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# Death of a paper

# Remembering better days on the old Knick News

By Nat Boynton

There is sadness, and perhaps a mild degree of shock, at the impending demise of the Knickerbooker News. If last week's announcement was a surprise, it was that the Hearst hierarchy took so long to do what should have been done 10 or more years

It is sad also to see a major business entity reveal so much confusion and disarray in taking an important corporate step. The announcement printed in both the Times Union and the Knick billed the closing of the Knick as a major improvement for the Capital Newspapers, an "all day" Times Union with more staff and resources. But it quickly became clear that Publisher Joseph Lyons, Editor Harry Rosenfeld et al had been caught by surprise too, as they conceeded no thought had been given as to who would have the top editorial jobs, how many editions there would be, or how the afternoon void would be filled. Some of that came after a day or two, but as late as last month the Knick reportedly hired two new editorial employees.

Putting a merciful end to the long-suffering Knick brings a flood of nostalgia to longtime newspapermen, a proud, hardbitten and often arrogant breed that does have, deep underneath and contrary to popular image, a warm, sentimental side. I have been one of these, and we've lost an old friend.

Only a few people will miss the

#### Commentary

Knick we've had in the Seventies and Eighties; but there are still people around who knew it in its glory days as a Gannett paper, and that's how we want to remember it. In the Albany AP bureau, where I toiled in the 1950s, we worked with the Knick staff days and at the Times-Union nights, depending on the shift assignment. All those memories of the old building on Beaver St. and the pros who helped make it one of upstate New York's finest newspapers came flooding back as I did some reminiscing over the weekend with other retirees, notably Tip Roseberry, Bill Rowley, Duane LaFleche and Bill Lowenberg.

Roseberry, a prominent author of several books on Albany history including one on Albany newspapers, joined the Albany Knickerbocker Press in 1936 and retired from the Times Union. He is currently convalescing from hip surgery. Rowley was working on the city desk at the time of the Hearst takeover in 1960. LaFleche was city editor at the time, and conducted a popular book-review column. He now has written two books he describes as "children's books for adults." Lowenberg, a Delmar resident, was a reporter on the Times Union for many years before and after the papers were combined under Hearst. He

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Performers from the Moscow Musical Theatre for Children paid a call to the Slingerlands School Friday. Igor Chirkov. above left, as two Eskimos takes his act to his audience as ballerina Marina Nosova

trips the light fantastic. The third grade class at the school will attend one of the troupe's performances while they visit ESIPA at the Egg through March 25.



Civil War re-enacter R.H. Davis of Delmar will march in Thursday's St. Patrick's Day parade in New York City as General Thomas Francis Meagher, leader of the



Irish Brigade. Davis, a photographer for The Spotlight, has already done a great deal of research on Gen. Meagher, left. At right, Davis in "uniform."

### The general marches with a shamrock

R.H. "Red" Davis of Delmar will lead the Irish Brigade of Civil War fame in New York City's St. Patricks Day parade Thursday. Davis, a Civil War student for 30 years, will portray General Thomas Francis Meagher, the colorful leader of the brigade.

Davis, a member of the Capital District Civil War Round Table and a member of the New York Civil War Centennial Commission 25 years ago, said he did not take the assignment lightly. This year is the 125th anniversary of many key Civil War battles, and Davis has already spent two years preparing to be a "reenacter", reliving the battles as authentically as possible. It is estimated that there will be 10,000 re-enacters at the Battle of Gettysburg 125th anniversary this year.

A Korean War veteran, Davis decided he was "too old to be an infantry man or an artillery (Turn to Page 30)

# Bethlehem planner: bypass, Delmar Village not linked

The developers will be required

One condition that will not be

required is a comprehensive review of the piece-by-piece

extension of the Delmar Bypass

planned by the town. Relying primarily on developer-built seg-

ments, the town intends to extend

a two-lane spur of the bypass from

its present terminus at Elm Ave.

to New Scotland Rd. The

developers of Delmar Village have

agreed to finance construction of

the portion of the extension, or

spur, that would run through

Delmar Village, and opponents

say that a broad-based review of

the entire corridor is needed first.

determined that the scope of the

Draft Environmental Impact

Study (DEIS) as proposed by town

planner Jeffrey Lipnicky is adequate to address questions

that arise in review of the project.

Those questions will be answered

by the developer, HMC Associates.

and then submitted to the town

for review. There is no time limit

on preparing the impact document.

The town board last Wednesday

to look at the traffic impact of the

project on nearby streets, as well

as the impact of other nearby

developments on town services.

With a draft "scoping" statement complete and adopted by the Bethlehem Town Board, Delmar Village developers have the conditions under which the town will consider their 288 unit, 92 acre proposal.



Patricia Mitchell photes

The completed scope document includes 54 comments from Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, Bagdon Environmental Associates and seven residents of

Bethlehem and Slingerlands. Lipnicky prepared a summary and response to the comments. Both exhibits were included in the scope document adopted by the board last Wednesday.

Lipnicky's response accented many of the concerns raised by Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning and other citizens.

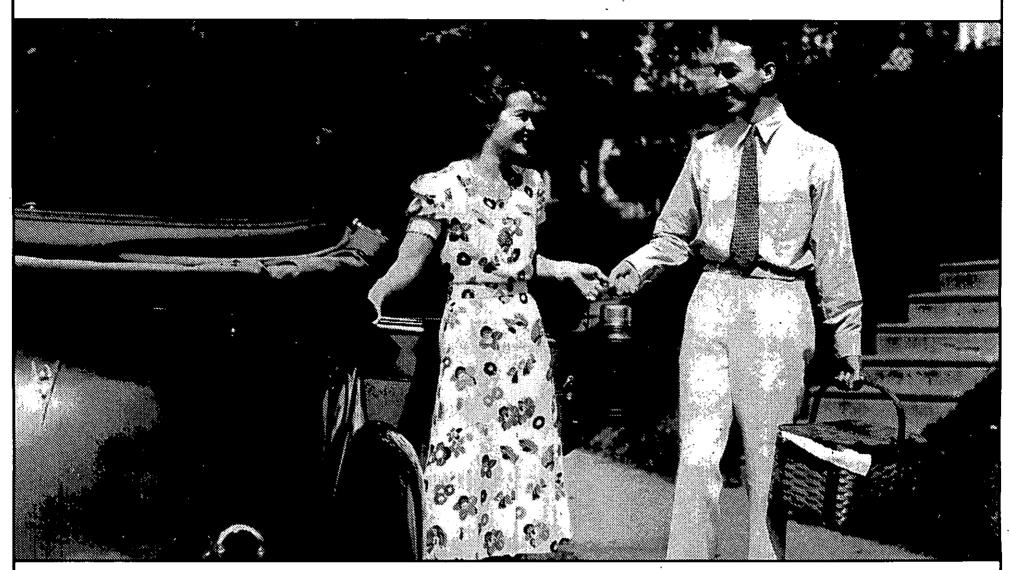
"The DEIS scope has requested a general description of deficiencies in the existing street network and plans for improvements.' Lipnicky. His response expresses a special need for review of the traffic conditions on Orchard St. and Union Ave. as well as student/pedestrian traffic along Delaware Ave. He also calls for quantifying downstream flooding due to storm drainage, outlining infrastructure and staging plans, and more generally "identification of unavoidable adverse impacts, with alternatives to minimize effects.'

But Lipnicki stood by an opinion he voiced in the Feb. 10 scoping session.

'To require that the applicant ' assess the impacts of the bypass system as a whole would be unreasonable in that the completion of the system is too speculative at this time," he wrote.

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# A tragic death spurs family to action

Editor's note: The following article is the third 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

Rita Dougherty of Feura Bush brings attention to the fact that there are some 20,000 fatal accidents involving drinking drivers each year. "That would be equivalent to 60 jumbo jets crashing each year," she explains.

'When a jumbo jet crashes and 400 people are killed, there is a huge public outcry; but thousands of people die on our highways due to drunk driving each year and there is no public outcry," said Dougherty. "We want people to join forces with us.

"We just don't want people getting behind a steering wheel when they've had alcohol."

Dougherty is chairman of the Michele Cathleen Committee for Legislation Against Drunk Driving (MCCLADD), a group established in memory of Michele Martin and Cathleen Quinn to realize drunk driving legislative reform. Michele Martin was 20 years old when she killed in a 1982 crash with a drunken driver on Rt. 85. Cathleen Quinn, a Bethlehem Central High School student, was also killed in a crash on Rt. 85 last August. Deborah Moquin, the driver of the other vehicle in the crash involving Quinn, pleaded guilty to a number of counts, including second-degree vehicular manslaughter and felony driving while intoxicated, in Albany County Court last week.

"People take action when something affects them personally," said Dougherty. Her husband, Dr. James Dougherty, chairman of the medical staff at Albany Medical Center, is an orthopedic surgeon in practice with Dr. Brian Quinn, the father of Cathleen Quinn.

'We were devastated, absolutely devastated," said Dougherty.

'Apathy, public apathy - we want to erase it because we feel it's everybody's problem," Dougherty said. "My husband said it very well: 'If you want to drink, that's your business; if you want to drink and drive, that's everybody's business.'

"We realize we can't do anything about the sick, pathological drunk on the road; but, we can make the very responsible public aware of the problem. We are not a prohibitionist group. Our attitude is that if people want to drink, they can drink all they want, but don't drive.

"We're not going to carry banners, and we're not going to stomp the Legislature," said Dougherty. "Our group doesn't believe in handing our legislators a laundry list. Our group would like to go out for one strong piece of legislation a year.'

This year MCCLADD is working for temporary seizure of the permanent license of a driver who has been arrested for driving while intoxicated or ability impaired pending a hearing or trial for the offense. The group supports mandatory evidentiary blood alcohol testing of all drivers involved in accidents where there is a fatality, serious injury or complaint of bodily injury. The group also seeks one year of "hard" license revocation for



Rita Dougherty

anyone who refuses evidentiary blood testing.

While MCCLADD is still in its infancy, Dougherty reports that a number of long-term goals have also been formulated.

"New York State has some very good laws. We want to see them totally enforced. We want to see the discretionary power of the judges tightened up," said Dougherty. "RID (Remove Intoxicated Drivers) keeps a report card on our legislators. We'll keep a report card, I think, on the judges.

"We would like to speak to the service organizations. The adults have to set the example for the

She explained that the group will be reaching out to the highpowered, professional business people with the message: "If you're going to go out and you're going to drink, have a designated

"We're going to ask our clergymen to preach to their congregations. We're not preaching abstinence," said Dougherty. "I honestly believe that every decent human being is against drunk driving.

"We'd like to work with the SADD (Students Against Drunk Driving) groups. We'd like to promote more education in the classroom."

Dougherty said the group would like to approach insurance carriers about instituting a rate incentive program for under-25 drivers who remain sober drivers.

'We're trying to emphasize the medical, the socio-economic, the moral and the legal aspects of the problem," said Dougherty. "We just don't want people getting behind a steering wheel when they've had alcohol.'

'In addition to the names of Kita Dougherty and Dr. James Dougherty, the roster of the 16member MCCLADD executive committee lists sons Christopher D. Dougherty, 17, who recently organized a SADD group at The Doane Stuart School, and Jonathan H. Dougherty, executive director of the Medical Society of the County of Albany.

"We've pretty much made this a family affair. It's become a family priority," said Rita Dougherty. "It affects every one of us."

Next week: A college woman who recently graduated from Bethlehem Central High School discusses the benefits of a high school program that helped her become more responsible in her actions.

#### Radar detector taken

An Elsmere man reported his radar detector stolen from his car Sunday, Bethlehem police said. Paul and Mardell Steinkamp of Helderledge Farms prepare their booth for this weekend's Capital District Garden Show. At right, three of the plants to be displayed in their booth, a varigated Iris, foreground, Boxwood Bonsai, left rear, and Laniums in a concrete pot with moss. Tom Knight photos

# A jump on spring

By Ruth Fein Wallens

When spring fever hits before the first crocus awakens, strolling amid an array of professionally landscaped gardens and lunching in the relaxed atmosphere of a unique garden cafe may be the perfect cure.

Beginning Friday, this weekend offers a very special garden show for the benefit of the Wildwood School, which serves learning disabled and neurologically impaired young people from ages 3 to

Located in Niskayuna, the 22year-old Wildwood School serves a nine-county area, with 17 classrooms and residence programs throughout the area, including one on Gay Street in Delmar. It has grown from a small school that served eight students, to a cohesive, centralized human service program with a staff of 100 serving the educational and rehabilitative needs of 150 students, as well as their parents and

Though the school has survived and continually grown primarily through government and school district funding, it is now in jeopardy of loosing as much as \$500,000 to \$700,000 of its yearly \$4 million budget due to a significant decrease in state funding.

The Capital District Garden Show for the benefit of the Wilwood Programs of the Capital District is the school's first major public fundraiser.

The garden snow will be at the New Scotland Avenue Armory, Friday through Sunday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. daily. Admission is \$5, with discount tickets available in advance at one of the event's co-sponsors: Capital Newspapers, Cohoes Specialty Store, Key Bank, Price Chopper and Roberts Real Estate.

Saturday evening at the Armory will be a \$75 a person catered affair for the school's benefit, complete with strolling violins, bonsai demonstrations and landscaped settings. For reservations call 783-3421.



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# Knick's death community's loss

The sad statistics suggest that there aren't too many readers left to mourn the passing of the Knickerbocker News. The figures are real

#### Editorial

enough, but they hardly can tell the whole story.

The Knickerbocker News in its day was a first-rate newspaper and some of its honorable history is still visible in its pages as it dwindles down to a memory. The Knick had survived much travail in its day, not the least of which was its fate of being written and edited by a never-ceasing tide of aspiring newcomers who haven't understood the community but who were intent on winning investigative reporting awards.

The changing leisure-time habits of American families have doomed many afternoon newspapers in recent decades. Much of the Knick's fiscal sickness undoubtedly can be attributed to the Cronkite Phenomenon: how and when we receive our daily news. Ironically, the Knick's most venerable antecedent was originally a morning newspaper. A variety of amalgams left it in the afternoon field. And, perversely, Gannett's sale of the Knickerbocker News to Hearst in 1960 may have been the coup de grace, because what had been a keenly competitive paper became the "second paper" in a combination where the morning paper, long scorned, was about to take off and only palliatives were available to the struggling Knick.

So, finally, the inevitable arrives, and its proprietors (in the manner of the vet who sighs and announces that the faithful old horse should be put down) reveal plans for the remnants to become part of a bigger and better" product.

All that's unhappy enough, but the truly serious side of it for the whole community is that we can ill afford to lose its voice. For the plain fact is that on its very worst day the Knickerbocker News was a positive voice within the Albany orbit. In the tradition of the free press that is one of the bulwarks of the American system, such a voice is a vital part of its community. We can all regret the loss of the *Knick*.

## Big ticket items

One of the most frustrating, intransigent local issues around is the seemingly ever-rising local property tax burden. As we head into the school budget season it is helpful to keep in mind that sometimes - not always, mind you the high costs of local government and public education really are beyond the ability of our elected officials to control.

Take asbestos. As reported in last week's issue, Bethlehem Central will be setting aside \$80,000 this year to hire a consultant to come up with a plan to remove all remaining asbestos from school buildings. This is just for the consultant. There is no telling how much the final removal bill will be. And keep in mind that Bethlehem Central has already spent a huge amount to remove asbestos that was in areas where students could come in contact with it frequently - the new regulations are for the remaining asbestos, wherever it may be.

Voorheesville, forced to confront the asbestos problem because of building renovation needs, is facing some \$2.3 million in costs if all of the material currently in school buildings is removed. This is a key reason for the difficulties that district is having keeping its tax rate manageable. The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk district has not yet publicly addressed the problem, if there is one, it its school buildings.

Asbestos is a very dangerous substance, causing cancer and cancer-related diseases years after exposure. The Federal Government is clearly correct in mandating that it be removed from school buildings, although the new round of regulations apparently caught many school administrators by surprise. While the removal itself is partially reimbursed by state aid, so far the cost of hiring the consultants is not. A lobbying effort is under way to correct that.

Still, it is frustrating to have to pay so much for something that bears so little relation to the educational needs of our

#### Word of the week

Palliate: To attempt to mitigate or conceal the gravity of (an offense) by excuses, apologies, etc.; extenuate.

# Take traffic off Cherry Ave.

'Editor, The Spotlight:

The Town of Bethlehem in 1958 had the opportunity to complete Rt. 85 and the Delmar Bypass to New Scotland. We chose not to have this project completed. We now have an opportunity to reroute some of the traffic that our town has struggled with for approximately 30 years.

In the past year I have read with great interest the letters to The Spotlight criticizing the town for the plan to provide an alternate route for traffic between New Scotland Ave., Delaware Ave. and the Delmar Bypass.

I applaud the town for their efforts to reroute traffic from New

#### **Vox Pop**

Scotland and Voorheesville away from Cherry and Elm avenues.

For 17 years, I have observed the increase in traffic on Cherry Ave. while I waited for my daily bus trip to Albany. No longer is it safe for our paper girls and boys to complete their early morning tasks. It is now dangerous for individuals to leave their driveways and the feeder streets are slow to Cherry Avenue. This residential, tree-lined street carries over 10,000 vehicles daily.

The plan chosen by the town is a good one because of the rural nature of Fisher Boulevard. I also support the concept of having developers carry the burden of some of the cost of this extension rather than increase our highway taxes. This is economically the best solution possible.

I encourage the town to complete this project and not allow individuals with a "not in my backyard" agenda to affect the long-term goal of relieving the amount of traffic on Cherry and Elm avenues and providing a better corridor to the Bypass.

William D. Morrissey

Delmar

# Second anniversary for Jericho Bridge

Editor, The Spotlight:

March 15 marks the second anniversary of the closing of the Jericho Bridge in the Town of Bethlehem. The bridge, which carries County Route 53 over. Conrail's Selkirk Yards, was closed by Albany County for safety reasons after the span literally began falling apart.

People may recall that back in 1986, no one would take on the responsibility of fixing the bridge. When Conrail, the Federal Highway Administration, the state Department of Transportation and Albany County were asked when repairs would begin, each one pointed to the other. Simply put, the Jericho Bridge was shut down and left for dead.

Then the community spoke out

and made its feelings known. Hundreds of residents petitioned Albany County Executive James Covne for assistance. Backing up our call for action were representatives of Bethlehem's emergency services. The detour that they now had to take was making it more difficult for police, fire and ambulance personnel to respond to emergency calls in our area. State and county legislators went to bat for us as well.

During the months that followed. County Executive James Coyne did an about-face, offering to fund one third of the estimated \$2.2 million repair bill, or about \$733,000. Conrail followed suit and has offered \$800,000. In addition, a recent Spotlight article told of an undertaking by Assemblyman John Faso and Selkirk

State Sen. Howard Nolan to obtain the remaining funds from New York State. Finger-pointing had graduated to a commitment of \$1.533 million, with more hopefully on the way.

Considering that nothing was being done toward reopening the bridge before we spoke out, the residents of the Selkirk/South Bethlehem area have a great deal to be proud of. It should be made very clear, nevertheless, that while the effort put forth to date by Conrail and government officials is appreciated, the community will not rest until the project is fully funded and traffic flows once again over the Jericho Bridge.

Michael P. Fahey

# Sgarlata's stand is questioned

Editor, The Spotlight:

Councilman Joseph Sgarlata's letter, which was read at the March 2 New Scotland Town Board meeting, requesting that his name no longer be used by Concerned Citizens of New Scotland on their publications and stationery was long overdue. I feel that it was composed because of growing public pressure and not because Mr. Sgarlata realized that he had an obligation to take this course of action for all the voters of the Town of New Scotland.

Mr. Sgarlata should not only have made the decision to disassociate himself with Concerned Citizens at the very moment he decided to run for political office, but also to remove himself as a plaintiff in the town's lawsuit against William Larned and Sons. The commitment that he made when he decided to sit on the town board was to represent all the residents of the Town of New Scotland and not his own special interest group.

I have to question Mr Sgarlata's ability to make unbiased decisions regarding the Larned offer to settle the town's lawsuit out of court. One reason I question this ability is because Mr. Sgarlata stated at the March 2 town board meeting that although he wants to be disassociated with Concerned Citizens, he has no intention of removing himself as plaintiff on the town's lawsuit against Larned and Sons.

Mr. Sgarlata was quoted in the Altamont Enterprise as saying that he has "talked with four lawyers who have told him that there is no conflict of interest between his place on the town board and his name on the Larned Lawsuit." Whether this were true

or not, why would Mr. Sgarlata insist that he remain as one of the plaintiffs on the town's lawsuit against Larned and Sons when he himself fully realizes that it

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# Gazette series disturbing reading

The demise of the Knickerbocker News doesn't mean us news junkies are left with only one daily newspaper in this area. The Schenectady Gazette is one of the best-kept reading secrets around, and now perhaps more people will discover its substantial, if somewhat peculiar charms.

For the past five or six years, the Gazette has been providing first rate coverage of Albany and Albany County, although its reporters seldom receive the readership, or the credit they deserve because of the paper's parochial reputation and wilfully stodgy makeup. Perhaps one of the Gazette's greatest "faults" is its unwillingness to toot its own horn, which often allows the competition to ignore important stories (and later claim them as their own). Having waited in vain for the local media to pick up on one such story, Constant Reader feels an obligation to pass it on.

On Feb. 29 and March 1, the Gazette ran a disturbing series on the Albany County Nursing Home that should be of interest to all those with relatives or friends in the home, as well as those concerned with the adequate care of the elderly.

"With more than 70 patient care jobs vacant at the Albany County Nursing Home, relatives of several residents say the patients are paying the price,' begins the series by Gazette reporter Cathy Woodruff.

"One longtime staff member said care for the patients is at its worst in more than 10 years, and some family members say they worry that the nursing home is no longer a high county priority.

"While Albany County's wages for aids are 20 percent lower than the average for five nearby county-run homes, the county's pay for licensed practical nurses is approximately 10 percent

"The percentage of empty patient care jobs at the 420-bed nursing home far exceeds those at the county-run homes, as well as those at two larger county-run nursing homes in Onondaga and Erie counties.

"Albany County Nursing Home officials say the shortages are covered by overtime work and substitutes called in from private nursing agencies and that there has been no effect on the quality of care provided to patients. But relatives of several patients at the home say they have found a noticeable decline in the care being given, and some staff members lament that they have little time to spend with their patients.

Reporter Woodruff documents each of those statements in considerable detail during the course of the series. There are no villians to the piece, and everybody is given their say, but the evidence is overwhelming. During a six-week investigation she talked with county and state officials, as well as experts in the field. But the series concentrates on the human implications to the county's manpower dilemma.

"A group of about 30 relatives of patients confronted nursing home Director Robert Lynch at a meeting of the home's Family Council last month." Woodruff writes. "Among their strongest complaints was that, because there are few or no permanently assigned aides or nurses in some units — particularly on the 3 to 11 p.m. shift - the staff members do not know the patients and are not familiar with their needs.

"They also described specific complaints. One man said he had visited his mother on more than one occasion in the morning and found that she was being served breakfast but that her wet sheets and undergarments had not been changed. Others said they have had to go to the aid of unsupervised patients falling out of their wheelchairs or witnessed patients repeatedly calling for assistance when all staff members were out of earshot in another section of a unit.

"'I know what it used to be like: I've seen such a horrible change in two years. It's unbelievable, Lucy Kleinmann, whose 99-yearold mother lives at the nursing home, said recently.

"Though she had high praise

After this letter was received,

for the aides and nurses at the home, she said there simply are not enough of them.'

In the article, home director Lynch confirms most of Woodruff's figures, but maintains that service to patients has not fallen off substantially, primarily because of overtime worked by the remaining staff members. Albany County, he observes, is a very competitive job market, and it is more difficult to find qualified people.

'Also, he said, 'The aide's job is a tough job - a very tough job. Basically, I'm sure it can be a very thankless job. Because again, they are the ones who get a lot of grief from the families. . . I'm not sure that if I were in the market (for a job) and I can get the same amount of money working at McDonald's. . . I'm not sure I'm going to become an aide.'

Lynch acknowledged that the staff shortages are occurring at a time when patients in the nursing home are in need of more intense care than before, because new Medicare reimbursement rules limit the amount of time elderly people may spend in hospitals for particular ailments. Rather than receiving continued care in hospitals, they are released to nursing homes.

But relatives say they worry that the home no longer holds a high position on the list of county priorities. " 'Would Mr. (County Executive James J.) Coyne dare to try to run the civic center without enough help or maintenance?" Kleinmann asked, referring to the county's \$50 million arena construction project.

"Coyne, however, said he still views the nursing home staffing shortage as 'a major, major problem.

" 'I don't know what the solution is. If someone has one, I'd be glad to listen,' Coyne said. Raising salaries is something 'we may have to look at,' he said.'

Woodruff reports that the state Health Department has found no serious deficiencies at the nursing home during recent inspections, and that the most recently available records of complaints of patient abuse or neglect reveal nothing out of the ordinary. But it is the staff and the relatives who tell the story.

"Charles Gosse, whose wife was disabled by a stroke and has been in the nursing home for 12 years, becomes clearly agitated and frustrated when he discusses the changes he says have occurred at the home. 'There is not enough help and there are too many accidents here,' he said before a meeting of the home's Family Council last month. "The help for the patients is zilch.'

The series is very much in the Gazette mold. The paper is distinguished by an old-fashioned thoroughness and an inclination to let the story tell itself. It is often dull, always fat with detailed town board stories from hither and yon, and not very attractive to look at. A local story on the front page is a rarity. It also has some of the best, most experienced reporters around, particularly in its Albany bureau, which consistently breaks stories before the competition. It's worth more than a look.

### Beeps I can do without

Readers may recall Perry Galt's by-line when he wrote a popular column for The Spotlight in the Sixties under the heading of "The Periscope." He later contributed occasional writings to the "Media Rare" column in the Seventies.

#### By Perry Galt

In an age when technological innovations make modern life so much easier, it's inevitable Point of View that a few will do the opposite. We accept the wonders brought

to us by jet travel, satellite communications, hand-held remote controls, microwave ovens, VCR's and the miracles wrought by the micro-chip. We tend to forget what life was like before TV, interstate highways, junk food and the world of computers. Some of us old-timers even remember when they played baseball and football on grass.

Modern society owes many debts to corporate giants like AT&T that have given us area code dialing, touch tone, 800 numbers and answering machines. But among these blessings are three telephone monstrosities that grate the nerves and raise blood pressure — canned music when your call is put on hold, telemarketing, and that nerve-wrenching intrusion billed as Call

We cannot blame Ma Bell for the recorded voice that says, "All our agents are busy. Please stay on the line until..." followed by Willie Nelson's nasal whining on local radio. Nor can we blame her for the call that brings us from the far reaches of the cellar or from a ladder atop the rain gutter only to find a stock broker, carpet cleaner or an insulated window salesman making a pitch.

Yet it's not criminal — just annoying — for people to assault your eardrums with "elevator music" or to break into your home by phone to hustle sales. Unless it's a call that is personally urgent to me, I just hang up when I hear that stuff. One of the rare exceptions is the NYS Tax Department, which I need more than they need me when I have income-tax questions - they, at least, give us WMHT on the hold button, a ploy that often soothes the angry breast.

But there is no excuse and no forgiveness for Call Waiting, and here the phone company must bear full and hateful responsibility. The intent was innocent enough, a signal that someone is trying to call you while you are already on the line

This devilish device, masquerading as a technological advance, may be just dandy for the former, but not for the latter. Here I am, talking with a person I had dialed. The conversation is going well, but suddenly there's a click, followed by a crackle on the line. On the other end, your friend says, apologetically, "Oh, excuse me a moment, I have another call. Hang on, I'll be right

Even if you have the urge, it's already too late for you to say, "No, doggonit, you're talking with ME. If they want you bad enough, they'll get back to YOU!"

Didn't your mother and grandmother tell you at an early age that it's rude to interrupt, especially when grownups are talking? Is it any less rude for a person with Call Waiting to cut you off, even for a moment, to give attention to someone who has intruded into a private dialogue?

No one can blame the new caller for barging into the conversation, but there is no forgiveness for the person who accedes to the interruption via Call Waiting. I resent this kind of frustration when I was the one who made the call to begin with. but I cannot always be Christian when a person who calls me does this to me. In such cases I simply hang up. Then my friend, returning to find dial tone, has to put through a new call, invariably saying something like, "Sorry, I guess we got cut off." Whereupon I have to resist the urge to say, "No, we didn't get cut off, I just assumed you'd rather talk to them than to me.

Whatever happened to good manners? What's so terrible about a busy signal? We've accepted this as a way of life ever since Alexander Graham Bell created this monster of communication a century ago. I've grown up with the busy signal, which has such a simple message, spelled, Try Again.

Some subscribers — those with a mild conscience — say they need this ogre because they run some sort of a business from the house, or because they have teenagers. Phooey! People with a business at home should have a separate business number (many do), and teenagers should not be permitted to tie up the household line for two hours at a time.

Ironically, Call Waiting is misnamed. It is supposed to tell the subscriber there is a call waiting to be answered. What it really does is keep the original conversant waiting while the subscriber is interrupting.

If the phone people are so clever at dreaming up technological innovations for easier living, they should find a way to - oh, excuse me a minute, our dog is barking at the kitchen door, and I'd rather keep you waiting than her. I'll get right back to you, maybe later today or sometime next week. Hang on.

### **Vox Pop**

compromises his duty to all the citizens of New Scotland?

It appears that Mr. Sgarlata wants to play both sides of the fence. How can he vote in an unbiased manner along with the rest of the town board members on the settlement of the Larned case when he stands to lose something which he is fighting for? There definitely is a conflict of interest that exists regarding this

In view of these facts, I urge Supervisor Herbert Reilly to exclude Mr. Sgarlata from any type of voting or decision making process that may take place regarding the town's lawsuit against William Larned and Sons.

I strongly urge the remaining town board members to come up with a solution to the Orchard Park water problem that is fair to all parties involved.

Joseph M. Cotazino Jr.

Voorheesville

Councilman Sgarlata announced that he was withdrawing as a plaintiff in the lawsuit against Larned and Son miners. Ed.

#### A stink over summer garbage pickups

Editor, The Spotlight:

A question for the town board. With the summer months drawing near I would like to comment on the garbage pickup in the summer.

A few years ago the pickup was cut from two days a week to one day a week because of a budget cut. One day a week in the cool weather is fine but when the temperature gets to the 80's and 90's in June, July, and August one day a week isn't enough, my garbage can is alive after 4 or 5 days. It does not have to be carried out to the curb it can walk by itself. How about two pickups a week in the summer?

Pat Kendrick Sr.

Delmar

# No decision yet on adding new teachers

By Patricia Mitchell

The Bethlehem Central school board has made no decision on adding teachers in next year's proposed budget, but will look at ways to trim other proposals and budget items to help make them more affordable.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis is proposing to add 5.5 elementary teachers due to increasing enrollment and to increase foreign language instruction at the middle school.

The school board tentatively approved funds to improve the high school auditorium's stage lighting and to start a districtwide re-roofing project at its and also agreed to propose bonding to buy six buses and a wheelchair bus.

The school board is still preparing its proposed budget to be adopted by March 30 and has no projected tax rate for next year. However, Loomis said the revised budget after several workshops is \$22,349,815, up only a few hundred dollars from the first proposed fundamental operating budget of \$22,349,645.

Loomis also said the difference between the current budget and the budget now being prepared has changed from 9.66 percent to about eight percent because the

Wednesday budget workshop, 1987-88 budget was increased by \$298,000 to cover the cost of repairs to the high school auditorium roof.

> About 13 parents spoke in favor of funding the stage lighting and for the increased staff. However, some members of the school board are concerned with what one board member said could be a potential increase of up to 13 percent in the as-yet-to-be propos-

> Most board members said they were in favor of adding 5.5 elementary teachers, at a cost of \$169,125, because of increasing enrollment, but they asked for a priority list from the administration of all top priority proposals and for possible reductions in the fundamental operating budget.

> Teachers are the most important thing in a classroom, said board member Pamela Williams, and the staffing proposal should be included with the budget if the board doesn't add anything else.

> Elementary classes should be small enough for teachers to deal effectively with education, said board member Sheila Fuller.

> Board member Bernard Harvith disagreed, saying the district could add two teachers in grades one to five but not the proposed four. He said the district is in negotiations now with its teach-

> > Easter

**Specials** 

ers, and he would rather have fewer staff additions and pay the existing teachers well.

Board member Charles Reeves said he is concerned with the total budget picture, which could have an increase of \$600,000 or 11 percent over this year's budget. He said BC has hired 19 people in the last three years, and more than half of them were noninstructional. While the board probably should add some teachers in next year's proposed budget, he asked if the fundamental budget and the top proposals for additions could be looked at again, although he noted that the proposals have already been cut by two-thirds.

"The ability to pay is the other side of the coin. You can't have everything," Reeves said.

Loomis said he would not suggest hiring fewer teachers. If the board hired only three teachers, he said, that would affect Clarksville; if it hired two fewer teachers Elsmere woulld be affected. While the effect of hiring fewer teachers would be different on different schools, he said, it creates larger class sizes, and particularly in the early grades he feels smaller classes are important.

With most schools approaching capacity next year, there won't be openings in home schools for new children. Loomis also said if fewer

Meg's Confections

teachers were hired then classes may have to be created solely for achieving the right breakdown in numbers rather than for education.

'We're all in the same bind," Loomis said.

The school board also took no action on proposals for a middle school language teacher, an elementary guidance counselor, a guidance supervisor, a part-time noon hour aide for Elsmere and two elementary aides.

The lighting for the auditorium would provide additional outlets on the existing lighting bar and lights on the side at a cost of \$33,000. Dave Vigoda of Delmar said the allocation for the stage lights has become an issue of how the community supports the schools. If the lights are not included in the budget then parents may feel the situation is hopeless and the students will go on their way.

"We really need to allocate the funds this year," Vigoda said.

Jovce Laiosa of Slingerlands said her family goes to theater performances and she hopes to see it continue.

'Certainly it's not ESIPA or Proctor's but it's theater," Laiosa said.

It would be very ironic if theater no longer exists in BC because it was a role model for other schools in the area, said Beverly Barlow of Delmar. If the funds for the lights are not appropriated, she said she thinks the district is saying there probably won't be a theater program at the high school.

The auditorium lighting affects anything that goes on there, including concerts, community activities and guest speakers, said Mary Berry, president of the community organization at the high school.

The school board decided to see if it can package the lighting, roof work and padding for the high school's upper gym walls for a 36 percent return on state aid. The roofing work, at \$191,000, is the start of a 10-year plan for those roofs not done in the recent bond issue. The plan was proposed last year but the board instead appropriated funds to start architectural plans for the

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house. Nobody comes up to you after and says, 'Oh, what a beautiful roof,'' said board President Robert Ruslander. If the district doesn't propose funding the project this year it could be in trouble next year.

The padding, at \$10,800, would be for the upper gym wall where the bleachers were removed, said Loomis. At wrestling practice once, he said, he saw teammates and coaches pushing wrestlers away from the unpadded walls, and that made him uneasy.

The school board also decided to propose bonding for two 81passenger buses, three 59-passenger buses, one eight-wheel drive wheelchair bus and a suburban vehicle for the transportation department at \$347,698. If the proposal is approved by district voters, the district would be buying two year's buses in the bus replacement schedule.

While the board was considering purchasing six 59-passenger buses, Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer said there are some advantages to the larger bus. One part-time bus driver may have to be added instead of two or more, fuel and maintenance would be less, there is more flexibility in making routes and the district has had a positive experience with its two 81-passenger buses.

In other budget work, the school board also approved three in-district classes for handi-capped students who would otherwise go to BOCES, for a savings of \$22,000.

#### **BC** transportation requests due April 1

Parents of students enrolled in private schools, who want Bethlehem Central transportation for their children for the 1988-89 school year must submit a request by April 1.

BC cannot transport private school students without a written request on file.

Transportation request forms are now available at area private schools or call BC Transportation at 439-3830.

The forms must be submitted to the BC Transportation Office, VanDyke Rd., Delmar.

#### **GOP** women meet

The Bethlehem Womens Republican Club will hold an Old Timers Recognition Night Tuesday, March 22 at the Delmar Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m. Refreshments will be served.

# **BCspace limitations** put daycare on hold

On-site daycare in Bethlehem Central schools would be attractive to a majority of parents responding to a recent survey, but because of limited space in the schools next year it may not be available for two years.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said because of a recent school board decision to use nine art, music and Challenge rooms in the elementary schools as regular classrooms in the face of an expected increase in enrollment, the schools will be fuller than the administration likes. There is no way BC can realistically provide for quality daycare, he said.

However, Loomis said, he will make a proposal to the school. board Wednesday (today) on transportation policies for daycare next year. The facilities and enrollment committee will also look at the possibility of incorporating on-site daycare into its

According to survey results released to the school board at a budget workshop Wednesday, 69 percent of parents responding replied they would take advantage of on-site daycare.

Presently, 38 percent of the parents said they use formal daycare and 62 percent use babysitters. The survey also found that the district provides

transportation for 71 percent of the children who go to daycare, while another 29 percent of the parents make other transportation arrangements.

Survey results indicate daycare is an important and increasing need, Loomis said. While the district's primary purpose is education, he said, daycare arrangements do affect children.

The school board also received proposals for on-site daycare from School's Out, Inc., which presently runs before school and after school programs in the district, and the YMCA. Loomis said he was impressed with the dedication of School's Out.

School's Out would need school cafeterias, access to some classrooms or the library, each school's kitchen and some storage space. But Loomis said because of the school board's decision on using the nine extra classrooms he doesn't see how the district can find the space for School's Out or even the YMCA's proposals.

The school board decided to charge the facilities and enrollment committee, which is looking at how the district can handle a projected increase in enrollment with limited building space, to see how space for a daycare program similar to School's Out proposal can be incorporated into the



The Bethlehem Central School District will present a String Festival Thursday at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Among those in grades 3-12 who will perform are, from left, Jeff Dievendorf, Lynda Smith and Alicia Cacciola. The concert is free and open to the public. Tom Knight

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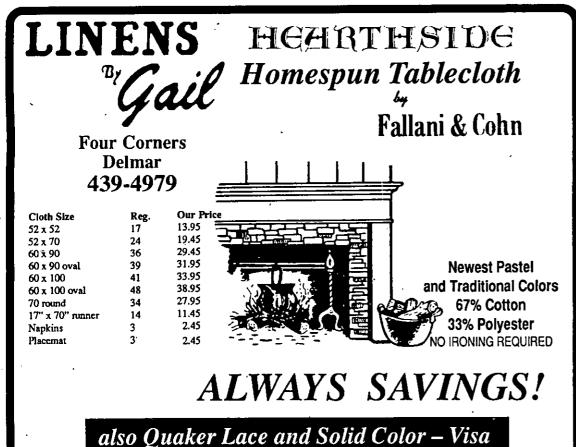
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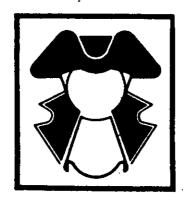
knew the Knick intimately as a competitor on the news beat.

Over the weekend we talked like people at a wake.

Roseberry's Albany recollections go back to the Thirties. After editorial stints in Olean and Rochester and two in Ithaca, he joined the Knickerbocker Press in 1936 when it was a morning paper. Gannett also had the Albany Evening News, while Hearst had the Times-Union, at that time an afternoon paper. Roseberry remembers the major shakeup in the Albany newspaper scene in 1937.

"The Gannett people made a

As an editor in the Albany Bureau of the Associated Press, Nat Boynton worked closely with both Albany papers before they were combined under one ownership. A 365-page book he has written on anecdotes and experiences over a newspaper career spanning 45 years, much of it in the Albany area, is due off the presses around April 15, the date of the final issue of the Knickerbocker News. Boynton is a retired editor/publisher of The Spotlight.



deal with Hearst. They (Gannett) merged the Press and the News, to make one afternoon paper and relinquishing the morning field to Hearst. This was done overnight, catching people without warning. Some people had to change shifts with no notice, and a lot of jobs were lost.

Roseberry says the combined paper, the Knickerbocker News, had one of the finest staffs in the state at the time. "It was a good place to work, at least until (Joe) Torbett came in. That was in 1942. Torbett came in from the Utica Observer-Dispatch and tried to remake the paper. He was quite ruthless. I had been writing a column as music and theater

critic; Torbett threw that out along with Charley Young's sports column and Warren Flood's outdoor column. He even threw out Jerry Costello's cartoons. Costello was syndicated, Charley Young was a nationally known baseball writer, and Flood was an authority in his field.

"But Torbett's sympathy for the German-American Bund caught up with him, and when his activities were exposed after Pearl Harbor, he was fired. There was quite a story behind all that."

Rowley, who worked on the city desk for most of his 16 years (1947-63), remembers the strong staff. "There was great spirit, a lively sense of "gotta beat the Times-Union" on this story. It was fun, especially when (the late) Dave Beetle came in as managing editor. He was a marvelous guy, a good writer and a fascinating fellow to work with. He opened the paper up to many byways of news, broader subjects. He had imagination.'

Rowley has deep respect for LaFleche as city editor. "He expanded coverage in many ways. The Albany Medical Center was growing, and Duane was the first to realize there were important stories in medical research

Rowley later taught English and American literature on the State University faculty for 20 years before retiring to his home in Altamont. He and his wife returned last year after two years in China.

Rowley also remembers the gloom in the city room in 1960 when the paper was sold to Hearst. "The idea of having to work for Hearst didn't set well. There were layoffs and some good people got bumped.'

As it turned out, their fears dissipated. Rowley continues: 'Curiously, the three years after the takeover were the three best 'Mixed' marriages

There was vigor and zeal aplenty in the competition between the Times-Union and the Knickerbocker News when Hearst and Gannett divided the morning and afternoon fields in Albany in the mid-Thirties, but not enough to thwart romance among the

Bill Lowenberg, a Delmar retiree who began a 26-year career in the Times-Union city room in 1935, says there were at least two weddings that could be facetiously called "mixed marriages" during those long-ago days.

He points out that Virginia (Ginny) Allin, a Knickerbocker News reporter, later married a Times-Union newsman and became Mrs. Robert Travers. Their young daughter, whom Lowenberg remembers as a "pretty little tyke," grew up to become the Mary Travers of the famous singing group known as Peter, Paul and Mary.

And then there was Zoe Fales, a familiar by-line of a talented Times. Union writer who married a Knickerbocker News reporter. His name: Henry Christman, author of a documentary on Albany's patroon-era tenant uprisings that has become a classic among books on local history, Tin Horns and Calico.

Nat Boynton

years of the Knick, at least during recalls. "He gave me unimaginable my time. Management told us not to worry, they would keep us separate and independent. They felt the two papers would serve different audiences - more affluent people would read the K-N, the working people the T-U. The strange thing was it was liberating. Both papers became stronger; less afraid of the business community and the O'Connell machine. You remember the flap over legal advertising? We could go after more sensitive stories and do more digging."

But that didn't last. The money went into the T-U, and that was the beginning of the end for the

LaFleche, city editor for a dozen years bridging the Hearst takeover. says the Knick's dominance in the Albany market continued into the Seventies. He is an admirer of the late Gene Robb, Times-Union publisher who presided over the move of a full newspaper staff from Beaver St. to the Sheridan Ave. plant to join a former competitor.

"Gene was stalwart," LaFleche

freedom.

That translated into a number of stories critical of the powerful O'Connell political machine, he says. "Those were the days when the Knickerbocker News was at odds with the Democratic organization," LaFleche reminisced. "A few times we carried stories of alleged police brutality in Albany, which the organization said they would investigate. In such cases the organization would hail editors and reporters before the grand jury and pillory them. That happened more than once. The grand jury at that time, of course, consisted primarily of party hacks."

The paper also took on several state agencies in the Sixties, notably an exposure of state pension enrichment and a blast at the state liquor authority. "We made them (the ABC) open up their meetings," says LaFleche. We also wrote a long series on Who Runs Albany that often contained some tart comments.'

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# The good old days

I'm glad the old Times-Union building on Albany's "Newspaper Row" on Beaver St. was gone by the time I came to Albany (1951). I knew the old Knickerbocker News building, and that

Oldtime Albany newspapermen love to-talk about the incredible working conditions of those two structures, almost gloating over memories of the miseries they provided.

C. R. (Tip) Roseberry, one of Albany's most respected historical writers, recalls how "horrified" he was at conditions he found upon arriving from western New York in 1936 to start a new job on the Times-Union at Beaver and Green streets.

It was the most rickety building I ever saw," he said. "I knew almost nothing of Albany. The paper was located in the gut section of the city. There were rows of bars and bordellos along Hudson Ave. and Green St., and I was appalled at the open solicitation by the night ladies. It took a while to adjust.

When friends back in Rochester and Ithaca asked him how he liked his job in Albany, he said, he would tell them that "I love the job, the hate the

Bill Lowenberg, a veteran Times-Union reporter now retired in Delmar, agrees the building was rickety and also grimy and dirty, inside and out. "The ceiling in the city room was low and had cracks. The lead dust filtered through, and we had to comb the dust out of our hair every night.

Lowenberg likes to tell the story of the time "young Hearst" (William Randolph Hearst, Jr.) paid a brief visit to the Times-Union with some prominent guests. When the party appeared in the doorway of the editorial department, according to Lowenberg, Hearst was overheard

to remark, I didn't know there were places like this anymore.'

A block to the east, where Beaver narrows into an alleyway as it approaches Broadway, stood the Knickerbocker News, a narrow, crowded three-story structure. The editorial department was on the second floor, rear, adjacent to the composing room. Bill Rowley, now retired in Altamont, used the same words for that building as had Lowenberg in his.

Describing the workplace he served for 13 years before the paper was sold to Hearst and moved to Sheridan Ave., Rowley said: "The newsroom was dirty and rickety. It had almost a look of the 19th century. The floorboards were weak underneath my desk, and there were cracks in the floor. Below was a machine wherethey recycled newsprint. It was a wonder we could work at all under those conditions.

But there was drama and spirit there, Rowley said. In his eyes, the sanitized newsroom in the Capital Newspapers' modern plant in Colonie "has no atmosphere."

I have my own vivid memories of that building, which also housed the Associated Press bureau. I remember my shock at seeing the crowded, stifling garret on the third floor allocated to the AP. There were far too many desks, files and typewriter stands to allow aisle space, there were 11 noisy teletype machines setting up a ceaseless cacaphony, and the windows were too grimy to admit much sunlight. Ten people worked in that airless attic on the day shift, and it was unbearable in summer heat.

A footnote: Lowenberg says that Bret Harte, the famous 19th century writer, was born in that old Knick building, when it must have been a stylish private residence at No. 33. The encyclopaedia lists Harte's birth date as 1836.

an edition off the press as the newsboys would fan out downtown yelling 'Extra!'

Next month the familiar Knick masthead will appear atop Page One for the last time, the latest casualty in a nationwide trend that has eliminated newspaper competition in many U. S. cities. The cost of providing full coverage to expanding suburban  $areas\,in\,a\,competitive\,environment$ is simply too high to sustain.

The publishers like to have the Knick's death certificate attribute the cause to a national malady that has doomed afternoon papers in many cities across the land. The list of victims include many proud, prestigious leaders in American journalism in New York, Chicago, Boston, Philadelphia and many other major markets.

Many have speculated that Hearst kept the Knick going to keep its lock on major advertising accounts. But when Price Chopper and Northway Mall switched lucrative advertising contracts from the Knick to a giveaway weekly last year, publisher Lyons told the Capital District Business Review that the loss would not have a significant effect.

Whatever the cause, the community has lost a basic resource. Perhaps it's just as well that the terminal illness was a lingering one instead of one that suddenly strikes down a patient

in good health. The Knick's circulation losses since the 1969 peak, nine years after the Hearst takeover, were loosely reported in round numbers in last week's news stories, but whatever the official audits show, the shrinkage has been devastating.

In April, 1969, Hearst acquired the Schenectady Union-Star, which had peaked at 35,000 in a struggle against the Gazette's 41,000, and merged it with the Knick. Within a few years the Star circulation dwindled to 9,000, and the name was dropped from the Knick masthead. Today the paper is hardly a memory in Schenectady.

The erosion in coverage has been gradual. In the Sixties both the Times Union and the Knick had a reporter assigned full-time to Bethlehem. In the Seventies that beat was realigned to combine Bethlehem and Guilderland, and shortly thereafter, a reporter with a regular news beat in the city had to find time to cover both those major suburbs. In recent years the Knick's coverage of Bethlehem has often been superior to that of its morning competitor, primarily because of continuity and the expertise of the reporters assigned

But for sentimentalists, the memories live on. So long, Knick, old buddy. We're glad we knew you when.

buildings in the Fifties, I had daily commerce with the nucleus of the Knick city room—Bill Skirving, Charley Mooney and others. They were from "the old school." There aren't many left. In recent years both Albany papers have had few long-service newspeople like Barbara Hayden, who came with the Union-Star acquisition, John Klucina, Ralph Martin and Art

"We had a lot of bright reporters," said LaFleche.

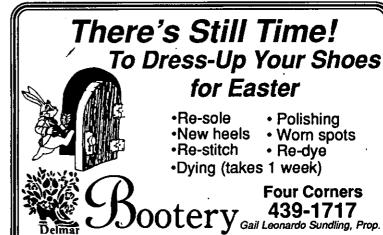
On the AP we couldn't help noticing the difference between the two city rooms during that

period. On the T-U, there was often only the night editor and one rewrite man on duty after the first edition went to press at 7:30 p.m., surprising for a morning paper. And they had only one political writer at the Capitol.

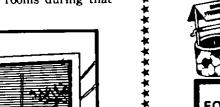
Lowenberg, a Times-Union reporter and deskman for 26 years who knew the Knick as a competitor, concedes that. But Lowenberg, still an irrepressible storyteller and active in retirement in Delmar, also remembers writing late-breaking stories at 3

a.m. in his younger days (or nights).

"There was lively competition, especially when the two papers were a block apart," he recalls. "Their (the Knick's) press room was in the 'L' part of their building with the back door on Green St. When we heard their presses start and we knew it wasn't the regular edition time, we knew they had an Extra. That would drive George Williams (T-U publisher) crazy. He would send a copyboy across the street to grab



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# 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.

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 balt.

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 ndays of each month at 8 p.m. at the rd 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 informat in 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, 430-4258.

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, conservations 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.

# WEDNESDAY 16

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

Bethlehem Elks Lödge 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.

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.

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," First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 477-4511.

# THURSDAY 17

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 prospective members, 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.

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

## FRIDAY

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First

United Methodist Church, 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, 439-339.

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

# area arts

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



THEATRE

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

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

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

"The Emergency Exit Circus," Page Hall, State University at Albany, 135 Western Ave., Albany, March 17, 3 p.m. Tickets, 438-6314

"Bravo America," presented by Ice Capades, RPI Field House, Troy, March 23-27, Tickets, 276-6262.

Festival on Ice, with Tai Babilonia, Randy Gardner and Robin Cousins, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 18-20. Tickets, 346-6402.

"Divertissement," by the Moscow Musical Theater for Children, The Egg, Albany, March 18-25. Tickets, 443-5222.

#### MUSIC

Albany Symphony Orchestra, College of Saint Rose Night, Palace Theater, Albany, March 19, 8 p.m. Tickets, 454-5105.

Nan Guptill, soprano, and Virginia Lamb, pianist, Recital Hall, State University at Albany, March 20, 7 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

Opera Excelsior, Recital Hall, State University at Albany, March 18, 8 p.m. Tickets, 442-3995.

Capitol Hill Choral Society, "Bachfest," Saint Andrew's Church, Madison Ave., Albany, March 20, 3-5 p.m. Tickets, 439-8223.

Jeana Tucker, pianist, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, March 19, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5178.

Belgrade State Folk Ensemble, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 23, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Susannah McCorkle and Friends, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

Bill Cunliffe and Paul Evoskovich, jazz artists, College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, March 18, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Kahane, Shifrin, Swenson Trio, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, March 16, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-7890. Burnt Hills Oratorio Society, concert of sacred music, First

Reformed Church, Schenectady, March 20, 3 p.m. Tickets, 471-4720.

L'Ensemble, performance of "The Soldier's Tale," Gowana Auditorium, Shenendohowa Campus, Clifton Park, **March 20**, 1:30 p.m. Tickets, 436-5321.

#### FOLK

Short of Breath, folk group, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, March 18, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Charlie King, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, March 18, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Scott Alarik, folk musician, Caffe Lena, 45 Pjila St., Saratoga Springs, March 18 and 19, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

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

ART

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

Harmanus Bleecker Center Student Art Show, Harmanus Bleecker Center, Albany, March 18-May 10.Information, 463-4478.

"Madeline Novlotzky: A 35 Year Retrospective," Albany Center Gaileries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, March 19-April 22. Information, 462-4775.

"The Lay of the Land," by Roger Brown, Louisa Chase, Elaine Galen and Robert Lobe, Rathbone Gallery, Albany, through April 15. Information, 445-1778.

Paintings by Jean-Claude Dupont, Albany City Hall, Albany, March 23-April 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 489-7001.

"Broadsides," 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, 465-1461.

"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.

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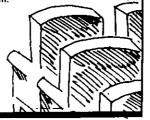
"Grandma's Bottle Village-The Art of Tressa Prisbey," and "The Meaders Family: North Georgia Potters," State Museum, Albany, March 22, 12:10-1:10 p.m.

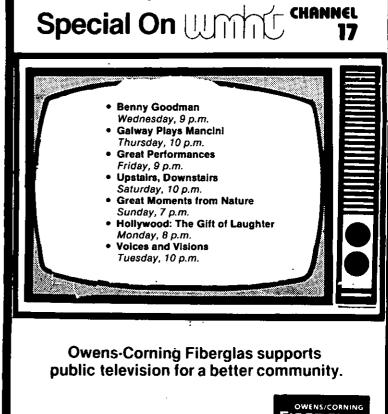




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**Duplicate Bridge,** all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

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

Capital District Civil War Round Table, Mark Jordan will speak about "The Continuing Battle: Battles Among Generals after 1865," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6795.

# SATURDAY MARCH

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

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

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

Book Sale, offering books, puzzles, records and magazines, Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 439-9314.

Tree Identification Program, indooroutdoor activities, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Elsmere, 10 a.m., outdoor walk, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

New Scotland Republican Committee, dinner dance, with Skip Parsons, Crossgates Banquet House, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 765-4745.

Spring Craft Fair, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, Voorheesville Fire House, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 754-2551.

Cabaret-Nite, with Sound System Singers and BC Dance Band, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

# SUNDAY

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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 care provided during service, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care, 9:30 a.m.; children's 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.

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.



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.

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.

Clarksville Community Church, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m. Coffee following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2853.

Book Sale, offering books, puzzles, records and magazines, Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 439-9314.

#### MONDAY MARCH

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

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

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

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185 Ladies Auxiliary, meets on third Monday of each month, VFW Post 3185, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836. **Temple Chapter 5 RAM,** first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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

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

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

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

Substance Abuse Television Show, focusing on local efforts to prevent drug and alcohol abuse, with Senator Howard Nolan, Bethlehem Cable Channel 7, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Retreat, "God and Nature," presented by Father Robert Roos, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

# TUESDAY MARCH

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

Epilepsy Support Group, for parents whose children are effected by epilepsy, Epilepsy Association, Pine West Plaza, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 7-8:30 pp.m. Information, 456-7501.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Old Timers Recognition Night, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. Information, 439-2284.

**Delinar Progress Club,** gardening group meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

New Car Program, information on how to buy a new car, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Good Samaritan Home, Musical Variety Program, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

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Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

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

Homosexuality Seminar, on homosexuality, Delmar Reformed Church, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-9929.

Wine Lecture, by Peter Devine of Delaware Plaza Liquor Store, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Good Samaritan Home, Easter Program by Salvation Army, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

# THURSDAY 24

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

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### SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

**GROCERY SHOPPING DAY** 

MONDAY - Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30 - 11:30 a.m.

THURSDAY - Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem to Town Squire Plaza 9:00 - 11:30 a.m.

#### SENIOR VAN DINNER OUT PROGRAM

Take a friend out to dinner! The Senior Van will pick you up at your home at an appointed time and the group will be transported to a designated restaurant. Reservations are made in advance by the office. Join Us for international cuisine in March.

MARCH 23 - Wednesday - Alteri's of Glenmont (Italian Cuisine)



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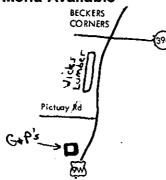
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American Association of University Women, Japan Study Group, meeting with Richard Shirey, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-2972.

> FRIDAY **MARCH**

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 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,

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

"Our Town," presented by drama club at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3628.

SATURDAY MARCH

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

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

"Our Town," presented by drama club at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3628.

Craft Fair, sponsored by PTA, Glenmont Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4817.

Joint Dinner Meeting, Gansevoort Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, Battlefield-Yankee Doodle Chapter, Sons of the American Revolution, Schuyler Meadows Country Club, Newtonville, 6 p.m. Information,

Blood Screening Clinic, conducted by MDS Health Group Inc., Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Popiar Dr., Delmar, 8-11 a.m. Information, 765-2197.

Spring Roast Beef Dinner and Mini Bazaar, new Salem Reformed Church, settings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-2197.

# AREA EVENTS Occasions

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY **MARCH** 

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

American Diabetes Parents Group, meeting with presentation on Clara Barton Camp and 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, sponsored by Salvation Army Women's Auxiliary, Desmond Americana, 2 p.m. Information, 439-1437.

Albany County Republican Committee, "Lincoln Day Dinner, Polish American Hall, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 783-5864.

**THURSDAY MARCH** 

Capital District Resolve, program on pregnancy loss, with open discussion, campus center, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western\* Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 381-7048.

Residential Tour, sponsored by Historic Albany Foundation and Albany County Board of Realtors, Hinckel Apartments, South Swan and Park Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 463-0622.

Slide Talk, "Printing for the Public: Nineteenth Century Broadsides," by Georgia Barnhill and Andrew Mellon, 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.

Stress Reduction Program, "For Women Only," with exercise, cosmetic and fashion instruction, Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information,

Home Workshop, "Weatherizing Your Home or Apartment," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany 7-9 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, meeting with discussion led by George Laya, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. information, 463-0887.

FRIDAY MARCH

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Small Business Owners Breakfast Seminar, sponsored by ALERT and U.S. Small Business Administration, Quality Inn, Everett Rd., Albany, 7:30-9 a.m. Information, 463-2661.

Garden Show, with landscape designs and demonstrations, sponsored by Wildwood, New Scotland Avenue Armory, Albany, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 783-3421.

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

Capital District Mother's Center, dropin morning, 405 Quait St., 9:30 a.m.noon. Information, 482-4508.

Christian Singles Over 25, covered dish supper with music by Ken and Polly Tyrell, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740.

Sons of the Revolution, spring meeting, with John Romanation as guest speaker, University Club, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 877-5997.

Women's Conference, "A Day of Retreat, Reflection, and Renewal for Women," with Harry Flynn, St. Ambrose Church, 347 Old Loudon Rd., Latham, 9:40 a.m. Information, 785-1351.

Meeting on Cultural Legislation, for teachers, cultural leaders, and legistators, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 474-1201.

Northeastern Wildlife Exposition, with demonstrations, displays, and activities, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 5-9 p.m. Information, 783-1362.

SATURDAY MARCH

MARCH

Schoharie Valley Hayshakers, square dance, Schoharie Elementary School, 8 p.m.

Garden Show, with landscape designs and demonstrations, sponsored by Wildwood, New Scotland Avenue Armory, Albany, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 783-3421.

Fashlon Luncheon, to benefit Salvation Army Day Care Services, with fashions from Macy's and silent auction, Desmond Americana Inn, Colonie. Tickets, 439-1437.

Musical Kaleldoscope, sponsored by Sunnyside Youth Center, with Gary Gelfenbien and his Singers, Troy Music Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 274-5986.

Tri-Village Squares, fifth anniversary celebration, dinner-dance, Ponderosa Square Dance Hall, Scotia, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-4598.

Christian Singles Pot Luck dinner, Loudonville Community Church, 6 p.m. Information, 664-8209.

**Spring Celebration;** family fun race, Ski Windham, Windham. Information, 734-4300.

Poetry Reading, by Judith Johnson, Ed Sanders, and Joe Cardillo, QE2, 12 Central Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 474-2033.

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Garden Show, with landscape designs and demonstrations, sponsored by Wildwood, New Scotland Avenue Armory, Albany, 9:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. Information, 783-3421.

Capital Owl Meeting, with talk by Marilyn Causey of Retired Senior Volunteer Programs, Women's Building, 3-4:30 p.m. Information, 861-6935.

Steamboat Festival, with lectures, performances, and displays, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, noon-5 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

Baseball Card Convention, with appearance by Steve Garvey, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 377-0219.

Spring Country Craft Fair, sponsored by Saratoga Springs Jaycees, Canfield Casino, Saratoga, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 584-1570.

Schenectady Antique Radio Club, meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace, Schenectady, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

Celebration of Antonio Vivaldi, "Journeys and Poverty," with music and lectures, State Museum, Albany, 3-4 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Business and Professional Women of Albany, annual scholarship fundraiser, OTB Tele-Theater, Central Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 463-4312.

Northeast Jewish Singles, talk, "How to Keep Physically Fit After 39 Without Joining a Health Club," by Hank Linett, 122 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 274-1760.

Convocation of Jews and Christians, with speeches and workshops, Doane Stuart School, Albany, 1-6 p.m. Information, 356-0478.

"Country at the Turf," featuring Mirinda, Aged in the Hills, Cimmeron and High Noon, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 2-6 p.m. Information, 767-2744.

Northeastern Wildlife Exposition, with demonstrations, displays, and activities, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 783-1362.

MONDAY

Active Birth Workshop, with films and yoga, Junior College of Albany, campus center, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, March 21 and 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 465-0241.

United Negro College Fund College Fair, with representatives of 35 black colleges, for juniors and seniors, Hudson Valley Community College, campus center, Troy, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Information, 270-7325.

TUESDAY 22

"An Evening with Dr. Ruth Westheimer,"
Columbia-Greene Community College,
Hudson, 8:30 p.m. Information,
828-4181.

Adirondack Mountain Club, presentation, "Knee Fitness: The Care and Prevention of Injuries," 14 Computer Dr., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 237-0404.

Adirondack Wildlife Program, on efforts to restore the lynx and study wildlife, State Museum, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Breakfast Seminar, for employers dealing with disabled workers, Desmond Americana, Albany, 8:30-11 a.m. Information, 438-6472.

Book Review, "Today's Special: Zap and Zoe" and "The Luck of Zap and Zoe," by Athena V. Lord, reviewed by Sheila Alsaffo, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Home Maintenance Class, "Wall Repairs," Albany County Cooperative Extension, 230 Green St., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

Program on Handicaps, "Is Special Education Really Special?" Russell Sage College, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-8785.

Women's Interfaith Observance, "Sing a Song Unto the Lord," First Lutheran Church, 181 Western Ave., Albany, noon-2:30 p.m. Information, 439-5749.

Hudson Valley Community College, open house, with tours and programs, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 4:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 270-7309.

Empire State College, information session, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. Information, 447-6746.



Ida Faiella of L'Ensemble is the narrator in the chamber music group's fully-staged presentation of Stravinsky's "The Soldier's Tale," Sunday, March 20 in the Gowana Auditorium, Shenendehowa Campus, Clifton Park, at 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 23

Capital District Women's Political Caucus, meeting with speech by Florence Bonner, Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 483-1039.

Auditions, for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," part of Shakespeare in the Park series, Albany High School, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 463-0092.

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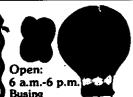
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# **Brookhill Village**

# Full environmental impact so may be required by town

By Bill Cote

Brookhill Village may have a significant environmental impact, requiring a full environmental impact statement. That was the word from Bethlehem Town Board members Wednesday on preliminary review of the 31.5-acre North Bethlehem project.

On the recommendation of town planner Jeffrey Lipnicky, the board decided to require a formal impact study under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). The study will include an analysis of soils, topography, drainage, vegetation loss, wildlife displacement, traffic generation and the impact on public services such as utilities and the school district. The project's impact "in terms of the district's ability to accommodate additional children generated by the project" will be studied. A comparison to single family development on the site will also be mandated.

The two-part approval procedure first calls for rezoning. Developers David, Dennis and John Quadrini are requesting that the A-Residential parcel be

changed to Planned Commercial and Planned Residential districts to allow 290 residential dwelling units and 40,000 square feet of office and retail commercial space along Blessing Road.

Lipnicky said that the positive declaration under SEQRA allows the town 30 days to prepare a written scope of issues that the developer will be required to address. Written comment will be accepted until April 6 to allow town officials a week to formalize the document before its April 13 deadline.

#### Water interconnection

The board also reviewed a proposal by Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor to build an interconnection between the water districts of Bethlehem and Guilderland.

The plan would provide both towns the mutual benefit of emergency back-up. Valves would be opened only with agreement from both towns and flow would be metered. The \$108,000 project would be split equally between the neighbors, as would the periodic maintenance expenses.



Tri-Village Welcome Wagon recently donated a television, VCR and video tapes to the Children's Hospital at the Albany Medical Center Hospital, and they are looking for donations of more tapes. From left, Krystin Townsend, a patient at the children's

hospital; Barbara Pellegrini, child life specialist; patient Bess Allendorph; receive the gifts from Debbie Rohrbach, Tri-Village Welcome Wagon president; and Pat Bush, also of Tri-Village Welcome Wagon. Spotlight

The proposed valve and pump station will be located on Fliegel Ave. near the old North Bethlehem fire house.

North Bethlehem is fed by a single twelve inch pipe, according to Secor. "Our system is fragile in that area in that it has a single feed," he said.

Secor said that the existing emergency plan is to connect two adjacent fire hydrants of the neighboring water districts. This arrangement was used last summer when valve problems shut off supply north of New Scotland Road, he said.

A report from J. Kenneth Fraser, the town's project consulting engineering firm, outlined the technical aspects of the proposal for the board. The report added that the Albany County Health Department has "long been a proponent of water connections".

In other business Wednesday, the board:

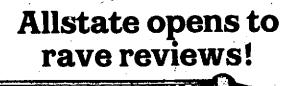
• Approved a Highway Department request to award a bid for a used tractor with a boom type mower attachment. The machine will be used to cut grass and brush along town highways. According to Highway Super-

intendent Martin Cross, the \$11,900 expense would have exceeded \$20,000 if a new unit was purchased. The board also approved a Highway Department request to award a bid for a 20-ton equipment trailer to replace the 19-year-old model now used by the department. Funds for the purchase were allocated in the 1988 town budget.

• Approved a request by Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick to appoint Valerie Restifo to the post of town historian. Restifo, a 36-year Delmar community member, resides on Elsmere Ave. The post-carries an annual salary of \$1,637.

• Tabled a three-item Traffic Safety Committee recommendation. The board again debated over placement of a stop sign and traffic control signs. According to Councilman Dennis Corrigan, the issue calls for consistency and more thought on the part of the board. Corrigan said that State Department of-Transportation recommends that stop and yield signs should not be used to control the speed of traffic. A recent traffic safety committee recommendation for Jefferson Rd. suggested the installation of yield signs for that purpose.





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# Task force will look at GOP's future

By Tom McPheeters

Bethlehem's Republican Party, stung by two unprecedented defeats last year, have agreed to form a task force to look at the party's direction.

The task force will look at such questions as party registration and communications with the voters, said party Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz. It will be composed of members of the Bethlehem Republican Committee, plus representatives of both the men's and women's Republican clubs.

"We lost an election and we're concerned about it," said Kaplo-

#### **Politics**

witz following a "frank" meeting of committee members March 3. "We think we're doing things right, but . . ."

The Bethlehem Republicans lost their first ever town election last fall when Democrat Bob Burns edged Thomas Scherer for a seat on the town board. Probably more damaging to the party was the earlier primary challenge to incumbent Receiver of Taxes Kenneth Hahn mounted

by Charles Fritts and supported sides said later they considered it by the committee. That followed a 1986 primary for state legislature that saw Kaplowitz and Gary Swan, a Glenmont committeeman, split the town's Republican vote. Hahn had been the only committeeman to support Swan, and the primary challenge against him was seen as punishment for his stand.

But following the Burns win Kaplowitz and members of the Hahn-Swan faction have been mending fences. The March 3 meeting was the first time the two sides discussed the party's direction face-to-face, and both

a qualified success. "It's going to be a really intensive working group," said Swan following the meeting. Swan credited a letter written by committeeman John LaForte and mailed to every member of the committee with setting the basic focus of the task

Kaplowitz said 17 members of the committee indicated they wanted to serve on the task force, but since a number of people were not present more may join later. The task force was scheduled to hold its first meeting last Monday.

#### Learn about wines

Varieties of wine and suggestions for serving will be discussed on Wednesday, March 23 at 7:30 p.m. in the Board Room of the Bethlehem Public Library. Peter Devine, who has operated the Delaware Plaza Liquor Store for 21 years, will be the speaker. Call 439-9314 to register for the In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at program.

#### Sen. Gore to speak at Democratic dinner

Tennessee Sen. Al Gore, Jr., currently seeking the Democratic nomination for president, has accepted the Bethlehem Democratic Committee's invitation to be the Jefferson-Jackson Day dinner's keynote speaker.

Party Chairmán Bill Burkhard said the annual dinner will be held on April 11 at Michaels Banquet House in Latham. Committee member Barbara Shields has been named chairperson of the event.

Gore should provide a major draw for the local party, which is attempting to build membership following its first-ever win in a local election last fall. The New York State presidential primary will be held April 19.

"Al Gore had a Super Tuesday, and his campaign is New York is shifting into high gear," Burkhard said.

Dinner tickets are \$25 and may be obtained from district committee people. For information, call 439-2618.

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# □ Delmar Village impact statement

(From Page 1)

John Smolinsky of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning contends that town planners have a "responsibility" under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to review the bypass in its entirety. Smolinsky outlined BCRP's position in a letter to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick and town planners.

"Because a key piece of the bypass extension is located within Delmar Village and can be considered as a connecting link to a future regional highway, and because an environmental review of the total project was never initiated, a detailed environmental review of this piece of the bypass consistent with procedures outlined by the U.S. Department of Transportation should be required," he said.

Smolinsky suggested a "separate

#### Civil wars among the Union generals

The Capital District Civil War Round Table will meet Friday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library in

The meeting will feature a talk, "The Continuing War: Battles among Union Generals After by Mark H. Jordan. The talk will deal with the writings of prominent union generals.

#### Police charge woman with resisting arrest

A Glenmont woman was charge with resisting arrest Wednesday after officers found she was driving with a suspended drivers license, Bethlehem police said.

The 26-year-old woman was stopped on Rt. 9W near Stewart's for a traffic violation, police said. The woman was found to have a suspended license after a computer check, police said. The woman was informed that she was under arrest, police said, but refused to leave the car. The arrest was made after a brief struggle, police said.



SEQRA proceeding initiated by the town" that "must address the cumulative impact of the entire bypass project and its alternatives.'

In another area, Lipnicky agreed with Smolinsky that the project be considered in context with other proposed developments having similar time frames for completion in the town. He calls for detailing of cumulative impacts and with respect to the town's water and sanitary sewer facilities. "Consideration of the project in isolation from other proposed and planned development will not result in an accurate understanding of the project's impacts," Lipnicky said.

Additionally, he backed BCRP's call for impact review of the site between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St. for its historic and recreational value, aesthetic and natural resources, including vege- feedback.

tation destruction and wildlife displacement and the impact on nearby Five Rivers Environmental Center.

The ball is in their court now," said Lipnicky, speaking about HMC Associates. He said that there is no time limit imposed upon the completion of the DEIS but that state law mandates that a public hearing be held within 60 days after submission. A final **Environmental Impact Statement** must be prepared and filed within 45 to 60 days thereafter.

The state Department of Environmental Conservation, the state Department of Transportation and the Albany County Health Department are among the agencies contacted for further response. The resolution also determined that all documents would be placed on file at the Bethlehem Library for public



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# Town delivers document to Galesi Group

#### By Patricia Mitchell

Issues such as induced growth, alternatives to the project, traffic, water and sewage disposal will have to be addressed by the Galesi Group for its proposed Tall Timbers Country Club project.

Those issues are part of a scoping document that will be used by the developers when they are preparing their draft environmental impact statement for their proposal. It is part of the the state Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) on the project by the town as lead agency.

At its meeting Tuesday, the planning board approved the scoping document prepared by Robert Cook, planning board consultant, and C.T. Male Associates, the town's engineering consultant. The town board approved the document at a special meeting Wednesday, and it was delivered to the Galesi Group on Thursday.

The Galesi Group is proposing to build 430 units on 181 acres on the former Tall Timbers Country Club off Hilton Rd.

Planning board Chairman

#### New Scotland

document was prepared under the assumption that the draft EIS Galesi submitted to the town when the project was formally proposed in January does not

After Galesi received the document, Hampston said they will be revising their draft EIS and resubmit it to the town. There is no time limit for Galesi to resubmit the draft EIS.

The Galesi Group may want to come in and talk to the planning board as they develop some areas in the draft EIS, Hampston said.

Town officials have been encouraging the developer to bring in more information on proposed water and sewer districts that will eventually be turned over to the town for municipal systems, Cook said. If they don't, he said, the town will be going over the SEQRA process for the districts endlessly.

Some of the areas outlined in Robert Hampston said the scoping the scoping document, compiled from a recent scoping session and comments.from various state and county-level departments and town officials, include a description of the project, its environmental setting and impacts, reasonable alternatives to the present plan, irreversible and irretrievable commitments of resources, measures to mitigate the environmental impacts, and induced growth.

The scoping document also asks questions on sewage disposal, water supply, stormwater management, geology, the potential for radon and the impact of existing or proposed mining areas, surface water, construction, land use and zoning, transportation, including projected traffic and its impact on roads, affect on community services such as schools, fire and rescue departments, highway departments and solid waste disposal, and demography.

In a related matter, Hampston said the planning board should start using SEQRA reviews when considering proposals. In the past the town has done SEQRAs on water districts. Most proposals won't be like the Galesi Group's, which is considered a "major" action, but they will be considered 'unlisted" actions, he said.

Items such as setbacks and lot line variances are excluded from SEQRA reviews, and a special use permit may not be, depending on its action. A review may be needed when the board revises its zoning ordinance, and subdivision proposals do require a review.

In other action, the New Scotland Planning Board:

- Set up a committee of Hampston, Sam Stein and possibly Robert Curreau to work on revising its zoning ordinance. A meeting will be held soon with C.T. Male, the firm that will be doing most of the work, on work done to date on the ordinance with board members and town officials.
- Will ask the town board if a town law it approved in 1984 for developers to make a donation for park lands is legal. Hampston said

it sets no dollar value. The law will be addressed more during the planning board's review of the zoning ordinance.

 Asked zoning Attorney John Bailey to review and update the penalties for zoning violations to be included in the review of the zoning ordinance.

The next meeting of the planning board is scheduled for Tuesday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. Building Inspector Paul Cantlin said a proposal for section four of Heldervale off New Scotland Rd. and a subdivision proposal for the Helderberg Campgrounds off Pinnacle Rd. may come before the board.

#### Cones for kids

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#### New Scotland to honor newly retired officials

The Town of New Scotland Republican Committee has announced the twelfth annual dinner dance for town residents and friends at the Crossgates Banquet House, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, on March 19.

Kevin Moss, supervisor of the town of Guilderland, will be the principal speaker in a program heralding the careers of five retiring New Scotland town officials.

To be honored are Planning Board Chairman Richard Stickley. Building Inspector Walter Miller, Audit Clerk Fran Vunck, Council Member Blanche Stickley, town Clerk Corinne Cossac and Supervisor Steve Wallace.

A roast beef dinner will be served following a cocktail hour at 6:30 p.m. There will be dancing to the music of Skip Parsons until midnight. Reservations may be made by calling 765-4745 or 439-

#### Scholarships go to two local college students

Michael J. Carazza of Delmar and Peter J. McMillen of Voorheesville, both seniors at Siena College in Loudonville, have been awarded Bernard F. Picotte Scholarships. The annual award is given to upperclass students from the Capital District who are majoring in business or computer science.

The scholarship was established by the late Bernard F. Picotte, an Albany real estate entrepreneur and former college trustee.

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# Sgarlatta removes name from lawsuit

By Patricia Mitchell

Town Councilman John Sgarlata will take his name off a lawsuit against a local gravel mine because of a potential conflict of interest, he said last week.

Elected last November, Sgarlata told the New Scotland Town Board at its meeting March 2 that he is no longer an active member of Concerned Citizens for New Scotland Inc., and that he has resigned from the board of directors and as secretary of the group. At a special meeting Wednesday, he said he has asked the group to take his name off a lawsuit against gravel miners William Larned and Son.

"I can assure you, the board, and the residents of the town that I do not have any role with Concerned Citizens any longer," Sgarlata said in a Feb. 25 letter to Supervisor Herbert Reilly. "I view any role as a clear conflict of interest and therefore can not put myself in that position and effectively represent the town."

Sgarlata and Concerned Citizens brought the first lawsuit against the town and Larned in October, 1986, to block a continuation of a public hearing by the planning board for Larned's proposed gravel mine on a portion of the former Tall Timbers Country Club.

Their bid failed but the planning board eventually threw out the mining proposal. Several other legal motions wound the debate over the gravel mine through the courts and a trial in state Supreme Court is expected to be held this spring. Because his name was mentioned on the first lawsuit, Sgarlata's name has appeared on the latter lawsuits with Concerned Citizens'.

Sgarlata said he asked Concerned Citizens to take his name off their lawsuit and he also told their lawyer, James Linnan, that he wants to withdraw. Linnan and other lawyers have advised Sgarlata that they see no conflict of interest now, but there may be one in the future, he said.

"The minute I heard conflict that was the end of it," he said.

The town board is working on a report that is expected to make recommendations on resolving the development, water and mining issues revolving around the Tall Timbers Country Club. The board may also have to vote on continuing its lawsuit against Larned and Son. Sgarlata said he will be consulting with a Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute

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Sgarlata said these actions do not change his view on the Larned and Son mine, but he said since his name will be off the lawsuit he feels he would be able to act responsibly on the issue.

To date, Sgarlata said, he is convinced mining does not have any place in New Scotland. If it can be proven that the whole town can benefit from a gravel mine, Sgarlata said he may change his view, but that has not been done yet.

#### Delaware Ave. crash hospitalizes woman

A two-car crash on Delaware Ave. last Monday sent one person to the Albany Medical Center for treatment, Bethlehem police said.

Sharon M. Diacetis, 19, of Jericho Bridge remains closed Delmar was treated and released for injuries suffered during the collision, which occurred when she was struck from behind.

Jericho Bridge remains closed after two years of negotiations between Albany County, Conrail and the Town of Bethlehem over who will foot the bill for repairs.

# Callanan to build new Mosher Bridge

Callanan Industries, Inc., of South Bethlehem is the low bidder for the contract to replace the Mosher Bridge carrying Rt. 396 over the Selkirk Conrail Yards, the state Department of Transportation announced last week

The contract, just under \$2.9 million, will go to the local contractor as the lowest of eight bids received by the department. The project is part of a major effort by the state to repair and rebuild highways, bridges and railroad crossings across the state, under the five-year, multibillion dollar Rebuilding New York infrastructure plan.

The new bridge will be built 100 feet west of the existing bridge and will have two 10-foot travel lanes with four-foot shoulders.

The project is scheduled for completion by Nov. 30, 1989. The Mosher Bridge is one of three bridges spanning the rail yards. The Rt. 32 bridge at Feura Bush is also being replaced, while the Jericho Bridge remains closed after two years of negotiations between Albany County, Conrail and the Town of Bethlehem over who will foot the bill for repairs.

# Petitions ask change in BC vote procedure

By Patricia Mitchell

Petitions proposing Bethlehem Central school board candidates run at-large will be presented to the school board Wednesday (today) to be placed on the ballot in May. The proposal would not affect this year's school board election, in which two seats are open.

Kathi Davey of Glenmont said those circulating the petitions in the past week feel having school board candidates who run atlarge instead of the present system of running for a particular seat would be more equitable.

"People could vote for the person they want," Davey said.

For example, Davey said Barbara Coon was defeated in last year's election against now board member Pamela Williams, even though Coon received the third-highest number of votes in the three-seat election. If the seats were elected at-large, board member Sheila Fuller, Williams and Coon would have been elected.

Board member Sheila Fuller, running uncontested, received 1,984 votes, Williams 1,215 and Coon 1,123. Velma Cousins was the third board member reelected last year.

The petitions proposing the change in school board elections will request that the issue be placed on the ballot for the May 4 annual budget vote and election. The petitions must be presented now to allow enough time for legal notices

Davey said Monday night those circulating the petitions in the past week have collected 125 to 175 signatures, with some petitions still out. To be placed on the ballot 75 to 100 signatures are needed.

Many of those circulating the petitions are from the Glenmont area, she said, with some involved from other parts of the BC district.

This year, the two school board seats currently held by board President Robert Ruslander, who has decided not to seek reelection, and Charles Reeves, who is undecided, are up for election.

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# 'Our Town' to be performed

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Described as a "play of tremendous power", the three act play chronicles three episodes in the lives of citizens of Grover's Corners, New Hampshire, at the turn of the century. One of the most widely read and frequently preformed plays of the century, it won its author, Thornton Wilder, his second Pulitzer Prize in 1938.

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Student director is Jennier Mistretta, faculty advisor is Sherry Burgoon, and director is Carole Lillis.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and may be purchased from any club member or at the door.

#### Craft fair scheduled .

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Department will hold a Spring Craft Fair this Saturday, March 19, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the fire house on School Rd. Crafters will present their wares and refreshments will be available. Those interested in renting a table should contact Patti Duncan at 765-2551 or Sue Halpin at 765-4305.

#### Pancake breakfast set

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Palm Sunday, March 27, from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. The meal costs \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

#### Kiwanis takeout dinner

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland invites everyone to mark their calendars. On Saturday, April 9, the men's service organization will hold its annual Spring Takeout Chicken Bar-B-Q from 3:30 p.m. until 6:30 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church. The fund-raiser will feature Brooks chicken of Oneonta.



In the upcoming production of "Our Town" at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Mark Relyea, the stage manager, takes a soda fountain order from Joe Kraemer as George, and Stephanie Reh as Emily. The play will run March 25 and 26 at 8 p.m.

Patricia Mitchell

Cost is \$5 for adults and \$3.75 for children. Tickets are available from any Kiwanis member.

#### Final sports registation

On the subject of Kiwanis, Youth commissioner Bob Stapf issues a last call for any boy or girl interested in playing Kiwanis baseball or softball. Although registration was held the earlier part of the month, the Kiwanians will still sign up interested ball players. Parents wishing to register children should contact Stapf at 765-2451 as soon as possible since team rosters will be set in the near future. Especially needed are girls in grades 5 through 8 for the softball teams.

#### Transportation forms due

Parents of private school students living in the Voorheesville Central School District are reminded that they must fill out the Request for Transportation forms and return them to the district office no later than April 1, 1988.

A form must be filled out for each student enrolled in a private school. Forms should be mailed to Gene Grasso, Assistant to the Superintendent for business, District Office, Voorhesville Cen-

tral School District, Voorheesville, NY 12186.

Those who did not receive a form should contact the district office at 765-3313 as soon as possible.

#### Food pantry needs items

Due to government cut backs there will be no cheese or butter given out this month. There will be a "Commodities only"day on Monday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church. Anyone having any questions may contact the Human Concerns Hotline at 765-2373.

The food pantry located at St. Matthew's is very low on the following items: spaghetti sauce, canned pasta, decaffinated coffee, cereal, low sugar and sodium products, dishwashing detergent, toothpaste, pancake mix and syrup, crackers, juices, toilet paper and hand soap. Since the facility supplies food to all those in need in the area regardless of religion, donations are accepted from all those interested. Donations may be left in the back of the church on Mountainview Rd.

#### Lenten retreat evening

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# No village elections

For the first time, Village of Voorheesville voters will not be heading to the polls this March, since there are no village posts up for election.

There will be no elections for village offices because Voorheesville has adopted four-year terms for its elected officials. The last of the posts were converted to the four-year cycle last year with the election of Trustees Richard Langford and Edward Dononue.

Village Mayor Edward Clark, Trustees Susan Rockmore and Daniel Reh as well as Village Justice Kenneth Connolly are serving terms which will expire in 1990.

St. Matthew's Church. Given by 4-H club plans Father Bob Roos, Pastor of St. Lucy's Church in Altamont, the guided meditation will begin at 7:30 p.m. and is entitled "God and Nature". Scripture, slides and music will be used. All are welcome to attend.

Father Roos also invites everyone to visit St. Lucy's every Friday evening during lent for a scripture study program to begin at 7:30 p.m. after the 7 p.m. Stations of the Cross.

#### New quilt, knit, sew group

A new group for quilters, knitters, and sewers has been formed, meeting on the third Thursday of the month at St. Matthew's Church. All are welcome to join the group which meets from 10 a.m. until noon. Participants are asked to bring a current project and a sandwich and beverage. Those wanting more information may call 765-

#### Basketball season ends

St. Matthew's CYO Basketball teams will end their season Sunday, March 20, with a mass and banquet to be held at the

Members of the peewee, biddy, and junior teams and their respective cheerleaders will participate in the 10 a.m. mass. Later that afternoon, the group and their families will meet at 4 p.m. for a pizza party. Trophies will be given out and a recap of the season's highlights will be offered.

#### Pops concert tonight

A final reminder that the annual Spring Pops concert will be held this evening, March 16 at the high school. The free program featuring the high school band and choral groups begins at 7:30 p.m. in the school gym.

# volunteer activities

Several new activities are planned by the Voorheesville Vikings 4-H Club, following their last meeting, March 4.

A group of 'members plan to volunteer their time for monthly programs at the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar. Judy Johnson of the home spoke to the club to suggest possible activities.

Wendy Reynolds is teaching the project, 'Be a Food Detective,' to five members.

Plans are being made to have an ice skating party and a roller skating event.

Members also are planning presentations this month to be presented April 8 at the Guilderland Middle School.

The next meeting is April 1 at the Church at: 7 p.m.

#### Shuff inducted into college honor society

Cristina Shuff, a sophomore accounting major at Ithaca college and daughter of John and Dolores Shuff, of 31 Westover Rd., Slingerlands, has been inducted into the Ithaca College Oracle Society, the freshmen's honor

Induction into Oracle is limited to students who ranked in the top five percent of their freshman class at the end of the fall semester or the top ten percent at the end of their freshman spring

#### Dirt bike stolen

A dirt bike-style bicycle was reported stolen from a Carriage Rd., Delmar, home on Sunday, Bethlehem police said. The bike was reported stolen from a backvard shed, police said.

# Firms to lease retail, box space at center

#### By Patricia Dumas

To help pay for the high cost of building the Albany County Civic Center, the county is hiring two firms to line up retail tenants and corporate box leasers and spokesmen for both firms say they already have many prospective

Realty, USA, through its commercial offices in Latham, will look for retailers to rent 15,000 square feet in the center's entrance, and Ed Lewi Associates of Latham will try to find corporations willing to pay for corporate boxes in the center

The county Legislature's Civic Center Committee last week voted to hire the firms to round up the financing sources for the center being built in downtown Albany at an estimated cost of more than \$50 million.

The Albany County Legislature approved all of the committee's recommendations on party-line votes at Monday's meeting.

County officials want to be able to count on an annual income of \$337.800 from the store rentals and about \$1 million from the box seat leases. Spokesmen say they are optimistic that the income will be assured by the fall of 1989, target date for the center opening. There are to be 25 corporate boxes available at a yearly rental rate of \$50,000. Retail space rentals will begin at \$20 a square foot.

The income is needed because there is a \$35 million cap on county borrowing for the project but building costs and design changes have pushed it way beyond its estimated original \$41.5 million cost. Last month, County Executive James J. Coyne suggested that the county should apply for more funding from the state's Urban Development Corporation but Republican county legislators denounced the suggestion and said they would not support any attempt to win approval from the state legislature for another state loan.

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Ed Lewi said his firm has 'tested the waters" and found that "there is a very positive response from several major corporations interested in renting

"They all feel they want the civic center to happen," Lewi said, "and they know that there will have to be private funds for

The boxes will be rented on a first come-first served basis, he said. Leases will be for five years with the corporations paying \$10,000 when they sign a letter of intent, \$10,000 when they sign the lease, and \$30,000 for their first rental year 90 days before opening date of the civic center.

Lewi said applicants include representatives of the media, super markets, insurance firms, stock brokerage firms, and beverage companies. The enclosed boxes will have wall to wall carpeting, air conditioning, and will include television, a wet bar, and bathroom facilities.

Elliott Rosen, a commercial

realtor with USA Realty said that his firm "has been inundated with telephone calls from prospective retail space renters." He said the applicants consider the civic center site "very prestigious"

Rosen said the rental space will include 4,800 square feet for a restaurant and 4,100 square feet for stores. Applicants have been from the Albany area, he said, but the realty firm would also like to attract a national restaurant operation because a high quality restaurant is planned with access from inside and outside the center so that its use would not be limited to times when events were being held at the civic center.

#### Program slated for parents of handicapped

A program for parents children with handicapping conditions will be presented at the Albany Campus of Russell Sage College on Tuesday, March 22 at 7

"Is Special Education Really Special?" will be presented by Susan Lehr of the Center on Human Policy at Syracuse University. Sponsored by the Parent and Professional Special **Education Advocacy Council of** the Capital District, the program is an opportunity for parents to discuss any problems they may have with their child's special education program. Child care and parking will be available. Call 438-8785 for information.

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Two registration sessions will be held. Parents and children will attend session 1 if the child's last name begins with a letter A through L. Parents and children will attend session 2 if the child's last name begins with a letter M through Z.

Session 1 will begin at 1 p.m. and end at 1:55 p.m. Session 2 will begin at 2:05 p.m. and end at 3:05 p.m. During both sessions children will visit the classrooms and board a school bus. Parents will meet the school officials to complete forms and register for kindergarten diagnostic screening.

Any parents having questions regarding Registration Day may

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#### Girl scouts winter active

Girl Scout Troop 384 has had an active winter with "science sluething" at the Renss elaer County Children's Museum, getting an introduction to aerobics at the Albany YWCA, snowshoeing at Five Rivers and assisting younger Brownie Troop 87.

After completing a five-week babysitting class conducted at the RCS Middle School, the girls are currently planning a camping weekend this spring.

#### **Troop number correction**

In an article appearing in last week's *Spotlight*, the troop number given as # 81 was incorrect. It was troop 97 that held the meeting with the moms and kids to help fulfill work on their Child care badges.

#### Little league registration

Boys and girls ages 6 and up, get

ready to swing the old Louisville Slugger as the Hudson Valley Little League announces Spring Registration Day on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the field in Mosher Park, Rayena

Children must be accompanied by a parent and need to bring a copy of their birth certificate. A donation is requested at the time of registration and volunteers are never turned away. For any further information contact Ann Currey at 767-9673.

#### **RCS** parent conferences

RCS Senior High School parents should note that interim reports were mailed to them on March 11. They are urged to be aware of the importance of these reports and to plan to attend the Parents Conference Day scheduled for March 23 from 4 to 6 p.m. at the high school.

Parents who want individual conferences may sign up for them in the lobby of the high school beginning at 3:30 p.m. on that

#### Fish fry scheduled

It's fish fry week this Friday at the Selkirk Fire Co. No.1 on Maple Avenue in Selkirk. Served by the Ladies Auxiliary, the fry is available either to eat in or take out. Containers should be brought for take out servings. The charge is \$3.50 for adults and \$2.00 for children under 12.

#### Spaghetti dinner at church

A spaghetti dinner will be held on Saturday, March 26, at the United Methodist Church in South Bethlehem. The cost will be \$5 for adults, \$3 for those under 12 and free for three year olds.

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Cranberry the Clown uses magic, and helpers Jeff Fowler and Andrea Boyajian, to help A.W. Becker School third graders learn about dental hygiene last week.

For reservations at either the 4:30, 5:30 or 6:30 p.m. serving, contact Irene Martin at 767-3390.

#### Workshop on discipline

Several parents of A.W. Becker Elementary School children recently attended a workshop on Assertive Disipline for Children given at the Lishakill School in Colonie. Two teachers will also attend the training on March 23 at at Averill Park. The program believes in the theory that "Every teacher has a right to teach, every student has a right to learn, and no student has the right to stop a teacher from teaching or another student from learning."

#### Tee shirt day at Becker

The first annual Tee Shirt Day at the A.W. Becker School will be coming on March 24. Everyone will be proudly wearing shirts designed by five students: first grader Chris Glassanos, second grader Mike Gnip, third grader Cassie Vagele, fourth grader Jeff

Sorell, and fifth grader Timothy LeBlanc.It sounds like fun.

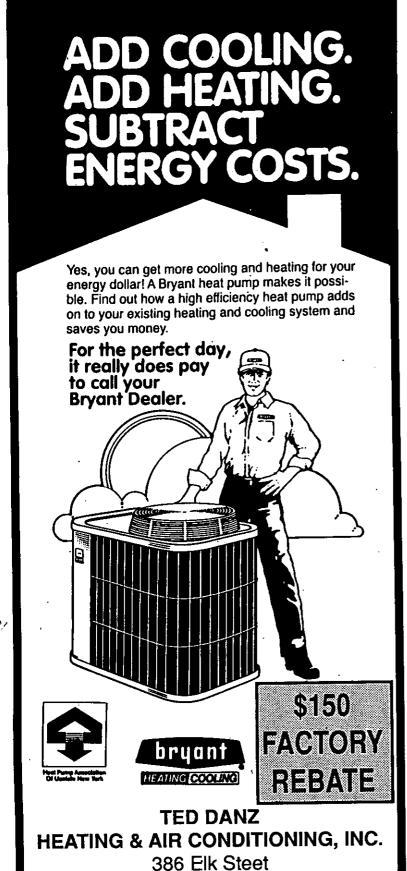
#### School on film

In keeping with a goal to better inform the community of school activities, A.W. Becker Principal Al Keating has appointed a student photographer to capture interesting activities on film. He is Ryan Forango, a fifth grader whose parents are both professional photographers.

# Beaver trapping season reopened

The beaver trapping season in the eastern part of wildlife management unit 14 in southern New York has been reopened until March 25, according to Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling. For information call 457-5400.

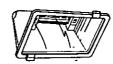
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# Preliminary budget given

By Sal Prividera

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will be presented with a preliminary budget by Superintendent William Schwartz at a special meeting to be held tonight (Wednesday) at .7:30 p.m.

The board has a copy of the document and will discuss the preliminary budget at the meeting, said Rodger Lewis, district business administrator. He said that if the preliminary budget was adopted by the board, the next budget meeting would be held Monday, April 11, at the high

The district's annual meeting has been set for May 10 and the budget vote for May 11, Lewis

The board received a report from high school principal Victor Caark on a break-in at the school, Lewis said. The break-in occurred Saturday, March 5, Lewis said, when a student at the school kicked in a door window in the front of the building. The student apparently cut himself during the incident and had to go to an area hospital, which is how he was caught, he said.

Lewis said nothing was taken from the school and that he believed the matter was "in the hands of the police.

A report on a bus accident was given to the board by Lewis. The March 4 accident happened when the bus slid on ice on Rt. 143 and struck a tree, he said. He said the only injuries were minor bumps and bruises to some children. The district has not received an estimate on the cost of the damage yet, Lewis said, adding that a couple of roof panels would have to be replaced.

#### Suspended registration leads to arrest of woman

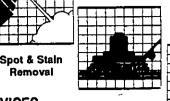
A Ravena woman was arrested for driving with a suspended motor vehicle registration Sunday. Bethlehem police said.

The woman was stopped for a traffic violation and arrested when a computer check showed her registration had been suspended due to an insurance lapse, police said.

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Three board of education seats are up for election this year in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District.

The terms of James Morgan, Ronald Selkirk and former board president Anthony Williams (currently being served by Dr. Maurice Satin) expire this year, said Rodger Lewis, district business administrator and board

Morgan, a Glenmont resident and board liaison on the issue of chemical waste burning at the Atlantic Blue Circle Cement Co., is completing a one-year term caused by a vacated seat.

Satin was appointed to the board to complete the term of former board president Anthony Williams, who resigned last July after nine years on the board.

Lewis said none of the board members have officially announced if they will seek re-election.

All terms are for three years and petitions to run for the seats are available from the district offices, Lewis said. The petitions, which require 25 signatures, must be back to the board clerk by Monday, April 11, at 4:30 p.m. SalPrividera

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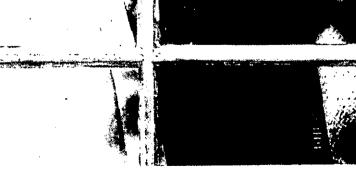
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# No new legislation lets down a 'tax law junkie'

I must confess to a deep and abiding sense of letdown. Apparently, according to Tax Week (Jan.29), there will be no major new tax legislation this year. None, nothing, not even a lousy Technical Corrections Act of two, three, four hundred pages. The nerve of those guys in Washington. How could they do this to me?

You have to try to understand the exhilaration of tackling a major new law each year. First is the eager anticipation, building up month after month, as each advance publication is rushed to you so quickly it sometimes doesn't even have a binder. Reports from the President, the Treasury, The House Ways and Means Committee, The Senate Finance Committee, the joint Conference Committee. Hundreds of pages of mumbo jumbo, overlapping, conflicting, incomplete, tentative.



David Vigoda



Every day some intelligent soul suggests that you just wait till there's a law. "What's the point of driving yourself nuts?'

The point, you reply in dedicated fiduciary tones, is that you owe it to your clients. "That's what they're paying me for. It's my job to protect them." But the real reason is because you can't help it. All the frustration. disgust, perplexity-it's a high, you come to need it, to want it. Face it, you've become a tax law

Imagine the scene: Your client gazes up at you in supplication,

pleading for guidance. It's up to you to provide it. Never mind that you don't know whether his tax rate will be 28% or 82%, whether his tax exempt income will be taxed, whether the interest on a proposed loan will be deductible or not - you have to tell him what to do. And heaven help you if you're wrong. Ah, it's wonderful, wonderful I tell you.

So read all that stuff that pours into the office. And you walk around with that smug look of a guy who knows that everyone else is mired in helpless admiration. "Do you know who that is?" they're all whispering. "He knows what's going on. He's on top of it.'

Then the long-awaited day arrives. Your assistant staggers into your office, and drops a heavy carton on your desk. Trembling, you cut it open and lift out The Book. The Economic Recovery Tax Act of 1981, the Tax Equity and Fiscal Responsibility Act of 1982, the Tax Reform Act of 1984, the Tax Reform Act of 1986. The Revenue Act of 1987. Each one making drastic changes. introducing new concepts, incomplete, untested, perhaps unworkable, sometimes imposing them retroactively. "I'd like to be

closes gently, as you just touch The Book, still cool with outside

Now begins perhaps the most exquisite pleasure of all: reading the law. Deciding to take a peek at the section on taxing a child's income, you open to this: "In the case of any child to whom this subsection applies, the tax imposed by this section shall be equal to the greater of- (A) the tax imposed by this section without regard to this subsection, or (B) the sum of— (i) the tax which would be imposed by this section if the taxable income of such child for the taxable year were reduced by the net unearned income of such child, plus (ii) such child's share of the allocable parental tax."

I don't know which is more depressing: having to make sense of something like that, or discovering, after a sufficient number of tries, that you can do it. But, no, not depressing, exhilarating. You did it. You're on top of it. Now you can help your clients...that is, after you figure out what "allocable parental

Daunted, I mean undaunted, you forge ahead. You study the alone," you murmur. The door law. You read explanations,-

attend seminars, as the flow begins of regulations, temporary regulations, proposed regulations, letter rulings, memoranda...it will take years for many issues to be clarified, during which time another law or two will come out. Meanwhile your clients insist on. having investment decisions to make, businesses to run, houses to buy or sell.

Ah, what joy, what pleasure. Barely a shadow of itself now in this lawless year. A faint memory. To think that there might actually be one entire year to try to settle existing law into place, to catch our breath. The prospect sickens.

But there is a consolation: It's all but certain that we haven't seen the last of tax reform. If I can just hold myself together, hang on somehow, it won't be long before it starts again. Ah, I feel better already, just fantasizing about the first of those unbound hot-offthe-press reports arriving in a plain brown envelope. Just the name makes my blood tingle: the New Administration Revenue Enhancing Pay the Piper Tax Overhaul Act of 1989.

#### Tax preparers offer electronic filing option

A new option called electronic filing is available for people looking for a faster federal tax refund.

Internal Revenue Service District Director Edwin A. Kelleher has announced that the new system is available only for people entitled to a tax refund. More than 30 tax preparation offices in Northeastern New York are participating as electronic filers, able to transmit return information directly to the IRS from computers.

#### Framingham Associates moves to Delmar

Framingham Associates, one of the oldest building inspection firms in the Tri-Cities area, has moved to 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The company is owned by Dennis J. Corrigan, president, and Thomas W. Corrigan, vice president, who are developers of the new Main Square shopping plaza, where the new offices are located.

The office will be open Mondays through Fridays from 9 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. The firm inspects personal residences and light commercial properties and provides technical advice to builders and attorneys. All inspections conform to standards set by the American Society of Home Inspectors. The Corrigans recently attended the annual conference of the society in Orlando, Fla.

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# Bethlehem radio station now WOKO

#### By Sal Prividera

The Town of Bethlehem has its "own" radio station again, with the call letters of Albany's first radio station, WOKO.

Team One Radio Inc., owner of FM country station WGNA, purchased WWCN's Kenwood Ave. operation late last year and changed the call letters to WOKO. WOKO, 1460 on the AM dial, is broadcasting in AM-stereo, said station General Manager Bob Putnam, a Slingerlands resident. He said AM-stereo "is on the cutting edge of AM in the next few years.

The station's broadcast studio and offices are located in East Greenbush, but the station's transmitter is on Kenwood Ave., which makes the signal "superb' in Bethlehem, Putnam said.

WOKO has been on the air since November with a musictop 40 music of the late '50s through the early '70s, he said. "We feel music still deserves attention on AM," he said, adding that AM-stereo is an advantage for the station.

#### Line for deaf opened by tax department

Roderick G. W. Chu, Commissioner of the state Department of Taxation and ·Finance, announced that the department is joining the ranks of governmental agencies that provide special communication options for taxpayers with hearing and speaking impairments.

The state Tax Department, long known for its extensive taxpayer service telephone system, is adding a Telecommunications Device for the Deaf (TDD), in order to offer disabled taxpayers the same access to vital tax information as the rest of the taxpaying public. A phoneactivated printer has been installed which will allow hearing and speech impaired taxpayers to use a toll-free hotline (1-800-634-2110) for assistance with their returns or tax records.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Elm Ave. Sunoco, Handy Andy, Tri Village Drugs, Stewarts and Tool's

#### Business

Most of the station's programming is brought in by satellite, with one live local announcer. Thom Williams, on the air daily between 6 and 9 a.m. The station also has news and frequent weather reports, said Putnam, He said that the station's meteorologist, John Flanders, chief meteorologist for a television station in Providence, R.I., was born in Voorheesville, which helps him understand local weather.

WOKO first went on the air in 1931 and was dedicated by then-Governor Franklin Delano Roosevelt. The transmitter was subsequently moved to Delmar in the '40s, Putnam said. He said intensive format focusing on the research showed more people top 40 music of the late '50s recognized the station as WOKO than as WWCN, so that when it was discovered that the calls had not been reassigned it was 'natural" to associate the name WOKO with the facility.

#### IRS expands information service

The Internal Revenue Service tax information line in the 518 and 914 area codes will be open from 9:30 a.m. until 5:30 p.m. every Saturday until April 15, according to IRS District Director Edwin A. Kelleher. The line is also open on weekdays from 8:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. The toll-free number is 1-800-424-1040.

Information about tax forms and publications is available by calling 1-800-424-FORM. Dial 1-800-554-4477 to listen to recorded tax tapes.

#### McCartan hired by area firm

William M. McCartan of Delmar has joined the staff of Adams. McEntee and Company, 75 State St., Albany, as a municipal sales representative.

He was formerly a financial consultant with Shearson Lehman Brothers in Albany, a territory manager for Johnson and Johnson Orthopedics and a sales representative for Proctor and Gamble.

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Before joining Farm Family, he worked as a manager with the Equitable Life Insurance Company. He is a graduate of the Utica School of Commerce with majors in accounting and business management. He is a chartered life underwriter and a chartered financial consultant. He was also a National Quality Award winner and has earned several sales achievement awards.

#### Mary Ann McLean is council appointee

Mary Ann McLean of Slingerlands has been appointed by Governor Mario Cuomo to serve on the Maritime College Council in Fort Schuyler.



**Audrey Langlitz** 

#### A Mary Kay director

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

Langlitz, who joined the company in 1982, will provide leadership, training and management for her unit of beauty consultants.

In preparation for her new position, Langlitz 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.

#### Capone receives national law award

Suzanne M. Capone of Delmar was recently awarded the American Jurisprudence Award for Outstanding Achievement in the field of Family Law: Intact Family for Western New England School of Law. She is currently a candidate for a Juris Doctor Degree in May.



Robert A. Benton

#### Promoted at KeyCorp

Robert A. Benton of Delmar has been promoted to financial reporting manager for corporate accounting at KeyCorp.

Benton began his career at KeyCorp in 1986, and served as a senior auditor for Peat, Marwick, Main and Co., before that.

Educated in London, Benton attended University of Otago in New Zealand and received a bachelor's from the University of Vermont.

Benton is a member of the state Society of Certified Public Accountants and the Institute of Certified Management Accountants.

#### Pratt on student court

Douglas Pratt of Delmar was recently elected to a seat on the Student Supreme Court at the University of North Carolina. He was elected after a question and answer session which scrutinized his appointment. He is a 1987, graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the son of Mr. and Mrs. Douglas Pratt.

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### Focus On Faith

By Rev. David F. Nuss, Asst. Pastor

Bethlehem Lutheran Church

We have all heard people say and have even said ourselves on certain occasions that, "God really doesn't care very much." He allows hunger, pain, sorrow, deaths, wars, economic trouble; if He really cared, He wouldn't allow such things to go on, would He? He must enjoy seeing the pain of the world all around.

What we are really seeing is not God's lack of concern, but rather the results of our own rebellion against God. God would be well within His rights as the world's creator to punish completely the evil that people do or the evil in the hearts of us all.

In order to show how wrong the idea is that God doesn't care, we need only look closer at Jesus Christ. That's one of the primary reasons that the season of Lent and Easter is so important for the Christian church, to focus on the caring and concern God has for the world, as it is displayed in Jesus Christ. It is the belief of Christians that God cared so much about the mess the world had gotten itself into that He became a man.

If He didn't care, why would He have bothered to do that? He became a man to experience all that we people experience first hand. Most importantly, He came to die, so that all the world's sin and punishment would one day be eliminated. That's a great deal of love from a God who doesn't care!

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THE HOME TEAM

By Tom Kuck

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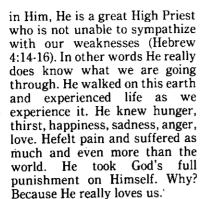
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#### Samaritan home opens doors for coffee hour

The Good Samaritan Home in Delmar has extended an invitation to the community to join in the 10:30 a.m. coffee hour in the activities room during March and April in celebration of the home's fourteenth year. The home provides intermediate health care services in a residential setting to the elderly. The community is also invited to special programs held throughout the year.

#### New Salem womén hold spring dinner

The Women of the New Salem Reformed Church will hold their annual Spring Dinner Saturday, March 26, with three settings beginning at 4:30 p.m.

The menú will include a roast beef dinner with pie for dessert. A mini-bazaar will also be held during the dinner featuring a bake sale and next-to-new items.

The dinner will cost \$6.50 for adults, \$3.25 for children ages five to 12 and free for children under

For reservations call 765-2197.

#### **CROP Walk** slated for April 17

Albany's eighth annual CROP Walk for the Hungry will be held Sunday, April 17, beginning at 1 p.m. at the College of St. Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany.

The walk follows a 10 kilometer route, and a golden mile route for senior citizens. Walkers ask sponsors to pledge an amount of money for each kilometer walked. The CROP Walk Committee hopes to raise \$25,000 this year. Last year, 400 walkers were involved and \$20,000 was raised.

Seventy five percent of the proceeds will benefit various antihunger agencies around the world. In Albany, 25 percent of the proceeds will benefit the Food-Pantries for the Capital District, a network of 31 pantries designed to meet the emergency food needs of Albany County residents.

Sandra Tutshen has been named as the new Area Coordinator for Church World Service Hunger Relief Events. For information call Tutshen at 371-7396.

# A person-to-person bridge to Managua

#### By Christine Fiato

A group of six families will try to establish a friendly relationship between Bethlehem and New Scotland and Domitila Lugo, a barrio in Managua, Nicaragua.

Peace Bridge will initiate a person-to-person link between the towns and the barrio to build personal contact with the residents of the barrio and to provide them with humanitarian aid.

"I visited Managua in January and the person I visited lived in Domitila Lugo. I got to know their needs in that section, and told my group about starting a relationship with them when I returned to Bethlehem," said Gus Cadieux of Slingerlands, a main force behind the group. "I suggested we could be of help."

The group's first project will collect educational supplies for the barrio's schools - a four classroom elementary school and an elementary school - that serve the children of the area. The schools have need of basic supplies, art materials, educational toys, playground equipment and used bicycles and musical instruments:-

"It's both a specific project to collect these materials and to make the link between real people here and real people in Managua,' said Ellen Kelly-Lynd, a member of the group.

"We will collect as many educational supplies as we can and then send them down,' Cadieux said.

Kelly-Lynd said the materials will be sent to the Quixote Center in Maryland, and from there will be shipped overseas. The money to do this will be raised by donations and various types of fund-raising activities sponsored by this group.

"We'd like to see as many

people in the Bethlehem area involved," said Cadieux.

Cadieux and Kelly-Lynd both explained that this "aid" is not just a one-shot deal, but is intended to be continued.

The collection of educational materials for Domitila Lugo will begin on Saturday, March 26, from 9 a.m. to noon, at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

#### Musical kaleidoscope and benefit in Troy

Sunnyside Youth Center of Troy will sponsor a Musical Kaleidoscope of Broadway and popular songs featuring Father Gary Gelfenbien and his Singers on Saturday, March 19 at 8 p.m. in the Troy Music Hall. An aftertheater gala for patron ticket holders will follow at the Troy

Tickets, \$10 for adults, \$5 for students and senior citizens, and \$40 dollars for patrons, may be purchased at the Troy Music Hall Box Office or at Community Box

The annual benefit gala is one of the major revenue sources that supports programs and activities at Sunnyside Center. Call 274-5986 for more information.

#### New parent program

"Growing Into Parenthood-Looking After Yourself and Your Baby in the First 18 Months," a six-session program for parents, will begin on March 24 at Community Health Plan, Troy-Schenectady Rd., Latham at 9:45 a.m. Led by Kathy Engelbart, the program provides information and support for parents of very young children. Registration is required and may be made by calling 783-3110, extension 217.

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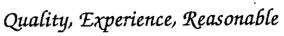
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# Dolphins place at New Hartford

A large contingent of Delmar Dolfins' swimmers competed March 6 in the New Hartford Knights Invitational Swim Meet at New Hartford High School.

Jimmy Veazey placed fifth in the boys 7 and under 25-yard freestyle while Jonathon Church finished second in the 50-yard backstroke, 50-yard butterfly, and 200-yard freestyle, and fourth in the 100-yard freestyle in the boys' 10 and under group.

Emily Church in the 11 to 12 girls' category, took second in the 50-yard butterfly, third in the 50-yard backstroke, and fourth in the 50-yard freestyle.

In the 13 to 14 age group, Sarah Toms placed fourth in the 100-yard backstroke for the girls while Pat Fish finished third in the 100-yard butterfly, fifth in the 200-yard freestyle and sixth in the 100-yard breaststroke, for the boys.

Senior swimmer Kate Fish took sixth place in the 200-yard freestyle, 100-yard breaststroke, and 100-yard butterfly.

The 11 to 12 girls' freestyle relay comprised of Emily Church,

Meg Teresi, Nina Teresi, and Barbara Toms placed third, while the 11 to 12 boys' relay composed of Marc·Kanuk, Brian Lenhardt, Brad Mattox, and David Seegal took fourth.

Finishing fourth was the 10 and under boys' relay with Jonathon Church, Eric Edie, Billy Leary, and Gregory Teresi. Strongly supporting the team effort were Cailin Brennan, Georgia Butt, Seth Carr, Jim Davis, Katie Hall, Kimberly Lenhardt, Craig Mattox, Christian Teresi, and Melanie Veazy.

## Homosexuality to be discussed

There will be a seminar on homosexuality at the Delmar-Reformed Church on Wednesday, March 23, at 7 p.m. Topics to be addressed include what the scriptures say about homosexuality, the position of the church, and what to do if your child is gay. The community is invited to attend. There will not be child care for the seminar. Call 439-9929 for information.



Bowling honors for the week of March 6, 1988 at Del Lanes in Elsmere go to:

Sr. Cit. Men—Frank Varcasia-248. Bud Kubisch-587. (4 Game Series) George Bickel-827.

Sr. Cit. Women—Doris Aupperle184-489.

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Women-Sandy Vincent-257-605.

Major Boys— Brian Ray-172-480. Jr. Boys—Matt Barkman-212-513. Jr. Girls—Traci Layman-190-468. Prep Boys—Rob Groelz-195-502. Prep Girls—Amy Ringler-154-420.

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Bantam Girls—Andrea Kachirian-126-354.

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Jr. Boys—Mike Aylward-221, (4 Game Series) 785.

# Baird, Drew compete in state swim meet

Justin Baird and Chris Drew, both 11th graders at Bethlehem Central High School, represented the Bethlehem Central varsity swim team at the 28th Annual New York State Swimming and Diving Championships held at Nottingham Pool in Syracuse last weekend.

The meet was comprised of New York States fastest varsity swimmers.

Baird placed 5th in the state in the 200 yard freestyle at 1:44.90, and .09th in the 500 yard freestyle at 4:50.00. Both were personal best times for Baird.

Drew placed .09th in the state in the 50 yard freestyle at 21.85, and 18th in the .090 yard freestyle at 50.02. The 50 yard free time was Drew's personal best.

#### BC students hold 'Cabaret Nite'

The Bethlehem Central High School music students will present a "Cabaret Nite" Saturday, March 19, at 8 p.m., in the school cafeteria.

The event will feature the BC dance band and singers. Admission is \$2 at the door and free for senior citizens and children under 12.

For information call 439-4921.

# 5 from BC compete at state track meet

Five Bethlehem students qualified to be among those representing Section 2 at the seventh annual New York State Public High School Athletic Association Indoor Track and Field Championships held March 12 at Cornell University.

Kelly Ross, a senior, took second place in the high jump with a personal best of 5 foot 7 inches. Brendan Kearse, also a senior, ran in the 1600m event. Ian Berry, a junior, ran the 600m leg of the boys inter-sectional medley relay. Kathy Saba, a sophomore, ran the .0900m leg of the girls intersectional medley relay. Sophomore Julie Hammer ran in the 600m event.

The event included students competing from all 12 sections of New York State.

# Tri-Village Squares to celebrate with dance

The Tri-Village Squares will celebrate their fifth anniversary on Saturday, March 19, with a dinner-dance at the Ponderosa Square Dance Hall in Scotia. The roast beef dinner will be served at 5:30 p.m. The event will cost \$25 per couple. Jim Ryans will call the square dance beginning at 8 p.m.

For reservations call 489-5951.

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Smooth Interior Bids will be received up to 2:20 p.m. on the 30th day of March 1988, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted.

"Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Carolyn M. Lyons Town Clerk

Dated: March 9, 1988 (March 16, 1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Town Board of the Town
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April 1988 to 14 April 1989, inclusive, for the use of the Town as

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Pipe-Arch, as herein used, include the following types of pipe: Type A - Plain Galvanized Metal Pipe

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Type D - Fully Bituminous Coated, Perforated Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe

Type E - Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe with Smooth Bituminous Lining

Type G - Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch with Paved Invert

Bids will be received up to 2:10 p.m. on the 30th day of March 1988, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM Carolyn M. Lyons Town Clerk Dated: March 9, 1988

(March 16,1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
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that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Corrugated Aluminum Culvert Pipe during the period from 15 April 1988 to 14 April 1989, inclusive, for the use of said Town, as and when required. Corrugated Aluminum Culvert Pipe, as herein used, includes the following types of pipe:

Type J - Corrugated Aluminum Culvert Pipe

Type P - Corrugated Aluminum Culvert Pipe, Perforated

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Carolyn M. Lyons

Town Clerk Dated: March 9, 1988 1 (March 16,1988)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
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of Bethlehem hereby invites
sealed bids for the furnishing of
Washed Crushed Stone for the
year 1988, for the use of said
Town, as and when required.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 28th day of March 1988 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM CAROLYN M. LYONS TOWN CLERK

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of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of Gravel for the year 1988 for the use of said Town, as and when required.

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CAROLYN M. LYONS TOWN CLERK Dated: March 9, 1988 (March 16, 1988)

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the furnishing of TOP-SOIL for the use of said Town for the year 1988 as and when required.

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Dated: March 9, 1988 (March 16, 1988)

#### LEGAL NOTICE

VOORHEESVILLE
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SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual School District Meeting

Notice is hereby given that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said district on Tuesday, May 10, 1988 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1988-1989 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 10, 1988 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 1988, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

on the following:

1. To elect 1 member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Steven Schreiber.

To vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday, at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated

Clayton A. Bouton High School schoolhouse

8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hours

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific va-

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cancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last inclument.

Dated: March 3, 1988 David Teuten DistrictClerk

And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1988-1989 will be considered and such other business transacted as is authorized by law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 10, 1988, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 11, 1988 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

 To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Hugh McDonald.

To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for library purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpaper in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday at the following school-house in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

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8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. hours

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> Jane Salvatore Clerk

Dated: March 3, 1988 (March 16, 1988)

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#### Police find drugs searching Delmar home

A 36-year-old Delmar man was arrested last Tuesday and subsequently charged with several felony drug counts after a search of his Cherry Ave. home, Bethlehem police said.

Michael L. Karl was arrested after police searched his home with a search warrant and found more than three grams of cocaine and marijuna in his home. Police said Karl was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class B felony, fourth-degree criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class C felony, criminal possession of marijuna and criminal possession of a hypodermic needle, both misdemeanors, said Det. Theodore

Wilson said Karl had been under surveillance for over a year. set, police said.

He said police also found another white powder, which had not been identified.

Karl lived in the home with an elderly aunt and his two children, Wilson said, adding that the children had been turned over to child protective services.

Further charges against Karl are being investigated, police said.

#### Delmar boy charged with theft at garage

A 17-year-old Delmar boy was charged for third-degree burglary in connection with a theft of cash at a local business Saturday, Bethlehem police said.

Police said that \$1,000 cash was taken from a desk drawer G and R Auto on Adams St. The boy was arraigned and remanded to Albany County Jail with no bail

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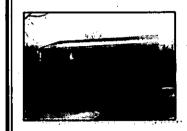
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# **Obituaries**

#### Francis Savio

a native of Italy, died Monday, March 7, in the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital in Albany after a brief

He was born in Italy and moved to the United States at age two. He was an retired electrician with Beauregard of Albany. Local 724.

He was World War II Army

He was a member of the Albany Elks Lodge 49, the Cohoes Post of the 40 and 8 Club, the American Legion Post 1750, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Louis W. Oppenheim Post 1019 and was past grand commander of the Cootie Pup Tent 15. He was a communicant study trip to Bristol, England to of Our Lady of Angels Church, Albany.

He is survived by a niece, Betty Lando of Delmar.

Burial will be in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Chicorelli Funeral Home, Albany.

#### Woodrow Beauregard

Woodrow J. Beauregard, 71, of Delmar, a local developer, died Thursday, March 10, in St. Peter's Hospital after a long

He was a builder and developer who was active in the planning and building of the Southwood Development in Slingerlands.

He was a World War II Army veteran, receiving a battlefield Mattox at Empire State College, commission and taking part in 447-6746.

several major European campaigns. Francis J. Savio, 80, of Delmar, He was awarded the Purple Heart and the Croix de Guerre with a

> He is survived by his son, Woodrow J. Beauregard Jr. of Albany; two sisters, Bernadette Beauregard and Bertha Gullo of Albany; and a brother, Paul

> Burial will be in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were made by the Zwack and Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

#### Trip on British health system offered

Vacancies are available for a learn about the British health system.

The trip is open to undergraduates, graduate students and health and social service professionals from the state beginning Friday, March 25, and returning to Albany on Sunday, April 3.

It is being sponsored by Empire State College in conjunction with the University of Bristol in England. Undergraduate or graduate credit is available to all students from any college who participate in the program.

A \$100 deposit must be received as soon as possible to ensure a place in the program. The total cost for the trip including airfare, room and board, transports and college credit is \$1,050.

For information call Richard

### General

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man - they work too hard." So. he said, he decided to be a major general, a colorful, controversial general - New York's "Hero of Gettysburg", Daniel Edgar Sickles.

When the St. Patrick's Day parade organizers called him from New York City few months ago and invited him to re-enact a Gen. Meagher of the Irish Brigade for this year's parade, Davis said he told them he would get back to them once he researched Gen. Meagher to find if he was "my kind of person".

Davis said he realized that he and his wife Sheila had stayed in Meagher's home in Ireland, now an inn, on a recent trip there. His research also revealed a character equally as colorful as Dan Sickles.

Thomas Francis Meagher was born in Wexford, Ireland, Aug. 3, 1823, son of a wealthy merchant. Educated by the Jesuits, he was arrested by the British for 'seditious speech" and exiled to Tansmania in 1849. He escaped to the United States, became an attorney, lecturer and a political power among Irish immigrants and partisans of an independent Ireland. Convinced that British sympathy lay with the Confederacy, he formed the Irish Brigade, 1,200 to 1,300 men, in November, 1861.

"Today to preserve America, tomorrow to liberate Ireland. was his cry. Few men fought with such wild abandon as the Irish Brigade. These troops, regiments of volunteers from New York City, Boston and Philadelphia, were led to glory by "Meagher of the Sword" at Fraysers Farm, Malvern Hill and Antietams Bloody Lane.

It was on Dec. 13, 1862, under orders from Gen. Hancock, that the Irish Brigade approached the stone wall at Marye's Heights in Fredericksburg. In glorious style, every man had a sprig of green in his cap and a "half laughing, half murderouslook in his eye." Of the 1,300 men who attacked the Confederates under the Irish Brigade green and gold banners, 545 were killed or wounded. This diluted the Irish Brigade into two regiments, which later fought with pride at Chancellorsville. At Fredericksburg, the Irish Brigade fought as a "brigade" for the last

After the war, as acting governor of Montana territory, on July 1, 1867, he became involved in a drinking bout aboard a steamboat, fell overboard and drowned.

"I took the job," said Davis.

#### Country at the Turf

The Northeast Country Music Association will hold their third annual "Country at the Turf" on Sunday, March 20 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m. Featured will be Mirinda and the American Country Show Band, Freihofer's Cross Country Dancers, Aged in the Hills, Cimmeron and High Noon. Tickets, \$4 for individuals and \$7 for couples, may be purchased at the door of the Turf Inn. For information, call 767-2744.

### Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Туре
March 3	N. Bethlehem EMS -	Auto Accident
March 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Emergen
March 3	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Unknown Emergen
March 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Emergen
March 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
March 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
March 4	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
March 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
March 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
March 4	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Auto Accident
March 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
March 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
March 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
March 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 7	N. Bethlehem Fire Dept.	
March 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 9	N. Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 9	N. Salem Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
March 9	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
March 9	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
March 9	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 9	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Mutual Aid
March 9	Delmar Rescue Squad	Stand by
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There will be a Craft Fair at the Voorheesville Fire House on March 19 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. The Craft Fair will be hosted by the Voorheesville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary.

To submit items to Fire Fighter's Corner call Isabel Glastetter at

#### FIRE AND RESCUE CALLS Bethlehem, 1987

Slingerlands Fire Department	Number of Members 39	Number of Calls 64	Man Hours on Calls 2,041	Man Hours Training 1,242
Delmar Fire District	53	155	1,870	1,529
Delmar Rescue Squad  * Made up of members from Slingerlands 6 Delmar 23 Elsmere 11	40*	881	3,963	660
Elsmere Fire District	64	240	4,767	4,003
Selkirk Fire Department Company No 1, Selkirk Company No.2, Glenmont Company No.3, So. Bethlehem	34 49 38	140 75 59	2,534 751 344	1,036 902 892
North Bethlehem-Elmwood Par E.M.S. Calls	k 31	58 57	1,526	2,025
Bethlehes, Volunteer Ambuland Service, Inc.	e 67	305	1,295	1,613
General Electric (fire) (rescue)	60 18	28 73		7,200 2,160

#### **County GOP holds** Lincoln Day dinner

The Albany County Republican Committee will honor long-time counsel John W. Tabner at the 90th Anniversary Lincoln Day Dinner Wednesday (today) at the Polish American Hall, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany at 6:30 p.m.

Tabner has been legal counsel for the committee for over 25 years and was the first chairman of the Capital District Transportation Authority.

Bethlehem Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz in a cochairman of the event

Tickets are \$65 and are available by calling 783-5864.

#### Man arrested for DWI

The Bethlehem Police Department said they arrested a 43-year old Utica man for driving while intoxicated Sunday night after he was involved in a property damage accident on South Albany

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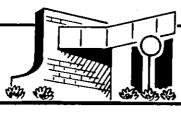
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# Check It Out

**BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY** 



March 19 through 21 will again find the Bethlehem Public Library's Community Room full of bibliophiles and bargain hunters at the library's annual spring book sale. In their haste, buyers may not realize that the friendly and helpful women who work at the cashier's table or help them search for a particular book are not Library staff members. These hard working volunteers are members of the Delmar Progress Club.

Since the mid-1970's, when the library's big spring sale came into its present form, members of the club have given generously of their time, energy and talents to make this annual event an unqualified success. Assistant Director Lorre Smith estimates that anywhere from eight to twelve thousand used books, records, maps and puzzles are offered during the three day sale. Since it has no basement and minimal storage space, the library depends on the sale to clear out the accumulation of gifts and discarded library materials collecting since the previous sale. It would not be possible for the library to manage an event on this scale without the help of club members.

Nellie D. Evans of Elsmere, chairwoman of this year's effort. began recruiting volunteers and arranging schedules months ahead of time. Two days before the start of the sale a half-dozen Progress Club volunteers at a time begin working in two three hour-shifts. Assisted by custodians who do the heavy lifting, they unpack books

from cartons, sort them into categories, and arrange them on tables, shelves and racks. They also sort and tie magazines, label displays, and perform a myriad of other tasks.

During the sale, crews of six club members work in two-hour shifts as cashiers accepting payment and packing up purchases. They straighten tables and restock shelves. They also do an excellent job of answering questions from members of the public and helping them look for a particular title or subject.

The Progress Club's involvement with the annual spring book sale began as an outgrowth of the club's Literature Study Group and has grown to where about fifty members participate in the project annually. Since it was instrumental in the founding of the Bethlehem Public Library 75 years ago, the Delmar Progress Club has had a close association with the library and has assisted with many projects. The organization continues to hold many of its meetings there. Mrs. Evans feels that members "Like to do special things for the library.

Lorre Smith points out that the volunteer work contributed by the Progress Club keeps expenses for the sale to a minimum and allows the library to realize a true profit from the project. Last year's sale netted over \$2,000 for the library. These funds are used to buy special materials so that the entire community benefits from the generosity of Progress members. Club

Anna Jane Abaray



Christine McDowell

#### McDowell-Golden

Mr. and Mrs. William C. McDowell of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Christine, to Stephen Golden, son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. Golden of Troy.

The bride-to-be is employed by the Plaza Office Center in Albany and her fiance is employed by Matzen Construction in Troy.

A September wedding is planned.

#### Ingraham-Smith

Mr. and Mrs. David E." Ingraham of Clarksville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Audra Lynn, to Robert J. Smith, son of Mrs. Janet Argiris, of Voorheesville.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the state University College at Cobleskill, is a supervisor at the Albany Holiday Inn.

Her fiance is employed at Owens-Corning Fiberglas

An Aug. 21 wedding is planned.



Beth Ann Netter

#### Netter-Crandell

Dr. and Mrs. Howard R. Netter of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Beth Ann, to David M. Crandell, son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Crandell of Centerport, N.Y.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Rochester, is a second-year student at the state University at Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biological Sciences.

Her fiance, a graduate of Cornell University, is a third-year student at the state University at Buffalo, School of Medicine and Biological Sciences.

An Aug. 6 wedding is planned.

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

#### Aerobics for fun at middle school

For men and women who like to mix some entertainment with exercise, the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will hold low-impact, low-intensity aerobics classes on Mondays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Middle School's girls' gym. The program runs April 4, I l and 25 and May 2

Fee for the five classes is \$9, and classes will be limited to 30 people.

For registration, visit the Elm Avenue park office, or phone 439-4131.

#### Wildlife teaching program at 5 Rivers

A Project WILD teacher workshop will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar Wednesday, March 30, from 3:30 to 6:30 p.m.

The workshop Wildlife in Learning Design is open to teachers and youth leaders. Program participants will receive a Project WILD activity book and other materials for classroom Le.

Pre-registration is required. To register or for information call 453-1806.

#### Craft fair slated

The Glenmont Elementary School PTA is sponsoring its seventh annual craft fair on Saturday, March 26, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. at the school.

Seventy-five exhibitors will sell handcrafted items including ceramics, art, flower arrangements and wooden items. Lunch will be available. Admission is free.

Call 439-4817 for information.



Imaginauction '88 at the Doane Stuart School, which this year takes place April 23, will feature a tribute to author William Kennedy. The Imaginauction committee includes, from

Taylor of Delmar; Sr. Lucie Nordman, headmistress of the school; Linda Pettit; Michelle Benke and Bill Pettit. The auction includes such items as a fur coat, vacations and



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#### **Goods and Services Auction**

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