

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Boy, John Joseph, to Bernadette and Jim Pedlow, Glenmont, Sept. 30, 1987.

Girl, Robyn Nicole, to Melanie and Stuart Henderson, Feura Bush, Jan. 18.

Girl, Caitlin Marie, to Christine and John Prehn, Selkirk, Jan. 20.

Girl, Jill Catherine, to Dr. and Mrs. John Malfetano, Voorheesville, Jan. 31.

Girl, Lydia Kate, to Deborah and John Cullinan, Delmar, Feb. 1

Girl, Lauren Anita, to Lori and John Scott, Selkirk, Feb. 1.

Boy, Joshua Lee, to Lauren and Robert Finkle, Delmar, Feb. 1.

Boy, Benjamin Stephen, to Lisa and Bruce Finkle, Delmar, Feb. 3.

Boy, Jason Akio, to Dr. and Mrs. Randall Safarik, Delmar, Feb. 4.

Girl, Nicole Lynn to Glorianne and Joseph, Angermeier, Glenmont, Feb. 4.

Boy, Matthew David, to Mr. and Mrs. David Koonz, Selkirk, Feb. 9.

Boy, Andrew James, to Lisa and James Tang-Harder, Delmar, Feb. 9.

Boy, Matthew John, to Karen and John Belgiovine, Voorheesville, Feb. 9.

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TUESDAY 15 MARCH

Art Films, part of the "Perspective on Art" series, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Capitol Hill Choral Society, first rehearsal for spring concert, Philip Schuyler Concert Hall, North Lake Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-7022.

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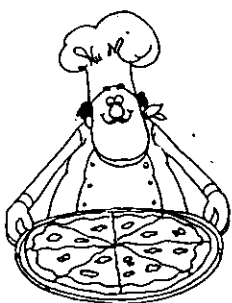
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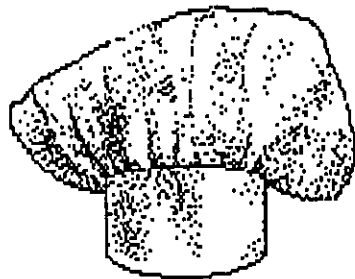
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Staff forums, communications top BC mission plans

By Patricia Mitchell

Monthly forums for staff members, a play to help transition into the middle school and community consultations to form a district mission statement are some of the ideas the school board's steering committees are working on.

The steering committees are working on the Bethlehem Central school board's goals for the year. The goals, approved by the school board last September on recommendation of Superintendent Leslie Loomis, are to assess the educational program and determine its future direction, to increase staff involvement and recognition, improve communication within the district, and to make decisions on future enrollment and facilities needs.

An update on the steering committees work was given to the school board Wednesday.

To promote more interaction and understanding among all staff members, Nancy Mackey, of the staffing committee, said communication is essential and monthly forums will begin in March in each school for staff members to bring up issues and concerns. The forums will be overseen by a facilitator who will

take the staff's concerns to a switching committee that will in turn channel them to be resolved or answered. There will also be a central switching committee for the whole district, she said.

The committee is also concerned that all staff members participate in a communications workshop but that is still being worked on, Mackey said.

Board member Marjory O'Brien invited Mackey to participate with the process committee between the school board and the unions. Mackey said she was not aware of the committee, which was formed a few years ago after extended negotiations between the school board and the teachers union.

Student assistance, school-community communications, transition between buildings and community-school activities are areas of concern of the communications committee, said Susanne Hudacs, chairman. The committee was working on an "umbrella theme" for the school and community but decided to assist Elizabeth Iseman, director of the Bethlehem Substance Abuse Prevention Project, and use the project's theme instead.

Middle school Principal Fred

Burdick will visit the elementary schools and a play is being put together to ease the transition into middle school, Hudacs said. An internal newsletter for the district may be published and a calendar of school activities may be aired over the Bethlehem Channel, she said.

The committee working on assessing the district's education is now compiling the resources and the environment of BC for the next decade, said George Sussman. Later this year those in the community will be consulted on forming the mission statement, goals and objectives for the next decade.

The preliminary mission statement will be drafted by January, 1989, with more consultations with the community. The final statement will be prepared by May, 1989.

Sussman said the critical part of the process is extensive consultation with all those in the community and the committee has tried to build that in.

The work of the assessment committee could be the major piece of business next year, Loomis said.

The facilities and enrollment

committee has met twice to analyze the task forces' reports and their implications, Loomis said. The committee is also scheduling at least two public sessions.

The committee is expected to draft recommendations on how to handle an expected rise in enrollment for the school board's consideration by May, with a decision due by June.

Musical concerns

In other business, Loomis said there has been some concern about whether the high school will have its musical this year and he wants to assure the community that there is one. The lighting and the sound system in the auditorium may not be up to the standards of a school district like BC, and there is a proposal in the budget for \$33,000 to upgrade the systems. In a budget workshop following the meeting, the school board took no action on the proposal.

The district is also making arrangements at a facility it uses for storage near the high school for storing some props, Loomis said. Plus, the district is making funds available through the school's accounts for legitimate expenses and in turn profits from the play would reimburse the accounts. He said seed money to fund the plays have been accrued

through past years' productions, but last year's play was not especially profitable.

"We expect to have a show this year and an excellent musical," Loomis said.

Glenmont outdoor program

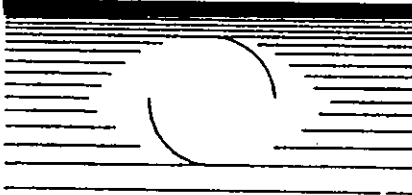
The BC school board also approved the Glenmont School's Outdoor Education Program slated for the week of Oct. 24 at Koldbrook, Conn.

This will be the second year the fifth grade class will be attending the week-long Nature's Classroom. School Principal Donald Robillard said parents found it was not a "traumatic" experience for children. Four students out of 64 did not go on the trip last fall and three attended for three nights.

Parents raise a major part of the cost through fundraising and Robillard said this keeps them directly involved and avoids having the children doing soliciting. Without the fundraising, Robillard said, he doesn't think the program is a viable option. The PTA will absorb the costs if a student cannot afford all or some of the trip.

Board member Sheila Fuller said some items that were sold for fundraising last year were not appropriate, such as holiday ornaments.

Board member Pamela Williams



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said four of her children went through the Nature's Classroom program and they all profited from it.

Parent: keep education paramount

By Patricia Mitchell

The committee working on options for enrollment and building needs in the Bethlehem Central school district was urged last week to make decisions that will represent the best education for all students and not just solve space problems.

There is an unusual opportunity for the facilities and enrollment committee — a chance to sell to the community a plan to enhance education, said one parent at the committee's public input meeting Thursday. The committee cannot separate space and education problems and it should use this chance to be visionary, he said.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said everyone feels the space problem in the schools. He said he hopes the community keeps an open mind about solutions. No solution will be perfect and will satisfy everyone, but the committee is asking for open minds, he said.

As a newcomer to the district, Loomis said he believes the issue wasn't addressed before because some parents were unwilling to be reasonable about solutions to overcrowding. If solutions are eliminated because they are distasteful to some people then the district will run out of solutions, he said. Loomis said he doesn't want to see the community falling into the same trap.

The committee is working on developing options for the school

board's consideration on how to handle projected growing enrollment with limited building space. According to reports by the facilities and enrollment task forces, enrollment is projected to grow by 16 percent by the year 2000 but space needs are already tight in BC schools.

The committee is slated to present its options to the school board in May and the board has said it plans to make its decisions by the end of June.

Some of the options the board is considering as feasible include new construction, a new elementary school, moving kindergarten to a secondary school and getting fuller use out of the Clarksville School, Loomis said.

Some of the options now considered not feasible include running split sessions, holding school year round, constructing new classrooms in the basement of the Elsmere School, sharing space with another district, starting kindergarten in January and September, accelerating some high school students, renting classrooms and moving administrative offices.

Robert Mark of Elm Estates said he believes the district needs another school, and the committee should be deciding where it should be, what it should look like and how to sell it to the taxpayers. He said he hopes the committee would have the courage to say a new school is needed and that

that if it isn't approved then the school district is in danger.

If the committee comes up with a reasonable plan, Mark said, he will dig deep into his pocket to pay for it and he will spend as much time as he can to urge people to vote for it.

Other concerns raised at Thursday's meeting include:

- Space needs at the Glenmont School. A parent said his daughter was put into a combined third and fourth grade class and he believes it was done because there were an overabundance of fourth graders. He also said he has a child starting kindergarten next year is concerned about the possibility that the kindergarten sections may go to another school. Another Glenmont parent also said he was concerned that his children are facing a space crunch.

- The committee should not adopt a minimalist approach when forming its options, said one parent. If there was adequate planning in the past then the district would have been able to foresee its problems, he said. Another parent said the committee needs to get accurate predictions for enrollment.

- Taxes to pay for the various

options have to be kept in mind, said one speaker.

- Kindergarteners or first graders should not ride on buses with middle or high school students, said another speaker.

- Kindergarten is an educational program and not daycare for parents, said another.

Loomis said another public input session will be held before the committee finishes its work.

'Can't Take It With You' BCHS drama offering

Act 1, the drama club at Bethlehem Central High School, will present Kaufman and Hart's comedy "You Can't Take It With You," in the newly renovated high school auditorium on March 11 and 12 at 8 p.m.

Geoff Rice, Lynne Silber, Sara Stasko and Roger Downs lead a talented cast directed by Lisa Babiskin and James Yeara.

Tickets are available at the door, as well as The Paper Mill and Tri Village Drugs. Adult admission is \$4 and student tickets are \$3.

A free preview performance for senior citizens only will be held on Thursday, March 10.

Student exchange program

The school board also agreed to hear more about a high school student exchange program between the district and a "sister" community. The board stipulated it was not a commitment to approve any future proposals.

Loomis said he knows there are legitimate concerns about an exchange program but he was just asking the school board to allow the district to look into programs and discuss guidelines.

Board member Bernard Harvith said he would have trouble in approving a program that was not open to all students because of cost and he asked how the district would handle those situations.

The board adjourned into an executive session at the end of the meeting to discuss personnel matters but Loomis said no action was taken.

The next regular meeting of the school board is scheduled for Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m.

Reeves undecided on second term

Charles Reeves, a member of the Bethlehem Central school board, has made no decision yet on whether he will seek reelection this spring.

Reeves' seat is one of two that will be filled during the school district's annual May budget vote. Board President Robert Ruslander announced two weeks ago that he will not seek reelection this year.

Reeves said over the weekend he does not know if he will run for his second, three-year term, and he is giving it a lot of thought. He said a lot of people have talked to him about his seat.

The filing deadline for the school board election is April 4, and the vote will be on May 4.

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□ Costs for asbestos

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Loomis said. Other districts are also scrambling for consultants, he said, and they are concerned about the cost and the liability. Some are also in the middle of major building projects that could be delayed because of the new requirements.

BC should call U.S. Rep. Sam Stratton for information on legislation and to see if a list of approved consultants exists, said board member Bernard Harvith. The state School Boards Association should also be contacted for legislation to make the consultants fees state aidable.

There is \$20,000 in the current budget to start the work, Zwicklbauer said. The additional funds could come out of the 1985 capital improvements bond issue, but the money may not be in there. If a plan is not prepared by Oct. 12, he said the district could be fined \$25,000 for each day it is not in compliance.

Also at Wednesday's workshop, the school board learned its state aid ratio has gone up because the district is not as wealthy as it used to be, Zwicklbauer said. Under the present state aid formula, which could be changing in this election year, BC is eligible for \$330,000 more in state aid.

The aid ratio is determined by two factors — the property wealth behind each student compared to the average in the

state, and the income taken from the state income tax forms behind each student compared to the state average. Zwicklbauer said BC has always and still does exceed the state average, but the ratios have increased. The operating aid under the current formula has gone from \$411 per student to \$590, and the aid ratio on buildings has gone from 31 to 36 percent.

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

The board will then pick and chose among new programs and staffing to add onto the fundamental budget when building its proposed budget.

The fundamental operating budget has been proposed at \$22,349,645, an increase of 9.66 percent over this year's budget. Changes in the fundamental budget by the school board Wednesday include:

- Decreasing the natural gas expenditure by \$21,000 in the operations and maintenance budget to \$204,000.
- Decreasing the propane expenditure in transportation by \$1,000.
- Decreasing employee health insurance by \$20,745 to \$1,187,055

and the life insurance by \$1,000 to \$22,000 in the fringe benefits account.

- Allocating \$140,790 for equipment that includes about \$22,000 for a computer assisted design class at the high school, down from \$216,875. The school board will be given a list of proposals to consider.

- Agreed to accept \$90,000 in additional revenue due to an increase in its Capital Fund investments.

Under first priority proposals, the school board:

- Decided against spending \$9,000 for more parking at the high school and \$75,000 for a dust collecting system in middle school technology classrooms under the operations and maintenance budget.

- Also under the operations and maintenance budget, it agreed to allocate \$10,000 to modify six elementary classrooms for art, music and Challenge spaces. The school board approved a plan two weeks ago that would have most of the rooms used by those subjects as regular classrooms because of an expected significant increase in students. Loomis said the cost may change somewhat if the school board doesn't agree to additional teachers for the classrooms.

- Agreed to spend \$30,000 for the first year of a new elementary reading series.

- Agreed to cut its BOCES expenditure by \$22,000 because the district is considering having three classes of its own for handicapped students.

The school board is expected to discuss at its next workshop Wednesday (today) proposals to buy either three or six buses plus an eight-passenger wagon with a wheel chair lift. According to the replacement plan, BC is due to replace three buses this year at \$142,527, but the school board is considering bonding for two years' buses. Loomis said the four extra buses may be needed next year because of increasing enrollment and BC is talking of expanding its daycare program. However, if the additional four buses were purchased then more bus drivers would be needed.

The board is also expected to



The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will hold its annual spring luncheon on April 26 at noon at the Normanside Country Club. Pictured are guest speaker Assemblyman John Faso and, left to right, club officers Peg Mull, Maureen Swan, Helen Pelersi, Kathleen Noonan and Joan Pittz. Call 439-5810, 439-3052 or 439-6528 for reservations.

discuss proposals that would start a district-wide roof-replacement program at \$191,000, to restore all lighting levels that were reduced in the energy crunch several years ago at \$21,500, and to improve the high school auditoriums stage lighting and sound system at \$33,000. Information on staffing, state aid and results of a daycare needs survey are expected to be given.

The school board will meet at 7:30 p.m.

School board to hold budget work session

A special budget work session will immediately follow the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education's regular business meeting on Wednesday, March 16, at 8 p.m. in the Educational Services Center at 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

Public input is invited and encouraged by the board.

After this meeting, there will be only one other budget meeting, on March 23, for reviewing budget proposals and considering the projected tax rate. At a March 30 meeting the board will adopt a proposed 1988-89 school year budget to send to voters.

BCHS student beaten in woods behind school

A student at Bethlehem Central High School received 12 stitches for cuts following a fight last Monday in the woods behind the school, Bethlehem police said. The 16-year-old boy was beaten by a 17-year-old boy who was not a BC student, police said.

Police said that no arrest was made and no charges were pressed at the request of the BC student's parents. The 17-year-old youth was advised not to go near the school, police said.

Former hostage to speak at St. Rose

The College of St. Rose Center for Mideast Studies will hold a lecture by Fr. Lawrence Jenco and Peggy Say on Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the college activities center.

Jenco was abducted and held captive for 19 months by Shiite Moslem extremists and has been working for the release of hostages in Lebanon while speaking about the solutions to the problems of that region.

Say has been working for three years for the release of her brother, Associated Press journalist Terry Anderson.

The lecture is open to the public. For information, call 458-5314.

Bake sale slated

A bake sale, sponsored by the parents of students of the Montessori Learning Program, will be held Saturday, March 12 from 9 a.m. to noon at the Grand Union in Delaware Plaza.

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□ Working for DWI reform

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rights, and pushing for changes in legislation that applies to drunk drivers.

She runs the DWI Victims' Hotline (518-439-0712) from an office in her home. She will sometimes spend an hour or more with one caller to provide needed support, referrals, information and victim assistance. She writes letters and attends meetings and conferences related to drunk driving.

"What you need is people willing to speak, voice opinions no matter how polished or simple their expression," said Mrs. Martin.

As president of the Albany County chapter of Remove Intoxicated Drivers (RID) and regional representative and past president of RID-New York State, Betty Martin has been promoting changes in the laws that apply to drunk drivers. She is also involved with the Michele Cathleen Committee for Legislation Against Drunk Driving (MCCLADD), a group named in memory of Michele Martin and Cathleen Quinn. Quinn was killed in another Rt. 85 collision with a drunken driver last summer.

"It still persists today that drunk driving is not a serious crime because everybody drinks," said Mrs. Martin. She said the law is not uniformly enforced from one county to the next and has many loopholes that allow for delays and dismissals.

Mrs. Martin said she would like to see a law passed to require mandatory blood alcohol tests for any driver involved in a fatal or single-car accident. "Right now

you can refuse to have your blood tested." She said that while one tenth of a percent blood alcohol content is the legal level of intoxication, reaction time, vision and judgement is disturbed at four hundredths of a percent.

Mrs. Martin explained that a person who is picked up for drunk driving may not appear in court for six months to a year. In the meantime, if the same individual is picked up for drunk driving again, Mrs. Martin said, he won't be charged with felony DWI unless he has been convicted on the earlier charge, or some other misdemeanor DWI.

Mrs. Martin supports giving police officers the authority to temporarily seize the driver's license and issue a 10 or 20-day temporary license at the time of a drunk driving arrest. She said this measure would cut out legal maneuvers to postpone proceedings. "It will really close a lot of loopholes for the multiple offender drunk driver," said Mrs. Martin.

"Driving is not a right," she said. "Driving is a restricted privilege. DWI is also an offense."

Mrs. Martin is opposed to adjournment in contemplation of dismissal for DWI cases.

She said she would like to see the minimum alcohol purchase age of 21 enforced and sanctions imposed on the underage drinker who presents false proof of age.

"Alcohol is a legal substance with illegal consequences," said Mrs. Martin. She explained that RID and MCCLADD promote personal choice and do not stand on any legal prohibition of alcohol.

"We know we cannot legislate

morality," Mrs. Martin said. "However, the illegal consequences are criminal consequences and should be treated as such."

Mrs. Martin presents an introductory lesson to state trooper trainees that serves as a victim sensitization program. "We train the state troopers so that they will know the victim's point of view," she said.

A total of 15 deaths in Albany County during 1986 were the result of DWI crashes, according to Mrs. Martin. "That doesn't count injuries."

While she sees a need for legislative reform, Mrs. Martin said community education has brought improvements, including designated drivers, non-alcohol community activities and sobriety checkpoints.

"We've come a long way. Everywhere you go people are talking about avoiding DWI," Mrs. Martin said.

Despite the countless hours spent confronting a community problem that killed her daughter six years ago, however, Mrs. Martin still feels the loss.

"The pain hasn't changed. The loss hasn't changed," she said. "I don't think there is a waking moment that it's not just hanging over your heart. It's just an indescribable void."

Next week: An area woman works with professionals and legislators to build a constituency for changes in DWI legislation.

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□ Moquin

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Quinn's car despite the attempt by Alice Quinn, who was driving, to avoid the collision. Alice Quinn suffered multiple injuries in the crash, while Brian Quinn escaped unhurt.

Moquin admitted she was speeding, drunk and in the wrong lane at the time of the accident, Dwyer said. The driving while intoxicated charge is a felony because Moquin had a prior conviction for DWI. She had gone through a mandatory drinking driver program as a result of that conviction.

Moquin faces a sentence of 5 to 15 years on the manslaughter charge, Dwyer said, adding that the other charges Moquin pled to carry sentences of two and one third to seven years. Sentencing was set by Turner for April 11.

The second degree murder charge was unusual in a DWI fatality because the prosecution

would have had to prove "depraved indifference" to human life. If she had been convicted of the second degree murder charge, Moquin would have been facing a minimum of 15 to 25 years in prison with the maximum sentence being life, Dwyer said. Judge Turner ruled that Moquin acted without considering the consequences, and dropped the charge, allowing the defendant to plead guilty to all of the remaining charges.

"We didn't know anything about it," District Attorney Sol Greenberg said Tuesday of the Turner's decision. In earlier plea bargaining sessions, Greenberg said, the DA's office had been holding out for a sentence of four to 12 years. "My guess is she will get three to nine," he said.

Greenberg said his office tried to contact the Quinn family Monday but they are apparently out of town. "It's too bad," he said. Greenberg said he has not yet decided whether to appeal Turner's decision.

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High school plans concert

Music will be in the air next Wednesday, March 16, as the high school music groups present their spring "Pops" concert at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The concert band and stage band will perform under the direction of Frank McDermott. The chorus and chorale will be directed by Margaret Dorgan.

Highlights will include: Sousa's "Rifle Regiment March," presented by the concert band; a Stevie Wonder medley, stage band; "Memory," chorus, and "I Sing the Body Electric," chorale.

All are welcome to attend the free program.

Car wash at firehouse

The Voorheesville Fire Department will sponsor a car wash on Sunday, March 13, from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m. at the firehouse on School Rd. Donation is \$4 per car. All are welcome to attend.

St. Patrick's Day celebrated

St. Matthew's Men's Association will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a dance at St. Matthew's Church, Mountainview Rd., Voorheesville, on Friday, March 18, beginning at 7 p.m.

The evening will begin with a cocktail hour at 7 p.m., followed by a dinner buffet at 8 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$14 per person and may be purchased by calling Jack Stevens at 765-4350, Bill St. Denis at 765-4748 or Tom Walters at 765-2768.

Legion dance set for Saturday

The Voorheesville American Legion is organizing a St. Patrick's Day dinner-dance on Saturday, March 12, at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave.

The evening will include cocktails at 6:30 p.m., a corned beef and cabbage dinner at 7:30 p.m., and dancing to music of the Tune Toppers from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m.

Tickets are \$10 per person and may be obtained by calling the legion hall at 765-4712.

School board meetings open

The Voorheesville Board of Education will meet this month on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the district offices at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School. All are welcome.

Garden club meets tomorrow

The Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. in the social hall of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Guest speaker Phyllis Roseblum will discuss landscape design and perennials at 8 p.m. All are invited.

CYO hosts tournament

St. Matthew's CYO Basketball program will host an invitational tournament on Saturday and Sunday, March 12 and 13, at the LaSalette Center in Altamont. Third and fourth grade pee wee boy's teams will play from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. The fifth and sixth grade biddy girl's teams will play from 2:30 until 4:30 p.m. All are welcome to cheer for their favorite teams.

Hoop shoot winners announced

On the subject of basketball,



Mike Burns, New Scotland Elks Club hoop shoot chairman, presents Kristen Person with a trophy for her achievement in the club's recent hoop shoot. She advanced to the state finals.

the New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611 has announced the winners of its recent hoop shoot.

Brandon Emerick placed first and Jeff Stewart placed second among the 8- and 9-year-old boys. Among the boys 10 and 11 years, Mike Beadnell placed first and Sean Devine placed second. Greg Sullivan and Kevin Meade were first and second in the boys 12 and 13 years.

Kristin Person placed first and Robin Van Alstyne placed second among the girls 8 and 9 years. Darcy Langford and Kelly Griffin placed first and second in the girls 10 and 11 years division. Among the 12- and 13-year-old girls, Courtney Langford placed first and Jamie Seh placed second.

The players advanced to the State Capital District Shoot held at Watervliet High School where Kristin Person won first place honors. Darcy and Courtney

Langford placed second in their respective divisions.

According to Mike Burns, hoop shoot chairman for the area Elks club, Kristin Person advanced to the state competition in Amsterdam. She is the daughter of George and Andrea Person of Voorheesville and is a third grade student at Voorheesville Elementary School.

Kindergartners' parents invited

The Voorheesville Central School District officials will soon meet with parents whose children will be entering kindergarten in the fall. The meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

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□ AIDS education

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mittee will talk about how to expand the current program and how to add AIDS education at the elementary school.

An in-house committee was formed to study the new Regent's AIDS instructional guide, address staff needs and evaluate the district's current health program, Leach said.

"A fair amount of staff were concerned that they didn't have enough information," Leach said. He said that staff members had a two-hour workshop by the American Red Cross to update information and explain the rationale for incorporating AIDS education. The program was to make district teachers "feel comfortable" with AIDS education.

Upon completion of that program, the in-house committee brought its recommendations to the board. "The suggestions we have are only suggestions to pass on to the district-wide committee," Leach said.

The committee's recommendations were:

- To supplement the existing health program at the kindergarten through grade three level. Lessons on the difference between communicable and non-communicable diseases and on types of behavior that lead to positive personal health would be taught, Leach said. He added that it would not have to be taught at every grade level, but that the decision would be up to the district-wide committee and the board.

- To implement AIDS education with the health unit on drugs, alcohol and tobacco at the grade four through six level.

AIDS education would "fit nicely" into the unit, Leach said. The material could be incorporated into the unit on systems of the body, good health care and regular medical care, he said. It was also suggested that the material could be implemented into the grade five and six program on sexuality.

- To continue teaching about AIDS at the junior high level in the seventh grade. Information is presented on what the disease is, how it is transmitted and how transmittal is prevented, he said. He added that AIDS information had been taught at the junior high for four years.

- To continue teaching AIDS education as part of the required grade 10 or 11 health class taken by most Voorheesville students. The instruction would be part of the review of human sexuality unit.

Leach also recommended to the board that a health teacher teach part of the AIDS unit at the elementary level since a health instructor would be more comfortable with the topic and more up-to-date.

The new curriculum is expected to be ready to teach by September, Leach said.

Following the presentation by Leach, board President Mary Van Ryn said the board "needed to come up with a policy on (admitting) students having AIDS." She wanted the issue to be addressed by the community committee. District Superintendent Louise Gonan said that the policy was not "the function of the committee."

Board member Joseph Fernandez said that if a family with a child

who had AIDS moved into the district, the child would by law have to be educated and the district would have a "limited choice of action." He suggested that the board wait to deal with the situation if it arose.

Gonan said she would like to have a policy concerning the enrollment of students with the disease. Van Ryn said she "may bring up the issue again" for the board to decide on.

Voorheesville school bus involved in crash

A collision involving a Voorheesville school bus and a car driven by 17-year-old Slingerlands teen is under investigation by the Albany County Sheriffs Department. The incident occurred Friday morning when the driver of the car apparently lost control, slid across Westover Rd. in New Scotland and struck the bus, deputies said. Deputies said only minor damage was sustained by the bus and there were no major injuries. No charges were filed.

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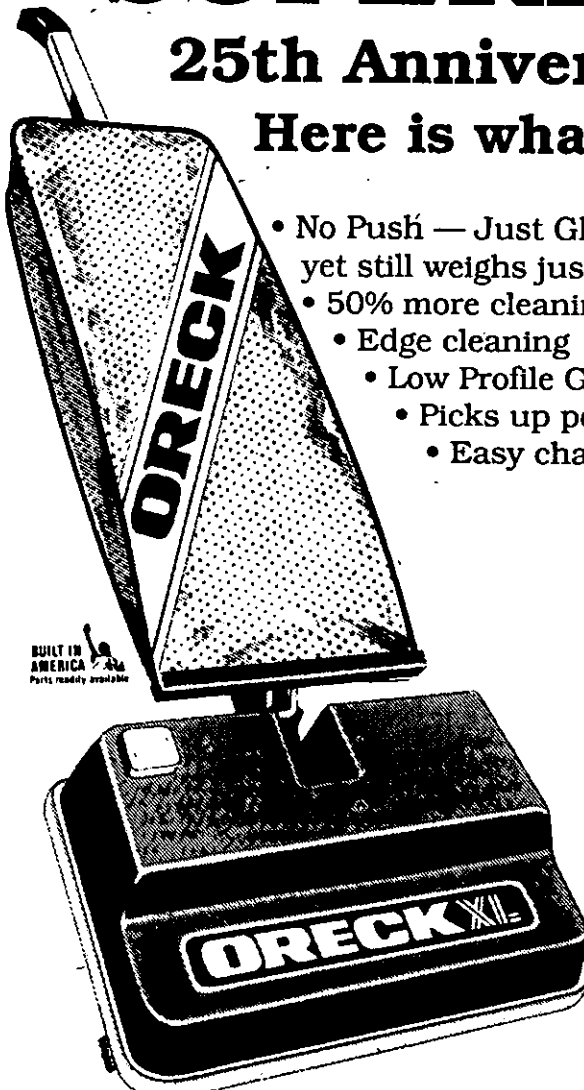
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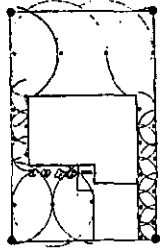
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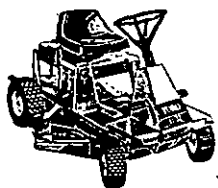
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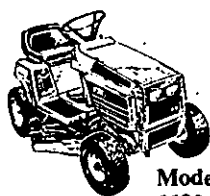


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Probst likes her clerk work

By Patricia Mitchell

With the "changing of the guard" early this year in New Scotland town government, Edita "Edie" Probst began her first term as town clerk.

Probst, who had served as tax collector for 10 years, is no stranger to town government but she is finding that being town clerk is very busy, as well as educating and interesting.

"I love it," she said. "I really enjoy it. I enjoy meeting the people."

Probst was elected to the position in November, garnering the most votes in the town-wide election. Her popularity is evident outside the voting booth, too, as many people greet her as she enters a local diner on a recent afternoon.

She succeeds former long-time town clerk Corinne Cossac, who lost her bid for the supervisor's post. However, Cossac stayed on at town hall for January to help Probst out and she is also available for help now.

"I was lucky to have her," Probst said, pointing out that most clerks usually leave at the end of their terms.

As town clerk, Probst is the keeper of the records, takes



Edita Probst

minutes at town board meetings, prepares bills for auditing by the town board, sells dog licenses, hunting licenses and marriage licenses, and is the town registrar.

"I'm finding out it's a lot of paperwork — everything is in triplicate," she said with her easy smile and laugh.

Probst said her aim as town clerk is to serve the people the best she knows how. Residents can call her at home for anything they might need, and town

records are always open for anyone who wants to see what the town has done. Probst said she may open town hall for a few hours on Saturday during hunting season to sell licenses.

For the town, Probst's aim is much larger. Probst said she would like to see neighbors caring about their other town neighbors. She said she is saddened to see some residents, especially at town meetings, expound on the good of New Scotland as long as it doesn't affect them.

"We are one community," Probst said.

She said she also believes that elected officials should put politics aside and politics should not enter into any decision-making. Probst, a Republican, said she has a good relationship with Supervisor Herbert Reilly, a Democrat who was also elected to his post in November, and with the other councilmen and she believes it is because they have put politics aside for the good of the town.

Probst has been a resident of the town for 24 years, the first six and a half outside of Clarksville and then on Nancy La. in Voorheesville. She and her husband, Ellsworth, have three children.

Board adds teaching slots

The Voorheesville Central school board received proposals to eliminate a technologies and half-time English teaching positions and to create a humanities coordinator position.

Changes in district teaching staff size were part of the budget information the school board received from Superintendent Louise Gonan at Thursday's special budget meeting. The school board took no action on the proposals.

Gonan told the board that the budget figures they received as part of its on-going budget process included the deletion of one technologies teaching position at the high school and the deletion of a one-half English teaching position, which she was recommending pending board approval. She also recommended the elimination of the nurse-

teacher position to be replaced by the addition of a registered nurse.

The addition of two one-quarter teaching positions in health at the high school and music at the elementary school were also recommended by Gonan. The addition of these positions would make two teachers, who are presently teaching three-quarters time, full time, she said.

Gonan recommended the creation of a humanities coordinator position. The coordinator would be responsible for developing curriculum with programs in art, music, social studies and English, she said. She said that the coordination of the programs would allow topics from different subject areas to be incorporated in various programs.

Gonan said that the budget did not represent any changes in the

staff size at the elementary school since the decision had been made to wait to get a clearer picture of enrollment at the school.

At the meeting, the board also set a May 10 date for its annual meeting.

The school board will work more on the proposed 1988-89 budget during its regular meeting at 7:30 p.m., Monday, March 14. *Sal Prividera*

American Legion Auxiliary to meet

The Voorheesville Unit 1493, American Legion Auxiliary Department of New York, will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, March 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the post. Membership dues are to be paid to the membership chairman at that time. Refreshments will be served.

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Loan, land approval for Clarksville water

By Patricia Mitchell

The New Scotland Town Board has approved an option to buy the well site land for the Clarksville Water District and to borrow more money for expected cost overruns for the project.

The actions came at a meeting heavily attended by citizens interested in the town board's discussions on the Tall Timbers mining case. The board took no action on that case, but handled a number of other issues, including comments on the nearby Galesi development.

The town learned earlier this year that it is in danger of losing its federal funding for the Clarksville water project because construction had not started almost two years after the funds were approved, and that it could face a cost overrun of almost \$136,000. The project has been delayed because the town has not acquired the well site land or the tank site.

Town Attorney Fred Riester said the town has an option to buy 11 acres on the Howard Wisenburn farm, about two miles south of the hamlet on Rt. 32, where the wells are located. The sale will be completed when the land is surveyed and title work is done, in about two weeks to a month, he said. Riester declined to reveal the purchase price until the sale is completed.

The town also has an option to buy land for the tank site on Stove Pipe Rd. in the hamlet. Riester said there is a verbal agreement for the town to purchase the pump site, and he is still working on that deal.

New Scotland has to acquire

New Scotland

the land by April 1 and construction has to start on the district by July 1 in order to meet a new timetable worked out by town and federal officials.

The town board also approved borrowing an additional \$209,500 from the Farmers Home Administration (FmHA) to cover projected cost overruns and to seek authorization from the state comptroller to increase the cost of the district. The cost of the project is now set at \$2,025,000.

The town has already borrowed \$400,000 from FmHA and \$100,000 for a district loan. The FmHA and the federal department of Housing and Urban Development granted the town \$1.339 million for the project.

Bridge work

In other business at Wednesday's meeting, the town board authorized C.T. Male, the town's engineers, to examine the Cass Hill and Wolf road bridges for repairs. Both bridges are owned by the town. The Cass Hill bridge has been closed and the Wolf Hill bridge, left open by the town for convenience, is threatened with closing because of state and federal regulations that bridges with a two-ton weight limit should be closed.

Albany County is planning some repair work by the fall on the Plank Rd. bridge, a county-maintained bridge that is also closed because of the two-ton weight limit.

Tall Timbers review

As lead agency for the environmental review of the proposed Tall Timbers development by the Galesi Group, the town board also received impact statements from the state Department of Transportation and the New Salem Fire Department. Joseph Doherty, of the planning and development department for Region I of DOT, said there is no direct access to a state road from the development so no permits are required from the state.

However, he said, there is a concern about the railroad crossing on Hilton Rd., and its condition, surface, approach grades and crossing control devices should be considered in light of an expected increase in traffic. Doherty suggested Galesi, the town, DOT, and Guilford Transportation should review the crossing.

A new station may be needed by the New Salem Fire Department closer to the east side of town, and Chief Louis Donato suggested Galesi could donate a piece of property and establish a building and truck fund to help offset the costs. He said the nearest station across from Long Lumber on Rt. 85 holds one pumper and is adequate for current fire protection but won't be with future developments.

Donato also said any bridges that are built should be able to withstand the weight of the department's heaviest equipment, 80,000 pounds, and hydrants of adequate size should be installed with a water district or a pumping station at one of the ponds should

be used with a dry hydrant system.

The town board has been holding closed, "executive sessions" to discuss the litigation on the Larned and Son mining case, and the town hall was packed with citizens apparently drawn by a flier from Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, which opposes a settlement of the case. Concerned Citizens met recently with the board to exchange views. However, the board took no action on that issue.

In other action, the town board:

- Appointed Sam Stein of Derbyshire Rd., Clarksville, to the planning board. He fills the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mabel Brate earlier this year. Presently a property tax consultant and a graduate of Washington Square College in New York City, Stein was an unsuccessful Democratic candidate for the town board in 1983.

- Learned the Town of Guilderland may be willing to talk of extending water to Wormer and Normanskill roads in the fall. Supervisor Kevin Moss said in a letter that it is premature for Guilderland to talk of providing

water to outside residents now because it is considering expanding its water treatment plant and looking at another source of water.

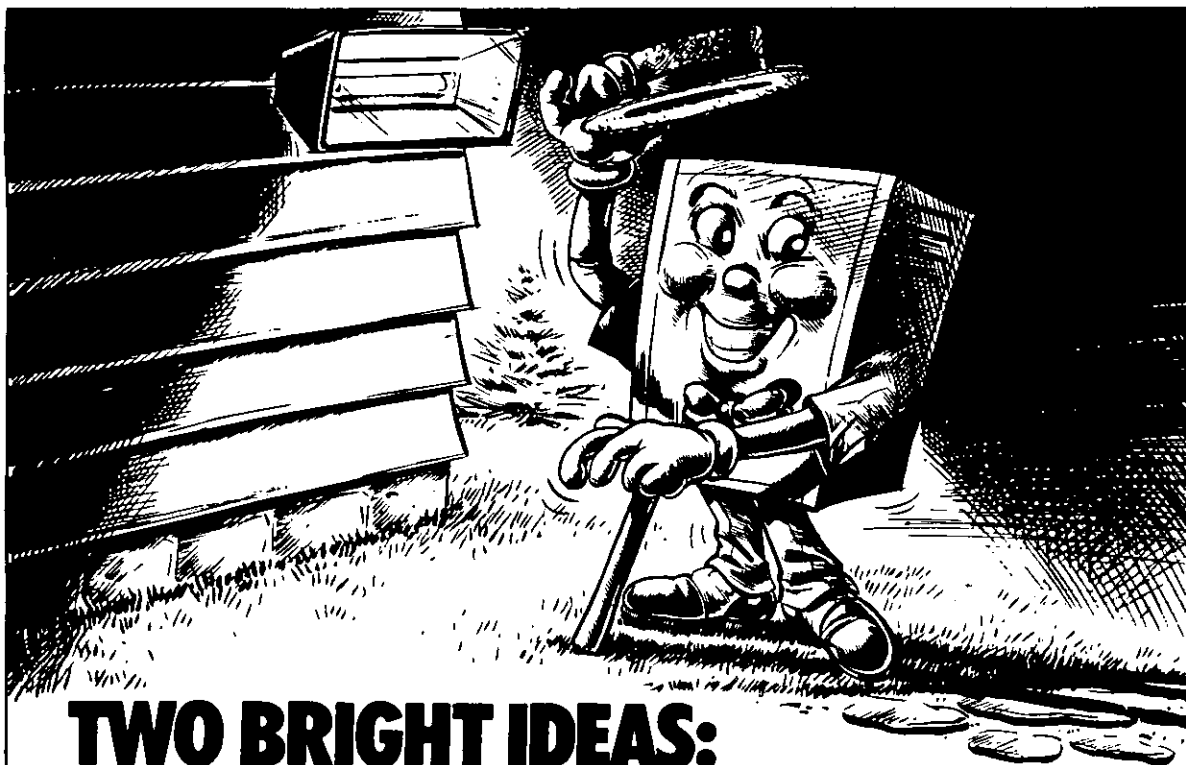
- Learned the state Department of Transportation set a 30 m.p.h. speed limit from the town line to about .2 miles north on Upper Font Grove Rd, about 1.5 miles, and 40 miles an hour from that point to Krumkill Rd., about 1.5 miles.

- Received a request from Gallagers School of Dance on Rt. 85 near Rt. 85A for a "slow children" sign.

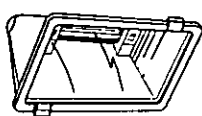
- Appointed Dee Shuff of Westover Rd., Slingerlands, as deputy town clerk.

- Authorized Pat McVee, secretary to the supervisor, to act as secretary for the planning board and the zoning board of appeals for five hours a week at \$7.50 an hour.

The board will meet again Wednesday (today) at 7:45 p.m. for a public hearing for senior citizens tax exemptions and to call for bids for park and highway equipment. The town board is also expected to hold an executive session on litigation matters.



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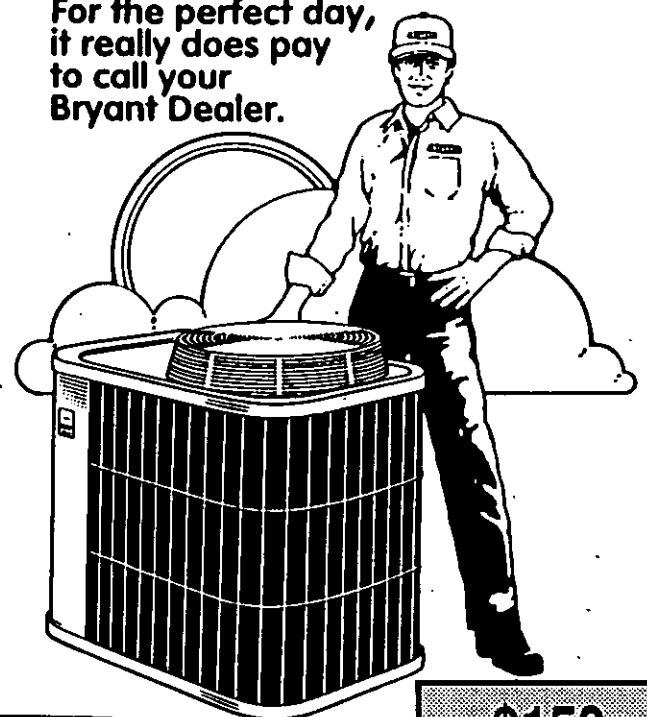


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Parent conferences planned

Parent conferences will be held at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School on Wednesday, March 23, from 4 to 6 p.m., according to Principal Victor Carrk. Parents are encouraged to attend.

Elks serve breakfast

The Bethlehem Elks will sponsor a breakfast buffet at the lodge on Rt. 144 in Cedar Hill on Sunday, March 20, from 9 a.m. until noon. Admission is \$4 for adults, \$3.75 for seniors and \$2.50 for children 12 and younger.

Candidates must file petitions

Petitions from RCS Board of Education candidates will be accepted by the district clerk until 4:30 p.m. on April 11. The three candidates who receive the most votes will take the seats now occupied by Ronald Selkirk, James Morgan and Anthony Williams.

Candidates must file petitions signed by 25 qualified district voters.

Deadline extended

The Creative Horizons Inc. after-school program has announced that the application deadline has been extended to April 15. The application deadline will still read April 1 in the upcoming edition of *The Chalkboard*.

Girl Scouts meet with moms

Girl Scout Troop 81 recently met with mothers and their young children to discuss various aspects of child raising and

interaction with toddlers. The troop members are earning their babysitting and child tending badges. Troop 81 is led by Mrs. Heidi Sengenberger.

Seniors to meet

The Sunshine Senior Citizens will meet on Monday, March 14, at noon at the First Reformed Church in Selkirk for a covered dish lunch followed by their regular monthly business meeting at 1 p.m. Nutritionist Ann Windmuller will speak about food as it affects the health of the aged.

Any area senior may join with the group for support and fellowship. The group is looking forward to many trips planned for spring and summer.

Brownie Troop earns patches

Hudson Valley Brownie Troop 161 was awarded "Try It" patches at a recent court of honor attended by troop leader Mary Ann Whipple, assistant leader Marie S. McClumpha and volunteer Cheryl Endres.

The troop studied the customs, language, songs, dances, monetary units and food of Sweden, Poland, Canada and Mexico. Mrs. Colleen Janssen spoke to the girls about Mexico. The troop then did the Mexican hat dance, ate burritos and learned some Spanish phrases.

College plans considered

"Getting Ready For College" is the program scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at the RCS Senior High School library. The guidance department will lead discussions about college admissions testing, college applications, college visits and financial aid. The program will begin at 7 p.m.

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Assembly internships available to students

New York State Assemblyman John J. Faso of the 102nd district, which includes the Bethlehem area, has announced that qualified high college students are needed for a summer intern program in state government.

Students who will have completed their junior year by June or graduate students are eligible to apply for the positions which include assignment to a professional research staff and payment of a \$3,000 stipend. Applications are due by April 1 and can be obtained by contacting Faso at his office, 827 Legislative Office Building, Albany, 12248.

Rt. 9W crash sends

Delmar man to hospital

A Delmar man was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital after a two-car crash on Rt. 9W Wednesday morning, Bethlehem police said.

Robert G. Schmidt Jr., 20, of Delmar was taken to the hospital after his car was struck by a car driven by Brian Rowe, 21, of Delmar, police said. Police said that Rowe did not see Schmidt's car as he tried to cross Rt. 9W. Rowe was ticketed for failure to yield the right-of-way, police said.

Selkirk woman injured in South Beth crash

A Selkirk woman was treated and released from St. Peter's Hospital following an accident Friday on Filtration Plant Rd.

Christine Driscoll, 30, was taken to the hospital after her car was struck by a car driven by Thomas Bookin, 39, of Valatie, Bethlehem police said. Police said that Bookin lost control of his car on a curve and struck Driscoll's car.

Chowder to be sold

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Stephen W. Rice

Joins Savings Banks Association

Elsmere resident Stephen W. Rice, formerly project coordinator with the New York State Senate Majority Conference Services, has joined the Savings Banks Association of New York State as vice president of member services and education.

Rice previously served as deputy campaign manager of Lewis Lehrman for Governor and director of public and government affairs with the Empire State Chamber of Commerce. He holds a bachelor's degree in political science from the State University of New York at Buffalo.

Conrail reports income gain for last year

Consolidated Rail Corporation (Conrail) has reported a net income of \$79 million, or \$1.15 per share, for the fourth quarter of 1987 and \$299, or \$4.34 per share, for the full year.

L. Stanley Crane, Conrail's chairman, said that "the financial performance was satisfying considering intense competitive pricing pressures in the freight transportation marketplace."



Kathy Currie

Mary Kay sales head

Kathy Currie of Delmar has been appointed to the position of sales director for Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc.

Currie, who joined the company in 1983, will provide leadership, training and management for her unit of beauty consultants.

In preparation for her new position, Currie attended a week-long training session at Mary Kay's international headquarters in Dallas, attending classes on product knowledge, sales techniques, business management and fashion trends.

Delmar employer ordered to pay

Julius S. Zimnicki, doing business as Energy Efficient Homes in Delmar, has ordered by federal court to pay \$13,197 in back pay due to 31 workers under the Fair Labor Standards Act.

Area firms awarded contracts

Several area firms have been awarded state Department of Transportation contracts.

The Green Island Construction Company of Glenmont will be paid \$3,307,773 for construction of a new two-lane, 1.9-mile highway and bridge over Central Ave. in the Town of Ilion. The company will also repair concrete abutments and resurface the Rt. 5 bridge over Reese Rd. Five bids were received for the project, which is scheduled for completion on Aug. 31, 1989.

The August Bohl Construction Company of Glenmont submitted a winning bid of \$3,376,618 for reconstruction of South St. (Rt. 9), beginning 400 feet south of the Rensselaer City line and proceeding to just south of Rts. 9 and 20 in the Town of East Greenbush. Four bids were received. The project is scheduled for completion by Nov. 30, 1989.

Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem submitted a lone bid of \$748,730 for replacement of deteriorated concrete pavement and asphalt shoulder on I-88, between the Schoharie/Schenectady line and the Thruway connection in the Towns of

Duanesburg, Princetown, Rotterdam and Cobleskill. The firm will do similar work on a section of I-88 in Cobleskill and on the Schenectady Crosstown Arterial.

Voorheesville resident promoted by Norstar

James J. McAssey, a 48-year-old native of Bellmore, New York and current resident of Voorheesville, has been promoted to senior vice president for the newly formed Norstar Services Inc., the information systems subsidiary of Fleet/Norstar New York in Albany, according to Robert P. Drum, president.

McAssey will be directing the consolidation and standardization of bank-related operating units throughout the Fleet/Norstar New York organization.

Fleet/Norstar New York is a second-tier holding company subsidiary of Fleet/Norstar Financial Group, a \$25 billion national financial services company, with dual headquarters in Albany and Providence, R.I.

Delmar resident elected to board of directors

William J. Hall of Delmar has been elected to the Dunn Geoscience Corporation's board of directors.

Hall is vice president and manager of the geotechnical and environmental consultants' corporate headquarters in Albany. He led the firm's growth in the field of hazardous waste investigation and he was also instrumental in strengthening Dunn Geoscience's regional offices in six other U.S. cities.

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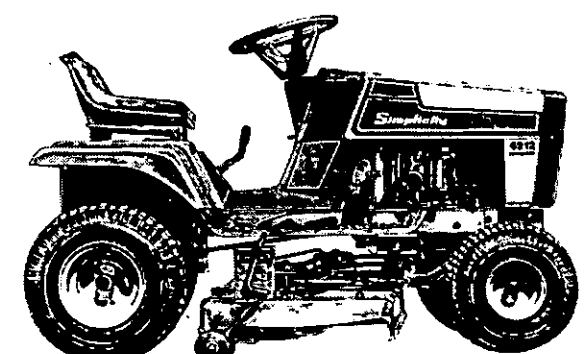
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End of an era

'Unbelievable' Saba wrestles his last at BC

By John Bellizzi III

An era has come to a close in Bethlehem Central athletics. With the conclusion of the 1988 wrestling season at the state Championships in Syracuse last weekend, some of Bethlehem's most talented athletes, dedicated wrestlers who have supported the team for years, will be seen on the BC mats no more.

The fans and supporters of the Eagle matmen know who this refers to. Individuals like Mike Mosley, who capped off a four-year varsity career with a sixth-place finish at the States. Steve Guynup, another senior who has been one of the driving forces behind the varsity team for four years straight, who picked up his second consecutive Sectional championship this year and set a new school record for the least number of points given up in dual meets: zero.

Athletes like Jim Hoffman, who took his junior year off from the mats after two years of varsity experience to nurse an injured back, and then returned his senior year to finish fourth in the Sectionals and third in the Suburban Council Tournament. Tom Nylis, one of Bethlehem's most obvious and unorthodox grapplers, who put four successful years in on the varsity mats and came out with a fourth place finish in the Sectionals this year. Individuals like Jim Dayter and John Sinuc, successful varsity wrestlers who were prevented from competing their senior year due to injuries, but remained with the team in support and spirit.

And of course, the young man whose name has become virtually synonymous with Bethlehem wrestling over the past five years: Chris Saba.

He looks at home on the mat. About 5-foot-10, the 132-pound senior's well-muscled frame is built low to the ground, often an advantage when wrestling from the neutral position. His lightning-fast speed, catlike reflexes, intense strength, and superb cardiovascular conditioning combined with his expert technique to make this year the most successful of the dark-haired co-captain's overwhelming career.

Bethlehem Coach Rick Poplaski summed Saba's accomplishments up in one word: "unbelievable." Saba's peers, coaches and fans alike will agree that his lengthy career on the mats is the most successful any Eagle has ever had.

At the conclusion of his final varsity season, Saba has accumulated a career record of 153 victories, 25 defeats and two ties. That record will undoubtedly stand unchallenged as a school record for years — a veritable monument of his achievement — and will probably remain in its fourth place spot on the Section II all-time wins list for an equally long time.

Over a period of five varsity seasons, that averages over 30 wins per season — the best average for any five-year varsity wrestler in the Section.

"These statistics don't tell the story of how he got there," Poplaski is quick to say. "They don't mention all the time he spent, all the places we've gone for so many years — to all kinds of tournaments, the Empire State Games, lots of spring and summer wrestling."

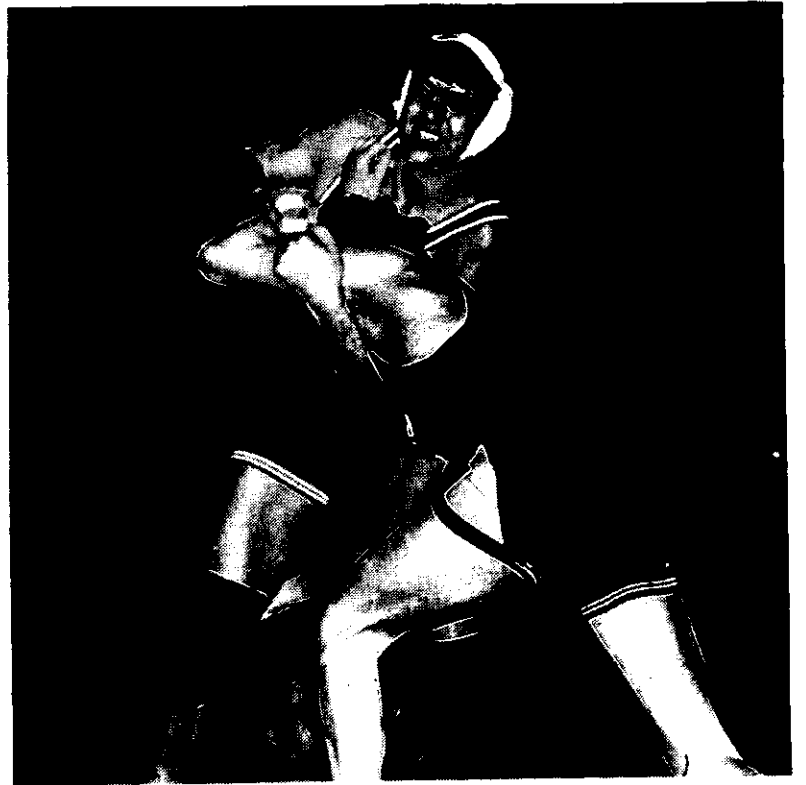
Saba's association with Poplaski began at the end of his days attending Glenmont Elementary School, when he began attending the annual spring Parks & Recreation Pee Wee Wrestling Program at the High School. "By the time he reached seventh grade, he was already firmly established as a great wrestler," Poplaski remembered.

In the winter of 1983, Saba's eighth-grade year, he began his varsity wrestling career as a 91 pounder. That year he achieved a 28-10 record, a very noteworthy achievement on its own, let alone for an eighth grader.

In his freshman year, Saba remained at 91 pounds, chalking up a 29-2-2 record. During the course of that phenomenal season, Saba won six tournaments, a school record he tied himself for this year. Among those championships was the first of three Class A Sectional championships. From there, he went to the Section II Finals, where he again placed first, earning him his first trip to Syracuse. Although he didn't fare as well as he did this year at the States, the experience proved valuable in the years to come.

As a sophomore, Saba and his classmate Dayter were selected as team captains. Wrestling at 112 pounds, Saba finished at 28-7 for the season that year, picking up a championship at the Saratoga Tournament and second place finishes in the Class A's and Suburban Council Invitational.

Saba's 11th grade season began shaky. A shadow loomed over the mats when it was realized that a leg injury would, at best, delay him from beginning his fourth varsity season. But he persevered, and finished with a 28-4 record at 126 pounds. As a junior, Saba was Class A



Bethlehem senior Chris Saba in action against an Amsterdam opponent during a January competition. *Dave Pierce*

champion and Saratoga champion, runnerup at Oxford, Johnstown and the Suburban Council Invitational, and third in the Section II finals.

Saba's senior year was a season most athletes just dream of. He finished the dual meet season undefeated, scoring 80 team points. In tournament competition, Saba's unblemished record still held up, as he won championships at the Spencerport Tournament, the Suburban Council Invitational, the Class A Sectionals, and the Section II State Qualifying Tournament. Saba's other two championships came at the Clyde Cole Invitational Tournament in Oxford and the Saratoga Tourney, and both voted him the Most Outstanding Wrestler of the Tournament.

At the State meet last weekend, his luck proved slightly different, however.

Saba placed fourth in the state at 132 pounds, but both he and Poplaski agree that he could have been a state champion. "Chris definitely had the capability to be a state champ," Poplaski asserted.

"I underestimated my first kid, because I had never heard of him," Saba admitted, referring to his first round match against Sepp Dobler of Half Hollow Hills. "He was tough."

Saba later defeated Dobler via a referee's criteria decision which he won, according to Poplaski, "for his aggressiveness."

"I beat him then," Saba said. "If I had beaten him the first time, I probably would have made it to the finals."

"Any one of the top six in Saba's or Mosley's weight classes could have won it," Poplaski concurred.

Saba considers his fourth place

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By Tom Kuck
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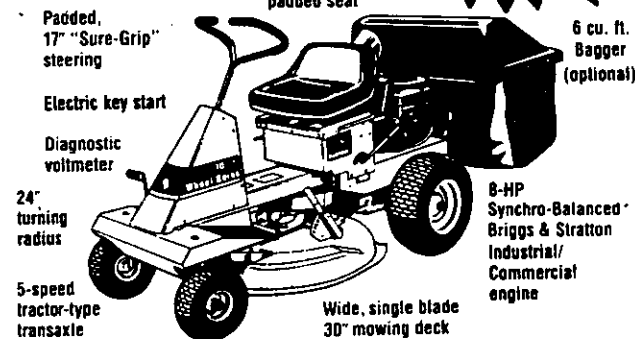
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finish to be one of the highlights of his career, but he also fondly remembers two outstanding off-season tournament achievements: his fifth place finish in the Junior Nationals, and his championship in the Empire State Games. At these and other off-season activities Saba perfected not only his collegiate-style wrestling, but his Greco-Roman and Freestyle moves, which heavily influenced his repertoire of takedowns in his high school career.

Said Poplaski: "He became a year-round wrestler. That really paid off, and made a big difference."

In addition to the BC coaching staff, made up this year of Poplaski, John DeMeo, Craig Walker, Bob Anderson and Mike DeAngelis, Saba recognizes the great influence that SUNY Albany Wrestling Coach Joe DeMeo has had on his technique. Saba credits Joe DeMeo through his involvement in the Adirondack Three-Style Wrestling Club (ATWA) with much of his success as an upper body wrestler.

Asked what the most important thing he gained from his experience on the mat, Saba said: "How to stick with something and keep it; dedication." This theme of determination and commitment carries over to his advice to young athletes just starting out in sports. "Don't get discouraged in the beginning," he warns. "Stick with it for a while. After a year, you'll know — win or lose — if you like it enough to commit yourself to it."

"Mosley is different," Poplaski said, turning to other grapplers. "Mike shows that you can be successful without doing as much as Chris did." Mosley indeed was successful. A four-year varsity starter, this year he finished with a 34-6 record and a sixth place award from the State Tournament.

"Mosley's die-hard commitment came later," Poplaski said. "He had tremendous athletic ability, but it wasn't until last year, when

he started putting in that extra work, that he was able to bridge that gap in experience.

"It's an impressive accomplishment," Poplaski proudly said. "Michael became a seriously committed wrestler, and showed that you can do that sort of thing in a shorter period of time than Chris did. Timing is critical, even though it can vary from person to person."

Saba, Mosley, Guynup and all of the other outstanding seniors have put the program where it is now. "They have shown the team its own potential, what they can do if they are willing to work for it," Poplaski said. "They are very special people, and they have made very special achievements."

But what of the future? Saba's future is promising, with offers from dozens of college coaches. Although his plans are not final, he plans to attend a Division I school and wrestle for them.

Saba expects the Bethlehem wrestling programs' success to perpetuate, though. "Teamwise, our strength should continue next year," Saba predicted. "We have many strong contenders returning — the Leamys, (John) Gallogly, to name a few...the team will keep on winning. Another encouraging thing is the large number of wrestlers at the freshman level, that will be providing us with a good-size team next year."

Chris Saba will be remembered on the mats for years to come. He hopes to be remembered "as a winner, a champion, a hard worker, a leader, a person who didn't give up — a team person."

Coach Poplaski summed up the contributions of Saba, Mosley, Guynup and the others when he said: "They have created a legacy for the rest of us to build upon; and build upon it we shall."

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Mosley, Saba place at states

By John Bellizzi III

In Syracuse last weekend, 14 of the area's most outstanding athletes met the toughest challenges of their careers at the state Wrestling Championships.

In the history of Bethlehem Central, only four Eagles had made it to the States prior to this year. Two of Bethlehem's strongest matmen continued to break school records as they had been doing all season, and gave BC its first multiple entry in the State tournament.

Representing Section II at 132 pounds was Chris Saba, returning for his second shot at a state title after being crowned 91-pound Section II champion as a freshman. Along with Mike Mosley, another widely respected name in local mat circles, Saba helped to triple BC's number of placemen in the history of the state tourney. Previously, Alan Marwill's fourth place finish in 1982 was the only time an Eagle grappler had placed in the States.

A fourth place finish by Saba and a sixth place finish by Mosley gave Bethlehem two more placemen, and added another impressive statistic to the 1987-88 varsity wrestling team's memory.

Saba, undefeated at 132 and 138 during the season, had a 36-0 record going into this weekend.

In the first round of competition in Syracuse Friday evening, Sepp Dobler of Half Hollow Hills in

Section XI handed Saba his first defeat via a 5-2 decision.

"Chris could have taken this match into overtime," said Coach Rick Poplaski. Dobler broke a 2-2 tie by escaping with a minute left. With seconds remaining, Saba attempted a headlock throw for a takedown, but missed, and ended up getting taken down on the buzzer. After this defeat, the best he could finish in the tournament was third.

Saba came alive in the wrestlebacks Friday evening, though, first plowing through Rino DiMaria of Herricks, out of Section VIII, with a 11-5 decision. Saturday, Saba's strength continued to show in consolations.

"Chris did tremendously well on Saturday," Poplaski commented.

In the next round of wrestlebacks, Saba won over Henry Venne of Northern Adirondack in Section VII with a three minute-31 second technical fall. In just under five minutes, Saba chalked up another wrestleback victory over Mark Freda of Section VI's Kenmore East, with another technical fall. As the wrestlebacks progressed, Saba got retribution when his rematch with Dobler, tied after overtime, ended with a referee's criteria decision in his favor.

Unfortunately, in the consolation finals, Saba was outscored by a slim margin by Lou Ruggirello of Valley Central (Section IX.) "There was a rough call in the

first period," Poplaski said. "Chris took him down to his back at the end of the period, and he should have had a takedown and possible back points, but they didn't give them to him."

Those disputed points proved crucial in the match, which ended up 4-3. Saba's fourth place finish at Syracuse left him with a season record of 40-2, the most victories in a single season ever at BC, and maybe even in Section II.

Mosley started the tournament off strong Saturday with a first round victory. He escaped in the third period of his first round match to tie the score, and then defeated his opponent, Keith Smith of Ketchum, in Section I, 7-1 in overtime. Canandaigua's Jon Welch, out of Section V, decided Mosley by a one-point margin, 3-2, in the 167-pound quarterfinals to knock Bethlehem out of the championship bracket completely. Mosley had defeated Welch previously this season.

Mosley also fought his way through the consolation rounds on Saturday, and walked away sixth in the state at his weight. In the consolation semifinals, Mosley lost by a point to the Section XI grappler who eventually would up with third. In the finals for fifth place, Mosley met Welch again, and lost by a point again.

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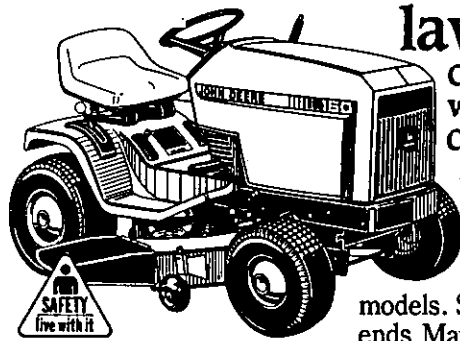
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NOTICE OF
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PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that, for the purpose of adopting a codification of the local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions of the Town of Bethlehem, said codification to be known as the "Code of the Town of Bethlehem," a public hearing will be held by the Town Board at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York on the 23rd day of March 1988, at 7:30 p.m., to consider the enactment of the proposed local law described and summarized below:
PROPOSED LOCAL LAW NO. 2

A LOCAL LAW TO PROVIDE FOR THE CODIFICATION OF THE LOCAL LAWS, ORDINANCES AND CERTAIN RESOLUTIONS OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM INTO A MUNICIPAL CODE TO BE DESIGNATED THE "CODE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM"

(1) States the legislative intent of the Town Board in adopting the Code.
(2) Provides for the distribution and renumbering of local laws, ordinances and certain resolutions in

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the Code by means of a derivation table and for the designation of such renumbered legislation as the "Code of the Town of Bethlehem."

(3) Repeals local laws and ordinances of a general and permanent nature not included in the Code, except as provided.
(4) Saves from repeal certain local laws, ordinances and resolutions and designates certain matters not affected by repeal.
(5) Retains the meaning and intent of previously adopted legislation.
(6) Provides for the filing of a copy of the Code in the Town Clerk's office.
(7) Provides for certain changes in or additions to the Code, including the re-adoption of the zoning regulations of the town as included in Chapter 128, Zoning, with § 128-103, Penalties for offenses, as included therein being revised to impose penalties for offenses against the provisions in the chapter corresponding to those authorized in § 268 of the Town Law as amended by L.1985, c.598, § 1, effective November 1, 1985. The provisions of § 128-103 or as detailed in § 1-7B of the local law adopting the Code of the Town of Bethlehem, which is on file in the office of the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, where a copy of the Code book is also on file.
(8) Prescribes the manner in which amendments and new legislation are to be incorporated into the Code.
(9) Requires that Code books be kept up-to-date.

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(10) Provides for the sale of Code books by the town and the supplementation thereof.
(11) Prohibits tampering with Code books, with offenses punishable by a fine of not more than two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.) or by imprisonment for not more than fifteen (15) days, or both.
(12) Establishes penalties for offenses against any chapter or Article of the Code for which another penalty is not specifically provided.
(13) Establishes severability provisions with respect to the Code generally.
(14) Provides that the local law will be included in the Code as Chapter 1, Article I.
(15) Adopts the "Code of the Town of Bethlehem," the Table of Contents which is as follows:

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Copies of the local law described above and of the Code proposed for adoption thereby are on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem, where the same are available for public inspection during regular office hours.

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PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that all interested persons will be given an opportunity to be heard on said proposed local law at the place and time aforesaid.

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, pursuant to the requirements of the Open Meetings Law of the State of New York, that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will convene in public meeting at the place and time aforesaid for the purpose of conducting a public hearing on the proposed local law described above and, as deemed advisable by said Board, taking action on the enactment of said local law.
DATED: February 10, 1988
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CAROLYN M. LYONS
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(March 9, 1988)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 15, 1988, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:45 p.m., to take action on the application of Mr. & Mrs. William Morin, Feura Bush Rd., Delmar, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed 2 lot subdivision, to be located on the southwest corner of the intersection of McCombe Dr. & Feura Bush Rd. as shown on map

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entitled, "Proposed Subdivision, Property of MR. & MRS. WILLIAM J. MORIN, Town: Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York" dated Jan. 25, 1988, revised 2/1/88 and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.
KENNETH RINGLER, JR.
Chairman, Planning Board
(March 9, 1988)

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Chairman, Board of Appeals
(March 9, 1988)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN THAT the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 16, 1988, at 8:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Jerald E. Vancik, 75 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054 for Variance under Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy and Variance under Article XIII, Side Yards, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance for the construction of additions to the rear and side of the residence at premises 75 Adams Place, Delmar, New York 12054.

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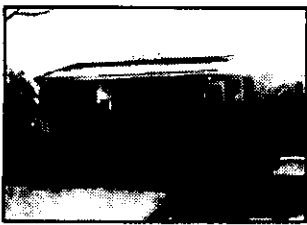
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Obituaries

Jane Weed Rodgers

A memorial service for Jane Weed Rodgers, 72, a longtime resident of Slingerlands, will be held Thursday at 2 p.m. at St. Peter's Episcopal Church, Albany. Mrs. Rodgers, 72, died Saturday (March 5) at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

Mrs. Rodgers was the wife of the late Prentice J. Rodgers, retired senior vice president of the National Commercial Bank & Trust Co., Albany. Mr. Rodgers died at their retirement home in Ajijic, Mexico, on May 29, 1980. Since that time Mrs. Rodgers had divided her time between Mexico and Slingerlands.

She was born in Irvington, N.J. and grew up in Potsdam, N.Y. She had lived in the Albany area since 1938, and with her husband and children lived on Upper Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, for more than 30 years. She and Mr. Rodgers established a retirement home in Mexico in 1978.

Mrs. Rodgers was active in volunteer work in the Albany area. She was a member of the Junior League of Albany for many years, and was a volunteer at the Albany Medical Center Hospital during the Seventies and early Eighties. She was a member of the Albany Institute of History and Art, Albany Country Club, Albany Curling Club and St. Peter's Episcopal Church.

She leaves her mother, Marion Sisson Weed of Slingerlands; three sons, Frederic B. Rodgers of Breckenridge, Colo., Jonathan Rodgers of Ann Arbor, Mich., and Prentice J. Rodgers, Jr. of San Jose, Cal., and two daughters, Deborah W. Rubenstein of Columbus, Ohio, and Ann Schiffer of

Middlesex, N.Y. A brother, Frederic A. Weed of San Jose, and nine grandchildren also survive.

Burial will be in Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands. Memorial contributions may be made to St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, or Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Arrangements are by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Helen Ulenski

Helen Zaloga Ulenski, 72, of Voorheesville died Sunday, Feb. 28, after a brief illness.

She was born in Albany and had been a resident of Voorheesville since 1971. She was a machine operator for the Mohawk Brush Co. in Albany for over 20 years, retiring in 1968.

She was a member of the Zaloga Post 1520 of the American Legion of Albany. The post was named after her late brother Joseph Zaloga.

She is survived by her husband, Stephen Ulenski; a sister, Alice Carrea of Boston; two grandsons and two great-granddaughters.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Class of '36 at Albany High to reunite

The Albany High School Class of '36 will hold its 52nd reunion at the Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, on Saturday, Oct. 8, beginning at 11:30 a.m. Anyone with information about class members may call Helen Cotrofeld at 489-2185.

Learn about trees at Five Rivers

Two programs on tree identification will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar on Saturday, March 19.

At 10 a.m. an indoor-outdoor program will demonstrate some basic tree identification of bark, twigs, buds and the shape of trees. The indoor portion will allow participants to examine small buds and twigs from trees found on the grounds. Also there will be tree identification books on display.

At 2 p.m. an educational walk will offer more basic tips on identifying trees in the winter. Naturalists will also discuss firewood quality and basic woodlot management.

Both of the programs are free and open to the public. Call the Five Rivers Center at 453-1806 for information.

Library to hold spring book sale

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold its annual Spring Book Sale March 19 to 21 in the Community Room.

Used hardbound and paperback books will be offered along with puzzles, records and magazines.

In addition to these items available for purchase, several sets of books will be offered for bid. All bids should be submitted to the cashier's table during the sale and will be opened after the sale's conclusion.

Proceeds from the sale will be used to buy special materials for the library. For information call 439-9314.

Lions give BC schools braille printer funds

The Bethlehem Lions Club has presented a donation to the Bethlehem Central school district to be used to buy printers for blind students.

Club members Joseph Dieffenbacher and Terry Allen presented a \$530 check to Superintendent Leslie G. Loomis to be used to purchase a Braille-n-Print. This tool makes an immediate print copy of a student's work, which was produced on a braille typewriter, for the teacher. Presently, Grace Franze, the BOCES teacher for the visually handicapped, translates the student's braille into printed copies for the teachers.



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Feb. 25	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 25	Bethlehem Ambulance	Transport
Feb. 25	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Feb. 26	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Feb. 27	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Feb. 27	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Feb. 27	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Feb. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 28	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure fire
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Feb. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Feb. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Feb. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Feb. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Feb. 29	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
Feb. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Respiratory distress
Feb. 29	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
March 1	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
March 1	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
March 1	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto accident
March 1	Voorheesville Ambulance	Respiratory distress
March 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury

The Voorheesville Ladies Auxiliary will be hosting a craft fair at the Voorheesville Fire House on March 19 starting at 10 a.m.

The Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance will be holding its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 27, from 7 a.m. to 1 p.m. Adult tickets will be \$3 and children \$2.

Women's league sets advocacy agenda

The League of Women Voters' New York State advocacy agenda for 1988 will focus on child care, court reform, waste disposal and public education.

The program committee of the board of directors of the state league chose these four topics because they are likely to be in the legislative limelight and are issues in which the group is firmly dedicated.

County offers trees for planting

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District is selling tree seedlings for the 1988 planting season. Species being offered include the Fraser Fir, Scotch Pine, White Pine, Austrian Pine, Douglas Fir, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, Blue Spruce, Balsam Fir, Mountain Ash and Sugar Maple.

Prices range from \$6 for lots of 10 to \$230 for lots of 1,000. Orders must be placed before March 30. For information call 765-3560.

Mansion open for tours

The Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany recently re-opened for its tour season. The mansion was built in 1798 by General Abraham Ten Broeck, a Revolutionary War hero and mayor of Albany. The tour takes one hour to complete and is open Wednesday through Friday from 2 to 4 p.m. and on Saturday and Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m. Donations are \$2 for adults and \$.50 for children. For information, call 436-9826.

Legislative hotline opened

A legislative hotline in Albany is being operated by the League of Women Voters of New York State. The Citizen Information Service Hotline provide New York residents with ready answers to questions about the workings of New York State government.

For information call 1-800-462-6204, between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m. on weekdays during the legislative session.

Kosher, international cooking course slated

Anton Segore, a former area restaurant and catering service owner, is now the chef at the Albany Jewish Community Center, and will be offering a series of four-week classes in kosher and international cuisine at the center's kitchen.

Participants will be able to have "hands on" experience in the preparation of kosher favorites such as stuffed cabbage, kugel (noodle pudding) as well as continental dishes including Hungarian goulash and several soups. Catering for the house, office, bar mitzva or wedding will also be discussed.

The fee for four weeks is \$25 for members and \$35 for nonmembers, and to attend one class, the charge is \$10.

For information call 438-6651.

History of Proctors in new booklet

Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady has produced a special historical booklet that is available at the theater's Christmas-related performances. The booklet commemorates the 75th anniversary of the opening of the first Proctor's and the 60th anniversary of the opening of the current theater.

Proceeds will be used to buy historical plaques for the building and to continue the oral history taping project begun last year.

4-H members visit Albany

Some 120 4-H teen representatives from every county in New York State will learn about state government by visiting Albany for "Capital Days" on March 14 and 15.

The visitors will meet with state government leaders, members of the court system, officials from the attorney general's office and representatives of the state Department of Parks and Recreation. The 4-H members will tour the Capitol, the New York State Museum and the State Court of Appeals.

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Voorheesville High announces honor roll

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Richard Adams, Ellen Barber*, Dana Blackmer, Christine Blanchard*, Mary Coates, Leah Collins*, Brigid Corcoran, Kelly Donohue, Michelle Doto, Sean Foley, Thomas Genova*, Matthew Hladun*, Sandra Huang*, Matthew Jeffers*, Michael Kaine, Elena Keller, Dianne Kissell*, Christopher Lawler.

Also, Tammy Loewy*, Dennis Lucia, Thomas Martin, Jodi McFate, Lynn Meade, Beth Miller*, Cheryl Murphy, Michelle Paraso*, Heather Parmenter, Laura Pierro, Catherine Reilly*, Todd Relyea*, Todd Rockmore, Kyle Russo, Robert Sarr*, Judith Smith*, William Stone, Daniel Tarullo, Kevin Taylor*, Nancy Timmis, Theresa Wakefield.

Grade 10

Tracy Avgerinos, James Balsamo, Sarah Bissell, Matthew Burns*, Karen Deeley, Erin Donnelly*, Cathleen Dugan, Brian Dunn, Matthew Fairbank, Kristen Foster, Patricia Ginder, Michael Haaf*, William Kerr*, Jessica Killar*, Jennifer Kraemer*, Cher Krajewski*, Thomas Kurkjian, John Lisboa, Michael Malark*.

And also, Andrea Mcassey, Christopher McDermott*, Richard Oliver, Tina Panting, Marianne Passarelli, Randolph Rathke, Kyle Relyea*, Dawn Rooney, Adam Rose, Eric Rose, Christian Scharl, Craig Schreivogl*, Benjamin Schwartz*, Lori Smith*, Tracy Stevens*, Alice Warden, Angela Washburn*, Sarah Wilkes.

Grade 11

Kelly Averinos, Haven Battles*, Natalia Bausback*, Staci Blackmer, Stephanie Brown, Patricia Carmody, Scot Chamberlain, Joseph Colburn, Orion Colfer*, Kevin Davis, Jill Decatur, Bridget DePasquale, Carey Donohue*, Kristina Flanders, Paulette Galusha, Koren Gibbs, Heather Glock, Deirdre Gobeille*, Baret Hart, Maureen Herlihy, Amy Hibbert. And Also, Denise Hoagland, James Hooks*, Theodore Houghton, Joseph Kraemer, Craig Lapinski, David Larabee*, Richard Leach, Peter Meilinger*, David Mistretta, Cynthia Murphy*, Maura Murphy*, Lori Rafferty, Stephanie Reh*, Kevin Russo*, Patrick Ryan, Kirsten Taylor*, Amy Tesch*, Jennifer Toritto, Brian Tracey, Gary Washburn, Jennifer Zeh.

Grade 12

Matthew Bates*, Tamba Bissell, Kelli Brennan, Aaron Brown, Donna Bulgaro, Susan Carhart*, Matthew Cillis*, Charles Collins*, William Connell, John Corcoran*, Kristen Deeley, Melissa Donnelly*, Darrin Duncan, Suzanne Edwards*, John Elmendorf*, Matthew Finnigan, Keith Gibbs, Jane Ginter, Kathleen Glastetter*, Denise Gobeille*, Bradley Goldstein*.

And Also, Martin Gordinier, Thomas Hampston, Megan Hladun, Paige Hotaling, Renee Hunter*, Jeanette Kiegle*, Staci Loewy*, John Martin, Rachel Martin, Janine Mcassey*, Heather Michalak, Jennifer Miller, Jennifer Mistretta*, Laura Munyan*, Gregory Parsons, Carla Perry*, Todd Porter, Michael Race, Tiffany Ranalli, Lucretia Rathke*, Kevin Reeth*.

And also, Andrew Rockmore, Edwin Sapienza, Jennifer Schwartz*, Lisa Semenick*, Angela Smith, Marleen Stam*, Steven Stein, Katherine Tarullo, Kevin Tyrrell, David Veeder, Michael Vink*, Jennifer Wakefield, Melanie Wakeley*, Mark Wight*, Kelli-Anne Wilkins*, Shannon York*.

Daffodil days set to benefit ACS

The annual Daffodil Festival to benefit programs in cancer research, education and service will be held March 21 through 26.

The Albany County unit of the American Cancer Society has announced that the flowers will be on sale at the Grand Union in Delaware Plaza from noon until 9 p.m. March 23, 25, 26 and 27 through the help of volunteers from Kiwanis and Key clubs. The daffodils cost 50 cents each or \$4 per bunch. A minimum donation of \$4 per bunch is requested for pre-ordered flowers. Pre-orders will be taken at the ACS office, Executive Park Tower, Box 3549, Albany, 12203. The orders also may be ordered by telephone at 438-7841.

Computer literacy workshop offered

The Russell Sage College Center for Women's Education will offer a computer literacy workshop on Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. The workshop will be held at the college's computer center on First Street in Troy.

Register by calling 270-2306 by Friday, March 11.



Sherrie Greene

Greene - West

Mr. and Mrs. Wally Greene of Voorheesville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sherrie, to Khris West of Columbia, Md.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Emerson College and is employed as an electronic graphics operator at WBAL-TV in Baltimore, Md. Her fiancé, a graduate of USC, is a television director in the Baltimore area.

A June wedding is planned.

Pinksterfest vendors welcome

The Albany City Arts Office is accepting applications until March 31 for craft, food and public information vendors for the 1988 Pinksterfest. The celebration will be held on May 7 and 8 in Washington Park.

For information call 434-2032.

Getting the jump on spring

A lecture "Getting the Jump on Spring," sponsored by the agricultural office of the Albany County Cooperative Extension, will be held Monday, March 14 at the Bethlehem Public Library at 7:30 p.m. The lecture will be given by Albany County Master Gardener Denise Campbell.

Knights sponsor essay contest

Knights of Columbus in the Albany area are sponsoring a patriotic essay contest for eighth grade students attending area public and private schools.

A total of \$450 in U.S. Savings Bonds, including a \$200 for the first place winner, will be awarded on May 29 during Memorial Day ceremonies at Albany's Veterans' Administration Hospital.

All entries must be submitted by April 16 to Chairman K of C Patriotic Essay Program, 23 Grantwood Rd., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.



Senior Citizen Services, a municipal office at the Bethlehem Town Hall, provides services and programs for the elderly of the community. Currently, over 30 regular programs are provided or referred to through the Senior Services Department.

Though programs were originally geared for the well elderly living independently within the Town, there has been a change in focus during the past year. According to Director Karen Pelletier, as the elderly within the Town themselves age and become more frail, services need to be geared more toward the over-age group.

In response to this need, new services are being developed. An Outreach worker was added to the staff on a part-time basis in 1987. Caroline Wirth, a former Public Health Nurse, makes home visits to the elderly and their families. In doing community outreach, she discusses what services and options are available to the home-bound elderly clients she serves and helps them work out a plan to remain independent longer.

Transportation services for the elderly within the Town have also been expanded. Senior Services has been providing transportation since 1984. Currently the service uses an 11 passenger van, a 12 passenger handicapped accessible bus and a 5 passenger sedan. The addition of the sedan has allowed the service to expand to offer transportation to geriatric day-

care. This new service allows the participants to have companionship in a structured all-day program and gives respite to the care-giver. One of the most enjoyable parts of the service is the cordiality of the 49 volunteer drivers who seem to enjoy every moment of their "shepherd's duty."

The third new program geared for the frail elderly is a congregate meal program held once a week. Called Tuesday Meals, the program provides the frail, home-bound elderly of the community with a hot meal and entertainment once a week in a sheltered, accessible atmosphere. The program is held at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. Twelve churches and groups within the Town take turns providing a hot lunch for the program. Scout troops, civic groups and Town residents provide decorations, paper products and entertainment for the program, making it a true community effort.

For information about these or other services for the elderly, call the Senior Services office, 439-4955 ext 77 weekdays between 8:30 and 4:30.

Embroiderers to meet

The Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will hold its monthly meeting Wednesday, March 16 at the Delmar United Methodist Church at 10 a.m.

The program will be "A Look at our Embroidery Chapter's Study Groups," featuring discussions of the various groups.

For information, call 477-4511.



Community Corner

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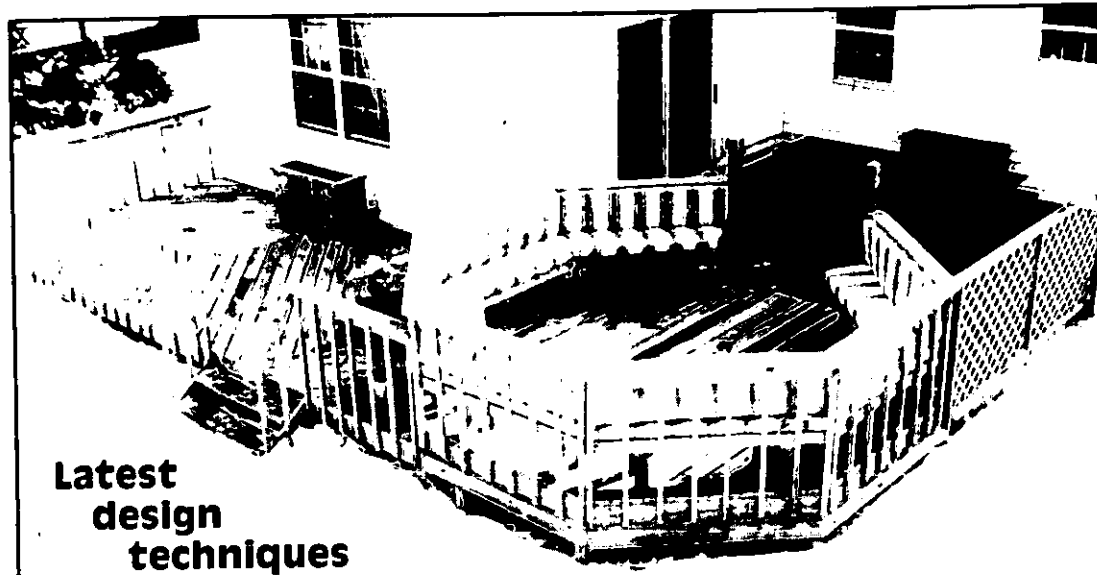
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