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'We're here for you,' students tell peers

Editor's note: This is the final article in a four-part series on area women who are working to solve community problems. This week we meet an enthusiastic young college freshman who is promoting a Bethlehem Central High School program that helped her become more mature and responsible.

By Theresa Bobear

"We basically stood up there and said, 'Listen, we've gone to parties, had problems with friends and family. We're here to talk to,'" explains Melissa J. Coccozza of Selkirk.



Melissa J. Coccozza

When Coccozza joined with interested Bethlehem Central High School students and faculty members in organizing the school's Peer Helpers program two years ago, one of the first items on the agenda was a talk with the incoming freshman class about making a smooth transition to high school and seeking help when faced with difficult decisions. After the discussion, Coccozza said, the student helpers posted their names and phone numbers in the classrooms and announced their availability as supportive peers.

"It came out of a group of concerned students who had talked to their coaches and Mr. Gunner. They were concerned about kids at risk," said Pat Pinchback, coordinator of the Peer Helpers program at Bethlehem Central High School. Charles Gunner is principal at the high school.

Anthony Bango, Terry Ulion and John Furey, all teachers at the high school, work with Pinchback to help concerned students develop decision making and communication skills, know their limits and become aware of resources they can refer their friends in trouble to. In addition to coordinating the student leadership program at the middle school, Jane Feldmann assists in training the peer leaders. Kathy Provencher of the Albany County Office of Mental Health also participates in the training weekends.

"I think the kids have really done a good job," said Pinchback. "They've put a lot of time and energy into it. I'm really pleased with what they've accomplished."

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Drugs in the suburbs

Bethlehem police sound the alarm

By Patricia Mitchell

Just hours before two men were killed in gangland style in Albany's Arbor Hill section two weeks ago, Bethlehem police arrested a Cherry Ave. resident after taking elaborate precautions to insure there would not be a shootout. The common factor in both cases may be an increase in drug use in the area.

"We are getting scared. You have to be a damned fool to say

you weren't scared," said Bethlehem Detective John Cox.

Citing a rise in illegal drug use in the town, the Bethlehem Police Department is asking town residents to be more aware of what goes on around them.

Residents think of Bethlehem as a bedroom community, and it is, said Cox, but it also has the same problems as elsewhere. Illegal drugs are a problem in Bethlehem just like in other

towns — no more and no less. He said he thinks community awareness can help curtail it.

"There has to be some type of action taken. Our abilities are limited," Cox said. "The police cannot be the final line. We're looking for help."

"There's a real serious drug problem in the town," said Det. Theodore Wilson. On a scale of one to 10, he said, the problem is a

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Showing a few of the smaller items up for bid at this Friday's auction by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, are, from left, Holly,

Margaret and Kate Billings, and Jenny Crepeau. The auction begins at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem High School.

Bethlehem residents to bear the tax brunt

BC board gets first tax figures

By Patricia Mitchell

Projected Bethlehem Central school district taxes could rise by about seven percent in Bethlehem but by only .15 percent in New Scotland next year.

The projected tax rates were the first released to the school board since they began work on the proposed 1988-89 budget. Board members are still working on the budget to be adopted by March 30, so the tax rates could change.

Also at Wednesday's budget workshop, most board members agreed they were in favor of 5.5 additional teachers in next year's budget, and decided against proposing to bond for roofing work and other capital projects.

Tax rates are projected at \$193.14 per \$1,000 of assessed

value in Bethlehem, an increase of \$12.56 or about seven percent, and at \$275.83 per \$1,000 in New Scotland, an increase of 41 cents or .15 percent.

The Bethlehem Central district covers the northern two thirds of the Town of Bethlehem and a portion of New Scotland extending west to Clarksville. The difference in tax rates is attributed to the rate of change in equalization rates for the two towns.

The tax rates are based on a preliminary budget of \$22,561,151, an increase of \$1,882,533 or 9.1 percent over this year's budget.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said it is a responsible budget that means a new ballgame for the district. Factors that have influenced the budget are a predicted increase in enrollment in the elementary schools with a minimum decrease on the secondary side, and the first payment to be made on the 1985

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RCS budget shows 11.5 percent hike

By Sal Prividera

Town of Bethlehem residents in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District will see an 11.5 percent hike in their school taxes for the 1988-89 year if the budget proposed is approved by voters.

The proposed budget of \$14,332,952, an increase of 11.2 percent from last year, was presented to the RCS Board of Education Wednesday by Superintendent William Schwartz. He said the budget would meet the district's educational needs and was a "document that is fiscally responsible."

The \$1.4 million-plus budget increase represents a possible tax rate of \$185.16 per \$1,000 for Bethlehem, a jump of 11.5 percent or \$19.16, and a tax rate of \$264.44

per \$1,000 of assessed value for New Scotland residents, an increase of 4.4 percent or \$11.24, said Rodger Lewis, district business administrator.

The Town of Coeymans could see a tax rate of \$211.22 per \$1,000, an increase of 4.9 percent or \$9.95, and the Town of New Baltimore a tax rate of \$176.14 per \$1,000, an increase of 8.13 percent or \$13.25, Lewis said.

The difference in tax rates is due to the equalization rates in the towns, and the rate at which they have changed from last year. Lewis said as the equalization rates for Coeymans and New Scotland drop, the rates in Bethlehem and New Baltimore go up. He said the tax rate figures were preliminary since figures for state aid and assessments were not firm.

"These figures are our best estimate," he said.

Schwartz outlined the major

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Spotlight wins prizes

The Spotlight won a first place award for best feature story and two second place awards for best news stories and for enterprise reporting in the New York Press Association's 1987 Better Newspaper Contest.

The feature story award was for Nat Boynton's series on the early days of The Spotlight which ran last summer. Boynton is a former editor and publisher of the paper. Reports of the series were adapted from a collection of anecdotes and experiences in a varied newspaper career that Boynton is publishing in book form in April.

The second place "best news story" award was for 1/11/88

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High school athletic fields get architect's review

By Patricia Mitchell

Kleinke Associates of Delmar will make recommendations to the Bethlehem Central school board on upgrading its athletic fields at the high school.

The consultants were approved by the school board at its meeting Wednesday at a cost between \$7,000 to \$14,000, depending on the work provided. The funds are included in this year's budget. The board also approved propositions for the May 4 ballot on a change in voting procedures and for bonding for new buses.

Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer said the need for a consultant to improve the fields has been discussed since last fall. The fields were originally put in as physical education fields but are now being used for inter-scholastic competition. Because of the clay soil, it is a bad situation for safe, athletic play, he said. The fields are also uneven and have poor drainage. The football and varsity soccer fields are not part of the study, he said.

Kleinke Associates will recommend how to crown the fields, allow for proper drainage

and possibly how to tap into state drainage in the area, Zwicklbauer said.

The funding is for the consultant only, and does not include corrective action, Zwicklbauer said.

Board President Robert Ruslander said there have not been any accidents on the fields yet, and the district wants to take corrective action before it is too late.

Board member Pamela Williams said the girls soccer field is very uneven and also very dangerous.

The district also received proposals from Clough Harbor Associates of Albany and the LA Group of Saratoga, Zwicklbauer said.

In other business at Wednesday's meeting, the school board agreed to placing two propositions on the May 4 ballot along with the proposed budget. Petitions with 225 signatures in favor of a proposition for at-large school board elections were presented by Quinn Davey of Glenmont. If approved by voters, the proposition

will affect next year's elections.

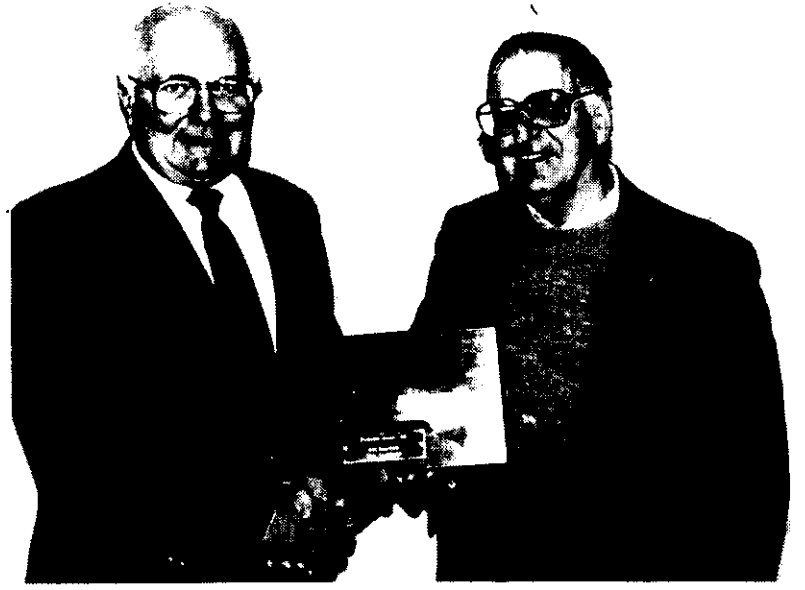
Board member Bernard Harvith said he approves of the democratic process to put the proposition before the voters but is against the proposal. He said at-large elections lead to "bullet voting." The district has always had a fine board with the present system of electing seats, and he thinks it will be more confusing, Harvith said.

"I think we ought to put it on the ballot and I think they ought to vote no," Harvith said.

Board member Velma Cousins said at-large elections opens the door for a lot of dirty politicking and for a lot of infighting. She also said it may not allow for the best board.

If the district changes its election format then it should go back to the old formula of electing regional chairs, said board member Marjory O'Brien.

The school board also approved a proposition to bond for two 81-passenger buses, three 59-passenger buses, one eight-passenger wheelchair bus and a suburban vehicle for the transportation department at \$347,700.



Receiving a first place award for best feature story from the New York Press Association's 1987 Better Newspaper Contest is Nat Boynton, right. Spotlight publisher Dick Ahlstrom congratulates him.

Spotlight awards

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Spotlight's coverage of the surprise Oct. 4 snowstorm that paralyzed the Capital District. Contributing to the coverage in the Oct. 14 issue were Katie Biggerstaff, Linda Anne Burtis, Cheryl Clary, Tom McPheeters, Patricia Mitchell and Lyn Stapf.

Kevin Mullen's articles on development in Bethlehem won a second place award in the "in depth/investigative reporting" category. The articles in the July 1 issue explored the status of

potential developments in the town, detailed the town's procedures for approving new developments and discussed the town-wide debate over planning and zoning.

The awards were announced last weekend at the New York Press Association's annual convention at the Marriot in Colonie. A total of 2,297 entries from 144 weekly newspapers were submitted. The Spotlight was competing in Division III, for weekly newspapers with circulations from 4,501 to 7,000.

BC's budget figures

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capital improvements bond issue.

Student to teacher ratios are roughly in the middle range of Suburban Council schools, Loomis said, but he added that he doesn't want residents to believe BC has luxurious staffing. The district has an image of being on the cutting edge of education, he said.

School board members debated whether they will be able to "sell" the budget to district voters. Board President Robert Ruslander said he believes the board can, and Loomis said it will test the community. However, board member Charles Reeves said he was uncomfortable with a budget that increases nine percent.

Several members of the audience made plea for the proposed increase in elementary teachers and for \$33,000 for stage lighting at the high school auditorium.

George Stasko said he was concerned that he heard from the teachers the high school plays may be stopped because of a lack of lighting. Students need an ability to communicate and that skill is gained through plays and other activities, he said.

High school student Randy Wolkenbreit said the lights now in the auditorium are insufficient.

Dr. Laura Kagan urged the board to fund the proposed 5.5 elementary teachers and said she was also in favor of an additional middle school foreign language teacher. The new elementary text books the board has included in the budget won't do a thing unless the district has teachers, she said.

Most school board members said they were in favor of the proposed 5.5 elementary teachers, who would cost the district \$169,125, because of a projected increase in enrollment. Loomis said he would not back off from his recommendation but he won't stand in the way of the board's decision. No final decision on the staffing proposals was made.

In other action at Wednesday's budget workshop, the board:

- Agreed to an additional foreign language teacher at the middle school. The position will be funded through reductions in several courses at the high school.

- Most board members also said they were in favor of a part-

time special education administrator at \$5,310, a guidance supervisor at \$1,925, a part-time noon hour aide at the Elmsere School at \$3,046, and two elementary aides at \$35,174.

- The board decided against proposing a one-year bond of \$271,411 for roofing work, the stage lighting, art room modifications, padding for a wall in the upper gymnasium and a gym door unit, all at the high school, to avoid what board member Sheila Fuller called "creative financing."

- Agreed to \$159,183 in reductions to the budget, including a \$14,783 reduction in per pupil allocation, a \$30,000 reduction for the asbestos consultant, a \$20,000 reduction in equipment, and a \$20,000 reduction due to staffing turnovers.

The school board will work more on the proposed 1988-89 budget at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday (today).

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A rumble in Delmar

A disturbance that started among a group of teenagers at Bethlehem Central High School, moved across the street and ended at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center Thursday afternoon is still under investigation, Albany County sheriff's deputies said. But there is some question whether the incident ever turned into a fight.

According to High School Principal Charles Gunner, the disturbance started in the school's front parking lot. "I went out and disbursed it. There was no fight going on and I don't know what caused it," Gunner said.

Sheriff's deputies said the group moved to nearby Evelyn Drive, and was handled by the Bethlehem Police Department. It then moved to Five Rivers and the Bethlehem police called in the Sheriff's Department for as-

sistance, since the center is in New Scotland.

"The fellow at Five Rivers tells me as far as he knows there was no actual fight," Gunner said.

Some of the teens had dispersed when police and deputies arrived at Five Rivers. Deputies estimated that 70 to 100 youths were in the crowd during the incident. No arrests were made, deputies said.

Gunner said he had been aware of trouble between two groups of students at the high school earlier in the week and had spoken to several students. He said that there had been an earlier incident at the school in which one boy was hurt during a fight at which there were a large number of onlookers, and he had been concerned that that not be repeated. If there was a fight, he said, "I'm disappointed in our students that they didn't have the good sense to stop it."

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Our profile, and yours

With all the talk of the "dominance" of television news and the impending loss of a daily newspaper in the Capital District, the spring convention of the New York Press Association last weekend in Albany is a reminder that newspapers remain a vital, irreplaceable force in our communities.

The NYPA is the state-wide association of weekly newspapers. Weeklies are often discounted as a source of information, but some figures from the convention quickly dispels that notion. Currently, the NYPA consists of 296 paid weekly newspapers in New York State with a combined circulation of 1,826,097. An estimated eight million people read weekly papers each week in New York State.

Beyond the statistics is the impression of standards that match those of most daily newspapers and continue to improve at an impressive rate. In the eight years we have been attending NYPA conventions in Albany, the quality of writing and editing has improved considerably, and the emphasis on new and attractive graphic presentation — no doubt in response to the challenge of television and such ground-breaking publications as *USA Today* — has been nothing short of dramatic. In those eight years *The Spotlight* has also changed considerably, and we hope to continue improving.

Weeklies in the Capital District and throughout New York State are serious publications, and dedicated to doing a better and better job of covering their own communities. This year 144 newspapers submitted 2,297 entries to the Better Newspapers contest, and we count ourselves fortunate to be among the winners.

One reflection of the strength of weekly newspapers in New York State can be seen in the results of a new report that sketches an interesting and persuasively attractive profile

Palm Sunday today

The contemporary strife in Jerusalem as well as on the West Bank is, in a sorrowful sense, but one more renewal of the age-old conflicts so often associated with holy places. Jerusalem is, after all, holy ground for three of the world's great faiths.

Of the entry into Jerusalem — the "City of Peace" — by the founder of one of those faiths, St. Luke tells us that "When he was come near,

The long winter

Can a superannuated editorialist be pardoned for asking, Do they still sing, in the sixth grade, "Welcome, Sweet Springtime"? If not, they surely should, and let the whole continent chime in.

This week we officially inaugurate the welcome new season. And give a cold shoulder to the departing, six-months-long winter, which blew in much too early, not merely in calendar time but in its harvest of maples and other flora that were all too unsuspecting and vulnerable. And having reminded us of its wanton power (more than NiMo had!), winter tarried and teased, granting an occasional dream of respite but meanwhile exacting a dear price for every hope, and finding new ways of destroying our trust in the ultimate beneficence of nature.

It has been written that too many survivors of

EDITORIAL

of the readers of community papers that are the association's members.

We thought you'd like to know some of the characteristics that you almost certainly share with many other individuals and families. (The data were compiled in a survey of several hundred households conducted statewide by the Marist Institute for Public Opinion last December.)

You and your family (as readers of a community paper, in contrast to non-readers) have a higher income, and are more likely to have a college education, to own your home, to have children, and to have more than one person earning income. You are more likely to register to vote and to be active in community or church groups.

And you are likely to plan on major purchases (cars, appliances, etc.) or vacation expenditures.

More broadly speaking, most households throughout this state receive a weekly community paper — and read it, and make frequent reference to it over the next several days.

These essential sources of news, opinion, and consumer information are very generally rated favorably, and the readers have confidence in their reliability. In numerous instances, incidentally, people who do not receive a daily paper rely on the community weekly entirely.

Those things are true in "typical" cases. We at *The Spotlight* like to think, hopefully, that your newspaper is upscale from "typical."

We are pleased and proud to have you as our loyal readership, and take this means to tell you so.

he beheld the city and wept over it, saying, 'If thou hadst known, even thou, at least in this thy day, the things which belong unto thy peace! but they are hidden from thine eyes.'

His words echo down the corridors of time, especially now as His followers look ahead to the observance of Palm Sunday and Holy Week, aware as we are of the challenge of living in holy ways.

countless, endless winters finally recognize that they cannot quite grasp this last deferred promise of spring's arrival.

But here we are on the threshold. You can read it on the breeze in the brisk early hours and at sunset, particularly. Hear the way it was a century ago for a great naturalist:

"A perfect spring day at last — still, warm, and without a cloud. . . The top of a high barometric wave, a day like a crest, lifted up, slightly, sparkling. A cold snap without storm issuing in this clear, dazzling, sharp, northern day. How light, as if illuminated by more than the sun; the sky is full of light. The leafless trees make no shadows; the woods are flooded with light; everything shines; a day large and imposing — all the windows and doors of the sky open."

Reexamine 'myths' on teenage drinking

Editor, The Spotlight:

Parents, as well as public officials, have been willing to support virtually any program or policy related to illegal drug use. With the recent exception of anti-drinking driving programs, few of us have been willing to even discuss alcohol.

There are many reasons for this situation, such as our lack of information or inaccurate information about the effects of alcohol on young people, the traditional use and acceptance of alcohol in adult society, our fear of being seen by young people (and by each other) as prudish or as prohibitionists, and social myths about the acceptability, if not necessity, of drinking. This later point is the subject of a recent study conducted by the American Automobile Association.

The study of the relationship of beer advertising to attitudes about drinking and driving presents a description of the development and reinforcement of myths about alcohol. A myth, as defined by the authors, is not necessarily false, but is so widely accepted that it is never challenged. The myth that is discussed in the AAA study is that drinking beer is harmless and leads to social, financial and athletic success. The researchers analyzed television ads for beer and found many variations on the theme reinforcing the myth of the benefits of beer.

We continue to believe these myths and add to them even more dangerous myths about young

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people such as: "they're going to get it (alcohol) anyway", or, "they know more about it than we do." Our willingness to accept these myths stems from our frustration and fear for our children's well being and just a little guilt about asking young people to abstain while we make alcohol a central part of so many of our adult activities.

This later point was the subject of a letter from William Frye to *The Spotlight* March 9. Mr. Frye expressed concern for the "hypo-critical dichotomy" of parents drinking at a recent high school sports banquet. The letter, as well as the banquet, has generated heated discussion in the past two weeks. Today's *Spotlight* contains a message of congratulations to BC's winter athletes and asks parents and other adults in attendance to make the banquet an alcohol-free affair. I want to stress the significance of this, in that it would represent a display by parents that even with alcohol available, which it will be at the banquet, that the accomplishments of these young athletes provides more than enough stimulation for a good time and good feelings.

I want to extend my congratulations to all the BC athletes for their fine efforts and accomplishments, none of which were improved by drinking. On Friday night I won't have one for you.

Robert Lillis

Delmar

Snow day response

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am sorry that I have not been able to respond sooner to Jerry Friedman's letter regarding a Thursday in February that he felt school should have been called off due to weather (*Spotlight*, Feb. 10). Mr. Friedman suggested that school was held that day in order to preserve "the Easter vacation plans of teachers and administrators." Perhaps I could provide some insight.

Recently, Assemblyman John Faso (R-Kinderhook) introduced a bill into the legislature that would

restore April vacations to school districts who had lost them because of the October snowstorm. The reason Mr. Faso gave was that there would be so many students absences anyway that school districts would lose money for these make-up days. He made no mention of teachers or administrators being absent.

In the 17 years that I have worked for Bethlehem Central, we have had to go "into the hole" for snow days twice. One time, school was made up on Memorial

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Take two and . . .

"It's going around." "Everybody's got it!" "Did you hear about —?" "It takes a while to get over it."

Those bits of presumably comforting conversation are the most frequently heard comments this season, and for many weeks past.

They are of little solace, actually, to the victim of whatever "bug" is afflicting the populace in 1988. We tend to call it "flu", and maybe in some cases it really is influenza, though I gather from reasonably informed opinion that is mostly not true. But it certainly is more virulent than the old-fashioned cold in almost every way you might imagine. Particularly in its persistence and tendency to recur.

Watching tv earlier in the winter, I was dreamily influenced by the various cold remedies that were being described. My favorite was Nyquil. The tender scenes of the sufferer being put to bed with just the right amount of TLC and this magical cure-all. How great it would be, I thought, to take it easy for a day or two with a speedy and pleasant recovery assured. Lots of undisturbed sleep and a returning sense of well-being.

Well, I still don't know how it would work out for the proper kind of cold/flu. My bug was an improper one, and Nyquil never had a chance. My favorite diversion, and the only bit of reality that I could focus on was the way the mercury climbed inside the thermometer. I couldn't get enough of that thermometer, which was much



more effective than Tom Brokaw in keeping me up-to-date on things that really mattered.

But, as they used to say in the best novels, the crisis passed, and I settled down into days and weeks of boring fatigue and numerous other boring effects that I will spare you. (Chances are, you've had 'em too.)

All this is not to say that the experience hasn't been educational. I rediscovered that doctors still do say things like "Take two" and "Lots of fluids" and "Call me Wednesday if it's not better." Also, "It's going around."

These diagnoses and prescriptions are, of course, provided by telephone. It's hardly news that house calls rarely occur anymore, except by those surviving physicians who are willing to make their money the old-fashioned way: carrying the little black bag and bringing blessed relief in their very arrival. How comforting it was to hear the hearty voice, the brisk but sympathetic words, even to feel the breeze stirred as the chilled overcoat is dropped.

How long has it been since you've felt a cold hand grasp your wrist?

In fact, there's a lot more than reminiscence and complaint in all this. I find that there's involved — as perhaps you have, too — a subliminal sociological problem.

In once-upon-a-time land, the doctor uttered decisive orders. None of this namby-pamby stuff about "Call me if it doesn't improve." You were told to stay home from school, or work, or whatever. You were told to stay in bed. You were told you did indeed have certifiable symptoms that would sound appropriately menacing when they were written out for the teacher's benefit. You were instructed to remain immobilized until his next visit.

The patient had no say in the decision, no choice about whether to struggle with conscience and struggle out of bed to go where duty called.

Lacking that decisiveness — as firmly stated as the umpire's call, "Yer out!" — we invalids are thrust into an unwelcome wrestling match with duty and conscience. "Should I get up and go, no matter how I feel now?" "Is it really advisable to go out?" And even more tellingly so, "Am I capable of making this judgment?"

The answer, I suspect, is too frequently to endanger oneself and others by staggering out when that really is uncalled for and unwise — because no authoritative voice is available to state the proper thing to do.

I had plenty of time to do some other "thinking," which I'll pass along in another week or so. Kerchoo!

contributors," Gary Smith. It's an effort to write form inside a young man who is very difficult to know, to understand, who is obviously not yet certain of who he is. Here are a few excerpts:

"Just now word has come his mother is dead. The guilt from the grief he has caused her is so sharp he wants to roll up in a ball on the ground and scream. Where can he do that — in front of the gruff old man in his new home, in front of the pigeon decapitators in his old? He looks so cool and powerful on the outside. . . but inside the self-hatred is chopping him up.

"Fear is a beast you must keep feeding fresh kills to keep it quiet in the ring, outside the ring, it's all a ring, the beast must have new conquests to stay silent. . . Oh, God, will it be a whole life like this? Feed the beast, miss a single feeding and the beast eats you. . .

"He is driven to conquer; to do it, he must feel oppressed. How can he keep fighting with his lips curled back if they rob him of that? Why does the way he satisfied himself have to satisfy them; how can he take the paycheck and keep the cry of the self pure?

"What am I going to do with all that money?" he groans. Twenty-one years old, \$60 million this year, six-sevenths of what Ali earned in his entire ring career. He buys a Mercedes, a Jaguar, a Rolls-Royce, a Corvette, but a week later every one of them bores him."

This is a story that is not only disturbing but distressing about an individual who is extremely disturbed. He was a violent, uncontrollable youth and as the article mentions, "For the first 13 years of his life, when he saw white people they were usually in blue uniforms or in courtrooms." He was in a series of juvenile detention centers and a reform school: "Sometimes it took three men to subdue him. One of the counselors at the school was a former boxer, and Mike began learning to be brutal in a scientific way."

Sixty million dollars income a year for a brutal youth who still hasn't figured out life in any significant way. It is enough to cause many people to ponder the ingredients that can create a sports-page hero without more evaluation of the individual. Years ago, Thurber wrote a story, "The Greatest Man in the World," which posed only a few of the questions that the emergence of a Mike Tyson poses for society.

For me, in addition, one of the most bothersome aspects of Gary Smith's article is its very outset: "Just now he heard on the news about the girl pinned down by six men in the woods, raped, sodomized, found trembling four days later in a trash bag. . ."

A declaratory statement about a matter that is increasingly called into question. Pretty poor reporting by Gary Smith, and the reader wonders if *Sports Illustrated* will, one day correct the record.

The civic center

Albany County Executive James Coyne has received considerable criticism, both on these pages and elsewhere, for his position that additional county funds, above the

POINT OF VIEW

\$35 million bonding cap set by the county legislature last year, should be spent on the Albany County Civic Center now under construction in downtown Albany. The editors invited Mr. Coyne to present his position in Point of View.

By James Coyne

The Albany County Civic Center, far from being a burden on the taxpayer, will instead promote development in the County consistent with my aggressive economic policy which has resulted in an unprecedented eight tax cuts in the last ten years. The promise of lower taxes has not been empty campaign rhetoric but a tangible cornerstone of my tenure as Albany County Executive. This very success is part of the reason the vocal minority attacks the Civic Center: they don't have any other issues.

In fact, the 1988 county tax levy is less than it was in 1978. This is a shining example of sound fiscal management, almost unheard of nationwide, and the envy of other New York State counties where the average levy has doubled during the same period. If Albany County was a prototype New York State county, our tax levy would now be a staggering \$32 million. Instead, our quality of life continues to improve as we keep our \$16 million levy at its 1978 level.

Our prosperity is contingent on many factors. Intelligent budgeting, controlled spending, computerization and a dynamic, creative county workforce are the basis of our fiscal health. Our well-being is further enhanced by decreased welfare rolls, economic development and sports advancement. Since 1985, Albany County has reduced the growth of our Social Service budget by placing 4,000 welfare recipients in private sector jobs.

The county's small business lending program, which has created or allowed for the retention of approximately 6,000 jobs in the private sector over the last ten years, has also been a great boost to our economy, especially by increasing sales tax revenues. Our unemployment rate, due in part to these programs, is one of the lowest in the state.

Besides instituting these employment and economic programs, as "Gym" Coyne I have worked very hard to promote sports in Albany County. In these days when so much of the taxpayer's dollar is spent to cure the ills of violence, drug abuse, alcoholism and mental illness, I see sports as another healthy return on the taxpayer's investment. The Albany Patroons and the Colonie Yankees at Heritage Park have given Albany County residents great pleasure, a place on the map and increased tax revenue for a minimal investment.

Not only is this good fun, it's good money! Economists generally accept a multiplier of four for the economic effects (or "spinoff") from ticket sales. Two million people at an average \$5 ticket price times the multiplier is a \$40,000,000 boost to the local economy. Similarly, Spectacor's estimated 1½ million Civic Center attendees at an average \$10 price times the multiplier is a \$60,000,000 annual impact on the local economy.

This impact is one thing. The cost is another. The average annual cost of paying the \$35 million bond for the county's share is \$3 million. The 2 percent hotel/motel tax is required by law to go towards this debt service. While we anticipate \$1.2 million in revenue from this source, it could grow to many times this figure as new facilities are built and as room charges increase. These room charges more than doubled in the last 12 years, and a similar increase would mean that this 2 percent hotel/motel tax would pay for most of the debt service costs within the next decade.

A \$1 surcharge on all tickets sold would bring in \$1.5 million per year. Coupled with the ongoing \$1.5 million already included in the budget, these revenues will more than cover the debt cost. I should add that the budget figure was added in the same year that property taxes were again reduced.

Before last fall's election, I stated publicly that some additions, or "enhancements", to the Civic Center would probably be needed, and I'm sure that didn't help me at the polls. I have stated numerous times that the \$35 million already committed should not be increased at taxpayers expense, and I repeat that pledge.

In that spirit of openness, I met with the Democratic and Republican County Legislators and asked their support for a private-public partnership for improvements and additions to this project. I asked both sides to support additional state assistance (as has been given to similar projects elsewhere in the state) and for an increase in the bond if, and only if, the increase was paid for by the private sector.

The Democrats indicated support, and the Republicans held a press conference to call for my resignation.

I believe that the private-public partnership I proposed is going to be the wave of the future in this country. It has worked elsewhere to finance many civic improvements, including sports facilities. These arguments have fallen on deaf ears with some members of the County Legislature. If you want to see a modern, attractive Civic Center here, without increased cost to the property taxpayers, please let your local legislator know it. This public-private cooperation can work to bring us a better Civic Center, but it can't happen without your support.

CONSTANT READER

In a squared circle

I've always said that *Sports Illustrated* is one of the better magazines despite the limited circumference of its concerns. In essence, it's a news-weekly comparable with *Time* or *Newsweek*, and in my opinion it takes an enlightened view of the way to cover its news. The results, scores, standings — the nitty-gritty of that limited world — are restricted to a page or two at the back of the book, and the bulk of the contents is good reading about the human struggle.

The March 21 issue, which features a cover story on Larry Bird, has an unusual and troubling piece of 10 pages on Mike Tyson.

It is written in a kind of mystic style by one of their "special

Berry's World

I CAN REMEMBER WHEN "RUNNING WITH A FAST CROWD" HAD A WHOLE DIFFERENT MEANING.



(From Page 4)

Day, which was still celebrated May 30. The other time, students and teachers made up the day at the end of the year. April vacation was not used, as many parents had told the schools that their children would not be in school if it had been held.

If you were to drive past the district offices after 5 at night, on Saturdays (or Sundays) and during school vacations, you would perhaps see cars belonging to the superintendent or assistant superintendent, as well as other administrators, and maybe of principals, teachers and other staff members as well. The business of a school district does not run between nine and five on weekdays. Student vacation time is not shared by everyone.

Mr. Friedman mentioned that the school system should have heeded the forecast and called school off. What about the state and town highway crew? Did they not have access to the same forecast?

It's easy to blame the school district for lots of problems — some of which are not of its making — but to say that children's lives would be swapped for vacations is just ludicrous.

Vox Pop

I am glad that people who feel this way are few.

Peter A. Xeller

Delmar

Water problems real in Orchard Park

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the March 9 issue of *The Spotlight* you printed a letter from Mr. George Baker who argued that there were no water problems in the old area of Orchard Park. He should come to my house.

We have been without water several times and have had to use snow to flush our toilets.

Recently, our well filled with Methane and exploded with a flame almost 15 feet high. Mr. Baker should take his head out of the sand so that he can see the Methane and taste the salt in our wells.

Mary Lou McNamara
Voorheesville

Defending Sgarlata

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to respond to the attack by Joseph M. Cotazino Jr. on New Scotland Councilman John Sgarlata in your paper March 16.

Mr. Sgarlata began his successful run for political office primarily (but not solely) on the single issue of *no pit mine* for New Scotland — He didn't want his government to do something to him or his neighbors, so he put his convictions in the line and stood for office, clearly articulating a position against the pit mine, and, wonders of wonders, he found support (lots of it) in the community and won the election.

It should therefore come as no surprise to anyone as to where John stands. John has chosen to review his civic affiliations in light of his new, broader role. This is a consistent and honorable action on his part; however, because of this review one should not assume that John has acted improperly or that he has abandoned his previous position, for he has done neither.

On the other hand, I do question Mr. Cotazino's motivation. He has advocated disenfranchizing

Mr. Sgarlata because, it seems to me, his position does not agree with Mr. Cotazino's. As I read the letter he seems to be saying to the Town Board (minus Mr. Sgarlata) — be reasonable, accept the mine, allow Larned and Son to deliver a water district to the Orchard Park neighborhood.

This agenda may suit Mr. Cotazino and some of his neighbors, but it may not suit a larger portion of the town's citizens.

Because you want something done — now! — should not cause the rest of us to sell our "birthright-for-porridge." Water for Orchard Park is and will remain a serious problem for the town board to resolve — so is the establishment of any size mine, and neither one should be sacrificed at the expense of the other. Both can be satisfactorily dealt with, without selling out either and without making secret deals.

Let the process work — watch closely, criticize frequently, listen to all sides and please don't advocate disenfranchisement for anyone who doesn't see it your way.

David Teuten

Voorheesville

David Teuten was an unsuccessful candidate for the New Scotland Town Board last fall, running on the Democratic ticket with Councilman Sgarlata. He is a member of the Voorheesville School Board. Ed.

On credibility of Sgarlata, Orchard Park

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to Mr. Joseph Cotazino's letter March 16 regarding Councilman John Sgarlata's involvement with The Concerned Citizens for New Scotland, I would like to enlighten Mr. Cotazino on a few facts he chooses to ignore.

First, Mr. Sgarlata was among the founding members of Concerned Citizens some 2½ years ago, prior to the existence of the "New Orchard Park" area. Mr. Sgarlata has experienced, first hand, three years of gravel mining on a "small scale" adjacent to his home as have all of the "Old Orchard Park" residents.

Mr. Sgarlata was elected to his present council seat, I believe to a large extent, because of his dedication to the Concerned Citizens and the town-wide impact which they, and he, conveyed. Clearly and simply, Mr. Sgarlata was doing, and is doing, what the majority of the people in this town have asked of him.

Second, Mr. Cotazino seems distressed that Mr. Sgarlata stands firm on his position with regard to a "negotiated settlement" for water in the New Orchard Park. Evidently Mr. Cotazino stands among the minority who are not aware that the town cannot use any amount of money which might be "negotiated" for a water district for Orchard Park. It has been made relatively clear that the State Comptroller's Office and municipal law would preclude this. It is simply not legal, from all available information.

Third, it seems Mr. Cotazino has a problem with the credibility of Mr. Sgarlata. Mr. Cotazino appears from the article to consider himself among the New

Orchard Park people who have a water problem. I sympathize with him or anyone who may have water problems. However, it is time to investigate what a "water problem" is, and what a "water problem" is not, in any given geographical area.

A handful or less in New Orchard Park have salt contamination in their wells. A few homes have relatively high levels of methane gas in their water. Most or all have high iron and/or other mineral content in their water. Well Mr. Cotazino, save the salt contamination, New Orchard Park doesn't really vary all that much from most other water sources in the Voorheesville area, or the town for that matter. Thus I have a serious credibility problem with the Orchard Park Neighborhood Association's ongoing claims. I believe many others in town feel likewise. I believe also that these same people are not all that interested in "negotiating away" their zoning rights.

Bruce A. Houghton

Voorheesville

The issue of whether funds obtained in a negotiated settlement from miners Larned and Son as part of an agreement to allow them to mine on the Tall Timbers land could be used to subsidize a water district has apparently been discussed in the closed "executive sessions" held by the New Scotland Town Board with representatives of Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, including the writer of this letter. Because no members of the press were present, it is not possible to determine exactly what was said, but there appears to be a difference of interpretation, at least. Town Attorney Fred Riestler, who was also present, says the question is "an issue that hasn't been resolved." It is a question that would have to be answered before a water district were formed, Riestler said, but so far he has formed no opinion on the question and has not asked the State Comptroller's office for an opinion. Ed.

Spring fashions show at St. Thomas

Celebrate spring at the St. Thomas fashion show and dessert party on Thursday, April 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the school auditorium. This year's "Garden Party" is being chaired by Ellen Sellnow.

Ladies fashions will be presented by Town and Tweed, according to fashion coordinator Barbara Hodom.

In addition to door prizes, the organizers will offer a raffle for a hand-made quilt.

Intermission entertainment will be provided by "City Kids," students from St. Thomas School under the direction of Fran Coccozza.

Tickets will be on sale after Mass on March 26 and 27. For information call Cathy St. Lucia at 439-4447 or Lynda Nuttal 439-4475.

Water gardening lecture at library

A lecture on water gardening by Albany County Master Gardener John Broughton, sponsored by the Agriculture Office of the Albany County Cooperative Extension, will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m.

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Legislature agrees to extend airport leases

By Patricia Dumas
 Although Republican legislators warned against hasty action, the Democrat-controlled Albany County Legislature has authorized extended leases for companies that are planning construction at the county airport.

Voting on party lines, the legislature last week authorized leases with Page Avjet and Brockway Air and also approved county planning department findings that claim the planned construction would not be environmentally harmful. The approval followed a lengthy debate and long roll call voting which put the minority Republicans on record against the action.

AIDS advisory group seeks public opinion

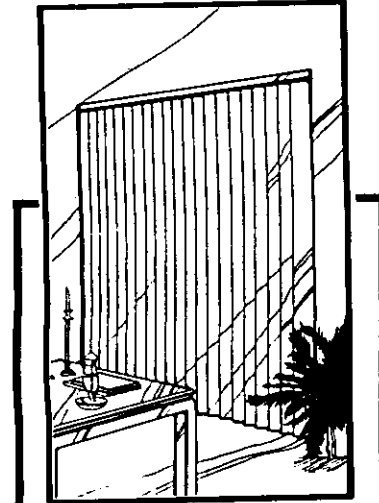
Bethlehem Central's AIDS Advisory Committee invites public opinion about AIDS education in the district at a meeting on Tuesday, March 29, 7-9 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl.

Opinions are welcome in either oral or written form from individuals and groups. Students are encouraged to participate. Written opinions should be sent to Ray Sliiter, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., or to David Murphy, Slingerlands School, 25 Union Ave.

The AIDS Advisory Committee is composed of administrators, school nurses, teachers, parents, and medical persons. The committee was formed last fall in response to the state mandate that schools must plan to include a curriculum on AIDS.

Windows broken

Bethlehem police received a report of three windows being damaged at a Rt. 9W restaurant sometime between last Tuesday and Friday. Police said that the windows at the Starlight Restaurant were apparently shot out with a BB or pellet gun.



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Republican Robert Hoffmeister of Delmar said that the minority members' stand "is not blind opposition." Rather, he said, "we have a genuine concern that the proper steps be taken to see that somewhere down the line we don't jeopardize the results."

Harold L. Joyce, the legislature's majority leader, dismissed the minority concerns. He and David Torncello, chairman of the legislature's Mass Transit Committee, insisted that there are adequate assurances for safety and compliance with all legal requirements for construction permits. Page Amjet's lease, already approved into the year 2002, is extended to 2015. The company provides routine service

Foundation accepting grant proposals

The Mohawk-Hudson Community Foundation is accepting grant proposals from non-profit organizations in Albany, Rensselaer and Saratoga Counties until April 1 at 5 p.m. The foundation is interested in funding projects in the areas of culture/arts, human services and education.

For information call Maureen J. Costello, executive director at 438-1673.

for corporate and other planes operating out of the airport. It plans a \$3 million expansion program which includes construction of a new general aviation terminal and hangar.

Brockway Air, Inc. will be allowed to lease approximately 134,400 square feet of airport land at the rate of 17 cents a square foot. The lease, for 30 years, will cost Brockway \$22,848 annually. The company plans to build a 25,000 foot hangar in the northwest part of the airport.

Despite the findings of the county planning board, Republican legislators argued that they lacked enough information for responsible voting on the resolutions. Hoffmeister said a draft of

Police department camera equipment gone

The Bethlehem Police Department has reported over \$450 of its camera equipment missing after an investigation of a crime scene last week.

Police said that the department Pentax camera, two lenses, a metal case and a flash unit are missing. The items may have been left at the scene of last week's drug arrest on Cherry Ave. or stolen from the department, police said.

the Brockway lease should be available for the legislators to review. Colonie Republican Jay Sherman, reading from a prepared statement, pointed out that the legislature last fall commissioned a land use study by Clough Harbour Associates to determine the best use of airport land. "It is not responsible to rush forward with development of the unused land before we have had the opportunity to review the study we have paid for as those whose lack of concern for planning would have us do," he said. Sherman and other Republican members also voiced concerns about safety at the airport because fire fighting could be a problem. Sherman called the legislature's attention to a state-

Slingerlands man faces DWI charge

Robert W. VanWie, Jr. of Slingerlands was arrested and charged with felony driving while intoxicated last Wednesday night, Bethlehem police said.

The arrest was made following an incident at the Handy Andy store in Delmar, police said. Police said VanWie refused to take a breath test at the time of his arrest. He was released and given an April 5 court date, police said.

ment by the Verdoy Fire Department which serves the airport vicinity. The department statement reports that the water supply in the planned construction area is inadequate and advises against new construction until water problems are resolved.

The Shaker Ridge-Vly Road Neighborhood Association in a prepared statement also called attention to the commissioned land use study and said that the legislature "has demonstrated to the public that it has wasted a large amount of money on studies that it intends to ignore."

Girl Scouts winners in poster contest

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council has announced the winners of its poster contest commemorating the 30th anniversary of the council.

In district nine the winners were Daisy Troop 795 of Delmar, led by Mary Forrest; Brownie Troop 645 of Slingerlands, led by Mary Lou Roberts; and Junior Troop 646 of Selkirk, led by Jane Combes.

All contest entries will be on display through Sunday, March 27 in the main concourse of the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

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Planners say go slow on zone changes

By Bill Cote

Saying an increase in housing density is not appropriate while the town is studying its zoning procedures, the Bethlehem Planning Board last week turned down a proposed 30-acre Wemple Rd. "adult community".

Planners also said that the Windham Village condominium and townhome project does not address local needs, despite an offer by the developers to commit

some units for "market rate" apartments for elderly town residents. But comments during the meeting and later by town officials indicated sentiment for an unofficial moratorium on major zoning changes until town planner Jeffrey Lipnicky makes his recommendations on revisions in the town's zoning codes and procedures. How long that will take is not clear.

The proposed zoning change

from AA-Residential to Planned Residence District would allow twice the number of homes that are currently permitted on the parcel, planning board Chairman Ken Ringler said at Tuesday's meeting. His discontent with the proposal was echoed by several board members.

Ringler stressed the importance of a town master plan to provide a "measuring device" for this type of proposal. "Bethlehem has to have a sense of where it's going and where it should be going," he said.

Despite considerable pressure from Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning, no town official has ever stated publicly that Bethlehem needs a master plan. Ringler said after the meeting that it is his "personal opinion" that the town may need a master plan, "but I'm waiting for Mr. Lipnicky's recommendation." He said Lipnicky has been swamped with work and will be asking the town board for additional personnel at Wednesday's meeting.

Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick agreed that the town should wait until it receives recommendations from Lipnicky on zoning issues. "I can't say he (Ringler) is speaking for the town board, but that's pretty much my sentiments."

Another issue raised by board members Tuesday was the number of approved but undeveloped planned residence districts in Bethlehem.

Ringler asked board attorney John T. Mitchell for an opinion on the legality of reversing a zone change such as this, if it were to pass. Mitchell said that the town

would be able to re-establish an original zone but that a public hearing would be required.

Board member John Williamson also spoke against the plan. There are "plenty of undeveloped PRD's in the town," he said. Marcia Nelson agreed that a zoning change allowing an increase in density "should not be considered at this location at this time."

"You can't just look at units, you have to look at the number of people too," argued Mark Pelersi, counsel representing Morache-Keneally Development Corp. Pelersi said the proposal isn't contrary to the spirit of current zoning because alternate use of the land would allow 79 three or four bedroom homes on quarter acre lots. He said that although there are more buildings in the current proposal, the adult community would not increase demand on local services such as schools or strain rush hour road capacities. The community would be reserved for those 55 years and older.

Board member Neal Moylan was interested in the service that the Vermont developer would provide to the existing Bethlehem community. He asked for a refresher on how many units would be reserved for local residents and what the approximate cost would be.

Five to eight of the 152 units will be reserved as apartments for Bethlehem residents, Pelersi said. A two bedroom rental unit would run in the \$400 range.

The condominium apartment space will sell from \$85,000 to \$130,000 and require approximately \$250 monthly for maintenance.

Dowerskill park ruling

By Bill Cote

The town may be able to require developers to donate land for a park at the second phase of Dowerskill Village, but may not be able to require that a homeowners association be set up there.

The Bethlehem Planning Board received those opinions from board attorney John T. Mitchell as it was considering building site approval for the development off Rt. 9W at its meeting last Tuesday.

Mitchell prepared the opinion in response to concerns expressed at earlier meetings by present residents of Dowerskill regarding the town's legal right to require the developer, Jenkins Management Company to establish a homeowner's association for the proposed project.

Current Dowerskill homeowners association members voiced concerns that their pool and courts, which are privately maintained by the homeowner's association, might be misused if the new development doesn't have sufficient facilities.

According to Mitchell, "the planning board may require that a plat contain an area for a park" or "that a cash contribution be made for purposes of a park, playground or recreational use." But he said that the board may not specify land use, such as a swimming pool or tennis court, or require reserved land to be transferred to the town.

"I can find no authority (in case law) requiring a developer of a subdivision to form a homeowner's association," Mitchell said.

The 123-unit proposal contains both townhomes and apartments. A basketball court and tennis court are planned as recreation facilities.

The project was referred to the town board for conceptual review and will be referred back to the planning board for engineering review after preliminary approval is received.

In other actions the board:

- Heard testimony on a proposed two-lot subdivision on the northwest corner of Delaware Ave. at Kenaware Ave. The parcel along the skating pond is proposed to be separated from the Howard residence at Kenaware Ave. The land is zoned A-residential.

- Conducted a public hearing on a proposed two-lot subdivision at the southwest corner of Feura Bush Rd. at McCombe Dr. on lands owned by William Morin. The plots will be ample for a 1700 square foot residence, said William Schray, land surveyor. At previous meetings, the board and planning department expressed concern over side and rear yard setback requirements because the lot is narrow. Schray submitted two drawings that show the "building envelopes" for a structure facing both Feura Bush Rd. and McComb Dr.

- Tabled a site plan application for 40 Hudson Ave. to convert it from residential to retail and apartment space. The land is zoned CC-Retail Commercial, said John Flannigan, Bethlehem building inspector. The matter is pending planning department review because of concern over the possible removal of a large tree.

- Issued pre-preliminary conditional approval to an 8.7 acre five lot Selkirk subdivision proposal proposed by Joseph Allegretta.



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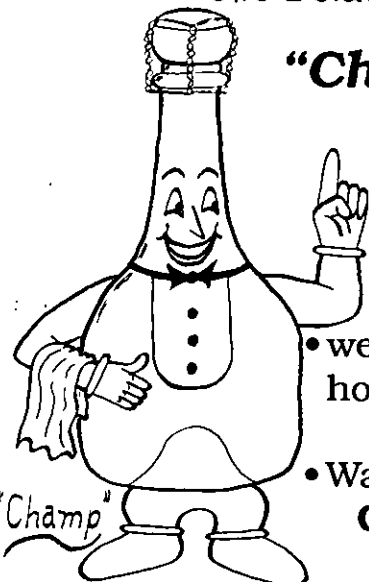
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Expansion sees opposition

By Bill Cote

Neighbors of an Orchard St. trucking business are adamant against its operation in a residential district

That message was delivered in response to a variance application submitted by Frank Markus, an independent hauler and resident of 257 Orchard St. During testimony before the Bethlehem Board of Appeals Wednesday, it was also learned the Markus' business is apparently operating in violation of the zoning ordinance.

Markus came before the board seeking permission to replace a deteriorating frame garage with a larger metal one. Approval of the proposal would allow him to park both dump trucks inside, and perform light routine maintenance such as brake work and oil changes, he said.

The board thought that he was operating as a pre-existing non-conforming use, or rather that his business was operating before the zoning district was established there in April of 1969.

But the mood of the meeting changed as Markus said he has operated the business for 10 years. Chairman Charles Fritts informed Markus that this meant he no longer qualified as a non-conforming use and that the board had to consider his application as if he was a new business. Fritts said that Markus is in violation of the zoning ordinance.

About 20 residents of the area were in attendance. Six spoke out against the proposal and Fritts read one opposing letter into the record. One neighbor spoke in favor of the proposal.

"As far as I'm concerned, he's been in violation for ten years and this should not be granted", said George Moke, a next door neighbor. He continued to say that his rear lawn was killed along the existing Markus garage because the hauler washes the oils and grease off his trucks and the residue runs over the property line.

Several others said that the trucks idle as early as 5 a.m. and that the diesel fumes are sometimes unbearable. They said that they had nothing against Markus, but don't like having the business in their neighborhood.

The board of appeals also considered testimony in a public hearing over a zoning variance request for a Delmar residence. Jerald Vancik of 75 Adams Pl. applied to exceed allowable lot occupancy and sideyard setback requirements. Vancik proposes to construct additions to the side and rear of his home providing a larger kitchen area, increased bedroom area and a second bath.

According to Building Inspector John Flannigan, the proposal would exceed allowable lot coverage by 1.1 percent. Fifteen percent is the maximum coverage allowed under current zoning in that area.

One neighbor, who lives on the sideyard that would require a variance approval, spoke in favor of the plan.

The board expressed reservation over one aspect of the plan. Only one foot would be left between the new extension of the home and the existing garage. The proposal was tabled until Vancik finalizes his plan with a provision that would allow more space on the ground level between the two buildings.

In other action, the board:

- Set a public hearing for 8:15 p.m., April 6, for 35 Woodstream, Delmar. Robert Gold has proposed to construct an enclosed hot tub which would push his lot

occupancy above the allowable limit. He seeks a zoning variance for the plan which would be his second variance since July 1982.

- Set another public hearing for a Four M Construction Corporation proposal to build on an Orchard Street plot that does not meet minimum lot size and width requirements. The company has vacated two variance requests since they came before the board in December 1987 with a quadruple variance request on the same property. At that time the plan met considerable local opposition. The hearing is scheduled for 8:30 p.m., April 6.

- Set a public hearing for 8:45 p.m., April 6, for a lot occupancy variance request for 4 McMillen Pl., Delmar. James J. Berry would like to construct a kitchen addition to the rear of his residence.

Concert at temple

The David Arman Trio will be in concert at the Congregation Beth Emeth on Saturday, March 26, at 8:15 p.m. as part of the temple's 150 anniversary. A wine and cheese reception at 7:30 p.m. will precede the concert and a dessert hour will follow. Tickets, \$10, may be purchased through the temple or at the door.

Club house decision upheld by court

An October 1987 decision by the board of appeals denying an Albany developer's request to turn a Slingerlands recreation hall and club house into a four-unit apartment building has been upheld by the state Supreme Court.

The March 7 ruling by Judge Lawrence Kahn decided that Albany developers Arthur and Dortha Kontogiannis did not show that converting the building at Olympian Gardens into four units was needed for a reasonable return on their investment.

The Kontogiannis' were granted approval to convert the building into a two-family residence in 1985.

However, an inspection by Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanagan found that four units were constructed instead of the approved two.

History of the dispute dates back to October, 1985. At that time, the Kontogiannis called for intervention from the state Appellate Division because they felt that a board of appeals decision went beyond its authority.

The judges decided that the board hadn't addressed two vital areas that would support denial of the variance request.

The variance request was sent back to the Bethlehem Board of Appeals for more public hearings.

In the October 1987 hearing, board member Shiela Galvin questioned the applicants about a summary financial statement submitted as proof that the building wasn't financially viable unless it functioned as a apartments. Galvin requested supporting documentation and was handed a file folder full of miscellaneous receipts.

"I questioned them specifically about each document and went through about 80 percent of them," Galvin said. "Several had nothing to do with the property in question."

She said that the folder included receipts for Niagara Mohawk service at other properties and a bill for kerosene.

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Town sets contracts

Police, dispatcher unions

By Patricia Mitchell

Contract settlements have tentatively been reached between the Town of Bethlehem and the Police Officers Union and the Telecommunicators Local.

The town board is expected to act on the two contracts at its meeting Wednesday (today), according to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. The agreement with the police ends more than a year at the negotiating table. The current contract with the police expired Dec. 31, 1986.

The police union ratified the contract Wednesday, said union president Marvin Koonz. The contract includes a 20-year retirement plan that was first proposed in the last round of contract negotiations, pay raises of six percent for last year and this year, changes in sick leave policy for new officers and some improved benefits. Under the contract, a new police officer will start at \$20,402.

The retirement plan would allow officers to retire after 20 years of service with the department, instead of the

present 25, at half-pay, Koonz said. It goes into effect on Jan. 1, 1989.

"We're very optimistic," Koonz said of the town board's expected acceptance of the contract.

Hendrick echoed that sentiment. "I think it's a fair contract, fair for both sides," he said. "I think where we've really gained is by a cap on sick leave."

The town agreed to the 20-year retirement plan after the union agreed to give up some of its pay raise in 1989, the year it goes into effect, and because it had decided the plan will be less costly than previously thought, Hendrick said.

The contract includes a six percent pay raise for 1987 and 1988 and a \$250 raise across the board in 1989. Koonz said sick time provisions were amended to allow officers now employed in the department to continue to have unlimited sick time, but officers hired after March 1 will be allowed 13 sick days a year. They will be allowed to accumulate up to 70 sick days.



Velma Fuller with Glenmont School fourth graders show a few of the handmade items to be found at the elementary school's seventh annual craft fair sponsored by the PTA, Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. to 4

p.m. Students are, from left, John LaBarge, Chris DiNuria, Kiley Shortell and Kelly Gerber. Seventy-five professional exhibitors will be on hand.
Tom Knight

Vacation time was also amended to 20 days after 10 years of service, instead of the present 11 years, and 25 days after 19 years, instead of 20 years. Koonz said the town will also be purchasing officers' shoes.

The town declared an impasse in negotiations in September because of the slow pace of negotiations and because the union, represented by Council 82 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME), had introduced new issues at an earlier negotiating session. The impasse ended a news blackout that both

sides agreed to since negotiations started in November 1986.

This round of negotiations contrasted with the previous contract that was imposed in June, 1986, when the state Public Employees Relations Board imposed a settlement after an impasse that was a year and a half old. Those talks were distinguished by an unusual amount of public comment on both sides, much of it centering on the union's wish for the 20-year retirement plan and a more equitable disciplinary procedure.

The Telecommunicators Local of the Bethlehem police dis-

patchers was formed last March 1, and the proposed contract is retroactive to that date. Hendrick said the contract follows the basic provisions of the police contract, except that the salary levels for dispatchers are still considerably below those for police officers. The town has been hiring more civilian dispatchers to free police officers for road patrol, and Hendrick said this policy is still "very much" cost-effective.

Under the agreement, the dispatchers will receive a two-step pay increase, from the current entry level salary of \$13,774 to \$15,152, and will get time and a half for overtime, rather than compensatory time.

There are currently eight full time and six part time dispatchers. Union president Mark Becker declined to comment until information is released from Council 66 of AFSCME.

Selkirk residence burglarized Thursday

A home on Elm St. in Selkirk was robbed during the day Thursday, Bethlehem police said. A bottle containing \$2,000 in cash and a silver ring worth \$70 were taken after someone entered the unlocked residence, police said. The investigation into the theft is continuing, police said.

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Union challenge gets promotion thrown out

By Patricia Mitchell

An apparent clerical error may mean that a newly promoted Bethlehem police sergeant goes back to being a patrol officer — and reopen the controversy over the two officers with higher scores who were passed over for the appointment.

An Albany County Civil Service Commission hearing Wednesday found that Sgt. Louis Corsi should not have been promoted last December because he did not have 36 months with the Bethlehem Police Department as was required to take a sergeant's exam last year.

Civil Service Secretary Edward McMahon said the clerical mistake was made in his department and Corsi will have to be decertified and go back to his previous position in the police department.

Corsi said Saturday he has not heard anything formally from the Civil Service department but only second-hand information.

"It is a bad position," Corsi said. "Everything is business as usual."

Town Supervisor Robert Hendrick said Friday he expects the town board will turn the

matter over to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz for a recommendation. "We made the appointment in good faith, and he's been in the position for two months," Hendrick said. At this point, he said, the town will have to make a decision whether it has an interest in appealing the ruling, or whether Corsi should appeal on his own.

Corsi said it is too early to say whether he will appeal and added that there are other avenues to take.

The Civil Service hearing was held at the request of Council 82 of the American Federation of State, County and Municipal Employees (AFSCME) and Officer Marvin Koonz, president of the Bethlehem Police Union Local and one of the two other officers passed up for promotion. Chris Gardner, a counsel for the union, said he thinks a mistake was made because the Civil Service Commission credited Corsi for time he served with the Albany

County Sheriff's Department that was non-competitive.

Corsi had been with the Bethlehem force for two years when he was promoted, but he also served four years with the Albany County Sheriff's Department.

The apparent clerical error was made by a civil service technician when applications to take the test were reviewed to make sure they were eligible, McMahon said.

After officers take the test, Albany County sends them for grading to the state Civil Service Commission and the list of eligible officers for promotion are taken from the three highest scores, McMahon said. When there is a vacancy, Albany County Civil Service sends the top three names to the department to be considered for promotion.

All actions by the Bethlehem Police Department were done according to law, Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie said. Corsi was certified to take the test and he was on the list from Civil Service who were eligible for promotion. He said he doesn't think the situation will be resolved in two or three weeks.

Koonz said he feels he is still in between a rock and a hard place. He said he requested the Civil Service hearing because the rules have to be abided by and because it was for the good of all union members.

Gardner said he hopes the town won't appeal Wednesday's decision because it will waste time and money.

Corsi's appointment to sergeant was controversial when it was approved by the town board in December. Officer Cindy Reed-Kerr received the highest score on the civil service examination, Koonz was second and Corsi was third. The appointment of Corsi was recommended to the town board by Currie after interviews by the chief and the department's three lieutenants.

Reed-Kerr, the department's first and only woman officer, said at the time she intended to file a sexual discrimination suit against the town, claiming that remarks made by supervisors indicated she was not chosen for the promotion because of her sex. That suit has been on hold until after the Civil Service Commission hearing on Corsi.

Koonz, who is president of the Bethlehem Police Officers Union, presented petitions and several letters in favor of his promotion to the town board.

The issue of Corsi's eligibility to take the test and be promoted was also raised at that time.

If the department reopens the sergeant's position, McMahon said the Civil Service list will include Reed-Kerr, Koonz and Officer Robert Samsel, who scored fourth on the test.

□ Drugs in suburbs

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12, and it doesn't include only marijuana.

"Cocaine is very available right now and it's not cheap. Personally, I'm sick and tired of it. It's just a shame," Wilson said. "I want the public to be aware."

Police also see a lot of other crimes attributed to drugs, Cox said, because users commit more crimes to support their habits.

Bethlehem police are working with other law enforcement agencies, and Cox said the Albany Police Department advised them recently of a potential increase in crimes from the New York City area.

To get to Albany, people traveling from New York City must first travel through Bethlehem, Wilson said.

On Wednesday, March 9, two men were shot and killed in an Arbor Hill apartment. Police stopped six men, five of whom are from Brooklyn, on the Thruway at New Paltz later that day, and subsequently charged them in connection with the murders, among other charges. Albany County District Attorney Sol Greenberg was quoted as saying the shootings did not appear to be related to drugs, but other officials said drugs were possibly a factor.

"How far is Albany from here?" Cox said. He also questioned whether the six men came through Bethlehem or if they could have been stopped here.

Closer to home, Bethlehem

police arrested a Delmar man late Tuesday night, March 8, on numerous drug charges and searched his house, which had been under surveillance for more than a year. Michael L. Karl, 36, of 13 Cherry Ave., was charged with criminal possession of a controlled substance, a class B felony, criminal possession of a controlled substance fourth degree, a class C felony for a little over three grams of cocaine, criminal possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, and criminal possession of a hypodermic instrument, Wilson said.

Police also confiscated more white powder, but they are not sure at this time what it is, Wilson said. Further charges are being investigated, Cox said.

What made this arrest different, Wilson said, is that Karl was allegedly warned about the raid beforehand. Cox said there were weapons in the house and said the police were concerned that Karl would have used them if he had to.

Twelve Bethlehem police officers were used during the arrest, and Cox said police mapped out their strategy over and over before the arrest to find the safest way because an elderly aunt of the suspect's and his two children were also in the house.

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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.

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

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

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

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, 439-4055.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY 23

MARCH

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

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

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

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

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

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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, 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.

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

THURSDAY 24

MARCH

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

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

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meet Thursdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Film on Penguins, with Melita Gesche, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

Bethlehem Board of Education, enrollment/facilities committee meeting, 90 Adams Place, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

FRIDAY 25

MARCH

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

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

area arts

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

THEATRE

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

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

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

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

"The Big Knife," Capital Rep Market Theater, Albany, March 26-May 1. Tickets, 462-4531.

DANCE

Finnish National Ballet of Helsinki, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, March 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

MUSIC

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.

David Amram Trio, performances of Mendelssohn and Bernstein, Congregation Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, March 26, 8:15 p.m. Information, 439-4412.

L'Ensemble, "The Ugly Duckling," Albany City Arts Building, 60 Orange St., Albany, March 27, 3 p.m. Tickets, 436-5321.

Scottish Youth Chorus, Chancellor's Hall, Washington Ave., Albany, March 28, 8 p.m. Information, 463-6678.

Yale Russian Chorus, First United Methodist Church, 603 State St., Schenectady, March 26, 7:30 p.m. Information, 374-4403.

Empire State Youth Orchestra, "Petruška," by Igor Stravinsky, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, March 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 438-8868.

Mostly Mozart Festival Orchestra, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, March 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 370-6172.

FOLK

Tom Mitchell and Fred Koller, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, March 25 and 26, 8 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

FILM

"Why Man Creates," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, March 24, 7 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

ART

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

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

"Madeline Novlitzky: A 35 Year Retrospective," Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through 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, through April 15, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 489-7001.

"Looking In: Looking Out," photographs by Joseph Schuyler, Rensselaerville Institute, Rensselaerville, through April 10. Information, 797-3783.

"120 Years of Tradition and History," exhibition of historic memorabilia, Catskill Savings Bank, 341 Main St., Catskill, through April 15. Information, 372-3376.

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

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

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

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

"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.

"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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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 Junior-Senior High School, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3628.

SATURDAY 26
MARCH

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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 Junior-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, 869-0376.

Blood Screening Clinic, conducted by MDS Health Group Inc., Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Poplar Dr., Delmar, 8-11 a.m. Information, 1-800-234-8888.

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.

Peace Bridge, collection of educational supplies for Barrio Domitila Lugo, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-8322.

Ladies Auxiliary of BPOE 2233, installation of officers, dinner and dancing, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 5 p.m. Information, 489-5342.

SUNDAY 27
MARCH

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; 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., Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

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

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, worship and nursery care for preschool children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; junior youth fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; senior youth fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, 7 a.m.-1 p.m.

"The Witness," musical performed by choir, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-1757.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post, Delmar, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Community Quilting Bee, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MONDAY 28
MARCH

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

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

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.

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.

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

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

Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Children, meeting with talk by Joan Erving of state Department of Education, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0275.

Farmers Home Administration Meeting, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 9:30 a.m. Information, 765-2425.

Easter Crafts Program, using eggs, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

TUESDAY 29
MARCH

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

Gardening Program, discussion on water gardening and container gardening, by John Broughton, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

Bethlehem AIDS Advisory Committee, meeting, 90 Adams Pl., 7-9 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Delmar Progress Club, Legislative Forum meeting, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 30
MARCH

Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. Gregory Pike, Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9249.

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Book Review, with Helen Adler considering "Metamorphosis," by Franz Kafka, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Teacher Workshop, on "Project WILD," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

Bethlehem Board of Education, meeting to adopt proposed budget, 90 Adams Pl., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

THURSDAY 31
MARCH

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

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Maundy Thursday communion, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-1757.

Community United Methodist Church, Maundy Thursday service, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

Investment Program, "Smart Investing in the Current Climate," with David Vigoda, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY 1
APRIL

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

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Good Friday Tenebrae service, 7:30 p.m. Information, 458-1757.

Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, luncheon with discussion by SCORE, Albany Motor Inn, noon. Information, 439-0512.

Community United Methodist Church, Good Friday service, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

SATURDAY 2
APRIL

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

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

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SUNDAY 3
APRIL

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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.

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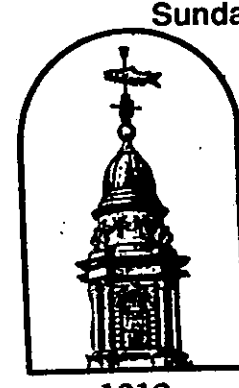
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Delmar Community Orchestra, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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

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.

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.



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Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 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.

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TUESDAY 5
APRIL

Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 23
MARCH

Capital District Women's Political Caucus, meeting with Florence Bonner, Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 463-1039.

Poetry Reading, by Mark Nepo, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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.

Job Search Skills Workshop, on developing job skills, New Scotland Branch of Albany Public Library, 369 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 482-6661.

Vesuvio's Fourth Italian Downhill, for bar and restaurant employees, Ski Windham, Windham, 734-4300.

Healthworks, meet representatives of Ellis Hospital Poison Control Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11:30 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Information, 474-5370.

State Fire Prevention and Building Code Council, meeting, Hampton Plaza, 38-40 State St., Albany, noon. Information, 519-5905.

Panel Discussion, "Human Rights: Gays and Lesbians and the Law," Albany Law School, 4 p.m. Information, 445-2301.

THURSDAY 24
MARCH

Teleconference, "Looking at Student Outcomes and Ensuring Success," Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 12:30-3 p.m. Information, 270-1557.

Handivan Workshop, on electricity, Albany Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

Auditions, for "A Midsummer Night's Dream," Albany High School, auditorium, 7 p.m.

Therapy Lecture, "Why am I a Workaholic?" Brady Building, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

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

Fun and Fitness Luncheon, focusing on diabetes, Louise Corning Senior Citizen Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, noon-2 p.m. Information, 465-3322.

Albany Colony of the National Society of New England Women, meeting at Veeder's Restaurant, 2020 Central Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Information, 286-3283.

"Women's Lecture, "Changing Women's Roles: Victims and Survivors," YWCA, Colvin Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6608.

FRIDAY 25
MARCH

Piano Concert, by Pavlina Dokovska, Siena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

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

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

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

Ten Broeck Mansion, wine tasting, 9 Ten Broeck Pl., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

Film, "Five Easy Pieces," Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Antiques Show, sponsored by Equinox, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 6-9 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

SATURDAY 26
MARCH

Antiques Show, sponsored by Equinox, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

"Releasing Your Creative Energies," workshop Brady Building, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 489-4431.

Poetry Reading, by Lyn Lifshin, Joseph Bruchac and Paul Weinman, QE2 Club, 12 Central Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 438-6314.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, family Easter celebration, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 436-8544.

Spaghetti Dinner, to benefit poor, St. Patrick's Parish Center, 283 Central Ave., Albany, 2-7 p.m.

Adoption Workshop, "How Children Understand Adoption," presented by Parsons Child and Family Center, State University at Albany, Lecture Center 1, 1400 Western Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. Information, 447-5211.

Ravena Knights of Columbus, "Cabaret Night," with Mirinda, 9 p.m. Information, 756-6402.

Children's Puzzle Workshop, "Polygons and Polyhedrons," State Museum, Albany, 10:45 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5877.

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

Computer Workshop, on spreadsheet component of Appleworks, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 449-3380.

Vietnam Era Veterans, fundraising dinner, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 785-0904.

SUNDAY 27
MARCH

Antiques Show, sponsored by Equinox, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 392-6711.

Westminster Presbyterian Church, Palm Sunday worship, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 436-8544.

African Violet Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, 2:30-7 p.m. Information, 438-8907.

Pierce Hall Daycare Center, open house for full-day kindergarten, 221 Ontario St., Albany, 3-5 p.m. Information, 436-0184.

Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, triple handicap race, State University at Albany, 1:30 p.m. Information, 456-7471.

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

Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Guilderland Lions Club, Fort Hunter Fire Station, Carmen Rd., Schenectady, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 861-5136.

MONDAY 28
MARCH

African Violet Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 438-8907.

Kids' Fare, Carte Blanche Mime Theater, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 482-2826.

Siena College Health Fair, with 15 health-related organizations, Foy Campus Center, Loudonville, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

Religious Lecture, "Christian-Muslim Relations Since Vatican II," by Giulio-Basetti-Sani, College of Saint Rose, 402 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Landscaping Class, "Lawn Culture," by Norman Hummel, William K. Sanford Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 765-3510.

TUESDAY 29
MARCH

Handivan Workshop, screen repairs, Albany County Cooperative Extension, 230 Green St., Albany, 7-9 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

Wildlife Program, "Historic Preservation of the Great Camps," State Museum, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

AIDS Lecture, "Social Obligations vs. Private Rights: The Issues of AIDS," Kellas Formal Lounge, Russell Sage College, Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

Health Lecture, "Alzheimer's Disease: An Overview, Helpful Hints for the Family," Albany Medical College, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 445-3421.

State Legislative Forum, "Are New York's Children Getting Their Fair Share?" by Senator Mary B. Goodhue, Harmanus Bleecker Hall, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 393-9003.

WEDNESDAY 30
MARCH

Auditions, for role of 8-year-old Thor in "The Nerd," Capital Rep Theater, Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

Time Management Seminar, "What Will You Accomplish When You Learn to Create Two Extra Hours Everyday?" with Rodney Decker, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Poetry Reading, by Gregory Orr, Maureen Stapleton Theater, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

Natural Science Colloquium, "Drugs of Abuse: Selected Issues and Controversies," Science Hall, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 2:45-4 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

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Dutch treat

Exchange student takes a year 'off'

By Renee Hunter

All Dutch do not wear wooden shoes and marijuana is not legal in Holland. Marleen Stam wants these two facts to be common knowledge before she returns home at the end of the school year.

Although some of the old Dutch farmers do wear wooden shoes while working in the muddy fields, the 18-year-old exchange student from Holland wants Americans to know that the Dutch wear footwear just like the rest of us. Also, marijuana is legal in her homeland. Marleen guesses that the misconception of its legality stems from the coffee shops which openly adorn marijuana leaves in their windows.

As an exchange student living in Voorheesville, Marleen has found many differences between Holland and the United States. Her first impression was that there is so much space and that the countryside is beautiful. Also, Marleen finds it odd that relationships with neighbors aren't very close. At home she would walk into neighbors'

homes without knocking, and they wouldn't reach for the phone to call their police.

The way that most Americans conform to a certain style surprised Marleen. In Amsterdam, where she and her family live, people are more accepting of deviant hair styles and clothing, she said. Therefore, Lark Street in Albany makes Marleen feel right at home.

Americans tend to be extremely friendly. They will hug and kiss someone they hardly know, as Marleen has observed upon being introduced to people here. Also, Americans tend to be less critical. Marleen says she has noticed that people here either swallow their opinions or just don't form them. In Holland, she says, if she were asked if she liked an outfit a friend was wearing, it would be perfectly acceptable to say, "it's ugly."

Marleen's main reason for coming to Voorheesville for a year was the difficulty of the Dutch school systems. Having just completed a senior year filled

with tough examinations, she decided she needed a break before going to a university. She has decided that our schools are easier, and with electives, we have more choices. Also, extra-curricular activities make school more enjoyable. In Amsterdam, students want to spend as little time as possible in the school building. Here students don't mind going to activities and sports events on school grounds. So far Marleen has taken part in the philosophy club and Model Congress. She has gone to football and basketball games, but notes that she doesn't understand football.

Naturally Marleen misses her family and friends in Amsterdam. Talking to her family on the telephone has been difficult as the Dutch language doesn't flow as smoothly for Marleen.

She finds herself throwing English words into the conversation.

Marleen's best friend is currently an exchange student in Rhode Island. Over a weekend visit, Marleen says, the two spoke only Dutch. At the end, both found themselves with irritated throats.

Even though her host family, the Clearys, feel Marleen had a strong grasp of the English Language when she arrived, she says she could improve. Slang expressions cause problems as they are not taught as part of foreign language. Marleen finds that certain phrases are ex-



Speaking Dutch doesn't flow smoothly for Marleen Stam as she finds herself throwing in English words when she talks with her family in Amsterdam.

tremely difficult to learn, or at least to use correctly. On several occasions Marleen has tried to use a phrase she just learned and, upon seeing the shocked expressions on people's faces, then realize it was a social taboo.

When July comes and Marleen boards her plane for Holland, she will be looking forward to seeing her friends, but also she awaits having "real" yogurt and cheese. Tucked under her arm, however,

there will be a box of chocolate chip cookies, delicacies not available in Europe.

Two sent to hospital after Weisheit Rd. crash

A 16-year-old Glenmont youth and a passenger in his car were taken to area hospitals following a one-car crash Wednesday on Weisheit Rd., Bethlehem police said.

Joseph Frankovic was travelling on Weisheit Rd. at a high rate of speed and lost control of his car striking a telephone pole, police said. Police said the car came to rest after travelling 84 feet from the pole.

Frankovic was treated and released for his injuries at St. Peter's Hospital. His passenger, Alfred Van Alstyne Jr., was treated and released at Albany Medical Center, police said.

Police said Frankovic was cited for speeding.

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Pancake breakfast plans

Captain Paul Jeffers invites the community to support the Voorheesville Area Ambulance's annual pancake breakfast to be held Sunday, March 27 from 7 a.m. until 1 p.m. at the American Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Cost of the Palm Sunday breakfast featuring pancakes, sausage, and all the trimmings is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children. Tickets will be available at the door.

Drama club production

The community is also invited to attend the production of "Our Town" Friday, March 25, and Saturday, March 26, at Clayton Bouton Junior Senior High School. Presented by the high school's drama club, the Dionysians, the Thornton Wilder play tells of life in a New England town at the turn of the century.

Tickets may be purchased at the door or from any drama club member. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children or students.

Student drama project

Five elementary school students got an early start as thespians this month walking away with third place in their division at the annual Odyssey of the Mind competition held at Linton High School.

The quintet of fourth graders presented their version of the Garfield cartoon, a project which included writing a script, making costumes, drawing graphic cartoons and producing a playbill.

Participating in the ambitious endeavor were Sean Devine as Garfield, Brian Lancor as Odie, Sean Manning as a mouse, Emily Gerry as Jon and Jennifer Oatashnick in the dual role of Jon's girl friend and Nermal, the cat.

The program was coached by Michael Lancor and coordinated by Linda Wolkenbriet.

This is the fourth year the Voorheesville Elementary School has sent a team to the competition which gives students an opportunity to become involved in creative problem solving.

Eight year old wins race

Another Voorheesville student also due congratulations is eight year old Nicole Schellehn who placed third in the 0 to 19 women's division in the annual "Nature's Way Cafe, St.Patty's Day- 8-K" race held last week. The daughter of Bernie and Alta

Schallehn of Voorheesville, Nicole took a bronze medal for her efforts in this her first 8 kilometer race.

Scouts are active

Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 have been getting aworkout this month. On March 12, the scouts, their parents and a few members of Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 went Oor a hike in Partridge Run in Berne.

This past weekend the Cubs attended a swim-in at the high school pool. Next month, on April 9, the boys and their families will head west to visit Howe Caverns.

Easter crafts at library

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson invites students to a special Easter craft program on Monday, March 28 at 4 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library. During that time they will be making Easter eggs of all kinds. Those attending are asked to bring a hard boiled egg.

Pre-school Easter story hours will also be held that week on Monday, March 28, and Tuesday, March 29 at 10:30 a.m.

Soccer club candy sale

The New Scotland Soccer club has a sweet offer for the community. The group will be selling candy bars until April 1. The candy bars, selling for \$1 each, include a Burger King "Buy a Whopper get a Whopper Free" coupon on the wrapper. The candy, ideal for Easter or Passover, may be purchased from any soccer club member.

Commodities give away

There will be a commodities give away on Monday, March 28 from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Rd. Coordinated by the Human Concerns group, which also oversees the area food pantry, the government project replaces the butter and cheese distribution of the past. Those wanting more information may call the Human Concerns Hotline at 765-2373.

Lenten penance service

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will hold a lenten penance service on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. in the church on Mountainview Rd. Several priests will be on hand during the communal penance service to provide those present with the opportunity for individual confession if they wish.

Piano recital

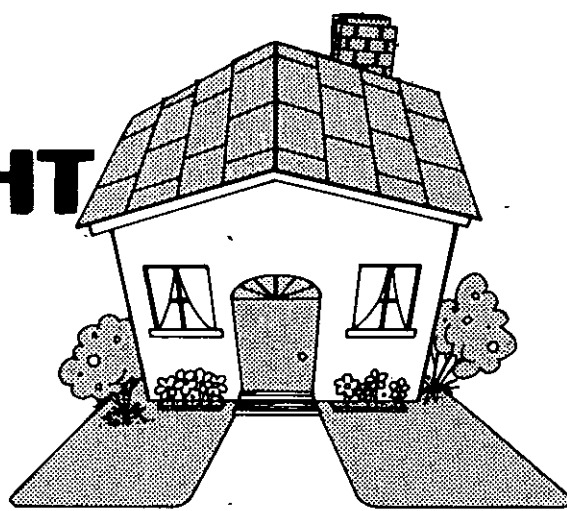
Shirley M. Greene will present her students in a piano recital to be held this Sunday, March 27, at 2 p.m. at the Performing Arts Center at the State University of Albany uptown campus.

Those pupils who will perform are Ben Battles, Jacob Van Zutphen, Jeffrey Stewart, Tiffany Rinalli, Ryan Murray, Kara and Matthew Odell, Ann Schryver, Charmaine Davis, Courtney Elizabeth Tedesco, Deah Burnham, Becky Dawson, Erin McClelland, Matthew Reh, John McGuire, Haven Battles, Mellisa and Erin Donnelly, Ann Gianatasio, Cheryl and Bill Kerr and Sandra Stempel.

The students will perform works from a variety of composers from Bastien to Beethoven. They range in age from seven to 17 years old. The highlight of the program will be a double duet performed by Bill Kerr, Ann Gianatasio, Melissa and Erin Donnelly. The public is invited.

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Girl Scouts entertain

Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts entertained the educational director of the Moscow Musical Theater, which is performing at the Egg in Albany. Last week, Roksana Sats-Karpova, whose title is Dramaturg, visited the Voorheesville Elementary School on Friday afternoon to participate in a sing-a-long featuring 60 scouts from the Voorheesville area and their leaders.

Accompanying Sats-Karpova were her grandson, six-year-old Nikita Karpov, her interpreter, Ed Alston, and Christine Boice, residency-in-service administrator for ESIPA.

After the sing-a-long, Beth Timmis, former neighborhood chairman, presented Sats-Karpova with a girl scout pin and several boxes of Girl Scout Cookies donated by the Hudson Valley Council. Young Nikita was given an Alf clip-on, and the smile which came to his face needed no interpreting.

The visit was co-ordinated through Timmis, whose daughter Jennifer is participating in the ESIPA residency program.

Palm Sunday services

Three area churches have just announced their Palm Sunday service schedules for March 27.

The Palm Sunday service at the first United Methodist Church of Delmar on Kenwood Ave. will begin at 9:30 a.m. and will feature a presentation of John Stainer's "The Crucifixion" by the Chancel Choir and Youth Choir of the church under the direction of Joseph Farrell.

At the Faith Lutheran Church on Chapel La., Glenmont, the Palm Sunday Service will begin at 9 a.m. with a reading of the Passion and a procession of palms.

Sunday School will begin at 9 a.m., at the Bethlehem Community Church, Elm Ave., Delmar, with a Palm Sunday Service following at 10 a.m. The Evening Fellowship will begin at 6:30 p.m.

□ Helping peers

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"They are not counselors. They are helpers. They listen to their friends, and they suggest people they can talk to," said Pinchback. "Usually when kids have problems, they talk to other kids."

"We all decided that we were not trained or qualified to give counseling. We were there more as a support group," said Cocozza during a recent weekend at Siena College. "We were there more to hear them, to help lead them to make decisions, not to give advice."

"We were there more to say there's someone here for you. . . It's okay to say no," Cocozza explains. "Look at us. We can have fun, and there are alternatives. There are people who love you who don't even know you yet. There are a lot of good kids out there, and they get misled."

"You can't tell people what to do; but, you can try to lead them in the right direction," said Cocozza.

During her senior year in high school, Cocozza and other Peer Helpers organized an alcohol awareness day at the high school. The students set up a table in the school and distributed pamphlets about driving while intoxicated, alcoholism, and the effects of alcohol, cocaine, marijuana and crack.

Since graduating last June and going away to Siena in the fall, Cocozza has continued to participate in her high school's peer leadership program. She plans to conduct a seminar at an upcoming two-day Peer Helpers training session for 30 peer leaders and 30 prospective peer leaders. The training session will begin on April 12 at the Thruway House in Albany.

Why does this full-time college student continue to make time for the high school program? "Because I love it, because I think it's worth it. I think on the whole it's just a great idea," said Cocozza. "A lot of people benefit from it. It's helped me in my everyday life, and I've helped a lot of people through it."

"I really want them to realize how good life is, and how many opportunities there are, and you just have to take them. You can have a lot of fun; and, sure, we'll all have problems, but there's always someone there for you," she explained.

Cocozza still remembers the lessons she learned while attending Peer Helpers training seminars as a high school student. In addition to getting to know themselves and each other, Cocozza said the peer leaders learned about trusting others, communication, how to deal with stress, decision making, dealing with problems, knowing their limits and knowing emergencies that should be referred to professionals. She said the students were taught how to deal with party situations where there's pressure to drink and were made aware of their own natural high.

"Our training helped us in our everyday lives to deal with situations with our friends," said Cocozza.

In particular, Cocozza reports that the understanding gained from being a Peer Helper has helped her deal with a suicide and an alcoholic among her peers during the past year.

"It's really had an impact. Just having students there who are aware and know how to deal with problems has really made a difference," said Cocozza. "It's really so much easier to deal with things now that I know there's a right and wrong way to deal with feelings," she said.

"After I got to school here, I realized that we had done something," Cocozza said. "We had learned something and how to use what we learned in everyday life."

"I used to be afraid to say



New Scotland Republican Chairman Ron Von Ronne, right, stands with former town officials, from left, Corinne Cossac, town clerk; Fran Vunck, secretary; Walt Miller, building inspector; Blanche Stickley, councilman; and Richard Stickley, planning board chairman, at a dinner honoring them by the GOP Saturday night at Crossgates Restaurant, Albany.
Patricia Mitchell

things," she said. "I've learned that if you care about someone, it's worth taking a chance of losing a friend."

With regard to the future, Cocozza said she would like to see more students become involved in the Peer Helpers program and possibly a high school room allocated to the group. She said she would also like to see the peer leaders speaking to students in the fifth and sixth grades. While the Peer Helpers have received financial assistance from Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the school district, Cocozza

said funds are needed. "We don't have a budget," she explained.

Cocozza is majoring in psychology and plans to go on to graduate school. "I know I want to work with people, but I'm not exactly sure what field I want to get into right now," she said.

"If you haven't realized yet, I really like living. There's just so much to take in, to take advantage of," Cocozza said. "Each individual can have an impact on other people and the world. Even though it seems like you're just one person and you can't, you really can."

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Where to hold rainy graduation debated

By Sal Prividera

Because the gymnasium can no longer hold enough people, the question of where to hold commencement for the Clayton A. Bouton High School in the event of bad weather has become a matter of debate.

High School Principal O. Peter Griffin told the Voorheesville Board of Education last week that the commencement committee is looking for a backup location to hold the ceremony in the event of rain. Traditionally, the ceremony is held outside the high school building, with the bad weather location being the gymnasium.

Griffin told the board that the capacity of the gym has been reduced to 465, which would mean that instead of unlimited seating for the ceremony there would be a two ticket limit per graduate. He said that the students felt that they would rather have a site where everybody could go instead of limited seating.

A list of alternative sites was read by Griffin, with the most viable being Achilles Rink at Union College in Schenectady. He said the committee was getting more information on the site.

"You don't have a backup in somebody's rink," said board member Joseph Fernandez. Most board members agreed that it would be difficult to make a location change at the last minute.

Board member John McKenna said a backup location for the ceremony was a "frustrating issue," adding he respected the wishes of the students to have the ceremony at the school.

"But, sometimes they're not realistic," McKenna said.

One board member, David Teuten, pondered the possibility of using the gym over capacity, but that was not seen as a possible solution by other board members and district administrators. Fernandez suggested the possibility of having an alternate day for the ceremony.

The board will study the issue further at its April 7 budget meeting.

In other business, the board:

- Approved two art courses, design and drawing, to be offered for college credit at the State University at Albany.

- Received a report from the Humanities Committee, which is looking at humanities course and interdisciplinary courses.

- Approved the school calendar for 1988-89 with three snow day and two superintendent conference days.

Troopers stop two for speeding, DWI

Albany County sheriff's deputies made two driving while intoxicated arrests this week. Both charges were misdemeanors.

A 26-year-old Glenmont man was arrested for DWI early Wednesday morning after he was stopped for speeding on Rt. 32 in Bethlehem, deputies said.

Deputies said they also arrested a 25-year-old Guiderland woman Saturday night after she was stopped for speeding on Rt. 85A in Voorheesville.



Following a sing-a-long by more than 60 area girl scouts at the Voorheesville Elementary School Friday, a girl scout pin and cookies were presented to Roksana Sats-Korpova, educational director of the

Moscow Musical Theater for Children. From left are Nancy Timmis, Holly Shufelt, girl scout representative Beth Timmis, interpreter Ed Alston, Roksana's grandson, Nikita Karpov, and Roksana. Lyn Staff

Top scholars announced

The state Education Department has announced the names of those high school seniors who have won Empire State Scholarships of Excellence and Regents College Scholarships.

These scholarship awards are effective for the 1988-89 school year.

There are 1,000 Empire State Scholarship of Excellence awarded throughout the state that entitles the recipient to an award of \$2,000 a year for up to five years of study at an approved program in the state.

Each Regents Scholarship awards \$250 a year for up to five years of study at an approved

program in the state. There are 2,500 Regents awards.

An asterisk (*) indicates winners of the Empire State Scholarship of Excellence.

From Bethlehem Central High School, winners are: Teresa Allen, Andrea Armstrong, Gianluca Baglioni, Gregory Bateman, Tani Bathrick, Jason Baum, Jeremy Birn, Kristin Burkart, Kristin Cooke, Jennifer Covey, David Defazio, Keith Dix, Jason Ekstein, Samuel Ernst, Geoffrey Frank, Kirsten Fritz, Alfred Funk, Julia Gaviria, Wendy Gill, Erin Gordon, Marla Gordon, Jennifer Halsdorf, Beth Handwerker, Jeff Hawley, Justin Hopson, Absar Husain, Craig Isenberg, Babak Jahanparwar, James Jewell, Stacy Kahalas, Rena Kaminsky (*), Brendan Kearsse, Richard Kim, Alexander Koff, Martha Kowalski and Katherine Lawrence.

Also, Donna McAndrews, Patrick McSharry, Sara Meixner, Brendan Mitchell, Lisa Myers, Matthew Newman, John O'Brien, John Peyrebrune, Cynthia Riegel, David Rosewater, Brian Saclens, Graham Sattinger, Lynne Silber, Jonathan Skilbeck, Andrea Stancin, Jessica Stasack, Christine Walter, Emily Weber, Jeremy Williams, Scott

Winne, Leila Wissel, David Wolpaw and Mark Woodruff.

From Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville, winners are: Susan Arthur, Matthew Bates, Susan Carhart, John Corcoran, Melissa Donnelly, Darrin Duncan, Jason Eberhardt, John Elmendorf, Sara Fike, Kathleen Glastetter, Denise Gobeille, Bradley Goldstein, Thomas Hampston, Renee Hunter, Christopher Jeffers and Staci Loewy.

Also, John Martin, Rachel Martin, Ann Mattfeld, Janine McAssey, Jennifer Mistretta, Gregory Parsons, Todd Porter, Michael Race, Lucretia Rathke, Kevin Reeth, Edwin Sapienza, Mark Veeder and Mark Wight.

From Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, winners are: Theodore Austin, Jennifer Bolen, Jill Burrows, Howard Engel, Keith Gibbs, Erich Hester, Connie Hollenbach, Brian Keating, John McKiernan, Kimberly Nelson, Lisa Pass, Tammy Samsel, Celia Schubert, Richard Thayer and Roger Wilber.

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Council post is 'fun'

By Patricia Mitchell

John Sgarlata was familiar with the workings of the New Scotland Town Board before he was elected last fall, but he says he has found being a councilman is a bit more work than he bargained for.

"No one told me what happens on the other end. It's been a lot of work. It's a fun job. My wife kept saying I thought this was a part-time job," Sgarlata said.

Elected last November, Sgarlata spends a lot of time at the state Legislature going over bills that could affect New Scotland. He said he will ask the town to establish a townwide water and sewer authority that will bypass some standard steps and reduce the time required for state approval. The town board received a petition in March to establish a water district in Unionville and he said he thinks there will be dozens more.

He said he is also aware of legislation that could require all municipalities to erect salt sheds to prevent salt used for highways leaching into the ground.

The town board liaison to the planning board, Sgarlata was also appointed to head the town's solid waste committee. It is a "horrendous issue," said Sgarlata — there is legislation coming that could shut down the town's landfill completely, and AN-SWERS, where the town now sends its waste, could bust the town's budget for waste disposal in six weeks.

Sgarlata said he will be proposing some members for the committee at the April town board meeting and would also like to invite the village to join it. Bethlehem and Guilderland may also be approached to see what the three towns can do together. He said he thinks recycling may be the answer for the town, similar to a plan in Albany. The committee will meet informally probably three times and then



John Sgarlata

make a recommendation to the town board.

Politics make strange bedfellows, Sgarlata said, quoting the old adage, and this is true on the New Scotland Town Board. When he was in the audience, Sgarlata said, he saw clear divisions on the board that were apparently political.

For the past two and a half months the town board has been functioning with four members, two Democrats — Sgarlata and Supervisor Herbert Reilly — and two Republican members — Allyn Moak and Wyman Osterhaut. But Sgarlata said the four are not fighting.

The town board members recently attended the Association of Towns conference in New York City, and Sgarlata said he spent a lot of time talking with Moak and Osterhaut and he found them to be intelligent men who have the good of the town at heart.

A Guilderland native, Sgarlata graduated from Guilderland Central Schools and the State University at Albany, where he has also done some graduate work. He is credentialed by the state as an alcoholism counselor

and runs the Peter G. Young Rehabilitation Center in Altamont.

Sgarlata is on the board of directors of the Edward F. Kennell Center in Albany, a member of the Albany Citizens Council on Alcoholism and the St. Matthew's Men's Association. He and his wife, Tina, have two sons.

Farmer's group to meet

The Farmer's Home Administration Meeting will be held Monday, March 28, at 9:30 a.m. at the Albany County Cooperative Extension Building, Martin Rd., Voorheesville. For information, call Dottie Flansburg at Albany County Rural Housing Alliance, 765-2425.

Lawn and garden guide offered

"Home Lawns: Varieties and Pest Control Guide" (85cents) has just been revised by Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The guide was developed by the Departments of Floriculture and Ornamental Horticulture, Plant Pathology and Entomology, the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva, and the College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University. The publication offers information on weed and insect control.

For a complete list of lawn and garden publications available from the Cornell Cooperative Extension, send a stamped, self-addressed envelope to: Lawns, Cornell University Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.



Kelly Griffin practices a hand stand with the help of Voorheesville Elementary School physical education teacher George Reilly. The fifth and sixth graders shown are preparing for an in-school presentation that includes all forms of gymnastics.

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Welcome Wagon plans NYC trip, coffee

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon will be sponsoring a trip to New York City and a get acquainted coffee for new area residents.

The trip will be held on Wednesday, April 6. For information call 439-4686.

The get acquainted coffee will be held Tuesday, March 29, at 7:30 p.m. For information call 475-1000.

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After school program

After a bit of a delay, all residents of the RCS district have been sent applications for the September start up of the proposed after school program. The form which is enclosed as an insert to the Chalkboard must be returned by April 15th, not April 1 as the application reads. The later date applies because of the delayed mailing.

Parents discussion set

Thursday, March 24th, is the next Koffee Klatch for parents with host Dominic Nuciforo, Principal of Ravena Elementary School. Beginning at 7 p.m. at the school, the principal will discuss reading to and with kids and the "Parents As Reading Partners" program currently underway at the school.

The program also will include a presentation by the teachers of suggested reading for young children and a demonstration on effective ways to read to your child. All parents are urged to attend.

Conferences for parents

RCS Senior High parents conferences are tonight, March 23, from 4 p.m. until 6 p.m. Individual conferences can be scheduled at that time.

Anniversary at church

Members of the First Reformed

Church of Bethlehem will gather to celebrate their third Anniversary Night on Sunday, March 27, at 6 pm. at the church. It will be an evening of sharing beginning with a pot luck dinner and then a look at slides of church activities and members as they were in years gone by. Child care will be provided.

Vacation for families

A single parents and kids vacation is being planned for area families this summer at Pyramid Lake. The Catholic Diocese of Albany is hoping to give this opportunity for single parents to enjoy a great vacation with their children at affordable cost from July 24 to 29. The cost of the trip will be \$120 for adults and \$60 for children. It includes food, lodging and transportation to Pyramid Lake which is about two hours away from Albany.

A deposit of \$30 is required by March 30 to hold a spot for your family. For additional information, call Sister Kay Ryan at 438-6681. Families of all denominations are welcome.

Music in schools month

Come celebrate Music In Our Schools Month on Wednesday night (TONIGHT) March 23 at 7:30 at the RCS Junior High. Featuring something for everyone from 1930's swing to 1980's rock,

Volunteer Debby Breeyear of Albany helps area youngsters understand the mysteries of the outdoor world at the Five Rivers Environmental Center. The center is seeking

instructors to conduct similar outdoor nature classes for children. Interested volunteers should call 453-1806 for information about training.

the groups will include the 6th grade band and chorus, the 7th and 8th grade band and chorus, the junior high jazz ensemble, and the junior high select chorus.

Investment talk set

David Vigoda, a Chartered Financial Analyst, will present "Smart Investing in the Current Climate" at the Bethlehem Public Library on March 31 at 7 p.m. Vigoda is a correspondent to "The Spotlight" and appears regularly on Elle Pankin's "Dialog 81."

Palm Sunday service in Albany

A family Easter celebration will be held at the Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, on Saturday, March 26, from 10:30 a.m. until 1:30 p.m.

A Palm Sunday service will begin at 10:15 a.m. on March 27. Allen Mills will direct the choir. Child care will be provided.

For information call 436-8544.

Five Rivers needs help

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center wants volunteers to teach guided lessons for school classes and other youth groups. The lessons are taught in two-hour sessions for groups of 15 or less. Volunteers will be trained by center naturalists. For information on the training sessions, which begin on April 12, call Gerry Oakley at 453-1806.

Evening of music benefits fire district

An evening of American music will be presented at the Ravena Knights of Columbus hall to benefit the Ravena Hose building fund on Saturday, March 26, beginning at 9 p.m.

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RCS honor roll

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High has announced the names of those students who have been selected to the high honor roll and honor roll for the second marking period. Students placed on the high honor roll with an average of 90% or higher are:

Ninth Grade

Keith Cary, Erick Caswell, Erik Deyoe, Robert Feuerbach, Jennifer Finch, Sarah Fink, Amy Lobdell, Joan Nunziato, Amy Pass, Matthew Schwabrow, Albert Skop Jason Turck.

Tenth Grade

Marlene Arnold, Anthony Cary, Joseph Croscuo, Nina DeCocco, Erin Fahey, Jason Mantor, Rebecca Novko, Sandra VanDorn, Tina VanWormer, Cherie Vernol, Ami Wilber, Keith Wilsey.

Eleventh Grade

Barbara Boehm, Pamela Carras, Jodi Cary, Joshua Curley, Dawn Dinardi, Jeanne Frese, Darrin Hall, Michele Herdt, Susan Newkirk, Wendy Parker, Stephanie Ricciardi, Erika Warnstadt, Kelly Williams.

Twelfth Grade

Robin Baker, James Biernacki, Jennifer Bolen, Jill Burrows, Bray Engel, Michael Frazzetta, Theresa Gardner, Kristine Gerg, Erich Hester, Connie Hollenbach, Lisa Holsapple, Brian Keating, Michell Layman, Jacqueline Legere, Brian Leonard, Sandra O'Neill, Lisa Pass, Kimberley Pass, Lisa Ray, Tammy Samsel, Lynda Scalzo, Celia Shubert, Margaret Stangle, Richard Thayer, Roger Wilber.

Students named to the honor roll with an average of 85-89% are:

Ninth Grade

Linda Brown, Robert Burns, Carolyn Canuteson, Dia Cole, Elizabeth Demis, Esther Diaz, Drissy Gottesman, Beth Kane, Amy Keir, Kevin Kosowsky, Traci Layman, Robert Newkirk, Frederick Pechette, Christopher Racine, Nicole Roach, Dustin Rock, Kimberly VanderZee, Jessy Wilsey, Michelle Wyant.

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Eleventh Grade

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Twelfth Grade

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changes for board members, who received a copy of the document last week to study prior to the meeting. It was prepared by district administrators through meetings with school-level administrators, who outlined their needs. The budget was then given to the board to study by the superintendent.

An increase of \$197,000 for additional staffing requests, based on recommendations of the district's education committee, is included in the budget, Schwartz said. The changes include the addition of a music teacher at the elementary level, two compensatory education teaching positions, an additional science teacher at the high school and increasing a three-fifths position to full time to meet Regents Action Plan requirements.

Schwartz also proposed the addition of two positions that would allow department chairmen more time to be available to help other teachers. He said the chairmen job of instruction improvement was not getting done since the "time is not there."

The largest increase in the budget is \$700,000 for negotiated salaries and benefits with employee groups including RCSTA, RCSAA and CSEA, Schwartz said.

The proposed budget also includes:

- An increase of \$80,000 for debt service. The increase was due to principal and interest payments on the new busses purchased during the 1987-88 school year, Schwartz said.

- An increase of \$232,000 for BOCES students. Schwartz said the district had eight students returning to the district with special needs at a cost of \$94,000. "It doesn't take long to add up," he said. He added that BOCES tuition has increased for the next school year.

- An increase of \$45,000 for contract transportation for special education students. He said the district is looking into ways to decrease that expenditure if space is available to establish an in-district program.

- An increase of \$35,705 for building budgets. The Ravena and A.W. Becker Elementary Schools had slight decreases in their operating budgets, while the P.B. Coeymans Elementary School

and the junior high school had increased of more than 10 percent. The high school operating budget proposal calls for an increase of just over seven percent. Schwartz said the budgets were amounts "that our administrators feel necessary to function."

On the revenue side, the district is expecting to raise approximately half the budget through aid, \$7,204,031, and half through taxes, \$7,128,922.

RCS is expecting an increase of 6.47 percent in state aid for 1988-89, based on information from the state and the State Aid Planning Service, Lewis said. He said the actual figure could be higher or lower since the state budget has not been passed.

"We have to be conservative (with estimated figures) in case the figures are lower," he said.

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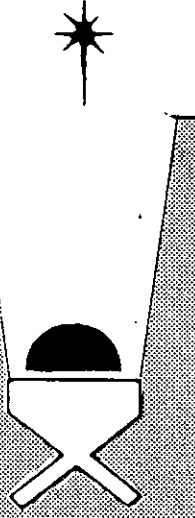


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Jeff Guinn returns to boot with Capitals

By John Bellizzi III

It is the dream of almost every aspiring young athlete to someday get the opportunity to play for a professional sports team. Part of the reason for the persistence of this common American dream is that it comes true very frequently. Indeed, in almost any community, one can point to a former youth standout who went on to become a professional athlete.

This spring, a former Bethlehem Central standout soccer player will begin his professional soccer career with the Albany Capitals. Jeff Guinn, a 1983 BC graduate, and member of the Capitals roster for 1988, was back in town last Sunday with his Coach John Bramley and Albany teammate Greg Brown, both from England, to conduct an afternoon soccer clinic for area youth.

"It's important for young players to learn to play soccer the right way, from someone like Coach Bramley or just from watching college or pro games," Guinn explained. "Kids find the game much more enjoyable when they are able to play it the right way with a minimum of mistakes."

Guinn was first turned on to soccer as a boy attending Hamagrael Elementary School, where he remembers his gym teacher was very fond of the game. Soon after, it became a neighborhood game, with Guinn and his brother Jay and neighbors Mark and Randy Dean. Guinn's father sensed the growing appeal of soccer to the community and founded the Bethlehem Soccer Club during this time. The Deans both won the league scoring title,

with the Guinns as the "assist men".

At Bethlehem Central High School, in addition to the school soccer teams, Guinn played for the state soccer team and the regional team. He remembers a game against the Canadian national team as one of the highlights of his high school career.

After graduating from BCHS, Guinn attended North Carolina State University, which consistently ranks in the top 20 of college-level soccer teams. As a four-year starter for North Carolina State, Guinn was named to the Academic All-American Team.

Last summer, at the conclusion of his college years, Guinn was invited to play for the Albany Capitals in exhibition games. During this interim, he played against the New Jersey Eagles and the Canada and Trinidad national teams. Based on his performance in those three games, the Capitals asked Guinn to return and signed him for the 1988 season.

The Capitals' opponents this season will be teams from Miami, Tampa Bay, Orlando, Fort Lauderdale, Baltimore, New Jersey, and two teams from Washington D.C. The season opens on April 12 at Tampa Bay. Guinn is anxiously awaiting the Capitals' home opener on April 30 at Bleecker Stadium. The Capitals will host Miami, who has one of the most formidable names in soccer on the coaching staff: Carlos Alberto, who played alongside the much-renowned Pele.

"Alberto is one of my idols," Guinn admitted. "He's one of the best players soccer has ever seen." Guinn believes that there will be a ceremony accompanying the game during which fans and spectators will be able to meet Alberto. "I'm getting my picture taken with him," Guinn laughed.

Jeff Guinn is proof that the

childhood dreams of becoming a professional athlete can come true with talent and perseverance. Guinn believes that the strong soccer program in the community will lead to more pro soccer players from the area in years to come. "I hope to see some of my Bethlehem colleagues here in the future."

Children's center slates registration, activities

Registration for the Knuffels Children's Center summer activity programs for six to ten-year-old children will be held Thursday, March 24, from 7 to 8 p.m. and on Saturday, March 26, from 2 to 4 p.m. The program will begin June 27 and run through August with activities daily from 8:45 a.m. to 5:15 p.m. The activities include swimming, hiking and horseback riding.

Pre-registration is required at the center at 1 Bethlehem Ct.

Blood testing program at Blanchard Post

The MDS Health Group Inc. will be sponsoring its annual Multiphasic Blood Analysis Program Saturday, March 25, from 8 to 11 a.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Dr. in Delmar.

The program will include blood analysis, a health and lifestyle evaluation and a test for colorectal cancer. The costs of the tests start at \$21.

To schedule an appointment or for information call 1-800-234-8888.

Not a winner

Bethlehem Police are investigating last Monday's break-in of a video game machine at the Big Apple Truck Stop on Rt. 144 in Glenmont. Police said a Ms. Pac Man video game was broken into with an unknown amount of quarters being stolen.



Jeff Guinn conducts an inside soccer clinic for area students recently at the Bethlehem Middle School. Dave Pierce

Fish identification guide for sale

April 1 brings a new season of fishing for anglers. Ever wonder what kind of fish you've caught or seen? There are penalties for catching protected species.

To help you positively identify more than 100 freshwater fish species, a 140-page, illustrated field guide to freshwater fishes in New York and the Northeast is available from Cornell Cooperative Extension.

The "Guide to Freshwater Fishes of New York" was written by four Cornell University fisheries specialists in cooperation with the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation.

"Basic Fly Tying" and "Let's Go Fishing," are being offered for

younger people interested in fishing.

The publications may be obtained from Cooperative Extension offices in New York State.

Library offers computer workshops

A free workshop on the spreadsheet component of Appleworks software will be held at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, on Saturday, March 26, from 10 a.m. until noon.

Library patrons may qualify to use the Apple II microcomputers in the library by attending an orientation class on Monday, March 28, from 7 to 8 p.m.

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Sean Devine moves the ball down the court at the first invitational basketball tournament in Altamont last weekend. The St. Matthew's Pee Wee team walked away with to place.

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Dolphins qualify for meet

Three Delmar Dolphin Swimmers have qualified to swim at the Eastern Zone All-Star Meet in Buffalo on March 31 through April 2 as a result of their performances this past weekend at the Adirondack Junior Olympic Short Course Swimming Championship in Burnt Hills. Pat Fish will represent the 13-14 boys after placing second in the 1650 yard freestyle and 200 yard butterfly, third in the 100 yard butterfly, fourth in the 500 yard freestyle, 400 yard individual medley, and 200 yard breast stroke, and sixth in the 100 yard breast stroke.

Emily Church will be part of the 11-12 girls' contingent having taken second in the 100 yard butterfly, third in the 50 yard butterfly and 50 yard backstroke and fourth in the 50 yard freestyle.

The third qualifier is Jonathan Church, who will represent the 10 and under boys. He placed first in the 100 yard butterfly, second in the 100 yard freestyle, 50 yard butterfly and 100 yard backstroke and third on the 100 yard individual medley and 50 yard backstroke.

Also winning medals were senior swimmer Katy Fish, who finished third in the 1650 yard freestyle, fifth in the 200 yard butterfly, and sixth in the 500 yard freestyle; and Sarah Toms,

who placed fourth in the 200 yard backstroke and sixth in the 100 yard backstroke in the 13-14 girls division. Strong performances were also turned in by Jim Davis, Craig Mattox, Sarah Toms, James Veazey and Melanie Veazey.

Justin Baird qualifies for Eastern Zone swim

Justin Baird, a Bethlehem Central varsity swimmer and a recent two-event finalist in the New York State Intersectionals, has qualified for the Eastern Zone competition in April.

The Eastern Zone is comprised of the fastest swimmers in the Eastern United States. Baird qualified in the 50 yard freestyle, 100 yard freestyle, 200 yard freestyle, 500 yard freestyle, 1000 yard freestyle, 1650 yard freestyle and 100 yard butterfly.

RV rally registration

The third annual Capital District Elks RV Rally registration deadline is April 15. The event will be held June 3 through 5 at the Deer Run Campground in Mechanicville.

To register or for information call 786-1418.

Team blasts to second place

The Bethlehem Blast, the under 14 girls soccer team of the Bethlehem Soccer Club, concluded the indoor soccer season with consecutive second place finishes at the Bethlehem "Mostly Off the Wall" Tournament and the Walkkill Soccer Tourney.

Last weekend the girls team was split into two teams, with assistance of three players from the under 12 girls team, due to a late withdrawal of an out-of-area team from the local tournament. Nonetheless, both squads managed a successful tournament, with the orange team finishing second to the Village Soccer Club. On the day, Bethlehem managed to defeat teams from Clifton Park, Schenectady, Darien and

Waterford, Conn. The previous weekend the team had traveled to Walkkill, where it defeated teams from Goshen, Washingtonville, Minisink and Rockland but lost the championship trophy in a 2-3 shootout following a scoreless tie in the championship game. Earlier in the season the team also took home the second place trophy in the Clifton Park Winter Classic with third place finishes in the Highland and Cobleskill tournaments.

While the early season schedule was dominated by superb defense and little offense, the scoring finally caught up with the defensive effort. Goalies Melissa Mann, Kristen Van Duzer and Sara Donnaruma recorded 15

shutouts on the season and allowed less than a goal per game played. Forwards Erin McDermott, Maggie Franzen, Casey Cannistraci, Kristen Van Duzer and Suzanne Rice finally found the range, scoring 23 goals in the last two tournaments. Fullbacks Kirstin Mattarese and Merritt Crowder not only shut out opposing scorers but both also produced goals with quick thrusts into the offensive zones. Fullbacks Allison Wenger and Lisa Dearstyne both held the opposing offense in check playing long periods of relentless defense.

The team moves outdoors shortly and begins competition in the Capital District Youth Soccer League on May 1.

STAR BOWLERS



Bowling honors for the week of March 13, 1988 at Del Lanes in Elsmere go to:

Sr. Cit. Men—John DeFlumer-248. Harold Thompson-571.

Sr. Cit. Women—Doris Aup-lerle-211-513.

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Women—Dawn Sano-248. Ginny Starr-594.

Major Boys—Nelson-195-511. Chris Siciliano-191-567.

Major Girls—Cindy Ballard-253-608.

Jr. Boys—Tom Preska-191.

Jr. Girls—Michele Kaufman-167-435. Hollie Amsler-180.

Prep Boys—Jonathan Carlson-193-550.

Prep Girls—Jessica Murphy-153-429. Melinda Person-157-364.

Bantam Boys—Shaun Porter-97-240. Mark Katz-122.

Bantam Girls—Andrea Kachidurian-162-435. Michele Storm-165-422.

Major Boys—Steve Myers-215, (4 Game Series) 821. Mike Graves-232, (4 Game Series) 783.

Major Girls—Amy Aylward-205, (4 Game Series) 769.

Schuyler Mansion opens April 1

Schuyler Mansion State Historic Site, 32 Catherine St., Albany, the 18th century home of Revolutionary War General Philip Schuyler, will be open from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Monday through Friday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sunday, beginning April 1.

A spring festival, "Farm Day in the City," will be held at the mansion on Sunday, May 1, from 1 to 5 pm.

Prominent citizens of the past, including George Washington and Benjamin Franklin, were entertained at the mansion. The house, built in 1761, is one of nine historic sites administered by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation in the Saratoga/Capital District Region.

Groups will be accommodated by appointment only. For information call 434-0834.

Falconry license exam being offered

A free written examination for New York residents who want a license to practice the sport of falconry has been scheduled for 10 a.m. on April 15, according to Environmental Conservation Commissioner Thomas C. Jorling.

Interested individuals must register by April 1. For information call 457-0689 or write to Chris von Schilgen, NYS SEC, Room 122, Albany, N.Y. 12233-4752.

The falconry exam is one step in the application process to obtain an Apprentice Falconry License. In addition to receiving a score of 80 percent or higher on the exam, the applicant must be at least 16 years of age, possess a valid New York State small game hunting license and construct DEC-approved facilities for housing raptorial birds. For information call Arthur Woldt at 457-5400.

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March 10	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
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March 10	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
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March 10	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
March 10	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
March 11	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Personal injury
March 11	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
March 11	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency
March 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
March 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal injury
March 11	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto accident
March 12	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Brush fire
March 12	Voorheesville Ambulance	Transport

March 12	Onesquethaw Ambulance
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Flim flam artists at Delaware Plaza

The Bethlehem Police Department received two reports of missing cash at Delaware Plaza stores Sunday after cashiers were confused by men asking for change.

Police said that a cashier at Job Lot lost \$30 dollars to two men who purchased a pair of socks Sunday afternoon. The men paid for the socks with a twenty-dollar bill and received \$19 in change, police said. The men then asked for the change in different denominations, confusing the cashier, police said.

A similar incident occurred a short time later at the Golden Krust Bakery, police said. Police said that two men entered the store and asked the cashier for change several times. After the men left the store, the cashier's till was found to be short \$45.

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Obituaries

Walter Makarewich

Walter John Makarewich, 71, a longtime resident of Voorheesville, died Friday, March 18, at the Veterans Administration Medical Center Hospital in Albany after a short illness.

Born in Detroit, Mich., he moved in 1919 to a family farm in Voorheesville.

He was a World War II veteran of the U.S. Army and worked as a mechanic for Walter's Truck Co. in Voorheesville. He was a member of the Mohawk Antique Auto Club, the Automobilists of the Upper Hudson Valley, the Westmont Bowling League, the Senior's Bowling League and the Voorheesville American Legion Post. He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Catholic Church, Voorheesville.

He is survived by two sisters, Katherine Silvernail of Albany and Eleanor VanWagner of Schenectady and by two brothers, Stanley Makarewich of Albany and Joseph Makarewich of Hollywood, Fla.

Burial will be in the Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont and arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home of Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the organ fund of St. Matthew's Church.

Peter Napoli

Peter Napoli, 82, of Elsmere, a former pressman, died Tuesday, March 15, at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

He was born in Brooklyn and

had lived most of his life in the Capital District.

A retired pressman, he was employed with the former Williams Press for 48 years, retiring from there 14 years ago.

Survivors include his wife, Camadine Napoli, and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Our-Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont. Arrangements were by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home of Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Elsmere Paramedics, c/o Elsmere Fire Department.

Michael Kubas

Michael Kubas, 39, of Slingerlands, a counselor with the state Office of Vocational Rehabilitation in Albany, died Thursday, March 17, at his residence.

A native of Amsterdam, he was a graduate of the Wilbur Lynch High School there and the State University College at Oneonta. He received a master's degree from the State University at Albany.

He was a resident of the area for 16 years and was a member of St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, and of the National Association of Rehabilitation Counselors.

He is survived by his wife, Roslyn Barnes Kubas and by his mother, Florence Kubas of Amsterdam.

Arrangements by the Guzielek-Pomykaj Funeral Home in Amsterdam were private and at the convenience of the family.

Contributions may be made to the cemetery fund of St. John's

Church, Amsterdam or to the National Space Society, 922 Pennsylvania Southeast, Washington, D.C. 20003.

Kurt Wagner

Kurt H. Wagner, 83, of Slingerlands died Thursday, March 17, at his home after a long illness. A native of Germany, he was a retired auto and truck mechanic.

He is survived by his wife, Julia Dabravalskas Wagner, and by a brother, Max George Wagner of Albany.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery, Colonie and arrangements were by the Zwack and Sons Funeral Home of Albany. Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Elizabeth Scoons

Elizabeth, "Betty" Scoons, 73, of Delmar, a retired waitress, died Tuesday, March 15, in her daughter's home in Voorheesville after a long illness.

She was a lifelong resident of Delmar and attended Bethlehem schools.

A waitress in Brockley's Tavern, Delmar, for 30 years, she retired in 1981. She was a member of Bethlehem Lutheran Church and of the church choir.

She is survived by three daughters, Adelaide Moloney of Albany, Janet Ardizone of Voorheesville and Mary Hallenbeck of Easton, Pa.; five sisters, Evelyn Dolan of North Bellmore, Helen Leonard of Honolulu, Anna Raymond of Oneonta and Dorothy Stimpson of Oneonta, and Adelaide Powers of Tustin, Calif.; one brother, Leo Brockley of Albany; six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home and burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery. Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Mary Vadney

Mary Shafer Vadney, 89, of Feura Bush, died Sunday, March 13, in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

She was a native of South Bethlehem and with her late husband, Raymond, owned and operated the Vadney Feed, Coal and Oil Hardware Store in Feura Bush.

She was a member of the auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 and of the Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush.

Survivors include two sons, Russell Vadney of Feura Bush and Clyde Vadney of Feura Bush, a sister, Hazel Rothaupt of Feura Bush, two grandchildren and one great-grandchild.

Spring burial will be in the Jerusalem Cemetery in Feura Bush. Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Jerusalem Reformed Church.

Fred Storm

Fred M. Storm, 78, of Slingerlands, died Sunday, March 13, in St. Peter's hospital, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Vienna, he came to the United States in 1948 and lived in Manhattan from 1949 to 1965 where he marketed imported coats. He moved to Fleischmanns in 1965 and operated a country lodge there. After his retirement in 1984, he moved to Slingerlands.

He is survived by his wife, Hermine Steinacher Storm; a daughter, Eva Cirelli of Ridgely Park, N.J.; a son, Dr. Frederick C. Storm of Slingerlands; a sister, Kitty Pakic of Goffstorm, N.H. and five grandchildren.

Services will be private and

arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar.

Contributions in his memory may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, Albany.

Cornelius J. Nolan Jr.

Cornelius "Neil" J. Nolan Jr., 46, of Delmar, owner of Neil's Tropical Fish and Supplies, died Thursday, March 17, in Albany Medical Center Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Albany and lived in Delmar for the past 20 years. A quadriplegic, he was a familiar sight in Delmar travelling the streets in a motorized wheelchair.

He was a graduate of Cardinal McCluskie High School and was a pressman with the former Williams Press in Albany.

He was a member of the Baseball Umpires Association of the Capital District. He was a member of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

A few years ago he opened his own business, Neil's Tropical Fish and Supplies, in Delmar. He had recently relocated the business to the Four Corners.

He is survived by his parents, Cornelius Nolan Sr. and Eleanore Benson Nolan of Delmar; a brother, Francis V. Nolan of Delmar; and four sisters, Catherine Hussey of Nashua, N.H., Anna Mae Hawkins of Voorheesville, Mary Losito of Guilderland and Patricia Audi of Colonie.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar. Arrangements were made by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany.

Thelma Colby Smith

Thelma Colby Smith, 74, a former Slingerlands resident, died Thursday, March 17, in Fort Lauderdale, Fla., after a long illness.

She was born in the Plattsburg area and moved from Slingerlands five years ago.

She was a homemaker. She was the wife of the late Harold Smith.

She is survived by one son, Edward Smith of Clarksville; three daughters, Gerry King of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., Patricia Durham of Lake Luzerne, N.Y., and Karen Smith of Clarksville; and fourteen grandchildren.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Meyer's Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

Gustav Koechlin

Gustav Koechlin, 87, of Selkirk died Wednesday, March 16, at the Guilderland Center Nursing Home after a long illness.

He was born in New York City and was a long time area resident.

He was a retired car inspector and repairman for the New York Central Railroad in Selkirk.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Coeymans Hollow, the Selkirk Rifle Club and Selkirk Fire Company One.

He is survived by his wife, Sarah Palmer Koechlin; a daughter, Doris Willey of Ravena; a son, Richard Koechlin of Ravena; and three grandchildren.

Burial will be in Chestnut Lane Cemetery, New Baltimore. Arrangements were made by the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena.

Contributions may be made to the Memorial Fund or the Parsonage of the Trinity United Methodist Church, Coeymans Hollow.

Lewis E. Kohler

Lewis E. Kohler, 62, of New Salem died Sunday, March 6, at the Veterans Administration

Hospital in Albany after a long illness.

He was born in Gilboa, N.Y., and was a Voorheesville resident for 32 years.

He was a museum exhibit specialist for the state Department of Education, retiring in 1985. He was a former representative for the Civil Service Employees Association.

He was a member of the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

He was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He is survived by his wife, Dorothy Bremer Kohler; three sons, Stephen Kohler and Van Kohler of Voorheesville, and Richard Kohler of Hilton, N.Y.; a daughter, Wendy Kohler of Oswego; four sisters, Marie Talarico, of Ormond Beach, Fla., Betty Underwood, of Roxbury, N.Y., Ellen Bowie and Margie Brainerd of Gilboa; two brothers, Miles Kohler of Roxbury and Karl Kohler of Greer, S.C.; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in the Gilboa Cemetery, Gilboa. Arrangements were made by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Veterans Administration Recreation Fund, Albany.

Doris Ashton

Doris Cornell Ashton, 87, of Delmar died Thursday, March 17, at the Albany Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

She was born in North Attleboro, Mass. She was a homemaker. She was the wife of the late William Ashton.

She was a member of the St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She is survived by a daughter, Virginia Cornell of Delmar; a son, Warren A. Cornell of Little Silver, N.J.; and five grandchildren.

Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Eleanor Fountain

Eleanor M. Casey Fountain, 73, of Delmar died Friday, March 11, in St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in Albany and was the wife of the late Joseph W. Fountain.

She was a retired teacher's aide for the Bethlehem Central School District.

She was a member of the St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar.

She is survived by a daughter, Marline Johnson of Bucyrus, Ohio; a brother, George R. Casey of Delmar; and three grandchildren.

Burial will be in the spring in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Virginia Hayes

Virginia "Ginny" Andrews Hayes of Slingerlands died Saturday, March 19, at St. Peter's Hospice.

She was born in Ithaca and was a homemaker.

She is survived by her husband, Lew Hayes; three daughters, Gail Hayes and Bonnie Robbins of Delmar and Dianne DeVoe of Selkirk; a son, Rev. Charles Hayes of Clifton Park; a brother, Roger Andrews of Virginia; a sister, Mrs. Lou Wangler of North Carolina; and two grandchildren.

Burial will be in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice or the Slingerlands Methodist Church.

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A production meeting for the upcoming Village Stage "Evening of One-Acts" April 8 and 9 includes, from left, Tom Watthews, Liz Blaber, Pat DeCecco, Marian Davis, Marie Musgrove, Ann Marie Dullea, Dave Merrill

and Kristy Reynolds. On the cover: Director Joanne Stranzel follows the script as Terri Jones and Mike Edwards get physical in "Public Eye", one of the one-act plays to be presented. Tom Knight

On stage with Village Stage

The Village Stage is scheduled to present "An Evening of One-Acts" to be performed in April at the Town Hall. In addition to the cast, every play requires the assistance of others who work under pressure behind the scenes but never take a bow.

"A whole different world exists backstage," says Ruth Voorhees. "If the audience could see what goes on, it would be the best of entertainment."

Voorhees says her "various duties in props and sets have involved crawling under platforms between scenes, moving a revolving stage to change the set quickly, crawling on stage in the dark pushing a fully decorated Christmas tree which I then had to plug in and crawl backwards into the wings."

Ruth Voorhees and Marian Davis, sisters who have been active with The Village Stage since its inception four years ago, are two of these behind the scenes people who help make productions successful. Marian has lived in Bethlehem for 35 years and until her retirement was registrar at Bethlehem Central High School, while Ruth has lived in town for 32 years and has been secretary to the assistant superintendent of schools for almost 15 years.

Both sisters were active with the Slingerlands Community Players, being involved in "all aspects of backstage capacities" including set, props, membership, costumes and house. In addition,

they have worked with Schenectady Light Opera Company, Albany Children's Theatre, ESIPA at the Egg, the Town of Bethlehem Bicentennial and Proctors Theater.

Though Hank Voorhees and Albert Davis are not directly engaged in theater per se, they like so many other unsuspecting spouses somehow became entangled due to their wives' interest. A big challenge for Ruth was with the play "Dylan Thomas", when she was asked to get a real bathtub. "My helpful husband, who while not actively involved behind the stage, was always willing to pull, haul and drag. Thus we got a real bathtub, which as it turned out had too much glare, so it was boxed in with wood and then it was too cold so it was padded. Needless to say, by the time it was fixed up no one would have known it was a real bathtub." Albert Davis has also been extremely supportive constructing sets and props and "had to do with make-shift dinners many, many times" while Marion was working on a play.

The director directs, the actors memorize lines and learn to express a particular character and for those backstage imagination, spontaneity, creativity and an artistic eye are essential. "We strive for authenticity in the sets, props and costumes and that will often entail research at the library and old photo albums. Attics, cellars and garages are

good areas to supply our needs, plus our own living rooms," says Ruth.

Not only do people like Ruth and Marian prepare the stage and the cast, they are also frequent sources of moral support, many times being the only people a cast member can communicate with during a performance. Moral support was sorely needed at a recent Village Stage production when circumstances necessitated a last minute casting change. Marian had to drop a hemline between acts and designate someone to produce and iron and press out the hem in only 15 minutes so the curtain was not delayed.

"An Evening of One-Acts" will be presented cabaret style at Bethlehem Town Hall April 8 and 9 at 8 p.m. On April 10 the plays will be presented at 2 p.m. in a regular setting.

Dennis Cavanaugh

Lutheran church service

Palm Sunday will be celebrated with a festive service at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church on March 27 at 10:30 a.m. The senior choir will provide music. At 7:30, Christian Music Ministries will present "The Witness" in the church sanctuary. Holy Communion will be on Maundy Thursday, March 30, at 7:30 p.m. and a Good Friday Service will be at 7:30 p.m. on March 31. Easter services will be at 8 and 10:30 a.m.

Bangert-West

Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Bangert of Clarksville have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Louise, to Timothy J. West, son of Mr. and Mrs. Bud West of Delmar.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed as a secretary for the state Board of Regents. Her fiancé, also a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is the owner of Guilderland Center Getty Gas Station.

Fun for 3-year-olds at Bethelhem park

Three-year-old youngsters can have "Fun with Dad", or with Moms, if Dad's not available, for play and exercise programs sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department on Wednesdays. The program runs March 30, April 6, 13 and 27 and May 4 and 11 in the office building at the Elm Avenue Park from 6 to 6:45 p.m.

There is a fee of \$10 for the six classes and a class limit of 14 "pops" (or "momis") and 14 three-year-olds only.

Visit or call the park office, 439-4131, for registration.

Japan and U.S. trade

Professor Richard Shirey of Siena College will be the guest at a meeting of the American Association of University Women Japan Study Group on Thursday, March 24 at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Shirey will discuss economics and trade between Japan, and the United States. For reservations or information, call 439-2972.



Senior Citizen Services, a municipal office at the Bethlehem town hall, has expanded its services to the community's elderly population.

Director Karen Pellettier has announced that former Public Health nurse, Caroline Wirth, is working for the service as a community outreach staffer who helps clients work out a plan for independent living. Expanded transportation by volunteer drivers allows clients to go to geriatric day-care places and a congregate meal program called Tuesday Meals provides frail, home-bound elderly people with a hot meal and entertainment once a week at the Delmar Presbyterian Church. Community churches and groups take turns providing the lunch and entertainment.

The Senior Services office may be contacted at 439-4955, extension 77 for information on the programs.

Container gardening program at library

John Broughton of the Albany County Cooperative Extension will discuss water gardening and container gardening at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, March 29 at 7:30 p.m. The presentation is aimed at people who would like to garden but have little space.

Soil testing will be offered before the program, beginning at 7 p.m. Soil samples must be air-dried to be tested.

To register, call 439-9314.



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The drama club of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will presents "Our Town" by Thornton Wilder on March 25 and 26 at 8 p.m. in the school auditorium. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults and are available at the door.




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