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## Size still issue in BTR plans

### *Slingerlands group challenges*

By Mark Stuart

Scaled-down, but with no promises.

That was the position taken last Wednesday by BTR Realty on the size and future expansion of the 112-acre Bethlehem Village proposal when the plans were presented to the Bethlehem Town Board.

The Maryland-based realty firm is requesting a zone change from a residential zone to a Planned Development District for a mixed residential and commercial development. That development is slated to include a Price

Chopper supermarket and 146 residential units.

That zoning change, no matter how scaled down it may be, still does not convince members of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association that future plans won't include significant expansion that may result in an eventual commercial boom that will spill over into their rural hamlet.

In an added twist, Wednesday's meeting was compounded by a letter from the Slingerlands Homeowners Association that stated that the existing zoning

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## RCS budget shows 11.6% increase

By Theresa Bobear

A preliminary 1989-90 budget for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools was presented but not adopted during an "unofficial" board of education meeting on Monday night. The proposed spending plan totals \$16,020,520 and represents a \$1,687,549 or 11.6 percent increase over the current district budget, according to Superintendent William Schwartz.

Totals for two propositions, one for buses and one for capital construction, were not presented on Monday night.

The budget contains preliminary estimates on the tax levy for each town in the district. Tax rates in the Bethlehem portion of the district would increase \$6.86 or 3.86 percent, and in New Scotland would go up \$38.16 or 15.04 percent.

While the budget was presented to the public on Monday, the preliminary document could not be adopted by the board for lack of a quorum. Only four of the nine board members—President Mark Sengenberger, Stephen Berletic, Wayne Fuhrman and

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## A green summer?

As a result of record low snowfall and rain during the past winter months, the Vly Creek Reservoir is now 18 percent below its

nine-year average. According to Paul Andress at the reservoir pumpstation, the reservoir is now at 54.5 percent capacity.

Sal Prividera Jr.

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron and Mark Stuart

Spring is within a week's reach, and with this winter going down in the books as one of the driest on record, talk of a possible drought is increasing each day. For most Bethlehem residents, that means water use restrictions such as sprinkling bans this summer, while in the already water-troubled areas of New Scotland the concerns are more basic.

"When you look at New Scotland, they have a good share of the water problems for the whole county," said Howard Zimmer, district manager of the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District.

Zimmer said that while large amounts of rain-water this spring could repair a good deal of the

damage, the lack of snow this winter, coupled with the drought last summer does give cause for concern. And in areas that rely on private wells—as much of New Scotland does—water supply predictions are even harder to make.

"With the city's reservoir, if it's half full, you can see how much you are working with," Zimmer said. "But in areas without that obvious gauge, it isn't as uniform."

Bethlehem, which gets most of its water from the Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland and Albany's Alcove Reservoir, is already starting to measure the impact of the winter drought.

A very wet spring will be needed to offset this winter's lack of snow and rain, according to Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce

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## Mercury plant stirs water safety fears

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

It seems that for residents of New Scotland, discussing water problems is as natural as discussing the weather. But a new topic has joined the list of water districts, transvaps, capped wells, hydrofracing and other water concerns: mercury.

Residents of the Westerlo area met with representatives of the Mercury Refining Company, MERECO, at a public hearing in late February to discuss a mercury reclamation plant proposed for the Engineer's Training Facility site at the junction of Rts. 143 and 85 in Westerlo.

Westerlo Supervisor Richard Rapp has said "we are strongly opposed to the establishing of any facility which would harm the environment or pose a potential danger to the environment or water supplies in the Town of Westerlo."

What Rapp failed to emphasize is that while the proposed plant could endanger the Basic Creek, which flows into Westerlo's Basic Reservoir, the reservoir is connected to the Alcove Reservoir, which is the main supply of water for the City of Albany, from which

*Clinical Toxicology of Commercial Products, 2nd Edition*, was published in February of 1976, and medical texts over five years old are not usually considered to be reliable, Garry and others nonetheless find the information disturbing.

poison, subacute and chronic intoxications are recognized, particularly in the industry," according to the text.

"We have five wetlands adjacent to the area that recharge our underground aquifers," Garry

stance a duck that feeds on some of the contaminated fish. Then we eat the duck — if this stuff goes to your brain — it's frightening."

County Legislator Charles Hotaling (D-Feura Bush) is also concerned. As secretary-treasurer of the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation Board, he doesn't see the operation as suitable for a farming area.

"As far as the Hilltowns are concerned, it would be very detrimental. Our board is constantly working on it because we have already lost a lot of farms, and we can't afford to lose more. Not to mention the eagles we are trying to get going just downstream at the Alcove Reservoir," Hotaling said.

Mary Joe Miller, a research scientist for the State Bureau of Toxic Substance Assessment

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New Scotland and Bethlehem also draw water.

Harry Garry of Hillcrest Farms in East Berne has used the library of his wife, Marjorie Smith, who happens to be the physician for the Hilltowns, to come up with some alarming information.

While the book he is quoting,

The text states that "All forms of mercury are poisonous if absorbed. . . . Every known class of mercury compound is potentially hazardous and each has given rise to a typical mercury intoxication under appropriate circumstances. . . . Acute poisoning is the major threat in the home and farm but because mercury is a cumulative

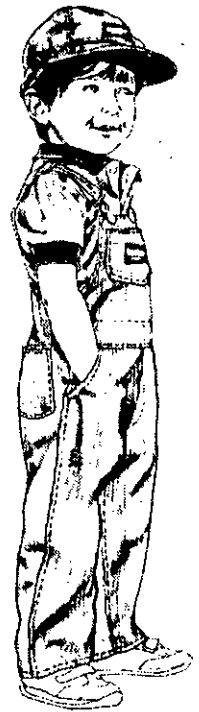
said. "It's bad enough that people are worrying about them drying up because of growth. Much less being poisoned."

Garry is also worried about the wildlife in the wetlands, as the effects of the mercury become "biomagnified", or amplified when ingested by fish and other wetland inhabitants. "Take for in-

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While Supplies Last

# BC requests new buses

## Board questions replacements

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Can the Bethlehem Central School Board ask voters to approve a proposition for five new buses this May after a similar proposition last year? That question was debated by board members and administrators at length last Wednesday without resolution.

The district administration is requesting a \$274,000 proposition to purchase five new 59-passenger buses and two 8-passenger buses. The board is expected to make a decision on the bus purchase proposition during tonight's (Wednesday) regular meeting and will also hear presentations on other budget areas.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district had to ask for new buses because the transportation department has "squeezed" the maximum use out of its fleet of 39 buses to the point where "the effects of four years of squeezing have caught up to us."

Several board members took issue with the request because, they said, they had told the community the district would not need to purchase buses this year when the proposition to purchase seven new buses was approved last May.

Transportation Supervisor Gardner Tanner said the district has added 12 routes since 1983-84. The five new buses will bring the department "up to even," he said.

The district has been operating this year with only one backup bus instead of the industry standard of four, Loomis said. Three of the new buses would be used to put three older buses, which would have been scheduled for replacement, on back-up status. The other two buses would be used to meet with the demands of increasing enrollment.

Board member Marjory O'Brien said she was concerned about the bus purchase proposition after asking the district's voters for the recently approved building bond issue and last year's bond for bus purchases. She said the district was using propositions "too frequently" and asked if the district could manage with the purchase of two buses through the regular budget.

Assistant Superintendent Franz Zwicklbauer said two buses would not be enough because of the expected increase of five new routes in the fall.

Loomis added that the district policies of no standees on buses and no elementary school walkers also increases the bus requirements.

Board member Bernard Harvith said the reason the board was struggling with the bus proposition was because "it was news to us two or three weeks ago... I don't like surprises." The board might have made different decisions about items in the building

bond issue if it had been aware of the need for more buses, he said.

O'Brien said she was "concerned about the immediacy of the need" for the buses. She said the board should look at saying it is "committing the district to replacing those buses at some time down the road."

"The bottom line is we have to get the kids to school... we don't have any choice," board member Pamela Williams said.

Zwicklbauer said the bus proposition, if approved, would not affect the tax rate until the 1990-91 budget. Loomis said the cost of the buses was state aid-able at a rate of 75 percent.

The board also received reports on the operations and maintenance, insurance, fringe benefits and debt service budget areas as well as revenue projections.

The operations and maintenance budget includes \$12,000 for the mold and mildew work at the Hamagrael Elementary School, \$3,000 for the installation of eye washes and a shower in the high school biology area, \$11,054 for the replacement of chalkboards at the Elsmere school and \$10,155 in funding for district-wide alterations of hallway display areas, which did not meet fire safety inspection codes.

Zwicklbauer said the district insurance costs were "holding the line" because of a soft market and competition. The budget calls for

# BC teachers get new contract

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Bethlehem Central School Board last week unanimously approved a three-year contract with the Bethlehem Central Teachers Association calling for an 8 percent salary hike for the coming school year.

The teachers contract also provides for a 7.3 percent salary increase for the 1990-91 school year and a seven percent increase in 1991-92 school year. Superintendent Leslie Loomis called the pay hikes "comparable with other area school settlements."

The 1989-90 starting salary for a beginning teacher with a bachelor's degree will be \$23,042 and "enable the district to attract and retain the high caliber of teachers so critical to Bethlehem Central's excellence in education," Loomis said.

"This agreement balances the need for fair salary increases with cost containment on health insurance," said Loomis. The district's costs for health insurance will be contained through a managed health care program that will be added to the Blue Cross Matrix Health Plan coverage to reduce unnecessary hospitalization, Loomis said.

The pact includes an increase of the prescription drug co-payment plan from \$1 to \$3 for non-generic drugs.

The teachers' association self-funded limited dental plan was included in the contract. Under the agreement the district will contribute \$50 per individual and \$130 per family to the dental plan, which will be matched by the teachers, Loomis said.

\$226,712 for insurance other than transportation insurance.

On the revenue side of the budget, Zwicklbauer said the district is expecting its interest investment income to increase to \$450,000 from this year's projected \$400,000. The district is expecting its annual refund from BOCES to be \$84,000, he said.

Zwicklbauer said \$4,550,000 was expected in state aid, a slight increase over last year due to increases in building and transportation aid.

The district is also anticipating a fund balance of \$60,000 from the 1988-89 budget, he said.

### Correction

The tax impact of the Bethlehem Central School District's recently approved \$11.6 million bond issue on this year's tax rate was incorrectly reported in the March 8 issue of *The Spotlight*. The bond issue will not begin to impact the tax rate of school district residents until the 1990-91 budget year.

## Water shortage

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Secor. Present levels at the Vly Creek Reservoir were at 54.5 percent capacity as of Monday afternoon, according to Paul Andres, who manages the reservoir and the town's water purification system. Compared to the nine-year average, the reservoir is 18 percent lower than normal for this time of the year, Andres said.

That may not be a problem right now, but if the needed rain doesn't come in the next few weeks conservation measures will probably become the norm again this summer. In 1987, outdoor water use was prohibited in Bethlehem as part of a townwide conservation program. That conservation program was never dropped by the town and is still in effect today.

In contrast, Albany's reservoir is not as low as Bethlehem's. According to Ken Glenning, chief operator at Albany's Feura Bush pumping station, the Alcove Reservoir in Coeymans is at 70 percent of capacity, a level Glenning said "is in line with past years."

In the event of a water emergency, the Albany water commissioner has the authority to reduce the amount of water sold to Bethlehem. According to the 1980 water agreement between Bethlehem and Albany, currently Bethlehem must pay for, regardless of whether or not it is used, 500,000 gallons per day and may purchase up to 1.5 million gallons more. In the event Albany institutes restrictions, the city may reduce Bethlehem's water amount by half, according to Paul

Wagner, Bethlehem's Department of Public Works business office manager.

But for those who depend on wells, the situation is even less clear-cut. Zimmer explained that contrary to what one might think, the depth of a private well is not a real indication of how it will hold up in drought conditions. "It isn't the depth of the person's well per se, but the vein that the well is drilled into. Your neighbor's well may be deeper, but he may not have as strong a vein of water to draw on," he said.

In areas like Clarksville, Zimmer said, the limestone soil takes in water very well; conversely, it also evaporates very quickly in dry conditions. He also noted that the dense clay soils in other parts of New Scotland are so thick that water runs off instead of percolating down to lower levels, preventing the storage of the small amounts of moisture that have been provided so far this season.

Zimmer cautioned against too much alarm, because "it could turn around and start to rain in a couple of weeks, and we'd have no problem." In any case, he added, "people who have their own wells know the need for conservation, and I'm sure they are keeping that in mind right now."

### Easter egg hunt

An Easter egg hunt will be held for children of Elmwood Park Fire District on Saturday, March 25, from 1:30 to 3 p.m., at the North Bethlehem Firehouse on Russell Rd.

### Meeting on renaming of County Rt. 55

A second meeting to receive further input from area residents in considering a name for Albany County Rt. 55 between Rt. 9W and Long Lane will be held on Monday, March 20, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk.

Since some residents were not aware of the first meeting, a second meeting has been arranged by town councilmen Sue Ann Ritchko, Bob Burns and Fred Webster.

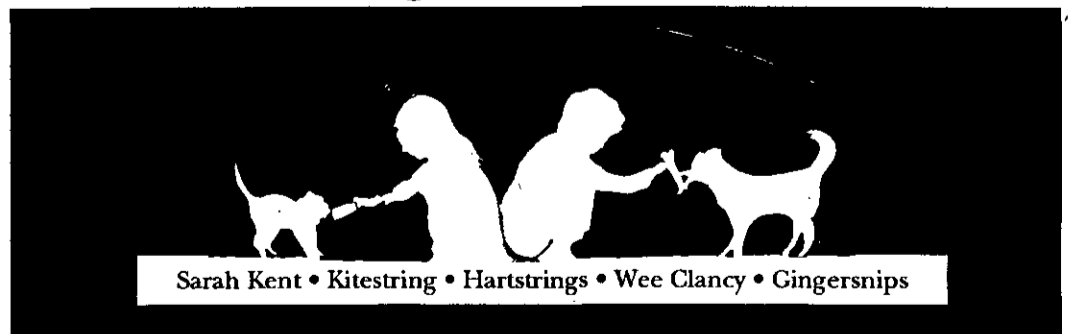
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Ben Gold, playing the role of King Cotton, tells of the State of Georgia at the Slingerlands Elementary School last Thursday. The play was written by the fourth grade students of Mrs. Putnam and Mrs. Lutkus and described the roles and importance of each of the 50 states.  
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## Fiddling while South Bethlehem burns

We keep waiting for indications that Jim Coyne and his assistants are on the level about the Jericho Bridge. So we'll withhold judgment on the county executive's latest announcement that a deal with Conrail to finance repairs to the bridge is only a few days away. Seeing is believing, as they say.

But whether or not Mr. Coyne finally succeeds in getting the bridge reopened (the third anniversary of its closing is this week), the county's record of buck passing on this issue is nothing short of astonishing.

The latest in a long line of obfuscations is the so-called "review" by the Albany County Fire Advisory Board of the Jan. 21 fire on Rarick Rd. that killed Robert Rienow. Instead of a report on whether an open Jericho Bridge would have made a difference in the efforts of Selkirk fire fighters to contain the blaze, the "review" evades the issue entirely and seeks to turn the focus on those who raised the question.

The "controversy being aired in the media relating (to) this incident and the Jericho Bridge problem are unfounded and a manipulation," says the "review." Manipulation by whom? The

### Editorials

Selkirk fire commissioner who said on the night of the fire that the bridge hampered the fire-fighting efforts? The press that reported those statements? The county legislators who demanded an explanation?

The statements by Mr. Coyne and the county's fire coordinator that even if the bridge had been open it would not have been used because it was posted for eight tons is pure nonsense. According to the county's own engineer, the repairs proposed by Conrail would enable the Jericho Bridge to handle 20-ton loads, enough for most fire apparatus. And even at an eight-ton posting rescue vehicles and fire trucks would certainly use the bridge in an emergency.

The fact is that every responsible official in the Town of Bethlehem says the Jericho Bridge is important to the safety of residents of South Bethlehem. Enough fiddling!

## A lively principle

Exchange of information and opinion; discussion of these — yes, and controversy — are at the very heart of an open society, indeed of a thriving democracy.

To this goal, the editorial pages of America's free press are dedicated in spirit and in historic fact. So it is with these opinions pages of *The Spotlight*. We believe that our readers generally are supportively aware of this principle. And certainly within the past several months the exchange of views on these pages has been lively and provocative. *The Spotlight* is pleased and proud to be privileged to fulfill its role in this respect.

One vital aspect of this free exchange is the expectation of good faith on the part of all who participate — and a willingness to grant

that good faith on the part of others. Occasionally, it has appeared that some participants in this forum are reluctant to extend that assumption to those with whom they disagree. We wholeheartedly urge that all contributors to these pages review their words carefully, with the above thoughts in mind, before submitting them for publication. We suggest that the tone of the discussions can become more productive, as well as more civil.

In turn, *The Spotlight's* editors will measure their comments more assiduously than ever, while also reading the various columns and letters with additional care. In so doing, we may find it advisable to suggest that Vox Pop contributors limit the length of their communications through more concise expression.

## Surprise, surprise

The New York Legislature is the court of appeals this spring for school districts and county governments that Governor Cuomo proposes to bleed in his budget. The figures, which the Governor offers with the rationale of a fiscal gap resulting from a revenue shortfall, are potentially hurtful to the services provided by these local-government agencies.

The New York State School Boards Association expresses the view (backed up by figures) that the present proposal for aid to public schools will be damaging to the state's children, and that a purported increase really means less money to meet local educational needs.

The New York State Association of Counties challenges the Governor's budget

for eliminating \$79 million in unrestricted aid to counties. However these funds have been expended by the 62 counties in the past, it seems reasonable to expect a reduction in the services they have made possible — or, before long, increases in the property tax levied by the counties.

We can offer only limited sympathy, incidentally, for the "surprise" suffered by the state in its declining income. We have always thought that one function of managers is to anticipate various adverse prospects and provide accordingly for changing circumstances. Where were New York State's managers, beginning with the Governor, while all those computers must have been spitting out suggestions of the bad news that was on its way to becoming a reality?

## The green holidays

March is one of the rare months that doesn't include at least one official holiday. Contrast it with all the months from September through February, for particular instance.

And any right-thinking person would acknowledge that, having struggled our way nobly through the winter we all deserve a break, one that would also celebrate the threshold of happier days ahead. Cautiously, *The Spotlight* offers a remedy:

Beginning with the observance of St. Patrick's Day on the 17th and continuing on through the first day of spring, on the 20th,

the nation would observe annually a four-day Green Holiday. No purchase would be conducted except for the purchase of seeds, bulbs, rakes, etc.

Sounds crazy, you say? Well, how long ago was it when you couldn't imagine a new holiday just two weeks after New Year's Day; a Memorial Day that moved according to the convenience of the leisured life; an ignored Lincoln's Birthday; a President's Day devoted to automobile sales?

This year, our holiday would have run from Friday through Monday. Next year, Saturday through Tuesday. How does that grab you?

## DeCecco responds to BCRP critique

Editor, The Spotlight:

If the barrage of vitriolic and defamatory letters in *The Spotlight* of March 8 was intended to intimidate or silence me, it has done neither. Since there are so many comments that must be dealt with, if *The Spotlight* will allow me the opportunity I will respond to each charge.

However, far more important than any of the facts at issue are the basic freedoms of speech and press, which are guaranteed to every individual in our democracy. To say that public servants should be treated as second-class citizens and denied the right to comment on an issue is contrary to our fundamental values. To limit the forum for the expression of those views is censorship of the worst kind. To assume that it will

### Vox Pop

influence others is both presumptuous and insulting of our public servants.

The letter which was distributed was not an internal memo to BCRP members. It was a public letter, widely distributed throughout the town, urging citizen action on an issue. I was not and am not involved in any of the decision-making on this matter. I clearly stated, in my introduction, that I supported Ms. Ponemon's right to write anything she wanted in her letter to the editor. When those same items and other items extraneous to the project were included in this publication, I felt

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## The Jericho Bridge — three years later

Editor, The Spotlight:

Three years ago today, Albany County shut down the Jericho Bridge because it could not safely accommodate traffic. For reasons known only to the Albany County Executive, Jim Coyne still can't — or won't — come to terms with Conrail on measures to repair the span.

For the past three years, Bethlehem residents have been sending a message loud and clear to Mr. Coyne: The detour created by the closed bridge would some day impede the efforts of emergency personnel responding to our area. He chose to call our bluff, and the inevitable has come to pass.

We are all still painfully aware

of the January, 1989, blaze that claimed the life of Dr. Robert Rienow and destroyed his South Bethlehem home. With our bridge out of service, the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance and Selkirk fire fighting units responding from Glenmont were forced to take a longer route to the fire scene.

The question of whether extra miles (and minutes) were in-

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curred by the responding units is easily answered by consulting a county highway map.

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## Creating the 'teenager'

What follows is the contribution of a rather curmudgeonly fellow who volunteered his thoughts, and I pass it along.

What I've been wondering (he wrote) is whether we have created a kind of monster beyond the Creator's intention, just as Mary Shelley did when she wrote of the student (Frankenstein) who made a soulless monster of his own devising — and suffered the consequences.

As it happens, 1989 turns out to be the 50th anniversary of the advent of the word "teenager" into the language.

There are plenty of people around who grew up (including the years between 12 and 20) without having heard that word, much less found themselves classified as one of a group apart.

They were known as children, youngsters, youths, "kids" (even that term is relatively recent in being applied to the human young), young people, young adults, and of course, legally, as minors. Just as likely, they may have referred to themselves as miners, farmers, teamsters, mechanics, clerks, seamstresses, bookkeepers, typists — even as teachers, for in decades not too long in the past, many a rural

school had as its schoolmasters and schoolmarm young people starting off on careers.

My point is, that only in the immediate past have we established a class of young citizens, applying to them a term that's in one real sense a derogatory one,

### Plenty of people grew up without the label 'teenager'

downgrading young adults to a status of irresponsibility. Not much should be expected of a "teenager." He or she is in limbo, not yet at the stage of adulthood complete with the expectation of a serious, productive life — but too far along to tolerate being known as a child, old enough to resent being lumped with "the kids," and certainly past the point of being dismissed as a brat, even when conditions might otherwise call for the term.

Most of these thoughts come to mind as a result of the debate that's been waged in recent weeks between people who obviously are adults and people who clearly think of themselves as teenagers "with all the rights, honors, and privileges thereunto appertaining."

The debate has been going on at length in the columns of my favorite local newspaper (where the word "teen" flourishes), but also is being argued (or fought) out on numerous other fronts — mostly kitchens, dining nooks, and family rooms of structures often known as homes.

My dictionary is sufficiently up-to-date to include a related expression: "teenybopper," tracing this word back only to 1966 (which probably is no coincidence of timing). The definition goes this way:

"A young teenager who rejects middle-class mores, dresses in mod styles, enthusiastically listens to rock music, and is interested in the illicit use of drugs."

If you will extend "drugs" to include alcohol (as is properly so), much of that definition seems to be applicable to the spirit of I-know-best rebelliousness that can be read into some of the minors' letters to *The Spotlight* and also into the legally borderline and dangerously undisciplined behavior that's behind the current discussions.

So wrote my correspondent, who may have a germ or two of an idea, at that.

CONSTANT READER

## Rising with French bread

Do you suppose that there's really such a person as Hudson Bridges? That is the name that's signed as the author of a rather interesting article about the Fulton Fish Market, in the March issue of *Gourmet*.

Ordinarily, *Gourmet* is a little rich for my blood, but when it's around the house I'm susceptible to leafing through it ever so occasionally. Sometimes I find little nuggets that aren't either too ecstatic or too exotic to please my taste.

I did like the way that Mr. Bridges started his piece on the market down by the East River, and so I read on:

"It's the dead bottom of the night, the last hour before sunup: an hour when fast-burning, crate-fueled bonfires utterly fail to dispel the pervasive chill generated by a stiff riverine breeze gusting over rain-slicked cobblestones and tons — perhaps hundreds of tons — of cracked ice."

Another article that I read most of (it seemed to go on and on) was titled "The Fall and Rise of French Bread." It focuses on an unusual bakery and its hard-working proprietor, and makes clear the distinction between the "baguette, the skinny loaf usually known abroad as French bread," and the round loaf, big as a cushion that was traditionally the peasant's staff of life.

The baguette's "short but happy life is responsible for the 'bread lines' that slither throughout France three times a day. . . .

The svelte baguette, with comparatively little crumb, goes dry in no time at all." The round loaf could be counted on to remain edibly fresh for several days because the crumb retained its moisture well.

It is sort of nice to have a little better idea of what you're eating and what to expect of it. . . .

### These restaurant reviews describe old Albany spots

The current issue of *Capital Region* magazine rather baffles me. To pick up on the gastronomic theme, the part of it I liked best was the restaurant review. Most restaurant reviewers like to show off their highly specialized knowledge by concentrating on nouvelle cuisine, so-called, or continental tables. This month, the critic takes in two real Albany/American eating places with roots that everyone can recognize: Jack's down at the foot of State Street, and Lombardo's over on Madison just above Pearl. And the critic, Drew Peters, takes his responsibility seriously, and writes well, understandably, and sensibly. I enjoyed these pages.

I also like the frank manner in which *Capital Region* offers its thumbnail sketches of eating places. Frank, that is, if you read the small print: These listings are limited to restaurants that adver-

tise in the magazine (and a few "additional restaurants of note" that can't be omitted).

*Capital Region* is now in its "Volume V," which means that it's survived in good style for more than four years, and a major part of that must be attributed to the skill and creativity of its editor, Dardis McNamee.

But I would be "less than candid," as the saying has it, if I didn't mention a couple of rough spots in this March issue. I thought it less than great that a byline piece was written (and presented in the form of a serious article) by a dissenting member of Albany's Community/Police Relations Board (who has just quit its membership). The article was a severe knock at the board, the mayor, and the board's chairman. I couldn't stand a piece by a person named David Enright IV on "fashionable" men. ("Today, this region is hip . . . dressing with *panache* is very O.K." Etc. Mr. Enright's previous literary efforts are best known through that "Blue Book" of social status, which he published a couple of years ago. I thought it unfortunate that part of the text of Ms. McNamee's own bylined piece about what she regards as a minor miracle at Emma Willard School turned out to be adjacent to an advertisement for the school. The issue's principal piece is on "crack" in the Capital Region, which I have not yet fully absorbed. More later, perhaps.

#### Words for the week

**Euphemistically:** Involving the substitution of an agreeable or inoffensive expression for one that may offend or suggest something unpleasant.

**Baguette:** A small gem having the shape of a long, narrow rectangle; also, the shape itself (as in an elongated loaf of bread).

**Assiduous:** Marked by careful, unremitting attention or persistent application.

## Trash: will we find a solution?

The contributor is a Republican representing the 102nd state Assembly District, which covers Columbia and Greene counties and the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans in Albany County. He is a resident of Kinderhook in Columbia County.

### Point of View

By John Faso

By this time, most New Yorkers recognize that the handling and disposal of solid waste we produce each year is a major problem. However, while there may be a growing recognition of the problem, there is no consensus as to what should be done to solve this dilemma.

Statewide, most existing landfills (euphemistically called "sanitary" landfills in an earlier day) are under state orders to close by the early 1990s. In the Capital District, unless something is done, there will only be one permitted landfill in the entire region by 1993.

In addition, state regulations may make the process of selecting new landfill and burn plant sites more difficult than necessary. We need to reexamine our policies and develop regulatory approaches that speed the decision-making process. If changes are not made, we will be facing within the very near future the prospect of having no local disposal facility whatsoever.

Columbia County residents had to face this prospect during the late summer of 1988 when under state Department of Environmental Conservation (ENCON) orders, the Claverack landfill was closed. For two days, no garbage was picked up in Columbia County. One cynic suggested that this was a sure-fire way of getting the public's attention on the problem; and indeed, it was!

### The rules have given tremendous power to Encon to make decisions. One of the consistent complaints of local officials is that Encon is constantly torn between its role as regulator of, and advisor to, local governments.

For the short term, Columbia County is sending its trash to the landfill operated by the City of Troy, a facility that is also expected to close within the next year. County residents, who heretofore were not required to spend anything to dispose of their trash, are now faced with costs of up to \$75 per ton to transport and dump their refuse at Troy. This has meant roughly \$7,000 to \$9,000 per day to Columbia County residents.

The county adopted a wide-ranging user fee system, which requires residents to pay for trash disposal based upon the amount produced. For instance, residents in the City of Hudson and the three villages within the county, which have municipally financed trash collection services, are now required to pay \$2 for each 30-gallon bag of garbage. Unless the \$2 sticker is attached to the bag, the trash is not collected. In addition, larger items like tires, old washing machines and various other refuse, have specified disposal charges, which are collected at transfer stations located throughout the county.

The initial results of the user fee system have been quite interesting. The amount of refuse that county residents are trucking to Troy each day is only about half of what had been expected. Where has the rest of the trash gone?

In some cases, residents have resorted to the old-fashioned burn barrel to burn a portion of their refuse. (While those in rural areas might do this legally, such an approach would be both impractical and illegal in suburban and urban areas.) Recycling has also greatly reduced the waste stream.

Under the terms of a consent order with the DEC, the county agreed to implement county-wide separation of trash at the household level by October, 1989. If anything, the county will meet the deadline well before that time. Residents sort glass, plastic, tin cans, and newspapers, and dispose of these items at transfer stations. In other areas, municipalities that provide trash collection have converted one collection each week to a recyclable pickup day.

A surprise to many is that recycling is not cheap. It costs county residents \$65 per ton to get rid of the recyclable items. However, these items are no longer taking up valuable landfill space.

In the meantime, the county has been working on its environmental impact statement for locating a new landfill within

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## □ Solutions to trash

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the county. But, this process has proved to be a slow and exasperating one.

Problems that localities have encountered with the regulatory process have been severe. Columbia, Albany, and Greene counties are no exception to this. Many have noticed the implementation of new solid waste regulations announced last December by DEC Commissioner Jorling and Gov. Cuomo. Indeed, these regulations are among the strictest in the nation. While no one disagrees with the need for strict environmental regulation, some question the process that we have established to analyze and evaluate potential sites for land-

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fills and burn plants. Siting is the most difficult issue to resolve in any discussion of solid waste.

Simply put, no one wants to live near or around the next landfill or incinerator, regardless of the assurances of those in government about the "safety" and "strictness" of the new environmental regulation. These days, no one seems to trust such representations. However, most everyone realizes that we must have landfills and burn plants if we are going to deal with the volume of waste which New Yorkers produce. Efforts to promote

recycling and composting can only under the most optimistic scenarios, reduce our waste stream by one-half. That still leaves a tremendous amount of solid waste that must be disposed of.

This brings us back to the regulations. The rules have given tremendous power to Encon to make decisions. One of the consistent complaints of local officials is that Encon is constantly torn between its role as regulator of, and advisor to, local governments. One local official was heard to lament last year that Encon will "only tell you what you can't do, but never tell you what you can do!"

Encon not only has the ultimate say over all permit applica-

tions for landfill siting and burn plants, but also dictates, through its regulations, the terms and conditions and indeed, methods of analysis, which localities must use in order to consider the various options for solid waste disposal. This process is fine if one lived in a vacuum where public opinion did not matter, or political considerations were not important. But, we don't live in that environment.

For instance, selection of an ultimate site is made almost impossible under these regulations and the state environmental quality review process. Localities must establish a set of selection criteria through which all potential sites are analyzed and considered. Then, public hearings must be held at which any number of sites will be publicly aired and considered.

While this sounds fine in theory, imagine how difficult the process becomes when all of a sudden 30 individual sites around your county are suddenly designated as potential sites for a landfill or burn plant. As you can guess, everyone in those areas begins to raise objections and form citizens groups, all sporting catchy titles names, arguing that this or that site should not be the ultimate depository. Local officials become squeamish in the face of mounting public opposition and hence decision-making grinds to a halt or proceeds slowly. Political consensus becomes impossible; and without political consensus, decisions will not be made. This is the exact situation in which we now find ourselves, not only in the Capital District, but throughout New York State.

I believe that a better course would allow local officials to come up with one or two sites for potential siting and to allow local officials to make application based on those sites. They should not be required to go through an elaborate selection process whereby various alternatives are considered and then eliminated. That process might work fine for King Solomon, but it doesn't work in the real world of government where decision-makers have to be elected every few years. Encon would remain as the ultimate check on the arbitrary selection of an unsuitable site, since they control the permit process.

Regardless of the particular rules in place, the process is sure to arouse much controversy and citizen involvement over the next decade. Indeed, waste disposal is shaping up as the issue of the 1990s. In many ways, this issue will also test whether we in government have the political will to solve the problem; or, will we careen from crisis to crisis by trying to avoid the issue?

My advice: Stayed tuned.

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# Your Opinion Matters

## How about replanning the Garden of Eden?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Wow! You guys and gals from the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (should those of us who don't share your views be called Bethlehem Citizens for Irresponsible Planning?) really let ol' Dom DeCecco have it in last week's *Spotlight*. How dare he question what you had set forth as fact?

From the frenzied reaction, one might think he hit a nerve or something. It was a full student body right.

And all the while I had believed Dominick to be a pretty reasonable fellow. A man who's seen the elephant and heard the owl. Not one given to preposterous statements.

But you've won me over. From now on no more double dates with Dom and Pat — and that's it.

Too bad you good folks weren't around to advise when God was planning Garden of Eden. (No apple trees; definitely too tempting. *And a serpent. Really.*)

Just think of all the woe and travail we'd have been spared.

Dick Lewis

Delmar

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### 'A good example of open governing'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The residents of Bethlehem should thank Mr. DeCecco for having taken time to write the article included in your Point of View column. In an articulate and intellectually honest way, he has shown us another side of the Delmar Village matter. In addition, he has given us a good example of open governing.

Probably more than any other governing body, the planning board is plagued by individuals and organizations promoting causes that are counter to the ordinances and statutes that the board must follow in carrying out its duties. By and large, these are not in my back yard (NIMBY) causes. Under the guise of plan-

ning guides, some members of a group calling itself Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (BCRP) zealously promote these NIMBY causes. A third benefit of Mr. DeCecco's article and their responses to it is the revelation that these people are not above using denunciations and manipulations to achieve their goals.

### More letters pages 8 and 9

While I am inclined to rely exclusively on the expertise of the planning board, the town planner and consultants to write land development guides, ordinances, etc., public input is needed for checks and balances. I hope that BCRP's NIMBY causes will not prevail when the Rt. 9W and master plans are developed.

W.B. Strong

Glenmont

## Jericho Bridge

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To be sure that he comes up with the "right" answer to that question, Mr. Coyne dumped the matter in the lap of the County Fire Advisory Board, for it to study, and study, and study. That's typical of the priority treatment that this issue has received.

With our lives and property in the balance, it's no time to play politics with an issue that could be resolved at a cost of a mere 1.5

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# Matters of Opinion

## □ DeCecco responds to critique

I had the constitutionally protected right to voice my opinion on the matter.

I wonder if my column would have met with as much opprobrium had it supported the statements contained in the flyer. Evidently the officers of BCRP feel that they can criticize public agencies and officials and yet not be subject to any criticism in return. That hardly seems fair, does it?

On the issue of timing: Mr. Smolinsky seems to think that there was some grand conspiracy to subvert the SEQR process. *Nothing* is further from the truth! I had not intended to comment on the Delmar Village issue because it did not arouse the same level of passion or anxiety in me that it did

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with the BCRP. The only major concern I had on the issue was that a connector road be included in the project to facilitate the eventual connection of New Scotland Road with the Delmar Bypass. The officers of the old Slingerlands Homeowners had urged town officials to do everything in their power to connect New Scotland to the bypass in order to relieve pressure on the hamlet. If you recall, I did testify on that item at an earlier meeting. I did not plan to make any further comment until the BCRP flyer came to my door. I did not consult

with anyone or ask anyone's permission to reply to the letter, or, for that matter, this reply to yours. I acted because I believe, we have a right to freely express our opinions in this country.

On the issue of influence: I'm honored to think that the BCRP officers feel my comments will influence other town officials, but I seriously doubt it. First, because they are intelligent people who can sift through the information presented, separate fact from opinion, and arrive at their own conclusions. Secondly, you need only attend meetings of all of our public agencies and you will hear a wide variety of opinions expressed and a wide variety of voting patterns. As a matter of fact, one of the things I like about serving this town is that there is no "party line" to which one must adhere on all votes. Compare this to the votes in the county legislature and you'll see that our public officials openly debate issues, seek public input, and arrive at their decisions independently.

On the issue of "facts": My "facts" were taken from the same sources as the BCRP "facts". We obviously interpret them differently. I believe everyone should

read the documents and any other pertinent material and form their own conclusions. They should also inform their elected officials of their opinions.

Anyone who knows me is well aware of the fact that I encourage public input and participation in the planning process. As president of the Slingerlands Homeowners, as Democratic committeeman, as chairman of the Tree Committee, as a member of the Zoning Board of Appeals, and as a member of numerous other community groups and committees, I have worked diligently to maintain and improve the quality of life in our town. To call me "pro-developer" proves that BCRP did not do its homework on me. As a matter of fact, my name was one of several proposed by the Slingerlands Homeowners and the Coalition of Neighborhood Associations for consideration by the town for membership on the Planning Board. On the other hand, I'm not "anti-developer" either. I have consistently worked to maintain a stable tax base through orderly, reasonable and planned growth. I am committed to the conservation and protection of those aspects of our community which have made it one of the most desirable residential areas in upstate New York.

On long-range planning: I have been committed to long-range planning all my life. This is one of the reasons I joined BCRP! The problem is that you think you invented the word! Planning was done long before you or I lived here and will continue long after we're gone. I just got the impression that if it wasn't the kind of planning you advocated, then it wasn't good planning. Obviously, we have differing interpretations of the word.

On personal attacks: I really think one should read the four BCRP officers' letters attacking me before pointing fingers at anyone. In my column I clearly stated that I felt Ms. Ponemon had a right to her opinions in her letter to the editor. However, the BCRP flyer did not have any attribution except the group name. I would never deny anyone the right to voice an opinion on any public issue. There was no personal attack on any individual in my column.

I certainly do not feel that the column was in any way hostile to the BCRP or to any individual. I used some of the same phraseology used in the flyer. Was that hostile? At no time did I recommend approval or disapproval of the project. I recommended that everyone read the documents and come to his or her own conclusions.

I still support the goals and purposes of the BCRP. I believe it has expended a great deal of time and energy researching its topic. And for that, we are all grateful. However, I believed then, and still believe, that we cannot put out a flyer that uses absolute terms such as, "Delmar Village will do this and will do that" when

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there are so many variables. Nor do I feel that the flyer dealing with Delmar Village should focus on issues which are only tangentially related to it. Using *will* instead of *may*, putting *Right Now* in bold face, using *No Comprehensive* in bold face conveyed to me an impression that BCRP is somehow omniscient and can see into the future. That's what prompted my response.

Space does not allow me to cover all of the issues raised in last week's letters, particularly the questions of apartment unit populations or the capacity of the Clarksville Elementary School.

I wish to thank the many people who called supporting my position and my right to voice an opinion. In particular, I would like to thank several BCRP members who called expressing their concerns about the flyer and the personal attacks on me. They are greatly appreciated.

Dominick DeCecco

Slingerlands

## Why do developers require 31 acres?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The BTR Realty proposal for a shopping center in Slingerlands is again before us for review. The developer offers us a "concept," telling us that it would be a smaller complex than that originally proposed. We are asked to believe that this smaller project is all that would be built. But, is this so?

Last November, the developer proposed a 260,500 square-foot regional shopping center on 35 acres. Now, BTR Realty proposes a 134,000 square-foot project on 31 acres. My question is: Why

does BTR Realty need 31 acres of residential land to be rezoned for commercial construction when it needs only eight acres to build its shopping center?

I am of the opinion that the developer's real intent is to build a major regional shopping center along New Scotland Road. My reasoning is based on the following:

1. The developer has consistently stressed that it is in their economic interest to build as large a project as is needed to make the project financially feasible.

2. The developer is acquiring at a high cost more land than it needs, with plenty of surplus acreage for commercial development beyond its request.

3. The site, if rezoned, could accommodate a 540,000 square-foot shopping center, which is larger than the Northway Mall.

My fears that the developer's real intent is to build a large regional shopping center were confirmed at the last meeting of the Bethlehem Town Board. When asked by a town councilman if the developer could assure the residents of Bethlehem that BTR Realty would not build a larger project than the one proposed if the area were rezoned commercial, the developer's spokesman stated that it *could not give such an assurance*. The audience gasped. I, along with many others in attendance, knew that

what we feared could become a reality — the creation of a "commercial hub" in residential Slingerlands.

It is important to realize that at this stage of the rezoning process, BTR Realty is presenting to us only a "concept." If the land were rezoned, the developer would then submit its final building plans. Those plans could call for the construction of a shopping center of any size up to the legal limit allowed under Bethlehem's zoning ordinance. In the instance of 31 acres as with this proposal, BTR Realty would be legally entitled to build a complex as large as the Northway Mall. For this reason, we cannot be lulled by the idea that the developer has scaled back its proposal. Also, for this reason any attempt to rezone and/or down-zone residential areas must be carefully scrutinized. Otherwise, the unique character of our neighborhoods would be lost and so would Bethlehem as we know it.

Brian J. Danforth

Slingerlands

## He urges planners: 'get on with it'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank Mr. Dominick DeCecco for his enlightening column on the facts about Delmar Village in the March 1 *Spotlight*. That column,

Dom, was probably a mistake and so is this letter. You can see from the venomous attacks by BCRP officials that you have made their hit list. After this is published, I will be proud to join you on that list.

It amazes me that we now have several groups in town (most from Slingerlands) screaming for "responsible planning." I thought we did have it once. We had an elected town board that appointed a planning board with diverse backgrounds to look into proposed developments and make recommendations back to the town board. Eventually those developments were approved or rejected or changed before approval. At least some development proceeded.

Then along came the Orchard Street group, which decided later that it should become a Bethlehem Citizens group because that sounded like there was broad support throughout the town, and

almost single-handedly brought planning in the Town of Bethlehem to a halt. Now they want what has become a moratorium on new development to continue until the magic plan is completed.

With a little luck the plan may be finished in five years.

In the interim, all of the desirable development will take place in Guilderland, New Scotland, Ravena, and Albany. Then Bethlehem will be left to deal with the increased traffic from those passing through our town to get to those places. That is not the picture of what I want for Bethlehem. I want us to get on with it!

Leon Talmage

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# Tracking rapist, braving blaze win honor for 3

Seven local firefighters, including two Selkirk volunteers who were first on the scene of the fatal Rarick Rd. fire Jan. 21, and a member of the Bethlehem Police Department were honored for their efforts Monday by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040.

The firefighters are selected for the honor by their departments and the police officer by the Bethlehem Police Department.

Selkirk Fire Department Assistant Chief Craig Apple and fireman Richard Olson were awarded "Fireman of the Year" honors for their efforts in trying to save Dr. Robert Rienow during the Jan. 21 blaze at Rienow's home.

The citation "in recognition of the heroic action under extremely hazardous conditions" noted the pair's efforts to locate and rescue Rienow, said post Commander Ed Wood.

Apple, the first fireman to arrive on the scene, entered the heavily involved building without breathing apparatus and was assisted by Olson in finding Rienow and removing him from the building. Apple was treated for smoke inhalation and eye irritation after the incident. Rienow died as a result of the fire.

Apple was also honored in January by Albany County Executive James J. Coyne and County Sheriff George Infante for his efforts in trying to save Rienow.

Detective John Cox was named "Policeman of the Year" and was recognized his work that led to the arrest of Alvin DuBois Jr. in connection with a rape that occurred in Slingerlands in 1986. Cox was cited for his "outstanding job as an investigator," Wood said.

Delmar Fire Department's award winner was David Bastiani, who was recognized for his service to his department and the Delmar Rescue Squad, Wood said. Bastiani put in 456 hours of service responding to 52 fire calls, 224 ambulance calls and 46 drills, Wood said.



Richard Olson of the Selkirk Fire Department receives the "Fireman of the Year" award from Blanchard Post Commander Ed Wood. Olson and Craig Apple were recognized for their Jan. 21 efforts to rescue Dr. Robert Rienow from a fire that claimed Rienow's life.  
*Elaine McLain*



Selkirk Fire Department Assistant Chief Craig Apple, receives the "Fireman of the Year" award during ceremonies last week at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040 in Elsmere.  
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Bethlehem Police Detective John Cox was named "Police-man of the Year."

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Elsmere awarded its "Fireman of the Year" honors posthumously to Jack Pregent and Irving "Pop" Leonard for their many hours of dedication. The award was presented to Chief George Kaufman in memory of Pregent and Leonard.

First Assistant Chief Frank Decerce was North Bethlehem's award winner. He was recognized for his service to the department, Wood said.

Slingerland Fire Department's "Fireman of the Year" was James Coughtry, who was honored for his 50 years of service to the department.

Each department chooses its own award winner each year with no input from the post, Wood said. He said the awards are given "to convey recognition of the valuable service" provided by the departments.

### Tools stolen from Curtis Lumber

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of tools and building materials from the Curtis Lumber store on Grove St. in Delmar during the overnight hours last Tuesday. Police said a crimping tool, other tools and some building materials worth \$324 were taken from a storage shed.

# Bethlehem Village

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ordinance doesn't provide for a Planned Development District category. The letter stated that "the developer's application as submitted to the Bethlehem Town Board is improper and may not be referred to the Planning Board." Nevertheless, the board agreed to hear the presentation and tabled any action pending a decision by Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz on the validity of that and other claims made by the homeowners group. As of Tuesday morning, Kaplowitz had made no decisions regarding the letter, but said he expects to have a reply at the next town board meeting on March 22.

Bruce Preston, project coordinator for BTR Realty, dismissed the points raised in the letter as technicalities, saying the claims have "very, very little substance at all. . . . These are very minor technicalities. Lending to possible interpretation, they may be correct, but simply changing labels in the application would suffice those technicalities," Preston said.

Aside from the letter, the major concern of those attending Wednesday's meeting was expansion.

During the presentation Preston was asked by Councilman Robert Burns whether or not there were plans to expand the commercial portion of the development beyond what was being proposed that evening. "We have a commitment to remain small," Preston said. "At this time, we have no plans to expand."

Many of the 125 people in attendance heckled and laughed before Preston was able to continue. When the room became quiet, Preston said that BTR Realty operates two other shopping centers in the Capital District, the Columbia Plaza in East Greenbush and the Colonie Plaza on Central Ave. in Albany, and in both cases, the square footage is around 125,000 square feet. "That's really the size of our projects," he said.

However, Preston added that

when the Slingerlands Bypass Extension is completed, the situation may change. "One does not want to foreclose the future. Down the road — 10 or 20 years — it may call for future retail expansion. But in response, no, we have no plans at present for expansion," he said.

In a phone conversation Friday, Preston said that the reduction in retail space and the abandonment of plans for a Slingerlands Bypass extension make expansion an unlikely prospect. "With no bypass extension and our main access from LeGrange Rd., and with the market that's out there now, we don't want more than what we have now. With the plans we have now, I don't think we could even find a second anchor store. In fact, we almost lost Price Chopper (after scaling down.)"

Brian Danforth, vice president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, said he believes BTR intends to expand their commercial section and that they stated their intent for expansion at their Nov. 2 meeting with residents when their original plan was unveiled. Even though the developer is requesting 134,000 square feet of retail commercial space, if the Planned Development District is approved, the actual proposal could be for something larger. BTR says the maximum they could expand to is 230,000. The Slingerlands Homeowners Association says there is enough room on the land for 540,144 square feet of commercial space.

How restrictive are conceptual site plans for Planned Development Districts in the future? Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky said that the commercial and residential districts within an approved Planned Development District must remain intact when the application for building project approval is submitted. Any change within the Planned Development District regarding commercial and residential districts would require another zoning change, he said.

In cases where commercial

expansion within the commercial district may occur, the town has the option of setting conditions on buffers or density to limit future expansion. Kaplowitz said the town board could put conditions on growth if it were to approve the zoning change, "as long as they are reasonable conditions."

The original plan for Bethlehem Village included the extension of the Slingerlands Bypass to connect with the intersection of Cherry Ave. and New Scotland Rd. at a cost of \$2.5 million. Those plans were dropped in the new scaled-down proposal. Currently, there are no plans by the town or the state to finance the extension of the bypass, although town officials have said they will require the developers to dedicate lands to the extension.

The letter from the Slingerlands Homeowners Association raises a number of objections to BTR's application. It contends that in the 15 types of zoning districts listed in the Bethlehem zoning code, there are none listed for a mixed use within a Planned Development District, only Planned Commercial Districts or Planned Residential Districts, but not both.

Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler said there is a provision for a Planned Development District in the form of a "catch-all" that states "any other suitable use as recommended by the planning board and approved by the town board."

One of the other points raised in the letter is Article IV-A of the town's zoning code that regulates who may submit the application for a Planned Development District and requires that the application shall be made by a person or persons holding an option to purchase the land contingent only upon approval of the zoning change application. In the event an application is made by a person or persons holding an option to purchase the lands, "the application shall be accompanied by a statement signed by all owners of such land indicating concurrence with the application." The Slingerlands Homeowners Association contends that the application does not have the signatures of all of the property owners involved.

Preston said that problem can be taken care of by contacting each of the seven current landowners, most of whom live out of state.

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## NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND KIWANIS CLUB, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS, 4-H group for youths between 8 and 19 years, meets every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

## ALBANY

LECTURE, "Infants," part of Early Childhood Growth and Development Series, presented by Janet Carmody, St. Peter's Hospital, 315 South Manning Blvd., 7-8 p.m. Information, 454-1550.

HOME HEALTH AIDE TRAINING PROGRAM, 14-day program, sponsored by Home Aide Service of Eastern New York, 10 Colvin Ave., 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 459-6853.

DEVELOPMENT PROGRAM, "Toddlers," sponsored by St. Peter's Hospital Wellness Center, 7-8 p.m. Information, 454-1750.

## BETHLEHEM

LENTEN SERVICE, guest speaker Pastor John Huenniger, Faith Lutheran Church, Glenmont, covered dish dinner at 6 p.m.; service at 7 p.m.

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD, meeting, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 355-4236.

BETHLEHEM MUSIC ASSN., "Meet the Composer Symposium," room 70, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3158.

SIGN LANGUAGE X, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, antique study group, discussion on Creamware, led by Pat Lattimer, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-5353.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, "Trial and Crucifixion," presented by Rev. Arvin Schoep, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-1786.

PUBLIC HEARING, on application of Karen and Peter Gerstenzang, 12 Parkwyn Circle Delmar; Clean Harbors Inc., Bask Rd., Glenmont, Bethlehem Town Hall, 441 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning. Information, 439-4258.

BETHLEHEM LIONS CLUB, meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m.

ONESQUETHAW CHAPTER, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

## NEW SCOTLAND

CLARKSVILLE NEIGHBORHOOD ASSN., meeting, featuring Robert Parmentier, Clarksville Community Church, 7:30 p.m.

POP WARNER SIGN-UP, for players and cheerleaders, St. Matthew's Church, 6-8 p.m. Information, 765-3677.

NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR CITIZENS, every Wednesday, New Scotland Town Hall, New Scotland. Information, 765-2109.

## ALBANY

NEGRO COMPANY ENSEMBLE, "The Mississippi Delta," State Museum, 12:10 p.m. Information, 473-0559.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, Capital District chapter, featuring Dr. Dan Grossberg, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., 7:45 p.m. Information, 785-3192.

BLOODMOBILE, sponsored by American Red Cross, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., 8:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

MEETING, Capital Region World Trade Council, Jack's Oyster House, 42 State St., 6 p.m. Information, 432-4724.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 6:15-9:30 p.m. Information, 765-4011.

## CAPITAL DISTRICT

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE SHOW, through March 19, sponsored by Capital District RV Dealers Association, Rotterdam Square Mall. Information, 439-1731.

## ENTERTAINMENT

VIENNA CHOIR BOYS, program of sacred and secular music, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

"GLENMARRY GLEN ROSS," through March 19, Capital Repertory Company, Albany. Information, 462-4534.

"A MAN FOR ALL SEASONS," produced by ESIPA, through March 20, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany. Information, 443-5111.

KABBALAH CLASS, class in Jewish mysticism, every Thursday, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

SILVER BULLETS SQUARE DANCE CLUB, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m. every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

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

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## BETHLEHEM

MUSIC DISCUSSIONS, featuring Geoffrey Simon, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DISTRICT BAND FESTIVAL, sponsored by Bethlehem Music Department, Bethlehem Central High School, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3158.

"SPRING BIRD," slide program, presented by Susan Wolfe, Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144, Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m. Information, 436-8289.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

OVEREATERS ANONYMOUS, meeting every Thursday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

PARENT SUPPORT GROUP, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Thursdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

## FOR YOUR INFORMATION . . .

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

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

VILLAGE OF VOORHEESVILLE, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7:15 p.m., when agenda warrants, Zoning Board, first Wednesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

BETHLEHEM BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY, open Monday through Friday, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.; Saturday, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; and Sunday, 1-5 p.m., 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9314.

# THE YOUTH NETWORK

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"Growing Healthy," which is referred to in the Bethlehem Central School District as the Seattle/Berkley Program because of its origins, reaches approximately 2,200 students — everyone in kindergarten through grade 7. The program was started in 1969.

Regular classroom teachers, often assisted by school nurses and parent volunteers, conduct the program at the elementary level. For grades 6 and 7 science teachers teach the course. The program runs daily for a six- to eight-week period. The program has a total of eight units — one for each grade level.

The kindergarten unit, "Happiness Is Being Healthy," introduces children to their five senses, feelings, caring for their health and general health habits. The first grade unit, "Super Me," explores self-concept development and individuality, and expands on the senses of taste, touch and smell, and their roles in communicating information about personal and environmental health.

The overall objective of the Growing Healthy curriculum for grades 1 through 7 is to foster student competencies in making decisions that will enhance their health and lives.

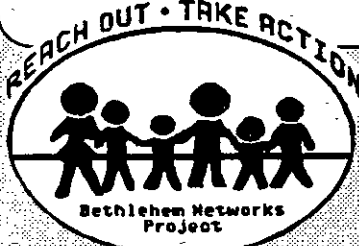
The goal of Growing Healthy is to help the child realize that the body is: each person's greatest natural resource in life; uniquely one's own; exquisitely beautiful and complex in its structure and functions; influenced by one's own choices made throughout life; and capable of bringing experiences in life more exciting than anything imaginable because they will be one's own experiences.

Specific objectives are denoted by the following titles for the units presented to grades 2 through 7: "About Our Ears and Hearing," grade 2; "About Our Eyes," grade 3; "Our Decisions, Our Digestion, Our Health," grade 4; "About Our Lungs and Our Health," grade 5; "Our Health and Our Heart," grade 6; and "Living Well With Our Nervous System," grade 7.

The format of the projects at each grade level is similar. Each unit is organized in phases. Phase I consists of an introduction of the body system being studied. Phase II involves activities designed to develop an appreciation for the body system. Phase III is a presentation of the structure and function of the system. Phase IV is an outline of diseases, problems and dysfunctions of the system. Phase V is a discussion on prevention, care and promotion of wellness with respect to the specific system. Culmination activities attempt to synthesize and reinforce the main concepts of each unit.

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SLIDE PROGRAM, "Whoop It Down: The Aesthetics of Afro-American Quilts," presented by Lisa Aronson, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 12:10 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

SEMINAR, "Alzheimer's Disease and Other Dementias: Research Findings and Pragmatic Approaches," Albany Medical College, 8:30 a.m. Information, 445-5828.

MEETING, Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

LA LECHE LEAGUE, for pregnant women and mothers who are breastfeeding, Woman's Health Care Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 452-3455.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION, Gansevoort chapter, Mynderse-Frederick House, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, 1:30 p.m. Information, 456-4580.

### ENTERTAINMENT

"SNOOPY," Sena College, Loudonville, 10 a.m. Information, 783-2431.

**FRI MAR 17**

### BETHLEHEM

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, sponsored by Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

RECOVERY INC., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, every Friday at 12:30 p.m.

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

DUPLICATE BRIDGE, all levels welcome, third Fridays, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 462-4504.

### NEW SCOTLAND

"THE MOUSE THAT ROARED," presented by Dionysians, drama club at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

YOUTH GROUP MEETINGS, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

### ALBANY

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, sponsored by Capital District Lesbian and Gay Community Center, 332 Hudson Ave., \$5, 5:30 p.m. Information, 462-6138.

"CELTIC FROM TWO CONTINENTS," featuring John Montague and William Kennedy, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., 3 p.m. Information, 442-3075.

WILDLIFE EXPOSITION, through March 19, Empire State Plaza. Information, 783-1362.

NOON ORGAN CONCERTS, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-3502.

CHEMENON, self-help group for adolescents who use drugs and/or alcohol, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7-8 p.m. Information, 869-1172.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

BLOOD DRIVE, sponsored by Leonard Hospital's Home Health Care Department and American Red Cross, 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy, 7 a.m.-noon. Information, 233-1802.

SEMINAR, for senior high school women, sponsored by American Society of Women Accountants, Russell Sage Campus, Troy. Information, 270-2245.

### ENTERTAINMENT

MARILYN RICHARDSON, with Albany Symphony Orchestra, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

"SNOOPY," Sena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

### EXHIBITS

JOHN FLYNN AND DAN GILHOOLEY, through April 16, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, reception, 5-8 p.m., 189 Second St., Troy. Information, 273-0552.

**SAT MAR 18**

### BETHLEHEM

CRAFT FAIR, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4817.

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TRI-VILLAGE SQUARES, dance, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

OUTDOOR EXPLORATION, of natural history of spring, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

SPRING BOOK SALE, through March 20, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

### NEW SCOTLAND

ST. PATRICK'S DAY DINNER, and dancing, sponsored by American Legion, Post 1493, Voorheesville, \$11 per person, 6 p.m.

"THE MOUSE THAT ROARED," presented by Voorheesville Drama Club, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-3314.

### ALBANY

WILDLIFE EXPOSITION, through March 19, Empire State Plaza. Information, 783-1362.

"MANAGING YOUR DIABETES," workshop, sponsored by American Diabetes Association, Desmond Americana, \$15 per person, 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

"BASICS OF ASSERTIVENESS," workshop, presented by Wendell Harris, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1-4 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

"REDUCING FEARS, PHOBIAS AND ANXIETIES," workshop presented by Sister Rose Frederick, Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster St., \$15, 10 a.m. Registration, 489-4431.

MEETING, Albany, Rensselaer, Schenectady districts of Order of Eastern Star of New York, featuring state officers, Holiday Inn-Turf, 205 Wolf Rd., 8 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

MOVEABLE FEAST, sponsored by Historic Albany Foundation, Albany Academy, Academy Rd., 6 p.m. Information, 463-0622.

SPRING LUNCHEON, sponsored by State University at Albany Women's Club, University Club, Dove St. and Washington Ave., 12:30 p.m. Reservations, 458-7370.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING COURSE, sponsored by Northeastern New York Safety and Health Council Inc., 845 Central Ave., 9 a.m.-3:45 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW, sponsored by Capital District African Violet Society and African Violet Society of Albany, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., 2:30-7 p.m. Information, 438-8097.

"DINO DEN DISCOVERY PROGRAM," featuring hands-on activities for children, State Museum, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

SPRING GALA, sponsored by Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, 6 p.m. Information, 273-0552.

### ENTERTAINMENT

MARILYN RICHARDSON, with Albany Symphony Orchestra, Palace Theatre, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

"SNOOPY," Sena College, Loudonville, 8 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

### EXHIBITS

KNOTS AND NETS, over 60 works from 18th, 19th and 20th centuries, through July 16, State Museum, Albany. Information, 474-5877.

**SUN MAR 19**

### BETHLEHEM

SPRING BOOK SALE, through March 20, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, Communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday school, 10:10 a.m., Glenmont Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

PANCAKE AND SAUSAGE BREAKFAST, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of American Legion, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-0669 or 474-2251.

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BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday School, 9 a.m., 3-year-olds through adult, morning worship, 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH, Bible study, 9:15 a.m.; worship, church school and nursery care, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Communion service, first Sundays. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

EMMANUEL CHRISTIAN CHURCH, worship, Sunday School and nursery care, 10 a.m., followed by a time of fellowship, Retreat House Rd., Glenmont. Information, 463-6465.

FAITH LUTHERAN CHURCH, ELCA, morning worship, 9 a.m.; Sunday school and Bible class, 10:15 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, Information, 465-2188.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Information, 767-9953.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, Scientist, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM, church school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-3406.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m.; service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH, Eucharist followed by breakfast, 8 a.m.; Christian education, 9:30-10:15 a.m.; Holy Eucharist followed by coffee hour, 10:30 a.m.; nursery care provided, 9:30 a.m.-noon, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, service, youth forum, 10 a.m.; fellowship hour and adult education programs, 11 a.m.; nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m.; family worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH, Sunday School and worship, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Rd., Delmar. Information, 438-7740.

### NEW SCOTLAND

PUBLIC BREAKFAST, Voorheesville American Legion, \$2 for child, \$3 for adult. Information, 765-4712.

CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., coffee hour following service, nursery care provided. Information, 768-2916.

NEWSALEM REFORMED CHURCH, service at 11:15 a.m.; nursery care provided, Rt. 85 and Rt. 85A, New Salem. Information, 439-7112.

ONESQUETHAW CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND, adult class, 9:30 a.m.; worship and church school, 10:30 a.m. nursery care provided, Rt. 85, New Scotland. Information, 439-6454.

UNIONVILLE CHURCH, worship, 9:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, child care provided, Christian education for age 3 through adult, 11 a.m. Information, 439-5303.

UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH, Sunday school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m. Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

### ALBANY

PALM SUNDAY SERVICE, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., 9:45 a.m. Information, 436-8544.

WILDLIFE EXPOSITION, through March 19, Empire State Plaza. Information, 783-1362.

AFRICAN VIOLET SHOW, sponsored by Capital District African Violet Society and African Violet Society of Albany, Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., 11 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 438-8097.

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP, meeting, 421 Karner Rd., 1 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

ROAD RACE, three- and six-mile fun runs, sponsored by Hudson Mohawk Road Runners Club, State University at Albany physical education building, noon registration, 1 p.m. Information, 482-6382.

LECTURE, "Irish American Heritage," presented by Thomas F. Harrington, sponsored by Albany County Historical Assn., Ten Broeck Museum, 9 Ten Broeck Place, 2 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

POETRY READING, presented by Harrison Fisher, sponsored by New York State Writer's Institute, 161 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 442-5620.

NATURE CONSERVANCY MEETING, "On Vision and Viewshed: Frederic Edwin Church, Landscape Artist of the Hudson River School, and the Protection of the Oland Viewshed," presented by Dr. Gerald Carr and James Ryan, campus center, State University at Albany, 3:30 p.m. Information, 869-0453.

SCOTTISH COUNTRY DANCERS, Sunday evenings, Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-0974.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

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

### ENTERTAINMENT

EASTER SHOW, to benefit Arthritis Foundation, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, 3 p.m. Information, 382-3884.

"SNOOPY," Siena College, Loudonville, 2 p.m. Information, 783-2431.

**MON MAR 20**

### BETHLEHEM

SPRING BOOK SALE, through March 20, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-5 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

PURIM MEGILAH READING, program for children, Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., 6:45 p.m. Information, 439-8280.

DELMAR KIWANIS, meets Mondays at Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

AL-ANON GROUP, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

ALATEEN MEETING, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by another's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

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MOTHER'S TIME OUT, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, nursery care provided, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

### NEW SCOTLAND

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

MEETING, board of trustees of Bethlehem School District Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

### ALBANY

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, on lock repairs, presented by John Kohler, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 6-8 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

### ENTERTAINMENT

BRUCE "U. UTAH" PHILIPS, folksinger and storyteller, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Guiderland Center, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

**TUE MAR 21**

### BETHLEHEM

MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP GROUP, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

MEETING, American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter 1598, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-1887.

DELMAR ROTARY, meets Tuesdays at Albany Motor Inn, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MASONIC LODGE 1096, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEDICARE FORM AID, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments, 439-2160.

### ALBANY

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, delegates to legislative forum will attend meeting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-5353.

FIBROSIS SUPPORT GROUP, St. Peter's Hospital, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1232.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN COLONISTS, meeting for members, prospective members and public, Grimaldi's Restaurant, 1533 Central Ave., 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-3188.

INFORMATION SESSIONS, for Empire State College, Capital District regional center 845 Central Ave., 5:30 p.m. Information, 485-5964.

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS, self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4393.

FATHER'S RIGHTS ASSN., meeting, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 674-3253.

AMERICAN DIABETES ALERT DAY, open house, sponsored by American Diabetes Assn., 50 Colvin Ave., 3:30-7 p.m. Information, 489-1755.

SAFE PLACE, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, sponsored by The Samaritans, meets first and third Tuesdays, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

### CAPITAL DISTRICT

FILM, "Grand Central Terminal: City Within the City," Rensselaer County Historical Society's Carr Building, 57 Second St., Troy, 12:10 p.m. Information, 272-7332.

DEFENSIVE DRIVING PROGRAM, sponsored by Driver Training Assn., RCS Senior High School, 5:35-7:10 p.m. Information, 765-4011.



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**BETHLEHEM**

MEETING, for information on sponsoring of a Boy Scout Troop, Glenmont Firehouse, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3645.

CONFERENCES POSTPONED, parent-teacher conferences in Bethlehem Central School District postponed until March 28.

"GOLDEN," lecture, presented by Hellen Holler, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY, "Resurrection," presented by Rev. Robert Hess, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingshops, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-1786.

APPLEWORKS WORD PROCESSOR DEMONSTRATION, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

LENTEN SERIES, featuring Margie Wood, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 6:50 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

**ALBANY**

SEMINAR, "Customer Relations Employee Development Course," five sessions, presented by Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, 18 Computer Dr. West, 6:30-9 p.m. Information, 458-2832.

HANDIVAN WORKSHOP, on plumbing, presented by John Kohler, Albany Public Library, 517 Delaware Ave., 6:30-8:30 p.m. Information, 463-4267.

WOMEN'S POLITICAL CAUCUS, of Capital District, meeting, Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 463-1039.

SAFETY SEMINARS, "Lab Safety," sponsored by Northeastern New York Safety and Health Council, 845 Centricl, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

**ENTERTAINMENT**

LOUIS ST. LOUIS, pianist, ESIPA, Empire State Plaza, noon and 5 p.m. Information, 443-5111.

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**BETHLEHEM**

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

MAUNDY THURSDAY COMMUNION SERVICE, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

MAUNDY THURSDAY SERVICE, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

GYM DEMONSTRATION, presented by students of Voorheesville Elementary School, Clayton A. Bouton Senior-Junior High School, 7 p.m.

FRI  
MAR 24

**BETHLEHEM**

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

GOOD FRIDAY SERVICE, "Tenabrae Service," Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

SAT  
MAR 25

**BETHLEHEM**

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 465-2188.

EASTER EGG HUNT, for children of Elmwood Park Fire District, North Bethlehem Firehouse, Russell Rd., 1:30-3 p.m.

SUN  
MAR 26

**BETHLEHEM**

EASTER VIGIL SERVICE, sunrise service, 7 a.m.; continental breakfast, 8 a.m.; Communion, 9 a.m.; Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont. Information, 465-2188.

MON  
MAR 27

**BETHLEHEM**

MOTHER'S TIME OUT, featuring Dr. Howard Netter, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

TUE  
MAR 28

**BETHLEHEM**

BETHLEHEM WOMEN'S REPUBLICAN CLUB, presentation by Karen Pelletier and Ken Ringler, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m. Information, 439-2947.

**Mercury plant concerns**

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explained the worst-case scenarios and their various complications. "If the mercury vaporizes, extremely prolonged exposure to high amounts could cause dizziness or headaches. If the mercury is found in the soil, it can be ingested as inorganic mercury, and cause renal (kidney) problems. That form can't cross into the brain, so it has no neurological side effects."

According to Miller, the worst cases of mercury poisoning occurred in Minimata, Japan. Thirty or 40 years of uncontrolled dumping of mercury into Minimata's bay by local industry left the bay highly contaminated.

The mercury becomes concentrated when fish ingest it, and as the Japanese diet is high in fish, the local population received heavy exposure through eating the 'concentrated' mercury in fish from the bay, resulting in serious complications.

"But that was during years of a completely uncontrolled situation," Miller explained, adding that "at low doses, you would not expect to see any of these effects. Mercury is a naturally occurring substance. You might keep that in mind."

In one way, it could be compared to the "very low doses" of herbicides and fertilizers that Garry says "you just can't take away from farmers."

But one of Garry's points remains unanswered. "Our traffic has increased several-fold over the past few years as more people find our area a desirable place to live. And we all know what coming up Rts. 85 or 443 is like on an icy day here. If an oil spill can occur, imagine what it would be like with the four loads a day of this poisonous stuff coming from

Railroad Ave. in Albany. Imagine this stuff dumping right into the headwaters that feed everyone's water systems," he said.

David Cohen, vice president of Mercury Refining Company said there will be "no negative effects on the area," adding that the plant would be employing at least 15 people, and that it will have "no water discharges." He said that in the very worst case scenario, any emissions would be "well within the DEC (Department of Environmental Conservation) limits."

MERECO will be operating within the existing buildings at

the site, and Cohen said there will be one truck per day from the Mercury Refining location, pointing out that Main Care and other fuel and hazardous materials tankers use the road many more times each day.

"There has been little discussion between the town and Mercury Refining," Cohen said. "They haven't exactly been helpful in helping us sort things out. The people in Town Hall are representing their constituents, and from the way it has been, it doesn't look like they want any new constituents when they talk to us."

**Bethlehem Village**

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Another point raised was the requirement to describe the Planned Development District "in sufficient detail". The letter states that the developers failed to provide the required information on the interior roadway system of the development, district boundaries, safeguards against detrimental effects on the adjacent neighborhood and the "desirability" of the proposal in the proposed location. The letter also states that zoning and planning information provided in the application is wrong.

Preston said that those areas can easily be corrected by the project engineers.

A third point raised by the letter is the question of a "super majority". According to the letter, which cites Article 16, Section 265 of the New York State Town Law, a three-quarter majority is needed when the town board decides whether or not to send the zoning change application to the planning board since more than 20 percent of the landowners directly opposite New Scot-

land Rd. oppose the zoning change. A petition with the names of 11 New Scotland Rd. residents opposed to the project accompanied the letter. It could not be verified as of Tuesday whether the petition was valid or not.

The letter also states that the same majority will be needed on all town board votes regarding the proposed zone change.

Preston said: "Right now we're not sure if that's an issue. All they (the town board) will do now is review the application and decide whether to pass it on to the planning board. That point might be premature."

**Wallet, cash stolen from car**

The theft of a wallet and several other items from a car parking in the driveway of a Middlesex Dr. home on Saturday is under investigation by the Bethlehem Police Department. Police said \$400 in cash, a recorder worth \$300 and a pair of Nikon binoculars worth \$200 were taken from the unlocked car early Saturday morning.

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# Town board selects master plan committee

By Mark Stuart

Members of the town of Bethlehem's master plan committee were announced Wednesday at the town board's regular meeting.

The 11-member committee consisting of town officials, residents and officers of neighborhood associations was chosen to help facilitate the development of a town-wide master plan. However, since regulations allow only planning board members to serve on a "master plan committee" per se, Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick renamed the committee the Town Land Use Management Advisory Committee.

Charles Gunner, who retired from his post as Bethlehem Central High School principal last summer, will serve as committee chairman. Other members include Marcia Nelson of the Bethlehem Planning Board; John Mitchell, planning board attorney; Sam Messina of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning; Town Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko; Sheila Galvin of the Board of Appeals; Douglas

## Bethlehem

Brownell, president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; Mary Blake of Glenmont, a teacher; Freeman Putney of Selkirk, a former vice president of Norstar Bank; Mark Fitzsimmons of Delmar, an environmental management consultant to the Albany County Planning Board, and Bob Alessi, an attorney who specializes in environmental issues.

In other business the board briefly discussed the new restrictions in this year's spring cleanup. Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the board that a mailing will be sent out Friday, March 17, telling residents what will be prohibited in the town-wide trash pickup.

A dumping permit was approved for the Normanside Country Club. The request came from Trinity Construction, Inc. in order to allow on-site disposal of cleared brush and construction

debris left over from the construction of a driving range. The debris will be covered over during the final landscaping.

The board set a public hearing for Apr. 12 at 7:30 p.m. to discuss a Traffic Safety Committee recommendation to install a stop sign at the intersection of Parkwyn Dr. and Murray Ave. and "keep right" signs at both ends of Parkwyn Dr.

At the close of the meeting, Councilman Robert Burns formally requested that the supervisor look into the ethical ramifications of the March 1 Point of View column in *The Spotlight* written by Planning Board member Dominick DeCecco.

The column disputed some of the figures provided by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning in their argument against the proposed Delmar Village development.

On Friday, Hendrick said he spoke to DeCecco, who said he wrote the column as a private citizen and not as a representative of the board.

"There is nothing in the ethics code to prevent him from doing what he did," Hendrick said. He added that the letter was published after the public comment period for Delmar Village expired and will have no effect on the town board's consideration of the project.

Town Clerk Carolyn Lyons was named as administrator of the town's Records Retention and Disposition policy, a newly created position in the town required by the state Education Department.



Emergency personnel prepare to transport one of three persons injured in a four-car chain reaction accident Friday afternoon at Delaware Ave. and Hudson Ave. Ellen Sanderson, 80, of Slingerlands, Nancy Stanish, 42, of Albany and Mardette Strett, 75, a passenger in the Stanish car, were sent to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. All were treated and released. Police said the accident occurred while three of the cars involved were stopped on Delaware Ave. behind a car waiting to turn left onto Hudson Ave. Bethlehem Police ticketed Sanderson for following too closely.

Cathi Ann M. Cameron

# Ponderosa rides in to former Fiesta

By Mark Stuart

Site plan modifications for the former Fiesta Restaurant on Delaware Ave. to accommodate a new Ponderosa Restaurant were presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board last Monday.

Daniel Mitchell, president of Claim Your Steak, Inc., presented the application to the board, which included facade changes, new signage and landscaping and a new parking plan.

The board was interested primarily in two aspects of the proposal: a lighted red translucent eave along the front of the building and a 14-foot high, four-by-eight foot sign in the front of the property.

Mitchell said both aspects of the plan are designed to alert motorists travelling into Bethlehem from Albany of the restaurant's location.

He said that after several test rides along Delaware Ave. to determine sight distances, he felt the sign would be necessary to prevent drivers from going past the entrance and having to back up or turn around.

Board members, however, were concerned about whether exiting vehicles would be able to see oncoming traffic and about the less-than-appealing impression the translucent frontage may have on travellers entering Bethlehem. "Since this is a gateway to Bethlehem, we are looking for higher architectural standards and not an 'Advertising Ventura Highway,'" said assistant Town Planner Melanie Schmidt.

The restaurant building is expected to undergo changes that include new stucco facing, assorted shrubs, a new landscape design in front of the building and seven new employee parking spaces.

A portion of the restaurant's customer parking is situated on land owned by the Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. and the city of Albany, and Mitchell said he plans to buy the land owned by the city and sign a 20-year lease for the NiMo land.

In other business, the board tabled an application for the construction of an addition to the rear of the Early Childhood Learning Center on Rt. 9W.

The building is located south of the TACS auto shop and is owned by Alice Kearsse. The learn-

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ing center currently operates with 15 children.

The board tabled the proposal because according to site plan drawings submitted last week, the parking lot is currently infringing upon a 10-foot setback.

The board granted conditional approval for the commercial renovation of a home located at 1 Burhans Place, Marcel St. Onge said he intends to convert the home, which is located in a CCC-Commercial zone, into a real estate office.

Although the board granted conditional approval of the site plan, it did not approve the proposed sign, which included a hot-air balloon logo, five types of lettering and three colors.

Representing St. Onge, project landscaper and surveyor Paul Hite said he will look into asking the national real estate company for permission to use a new sign.

Anthony and Susan Gordon received conditional site approval, pending Albany County Planning Board approval, to convert a residence at 2 Oakwood Place to a business office. The building is located across from Main Square along Delaware Ave. in a CCC-Commercial district.

There will be two public hearings at the next regular planning board meeting on March 21. At 7:30 p.m. the board will hear a request from Briggs and Isabelle McAndrews for a four-lot subdivision on Stratton Place and Maple Terrace. The proposal is located in an A-Residential district.

At 7:45 p.m., there will be a site plan presentation for Westchester Woods, extension 2 subdivision. The 9-lot subdivision is located along Elm Ave. and is proposed by the Klersy Building Corp.

# Board extends 9W moratorium

By Mark Stuart

At the request of the planning board, the Bethlehem Town Board Wednesday night approved a 90-day extension of the eight-month building moratorium in the Rt. 9W corridor that was originally expected to end April 7.

The extension was requested in order to conduct a State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) evaluation of recommendations made in the final draft of the Rt. 9W Corridor Study compiled by the New York City-based planning firm of Buckhurst Fish Hutton Katz.

The SEQR study will evaluate the impact of proposed new roadways and roadway improvements, zoning district overlays and site development standards set forth in the corridor study.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky said he personally doesn't think there will be a need for an environmental impact statement in the SEQRA study and that the planning board expects to have the revised report, which will include any areas addressed by the planning board or the public last week, either on Friday or Monday. The revised report will be evaluated by the planning board at its March 21 meeting and it is expected that a public hearing will be set that same night. That hearing, which Lipnicky said will be for public input in the SEQRA process, will probably be held by or on April 25. According to that timetable, Lipnicky said he expects any zoning modifications to be voted on by the town board sometime in June.

Last Tuesday, about 100 people attended a public hearing on the corridor study, and reactions to

the study were mixed. Several residents praised the town's initiative in addressing development and traffic problems within the corridor. However, a number of residents expressed their concern over some of the proposals.

After a presentation by Peter Hart, project coordinator for BFHK, and Georges Jacquemart, project traffic consultant from Jacquemart Associates, residents voiced their concerns about the study.

Gillespie asked Jacquemart to explain the details of the roadway, pointing out that added traffic would make the crossing unsafe, particularly for school buses. When Jacquemart said he would have to look into the problem and that the plans are only conceptual without specific layout detail, Gillespie responded: "if you don't have the answers, you shouldn't be here today!" Later during the meeting, Lipnicky said the study was not intended to provide roadway alignment studies, which would be required before roadway approval is granted.

In terms of conservation measures, Selkirk criticized the report's suggestion that commercial development be located along tracts of land away from the Thruway. Selkirk suggested that the commercial tracts be along the Thruway, leaving more open space for deer. "Good point," Hart responded.

Jim Nebroski of Wemple Rd. asked the planning board to consider what effect putting a Thruway interchange at Wemple Rd. would have. Nebroski suggested that the upgrading of Wemple Rd. to a collector road may some day result in increased development to the west and eventually cause a connector link-up with Elsmere Ave. at the Delmar Bypass.

Chris Bulnes, whose home is located adjacent to the Rt. 32-Rt. 9W intersection, questioned whether the conservation zones established in the study would affect his home, which is bordered by a Rt. 9W and a conservation zone along the Thruway. Hart responded that the conservation zones would mainly apply to the

central sections of the corridor and that hardship cases would have to be considered by the planning board on a case-by-case basis.

Board of Appeals member M. Sheila Galvin questioned the concept of zoning overlays as an automatic use variance. Hart gave no clear-cut answer as to whether the overlays were or not. He said the limits and safeguards of intra-zone use variances would become a planning board action and not a board of appeals action.

Bill Strong of Glenmont questioned the collector road standards set forth in the study and also was critical of zoning overlays and the resulting "spot zoning" that might occur.

Jon VanDerpoel of Glenmont said he was against the proposed policy of setting a 200-foot buffer along collector roads and its effect on property value of existing lands. "I'd lose five acres to a buffer zone. That only leaves me seven acres of the 12 I own," VanDerpoel said.

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## News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

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### Scouts raise funds

Members of Junior Girl Scout Troop 97 will be selling homemade Easter candy at Hotaling's Market in Feura Bush on Saturday, March 18, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Proceeds from the sale will help send the troop on a trip to the Boston Children's Museum and Aquarium during May. The troop's co-leaders are Heidi Sengenberger and Bonnie Bannah.

### Talent show planned

A talent show will be held at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Friday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m.

Headlining the show will be Mirinda. "We've got a great line-up of talent," says Jim Staats, who is Mirinda's father and manager of the talent show. Acts will include Uncle Steve Crockett and the Log Cabin Boys, who have appeared with such bluegrass legends as Bill Monroe. Also performing will be Alicia Roots, Mary Ann Hughs, Little Jackie Hoose, Krazy Legs-JT, Bob Mayo, Brian Perry and Andrea Kent, George Kendall, Andrea Myers and Frank Smith.

Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children under 12. For reservations call the Rev. Dickson at 767-9953.

### Students exhibit handiwork

Students at A.W. Becker Elementary School will display the fruits of labor at a school fair on

Thursday, March 16, at 7 p.m. A potpourri of themes this year will include collections, pandas, indians, electricity and student videos. All are welcome.

### ASAP registration open

ASAP Inc., the After School Activity Program serving elementary students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, is accepting applications for the 1989-90 school year. For information write to ASAP, P.O. Box 302, Ravena, N.Y. 12043, or call 756-3933 or 767-3459.

### School closes for day

Schools in the RCS School District will be closed on Monday, March 20, for a superintendent's conference day. The district schools will also be closed on Good Friday, March 24, and Easter Monday, March 27.

### Driving program offered

The New York State Point and Insurance Reduction Program is being offered for the first time as part of the continuing education program at RCS Junior High School. The two-session course will be held on March 21 and 28, from 7 to 10 p.m.

To register send your phone number and a \$35 check payable to RCS Central School to Bob Wade, RCS Junior High, Route 9W, Ravena, N.Y. 12143.

### Students honored

Among the A.W. Becker students who were recently recog-

nized for their achievements are: Courtney Endres, reading excellence; Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, math excellence; and Nellie Duncan, Sherri Pelton, Lee Biers, Brenda Engel, Kim Riley, Brent Dragon, Joey Adams, Richard Nestlen, Kristyn Gordon and Christina Fahrenkopf, achievement in classroom work.

### Ravena students learn

Students in Mrs. Reed's second grade class at Ravena Elementary School recently viewed a video about scuba diving shown by Mr. Kearney, who also demonstrated how to use the equipment. "I learned scuba diving can be fun," said Roger Consolver, a student.

Mrs. Cipperly's morning and afternoon kindergarten students have been busy learning their letter sounds. Each of the students recently made an "Inchy Inchworm" for the letter "i" sound.

### Selkirk man hurt in crash

Bethlehem police said a Selkirk man was injured in a two-car crash Sunday morning at the intersection of Rt. 32 and Elsmere Ave.

Police said a car driven by John Brandone, 39, of Selkirk was traveling north on Elsmere Ave. when it was hit by a car driven by 35-year-old John Seth of Zelenople, Pa.

Seth was ticketed for passing a red light, police said.

Brandone was reportedly taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for treatment of the injuries he sustained during the crash.

Three passengers in Brandone's car, Rose Marie Brandone, 40, Michelle Brandone, 10, and Sarah Brandone, 6, were uninjured in the crash. Seth was not injured, police said.

## RCS budget

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Maurice Satin — were present. Schwartz said the document may be presented to the constituency on April 10.

The budget was presented with details on spending in five categories: general services, kindergarten through grade 5 instruction, instruction for grades 6 through 8, instruction for grades 9 through 12, and district-wide services.

A total of \$7,414,773 in spending is proposed in the general services category, which includes transportation, operation and maintenance costs. The total includes \$1,592,091 for salaries, \$112,337 for equipment, \$5,436,134 for contract services, and \$274,211 for supplies and materials.

A total of \$2,375,348 in spending is proposed for instructional services in kindergarten through grade 5. Included are funds for the continuation of the whole-language approach to reading and writing, and the addition of an elementary guidance counselor. The \$2.3 million also allows for restructuring primary education to include a new pre-kindergarten program to serve 30 4-year-old children; the addition of a primary skills development class for 12 handicapped students and 10 sections of kindergarten with an average of 17 students each. The kindergarten through grade 5 spending proposal includes \$2,223,764 for salaries, \$17,490 for contract services, \$21,062 for equipment, \$47,817 for textbooks, and \$65,215 for supplies and materials.

The total proposed spending for instructional services in grades 6 through 8, is \$1,198,194, including \$1,104,288 for salaries, \$12,436 for equipment, \$15,273 for contract services, \$19,598 for textbooks, and \$46,599 for supplies and materials. The budget category includes funding for continuation of the sixth grade interdisciplinary team approach, which may be extended to grade

7 next year, according to Schwartz.

A total of \$1,985,678 is budgeted for instructional services in grades 9 through 12, including \$1,821,955 for salaries, \$20,335 for equipment, \$32,139 for contract services, \$36,412 for textbooks, and \$74,837 for supplies and materials. Schwartz said this budget category includes funding for "Stronger Completions," an alternative education program designed to help discouraged and defeated learners who are at risk of dropping out. In addition to assisting students in attaining basic proficiency in reading, writing, math and citizenship, the program offers counseling to aid students in changing negative attitudes. Staff members also assist students in developing strategies for finding a job after graduation. Schwartz explained that the district should save money by bringing students back into the district from the BOCES program. He said the tuition for BOCES is in excess of \$10,000 per student.

Finally, the district budget calls for \$3,046,520 in spending for district-wide services, which include summer driver education, summer curriculum development and contracts with BOCES. The \$3 million total includes \$1,515,485 for salaries, \$46,018 for equipment, \$1,379,562 for contract services, \$387 for textbooks, and \$105,068 for supplies and materials.

On the revenue side, the projected total of \$8,341,863 for 1989-90 includes an estimated \$6,540,163 in state aid, \$240,000 in BOCES aid, \$62,500 in textbook aid, \$120,000 from general fund investment, a \$1,200,000 fund balance, \$59,200 in a state aid bond anticipation note, and \$120,000 from all other receipts.

"Hopefully, it's conservative," said Rodger Lewis, district business administrator, regarding the estimate for state aid. "Hopefully, the state will come through with some more monies, but we can't afford to gamble."

The estimated tax levy for each town is as follows: Coeymans, \$3,310,914; New Scotland, \$288,821; Bethlehem, \$3,530,393; and New Baltimore, \$548,521. The estimated 1989-90 tax rates are: Coeymans, \$209.05 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, up \$6.44 or 3.18 percent from 1988-89; New Scotland, \$291.81, up \$38.16 or 15.04 percent; Bethlehem, \$184.47, up \$6.86 or 3.86 percent; and New Baltimore, \$184.10, up \$14.11 or 8.30 percent.

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Praising the study's recommendations for cluster development, James Coon of Glenmont said, "I think there's a real opportunity for this town to become a leader in the state in providing excellence in design." With proper site design and architectural review, Bethlehem has the chance to become the "showcase of the Capital District", he said. Coon did caution against cluster developments with increased density allowances.

One of the report's recommendations was for a Selkirk bypass between the Thruway, Rt. 9W and County Rt. 55. Jacquemart said the roadway construction could possibly be paid for through an assessment fee to Selkirk residents who would benefit from the project. However, Ronald Selkirk of Selkirk criticized the new roadway plan, asking, "does that mean I have to pay you to take my land away from me?" Selkirk said he has already lost a majority of his land to the Tenneco gas line and the state Thruway and would lose more land if the Selkirk Bypass were to be approved.

Don Gillespie of Beaver Dam Rd. was extremely critical of the Selkirk Bypass plan because, he said, it presents added danger at the intersection of Beaver Dam Rd. and an existing railroad crossing. According to the study, the Selkirk Bypass would connect with Beaver Dam Rd. at the railroad intersection.

The overlays in question pertain to professional office space in residential zones. Hart said the overlays act as amendments to an existing zone. In general, the study recommends townwide rezoning as a long-term goal, but stresses zoning overlays as a short-term goal.

Tom Fessinger, president of the Village Square Homeowners Association of Dowerskill, said he favored rezoning of undeveloped commercial land to residential in the central area of the corridor.

Several residents praised the idea of architectural review and historic preservation. Margaret Gadon and John Smolinsky of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning both praised the idea as not only a good idea for the corridor but for the whole town. Smolinsky did ask the board to look into how such a review process would work and which board would bear the burden of making design exceptions.



Diane Currey, above left, dances to the delight of her first grade classmates last week as part of the A. W. Becker Elementary School dance and movement workshop hosted by the Phyllis Rose Dance Company of New York City, whose members are shown in the accompanying photos. Cheryl Clary



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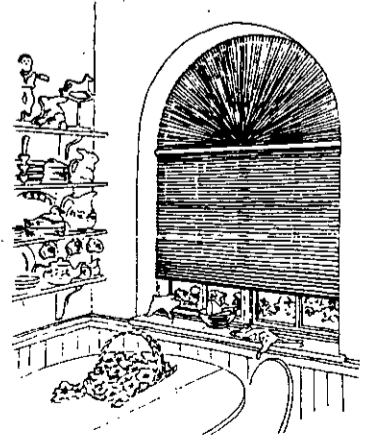
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# Mouse roars in Voorheesville

The Dionysians, the drama club of Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School, will present "The Mouse That Roared" on Friday and Saturday, March 17 and 18, at 8 p.m.

According to Carole Lillis, director, the play was adapted for the stage by Christopher George from the best selling novel of Leonard Webberly, which was later made into a movie starring Peter Sellers.

The comedy takes place in a minuscule European country, which accidentally acquires the world's most powerful atomic weapon. What the citizens accomplish through this possession provides "light-hearted yet thought-provoking material."

Heading the cast are Joseph Kraemer, Amy Hibbert, Michael Whitely, Jennifer Kraemer, Patti Ginder, Justin Birk, Andrea McAssey and Phil Roberts. In supporting and cameo roles are Emily Hibbert, Kelly Ryan, Ruth LaGere, Renee Parmalee, Katherine Kirschnick, Lauren Adlowitz, Chris Vondell, Erin Donnelly, Gina Stewart, Aaron Luczak, Jill Kraemer, Dana Blackmer, Kristen Hodder, Stacie Blackmer, Heather Horan, Bonnie Polzin, Alex Englander, Todd Relyea, Gretchen Gies, Cindy Law and Hiroyaki Takese.

Working behind the scenes are: Stephanie Reh, student director; Jeff Pierro, stage manager; Harry Timmis, Dan Jackson and Matthew Reh, lighting; Debbie

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McCluskey, sound; and Rachael LaGere and Jennifer Stapf, tickets and refreshments. Sherry Burgoon is faculty advisor.

Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and may be purchased at the door. Senior citizens will be admitted free.

### Gym demonstration planned

Students from Voorheesville Elementary School will present a gym demonstration on Wednesday, March 22, at 7 p.m. The program will be presented at the high school gym. Students in grades 2, 5 and 6 will display their skills in gym activities, including dancing and rope climbing.

Barbara Karl, Fern Horne and Don McDonald, the elementary school physical education teachers, invite everyone to the free event.

### St. Patrick's Day celebrated

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will celebrate St. Patrick's Day with a dinner dance at the post on Saturday, March 18. A corned beef and cabbage dinner will be served at 7:30 p.m. Music will be provided by Sundown from 8:30 p.m. until 12:30 a.m. Chairmen Bill Wenzel invites everyone to make reservations by calling 765-4712. Tickets are \$11 per person.



Members of The Dionysians, the drama club of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School, rehearse a scene from "The Mouse That

Roared." From left are Patti Ginder, Justin Birk, Andrea McAssey, Joe Kramer and Phil Roberts.  
Lyn Stapf

### Legion announces breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion will serve breakfast at the legion hall on Voorheesville Ave. on Sunday, March 19, from 8 a.m. until noon. Admission will be \$3 for adults and \$2 for children younger than 12 years. John Stansfield will serve as chairman of the event.

### Senior dinner

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will hold an anniversary dinner at the Crossgates Restaurant, Washington Ave. Ext., on Wednesday, April 12, at 5:30 p.m. Reservations may be made before April 9 by calling Mable Frisbee at 765-2090 or Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

### PTSA committees formed

During a recent meeting, the Voorheesville PTSA's creative

playground committee members set up small groups to investigate the equipment offered by several companies specializing in playgrounds for youngsters.

The group is still looking for people to assist with the project. The playground will benefit the entire community, and all are encouraged to get involved. For information call PTSA Co-presidents Deb Baron at 765-9371 or Elaine Burns at 765-4898.

### Students enjoy music

Theatre Fun for Young People will sponsor a day full of music in the Voorheesville Central School District on Wednesday, March 15. In honor of music in the schools month, the non-profit group will treat district students to several in-school concerts by the Festival of Jazz.

On Tuesday, March 28, students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will present their own pops concert at 7 p.m. in the high school gym.

### Shakespeare players present Julius Caesar

Shakespeare lovers take note. The Shakespeare Company on the Mount will present *Julius Caesar* at the high school on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. Tickets are \$4

for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens. Tickets may be purchased at the high school office. The production is being sponsored by the Humanities Committee and Theatre Fun for Young People in conjunction with the joint Voorheesville-Bethlehem Shakespeare Festival.

### Fields couple honored

Charles and Julia Fields will be honored at the New Scotland Citizen of the Year dinner on Friday, March 31, at 7 p.m. The dinner will be held at the Crossgates Restaurant on Washington Ave. Ext.

Reservations for the turkey dinner may be placed by calling Pat Hotaling at 765-2033 or Cathy Martin at 765-2778. Tickets are \$15.

### Story hours scheduled

The Voorheesville Public Library will sponsor St. Patrick's Day story hours this Friday, March 17, at 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Next week, Easter story hours will be held on Monday and Tuesday, March 20 and 21, at 10:30 a.m. Although the library will be open on Good Friday, March 24, no story hour will be held.

### Children's math workshop offered

Children in grades 4 through 8 are invited to join a series of workshops on problem solving and mathematics at the State Museum on March 11, April 15 and April 29.

The programs are designed to enhance and develop children's mathematical skills. The fee is \$6 for members and \$8 for non-members. For information call 474-5801.

### Meals on Wheels volunteers sought

The Albany Meals on Wheels program is calling for volunteers who are able to donate at least two hours per year. AMOW 250 provides meals to the homebound elderly during 250 days of each year.

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# Clayton A. Bouton honor rolls Students named

Students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School who earned honors and high honors\* during the second marking period of the 1988-89 school year include the following:

## Grade 9

Laura Blanchard\*, John Brennan\*, Daniel Carmody, Lyra Colfer\*, Noelle Crisafulli, Kristen Coley\*, Brian Goldstein\*, Pamela Harms\*, Emily Hibbert, Kristin Hodder\*, Kimberly Horan, Zachary Kendall, Alexandra Kinear\*, David Lancor\*, Steven Lapinski\*, Rebecca Logan, Alison Meilinger\*, Joseph Race, Kathryn Ramsey\*, Nicole Solomos\*, Robert Stapf, Erin E. Sullivan\*, Andrew Symula, Christin Veeder and David Washburn.

## Grade 10

Richard Adams, Ellen Barber\*, Jana Blackmer, Darcy Blackmer, Christine Blanchard, Christian Clark, Mary Coates, Leah Collins\*, Jennifer Cooper, Brigid Corcoran, Kelly Donohue, Michelle Doto, Sean Foley, Adrienne Ford, Thomas Genovese\*, Scott Harms, Matthew Hladun\*, Sandra Huang\*, Matthew Jeffers, Michael Kaine\*, Elena Keller\*, Dianne Kissell\*, Nicole Leach, Tammy Loewy\*, Thomas Martin,

John McGuire, Lynn Meade, Beth Miller, Cheryl Murphy, Michelle Paraso\*, Heather Parmenter, Laura Pierro, Keith Ranalli, Catherine Reilly\*, Todd Relyea, Todd Rockmore, Kyle Russo, Robert Sarr\*, Judith Smith\*, Tami Stewart, Kevin Taylor\*, Nancy Timmis, Theresa Wakefield and John Wojewoda\*.

## Grade 11

Tracy Avgerinos, Sarah Bissell, Erin Donnelly\*, Kristen Foster, Michael Haaf\*, Tammy Hallenbeck, William Kerr\*, Jessica Kilar, Jennifer Kraemer\*, Cher Krajewski, Michael Malark, Christopher McDermott\*, Marianne Passarelli, Randolph Rathke, Kyle Relyea\*, Adam Rose, Christian Scharl, Craig Schreivogl\*, Megan Smith, Tracy Stevens\*, Alice Warden\* and Angela Washburn\*.

## Grade 12

Kelly Avgerinos, Haven Battles\*, Natalia Bausback\*, Justin Birk, Colin Breeze, Stephanie Brown, Patricia Carmody\*, Laline Carvalho\*, Joseph Colburn\*, Orion Colfer\*, Kevin Davis\*, Jill Decatur\*, Amy DeFazio\*, Bridget DePasquale, Carey Donohue\*, Alison Egan\*, Kristina Flanders\*, Paulette

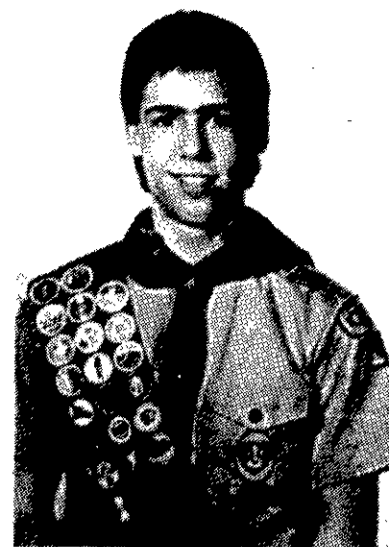
## Village budget to stay the same

All of the various departments of Voorheesville government met Saturday to begin the process of creating this year's budget for the village. Early indications are that the tax rate will not change.

"Everyone received notice," said Voorheesville Mayor Ed Clark "and we'll review what their plans are for the upcoming year — how this year's budget was, what changes will be new for the various departments — just come to grips with next year."

Clark said that this upcoming budget will be "very much like last year's," and that he sees no particular problems with funding.

"I think taxes will stay at the same rate; maybe lower," Clark said, adding that "That's not like reducing, say, school tax, but we're always pleased to hold the line." *C.A.M. Cameron*



Edward T. Rivers

## Earns Eagle badge

On February 25, 1989, Edward T. Rivers was awarded the Eagle Scout Medal at an awards banquet held at the Ponce DeLeon Restaurant in Hornell. Edward resides with his parents Roland and Patricia Rivers at 127 Bedford Court in Voorheesville. He is a Junior at Voorheesville High School and is a member of St. Matthew's Church. The new Eagle Scout is also a member of the Order of the Arrow, and in 1986 was selected as the Troop 14 Scout of the Year.

## Counterline receives manager award

Jeff Counterline, manager of the Voorheesville Stewart's shop, was honored as Stewart's manager of the month for the region extending from Newburgh to the Canadian border. He was recognized for having consistent sales growth, and a solid net profit, while providing quality service.

Counterline is a resident of Glenmont.

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## Lawson's Lake picnic site ruled out

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

A summer picnic ground at Lawson's Lake does not look promising for the Town of New Scotland.

At the latest meeting of the town's Recreation Committee, information from Albany County Assemblyman Charles Hotaling and County Attorney William Conboy was discussed. Since the proposed recreation area is adjacent to water, in addition to insurance, a lifeguard would have to be provided, as would restroom facilities for a public area. On top of the original preparation of the area and incidental costs, this would make the project more expensive than the amount the county has to invest at present, committee members learned.

In a more promising development, Alan Koppel from Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group reported on the possibility of the town receiving 50 percent state funding for local parks.

Committee member Tom Hitt, former employee of the State Parks and Recreation Department, brought the possibility to the committee's attention, and Koppel elaborated on the availability of receiving such grants from the state.

A committee is being assembled to discuss what is needed in the park areas, and if the 50-50 program is something the town could participate in.

Spearheaded by New Scotland Account Clerk Patricia McVee, town residents can now look forward to New Scotland Day at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on June 3.

The day will begin with a slide show and history of the center, followed by a nature walk and picnic bag lunch. McVee said she is hoping for a large turn out, and town Supervisor Herbert Reilly called Five Rivers "a real treasure

in our own back yard." Registration deadline is May 26.

In other business, the committee repeated its offer of a summer recreation internship in the Feura Bush-Unionville-New Salem area to an interested college student, and its hopes that area parents will encourage their returning college students to apply. The committee also discussed bleachers and other equipment the town may need for the upcoming park season.

The next Recreation Committee meeting will be held on April 11 at Town Hall.



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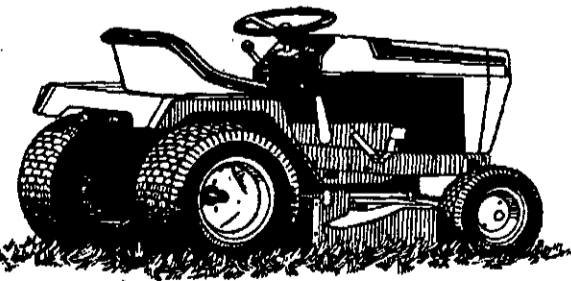
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# Cass Hill Bridge repairs to start

Work is slated to start on the Cass Hill Bridge as soon as the weather breaks, according to New Scotland Highway Superintendent Pete Van Zetten.

In a repeat of the successful repair of the Wolf Hill Bridge, the town will be doing the work with its own crews instead of contracting the repairs out. Town workers will begin taking the bridge deck off within the next couple of weeks.

Contracts will soon be awarded for general road maintenance products and highway supplies based on bids opened at the March 1 Town Board Meeting.

Among the bids expected to be accepted is a contract to provide sand and gravel. Ironically, low bid came from Larned and Sons Mining Co., whose location at the former Tall Timbers Country Club site has continued to cause controversy in the town.

According to Van Zetten, New

## New Scotland

Scotland's roads have weathered the winter well. "The roads are in pretty decent shape," Van Zetten said. "In the last month, we had a lot of ice, so we used a lot of salt and sand, but we have done less plowing, so there isn't as much damage."

The department is currently making a list of roads to undergo major repairs this summer, which will be brought to the town board for decision. "I'm versatile," Van Zetten said. "If a road needs fixing and they come to us, we try. But some people don't want their roads improved, because they think it will mean a faster or larger amount of traffic."

Finally, Van Zetten noted that the 'ditch witch' had been brought in to dig the first trenches for the Clarksville Water District this week. *C.A.M. Cameron*



Members of Voorheesville Girl Scout Troop 369 and Lois Crouse of the New Scotland Senior Citizens look over the Japanese booth at

the first annual Heritage Tea last week. The two groups co-sponsored the event, which featured items and food from around the world.

*Lyn Staff*

# Residents get report

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The 10,000 residents of the Town of New Scotland will soon be receiving the Town Supervisor's report, covering how some \$2.3 million in tax dollars was spent during the past year.

In the report, Supervisor Herbert Reilly called water "the most persistent concern" of his administration, and detailed the progress on water districts for the Clarksville, Font Grove, Orchard Park, Swift Rd. and Unionville areas.

Bridges and roads received a good deal of attention in 1988, and Reilly complemented the town's Highway Department for rebuilding Wolf Hill Bridge for \$23,000, versus the estimated \$75,000 it would have cost had the town not completed the repairs on its own. Reilly noted that similar repairs are scheduled for Cass Hill Bridge in 1989. Reilly

also noted that cable television service is being extended to many areas of the town not previously serviced, and that park facilities and the New Scotland Community Center have undergone improvements. According to the report, a 'grand opening' ceremony for the renovated community center will be held in the spring.

Unanticipated expenses, such as the ten-fold jump in the Albany ANSWERS refuse plant fees and town employee health insurance are detailed in the report, as is the town's new computer system, handled by Account Clerk Patricia McVee.

Reilly concludes that the atmosphere in Town Hall is "one of helpfulness and mutual respect," and that the residents of New Scotland are the beneficiaries.

The report has been mailed to area residents, and copies are available at Town Hall.

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# BCHS high honors announced

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C. Storm, Melissa R. Tanner, Sarah Toms, Adam Peter Trent, Kenneth Watson, Matthew A. Wiles, Jessica K. Williams, Steven D. Wolfe, Shannon Woodley, Karyn Jennifer Yaffee and Min Zhu.

## Grade 10

Maurizio Agostino, Jessica Zoe Backer, Marc Jason Baizman, Elizabeth L. Baker, Matthew J. Bates, Matthew K. Bechard, Michael Bienvenue, Christopher J. Black, Kristen Lynn Bleyman, Christian Bordick, E. Davis Brewer, Heather E. Campaigne, Stephanie A. Caradonna, Kathleen A. Carney, Brian Alfred Caulfield, Paul V. Church, Aaron Brooker Colman, Jonathan Cooke, Andrea Cornell, Mark Thomas Cunningham, Jennifer A. Curtis, James M. Davis, Brian David Decker, Heather Marie DeFazio, Christopher Dinneen, Sandra J. Drozd, Nicole J. DuBois, Christopher R. Euler, Kimberly Ann Evans, Brian Reed Farrell, Patrick Fish, Scott David Fish, Darryn Michael Fiske, Megan Kathleen Flynn, Kristina Frati, John Frisbee, Brenda C. Fryer, Alissa Gail Furman, Lori V. Geurtze, Scott Gilchrist, Jeremy Philip Goldman, Brooke Anne Grenz, Michael T. Hamill, Daniel Haughney, Edward B. Hauser, Justin Brent Hilson, Heather Hoffman, Aaron Jenkins, Lance Junco, David K. Klein, Erin M. Kleinke, Christine Koniowka and Ross Andrew Kotzin.

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Van Gelder, Robert Scott Vannatten, Paul Vincent, Shannon M. VonRonne, Julie L. Westerhouse, Michael Winters and Adrienne Helen Wright.

## Grade 11

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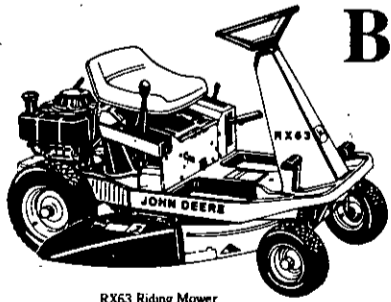
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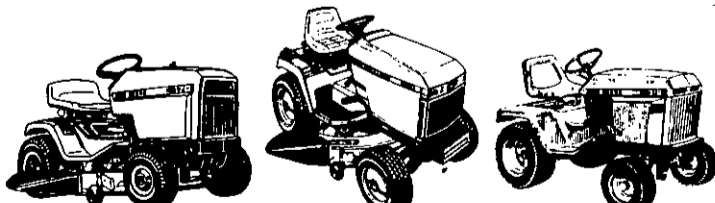
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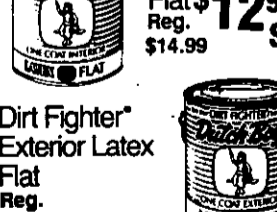
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# Spry nonagenarian recalls past glories

There is nothing in the physical attributes or the mental attitude of Winthrop Robinson of Forest Road, Delmar, to reveal that he is one of the "last men" to still be surviving from service in World War I, and that he celebrated his 91st birthday in January, 1989. But of that fact he is very proud, and also of his long record as an outstanding member of the American Legion and his active interest in veterans' affairs. Of course, he grieves over the loss of his beloved wife, Frances, which occurred just over a year ago. In general, however, his philosophy of life is to try very hard to be happy, and his outlook is cheerful and upbeat. Sitting in his favorite chair in his comfortable Delmar home on a sunny winter day, Win Robinson enjoyed recalling the early years in Delmar when he moved here in 1929, after having lived his early years in the City of Albany. The house he resides in was built by Alton C. Rowe Jr., who developed the area that encompasses Roweland and Forest Avenues. When Mr. Robinson moved here, those streets were on the outskirts of the little village. Rowe's ice pond was on the corner (behind Verstandig's) and here ice was cut in the winter to stock the ice boxes of local residents. The pond also provided the neighborhood children with a place for skating.

## Times Remembered

Allison Bennett



Of course, there was no high school in Delmar at that time either. People who desired higher education took the local train that stopped at Altamont, Voorheesville, Delmar and Elsmere before it reached the city. Some young people who lived on farms outside of the village were brought to the railroad station each morning and met in the afternoon by their parents with the horse and wagon. The Hungerford family also ran a bus line in 1929. The bus went down the hill in Elsmere and over the old bridge at the Normanskill, and wound its way up the hill near Graceland Cemetery and on in to the city. The buses had no windows, only side curtains, and the fumes from the motor would sneak into the bus in bad weather when the curtains were down. The buses were often crowded with state workers as they left downtown Albany and traveled up Hudson Avenue to Delaware, and then out to Delmar.

Winthrop Robinson went to work for the New York Telephone Company in 1923 after a stint at the Standard Oil Company. Un-



Winthrop Robinson adorns his fireplace mantel with a sword carried by his grandfather when he was a Union soldier in the Civil War and a photo of Edward Schieberling. Robinson served

as campaign manager to Schieberling who was elected national commander of the American Legion in 1944.

Elaine McLain

like most telephone company men, who lived in Delmar and were often subject to transfer, Win never had to leave Delmar in his role as communication consultant.

Mr. Robinson loves his house and feels most comfortable being surrounded by the possessions that belonged to him and his wife, as well as the possessions of his mother and Frances' mother, both of whom resided with the Robinsons in the house. Hanging over the fireplace among the memorabilia is the sword that Win's grandfather carried in the Civil War while he served with the cavalry of the Union Army. All of these mementos give Win a sense of permanence and satisfaction that

could never be replaced by the sunshine of some southern clime.

Mr. Robinson was born on Clinton Avenue in Albany. His grandfather ran the first automobile agency in Albany. He sold steamers and electric cars that were driven with one handle and had his Oldsmobile agency on Central Avenue below Lexington. Win remembers the housekeeping chores of his grandmother and recalls that shopping for groceries was unknown in her time. Orders for groceries were called in to the neighborhood market and then delivered to your house. A milkman brought butter as well as milk, and he remembers that his grandmother always had to "taste" the butter, which was sold from a large crock, to be sure that she was not receiving a rancid product. Also, the coal man brought your order of coal to burn in the stoves with which the house was heated. In the city houses, which were joined to one another, there was no way to get into the back yard. The coal man had to carry his sturdy canvas bags of coal on his back through the house, into the back yard and

then dump it in the woodshed. Quite often the coal man was also the ice man, who supplied you with the cold chunks that were used to cool the food stored in the wooden ice box.

Win particularly remembers that vacuum cleaners were almost an unknown quantity in those days of his youth. When his grandmother wanted to clean the parlor carpet, she laid strips of wet newspaper on the carpet, then took her broom and swept the rug. The wet paper absorbed the dust that was raised by the sweeping.

Each morning his grandmother swept the outside shutters of the house and cleaned off the front stoop, the porch and high stairs of the front entrance.

Another memory that is very clear to Mr. Robinson is the *A Belt Line* trolleys that ran up and down Clinton Avenue and were the main source of transportation in his youth. For a few pennies one could board the cars on Clinton, ride over Pearl Street and up to Quail and then back over Clinton. The trolley cars had no windows, only side curtains, and the motor man was always in the unroofed section in the front, standing outside in good or inclement weather. Naturally, everyone wanted to be a conductor,

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because that was an "inside job." When Albany had its three or four heavy winter snows, the tracks were cleaned with a plow that came down the track with a sweeper behind it. Everyone walked in the car track because that was the only place that was shoveled or plowed. Snow was not removed from the city streets. If anyone did own a car, it was put up for the winter and brought out again in the spring. There were many sleighs that delivered all sorts of things, especially groceries and coal.

When World War I was declared, Winthrop Robinson quickly joined the New York Tenth Infantry, NYNG. He was mustered in on July 15, 1917, and discharged as a sergeant on July 9, 1919. The Headquarters Company roster is hanging in an honored place in the upstairs study. The roster proudly lists the six engagements in France that the men participated in as well as the part the group had in the Army of Occupation in Germany after the Armistice. Win said he had the position of a mounted orderly in the company, and he had never ridden a horse before that. However, he said they all learned the ropes, or rather the reins, very quickly. One of the more well-known names on the roster was that of Marshall Tebbutt, the former area funeral director. Also in the company was Henry Silverstein, a brother of Herman Silverstein, in whose honor an Albany Legion Post was named. The Albany Post was founded by Henry Silverstein and Win Robinson.

When Win moved to Delmar, he was instrumental in forming a Legion Post to immortalize the memory of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard, one of Delmar's own sons who had been killed in action on the very day before the Armistice was signed. The Blanchard Post, which now has more than 700 members and is the largest in the Northeast, is housed in an impressive brick structure on Poplar Street in Elsmere.

One of Win's treasured possessions is a pen-and-ink sketch of the house in Cochem, Germany, where he was quartered during the stay of the Army of Occupation. A young architectural student sat on a box in the street and drew the picture expressly for Mr. Robinson. Another memento is a signed picture and letter of thanks to Winthrop Robinson from Edward M. Schieberling, national commander of the American Legion in 1944-45. Win was campaign manager and traveled the country with Mr. Schieberling when they were electioneering.

A recent *Spotlight* article highlighted the three men of Blanchard Post who belong to the Last Man Club. The three are all that are left of the 59 World War I veterans who joined the group in 1939. A bottle of Napoleon Cognac was brought out of storage as per the agreement that when only three were left, the bottle would be opened and con-

sumed. Since the other two, Norman Bender and J. Durrell Krause, do not imbibe alcoholic beverages, the bottle went home with Win Robinson. He laughingly showed me the empty bottle. He admitted that he did not drink all of it, but shared it with friends. His happy frame of mind and pleasant sense of humor are what have kept him going in both tough and good times. He attributes his long life to moderation in all things and also to his happy outlook. That's a good prescription for all of us to follow.

### Simon speaks at library

Geoffrey Simon will present a lecture at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, March 16, at 3 p.m.

Simon, a conductor for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, will discuss musical compositions by Samuel Barber, John Antill and Gustav Mahler.

The program is part of the library's Overture Music Series. For information call 439-9314.

### AppleWorks programs at Bethlehem library

The Bethlehem Public Library will sponsor demonstrations of the integrated functions of its AppleWorks computer system at 7:30 p.m. on the following Wednesdays: March 22, Apple Works word processor, March 29, Apple Works database, and April 15, Apple Works spreadsheet, including graphs and charts from the Time-Out Graph program.

To register call 439-9314.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Allison Elisa, to Elisa and Jay Hostetter, Albany, Sept. 27, 1988. Fraternal grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. J. Norman Hostetter, Slingerlands. Maternal grandparents are John Geurtze of Selkirk and Joan Geurtze of Glenmont.

Girl, Emily Rose, to Nancy and George Schwebel, Delmar, Nov. 10.

Girl, Beth Leah, to Barbara and Richard Rockman, Delmar, Jan. 10.

Girl, Ashley Lorraine, to Jerilyn and Eddie Slaver, Feura Bush, Jan. 26.

Girl, Lauren Elizabeth, to Kathy and Pat McKeough, Delmar, Jan. 27.

Girl, Lauren Elizabeth, to Kathi and Pat McKeough, Delmar, Jan. 27.

Girl, Gail Beth, to Susan and Stanley Axelrod, Delmar, Feb. 23.

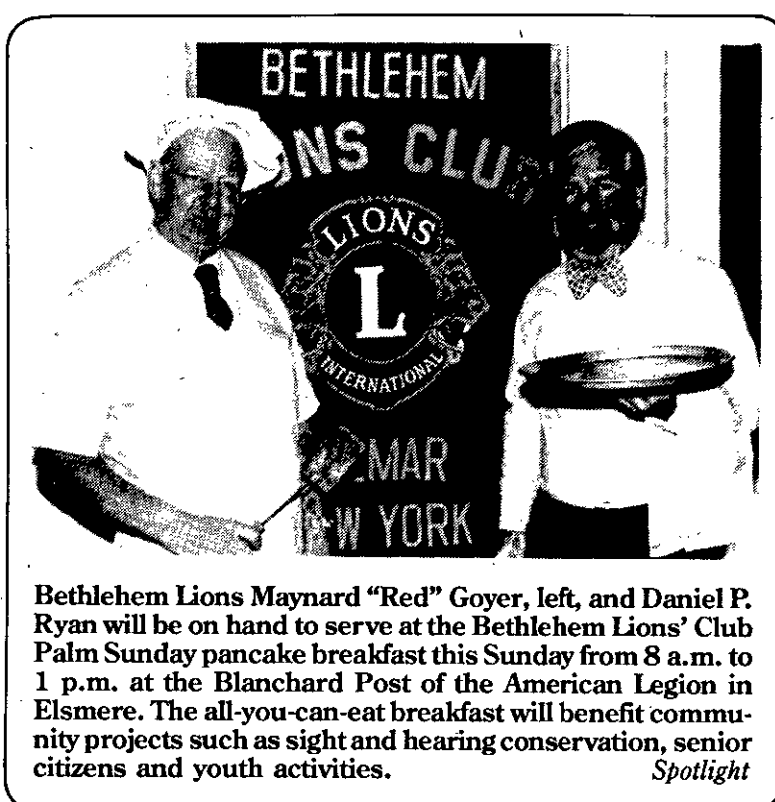
### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Alexandra, to Anna and Michael Federico, Delmar, Feb. 14.

Boy, Charles Vincent Ludik Furman, to Amy Ludik and Charles Furman, Delmar, Feb. 15.

Boy, Kyle Matthew, to Lynn and Chuck Dente, Delmar, Feb. 17.

Boy, Michael Anthony, to Mary and Anthony McManus, Selkirk, Feb. 21.



Bethlehem Lions Maynard "Red" Goyer, left, and Daniel P. Ryan will be on hand to serve at the Bethlehem Lions' Club Palm Sunday pancake breakfast this Sunday from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Blanchard Post of the American Legion in Elsmere. The all-you-can-eat breakfast will benefit community projects such as sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens and youth activities. *Spotlight*

Girl, Casey Marie, to Jean and David Languish, Delmar, Feb. 27.

Boy, Kirk Wayne, to Gay Petri and Victor Shimkin, Delmar, March 3.

### Bellevue Hospital

Boy, Kyle Stephen, to Brenda and Jeff Boldizsar, Voorheesville, Feb. 12.

Girl, Stephanie Arlene, to Nancy and Michael Yurschak, Schenectady, Feb. 19. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Gerald Day of Delmar.

### Aerobic programs offered by town

The Bethlehem Department of Parks and Recreation has openings in two of their spring aerobic programs. "Stretch, Smooth and Swing," an intermediate level aerobic program will be offered on Mondays or Thursdays, from 5:45 to 6:45 p.m., beginning on March 27. "Bodywise," a class for beginners, will be held on Monday and Thursday nights, from 7 to 8 p.m., beginning on March 27. The programs are open only to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem Central School District. To register call 439-4131.

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# Wake me when inflation hits 6 percent

What strikes me most about the current wave of concern over rising inflation is not that inflation is accelerating, but that people have ignored it for so long. The current "news" about inflation is no news for readers of this column. As recently as last December, I wrote: "Inflation will continue to accelerate, regardless of the pace of economic expansion or contraction, propelled by an unfavorable balance of trade and the inexorable growth of money and credit required to cover the Federal debt, rescue the banks from the Third World (which includes Texas and the farm belt), and rescue the savings and loans from themselves."

Last month *The Wall Street Journal* began to carry big stories about inflation. On Feb. 21 it informed us that the trade picture isn't improving. This is only news to those who think that a month-to-month decline in the trade deficit represents an improvement, rather than merely a decline in the rate at which the debt, currently about \$500 billion,

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David Vigoda



increases. Then when the latest increase in the United States Consumer Price Index was announced, and it was unexpectedly high. Unexpected? Only by those who kept dismissing earlier numbers on the grounds that increases were all due to "special factors."

So Feb. 24 was apparently the first day of the current era of inflation. What disturbs me about this is exemplified by this statement: "I think we have to be alert to the danger that inflation, which most of us thought would be no higher than 5 percent or 5.5 percent in 1989, could start to push up to 6 percent." Let's take a look at what a mere 4 percent inflation rate does to our personal finances.

At this rate your net worth loses half its value in under 18 years.

Whatever standard of living you retire on at age 65 will be cut in half by age 83. Attempting to maintain a constant standard of living could exhaust a lifetime of savings. Inflation has been at about this rate for 5 of the last 6 years, yet has routinely been poo-pooed. The sad fact is, we have gotten used to 4 percent, just as we have gotten used to 4 to 5 percent unemployment. Do you know what the inflation rate was in the early '70s, when economists decried the wage-price spiral and Nixon imposed wage and price controls? About 4 percent.

It doesn't look good, folks. Not only does the 0.6 percent rise in the Consumer Price Index annualize at 7.4 percent, but the Producer Price Index, which forecasts future changes in the Consumer Price Index, rose at an annualized rate of 12.7 percent. Even allowing that the January numbers may be a spike above the long-term trend, there is little out there (including a recession) to suggest that inflation will come down.

That's because the forces driving inflation are changing. In place of demand for goods and services, rising costs, particularly labor costs, are increasingly driving price increases. Economists call this "cost-push" inflation, and it's worrisome precisely because it's not driven by demand. Reducing demand, by having a recession for example, doesn't slow it much.

All right, what do we do about this, as investors, as consumers? Anyone with a variable rate debt will see the costs go up, many in a few weeks. There are only two ways to ameliorate this. One, which can be expensive, is to refinance to a fixed rate alternative. The other is to pay down the loan. I would think twice about taking on new debt — make sure you can cover the payments easily with money you're making now, not the raise you expect next year — but would move quickly to close on loans that make sense.

"Businesses," as I wrote in the January 1988 business supplement, "will have to be light on their feet. I wouldn't advise loading up on debt now, unless you're very confident. Long-term debt should be fixed-rate or convertible to fixed-rate. Inventory should be carefully controlled. Build a solid cash reserve."

As investors, I would feed money into bonds slowly, staying short-term. Since at some point the stock market will have to face the future instead of the past, I would also buy stock slowly, to take advantage of the wide price declines that would appear to be in the offing. If and when securities prices do fall, don't forget that that's what you've been waiting for. Lower prices are a buying, not a selling, opportunity.

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Prior to his appointment, he was vice president and loan officer at Key Bank. He is a graduate of Siena College, and a member of Robert Morris Associates and the American Institute of Banking.

## Two attend seminar

William Barber of Voorheesville and James Carazza of Delmar, both employees of the Nationwide Insurance Company, recently attended a four-day conference at the Nationwide Home Office in Columbus, Ohio. Barber and Carazza heard speakers from Nationwide's national management team, the Ohio State University and the insurance industry.

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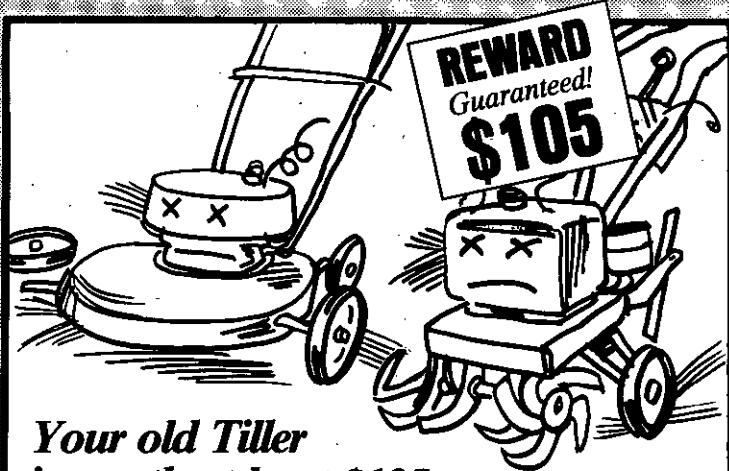
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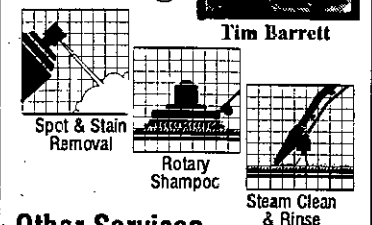
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### Calvagno honored

Kathy Calvagno of Delmar has been named "employee of the month" for February at the Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled. She is a senior certified occupational therapy assistant at the center and works with adult clients in the day training basic skills program. She has been a center employee for eight years and is a graduate of Maria College in Albany.

Calvagno and her husband, Anthony, have two children.

### Kleinke promoted

Maureen A. Kleinke of Slingerlands was promoted to the position of financial services officer of Key Bank for the Capital Region. Kleinke began her career with the bank as a special deposits clerk in 1976, has also served as a teller, head teller, and financial services associate.

### BC transportation requests due

Parents of private school students in the Bethlehem Central School District who want district transportation for the 1989-90 school year must submit a written request by April 1. The requests must be sent to the BC Transportation Office, Van Dyke Rd., Delmar, N.Y., 12054.

Transportation cannot be provided without a written request.

For information or a request form, call 439-3830.

### Tri-Village Squares welcomes dancers

The Tri-Village Squares Dance Club of Delmar will hold a dance on Saturday, March 18, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Mark Vrooman will call mainstream squares with a plus tip. For information call 438-1227.

### Season explored

Center naturalists at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will lead an outdoor exploration of the natural history of spring on Saturday, March 18, at 2 p.m.

The program is free and open to the public. To register call 453-1806.

### Voorheesville man charged with DWI

Bethlehem police arrested a 32-year-old Voorheesville man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated after he was stopped for a traffic violation early Saturday morning.

Police said the man was stopped for speeding on Schoolhouse Rd. and was charged after failing a pre-screening device test.

### Nassau man charged with felony DWI

Bethlehem police arrested a Nassau, N.Y., man on felony driving while intoxicated charges after he was stopped for a traffic violation Thursday night.

Francis Sweeney, 45, was charged with DWI after he was stopped for speeding on Rt. 32 near Murray Ave, police said. The officer detected the odor of alcohol and Sweeney subsequently failed both pre-screening device and field sobriety tests, police said.

### Three-car crash sends two to hospital

A three-car crash at the intersection of Murray Ave. and Rt. 32 Wednesday morning sent two drivers to Albany Medical Center.

Rose Docteur of Glenmont and Willie Shuman of Albany were treated and released for injuries they sustained in the collision.

Police said Docteur, 18, drove into the intersection and struck the car driven by Shuman, 36. Shuman's car then hit a car driven by Matthew Zell, 26, of Slingerlands, police said. Zell was uninjured in the crash, police said.

Docteur was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way at an intersection.

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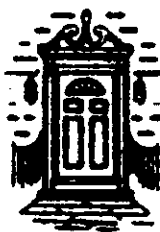
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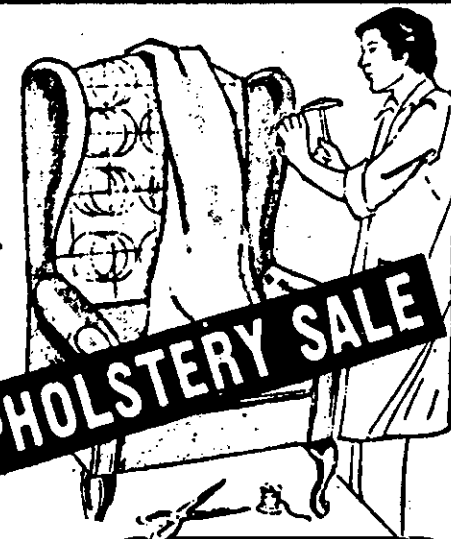
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As the palm branches are waved in celebration this year, we need to also be aware of the powerful presence of God in our midst and be alert to see and hear the ways in which that power bursts forth and is seen at work around us, even in us, and through us.

### Lenten services continue

Area churches have announced services scheduled for the remaining portion of Lent and Easter Sunday.

The Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, will hold a Maundy Thursday service, which will commemorate the Last Supper, on March 23, at 7:30 p.m. A Good Friday service will be held on March 24 at 7 p.m. An Easter vigil will be held on March 25, at 7 p.m.

An Easter Sunday dawn service will begin at 7 a.m. and will be followed by a light breakfast at 8 a.m. and Communion at 9 a.m. The service will be led by Elder Edward Davis and Pastor John Macholz. The regular 11 a.m. service will also be held on both days.

The First United Methodist Church in Delmar will hold a 9:30 a.m. service on Palm Sunday, March 19, which will include a presentation of the two children's choirs. Rev. Hagy will preach about "The Parade of Triumph." Holy week services will include a Maundy Thursday Communion service on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. On Good Friday the chapel will

that make for peace. Maybe it's good for us to be afraid. Maybe the fear will drive us to seek the best for each other, demand the best to each other in such a fashion that we can stop being just a collection of individuals and begin to be a community that truly cares. Maybe our fears will drive us to care at a level that the things of peace may be found.

There is the threat of another cry being heard in the Palm Sunday story. The comment is made that if the crowd does not shout out, then the stones will. There is something about the entire event that seems to require that celebration and shouts of exaltation be made and be heard. The presence of God is so strong that it will burst out in some person or in some form, and will be heard and seen in the community. History tells us again and again that even in the most desperate of times as well as in the happiest of times, there always seems to be some person or some event that fairly bursts to proclaim the presence and the joy of God.

We can see this in our area. I can think of people in whom the spirit of God is irrepressible, who seem to burst with that joy. I can think of organizations that work to display the care and love of which I just spoke. There is no way to stop them. I think of hungry that are fed, homeless sheltered, griever comforted, lonely visited, children protected, and a thousand other ways in which the shouts of triumph are issued in our area. There is a vibrancy and a vitality about the presence of God, which bursts forth through

be open from 7 a.m. through 7 p.m. for private prayers.

The Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, will hold Maundy Thursday service on March 23 at 7:30 p.m. The service will include choral responses.

### Chabad Center offers workshop

The Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, will offer a pre-Purim workshop for children on Sunday, March 19, from 10 a.m. until noon.

The children will be offered a choice of workshops, which will include hamantasch baking, holiday arts and crafts, and a Purim goodie bag. For information call 439-8280.

### Reading announced

The Purim Megillah will be read at the Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., on Monday, March 20 at 6:45 p.m.


A special program for children will include a costume contest and hamantasch.

For information call 439-8280.



### Rev. Robert A. Hess Lenten Bible series continues

The Rev. Robert A. Hess of the Delmar Reformed Church, will speak about the resurrection on Wednesday, March 22, at the church in Delmar. The service is part of the 1989 Area Ecumenical Bible Study series. Following registration at 9:30 a.m., the program will run from 10 to 11 a.m. All are welcome to attend.



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# Drew shatters Section 2 record

By Nat Boynton

If there were any doubts, however unlikely, that Christopher Thomas Drew is the fastest swimmer ever produced in Bethlehem's proud pool history, they vanished in the churning wakes of the New York State championship meet in Syracuse last weekend.

The 18-year-old BC senior closed out a sparkling five-year scholastic career by lowering the Section 2 record for the 100-yard freestyle three times in the span of 27 hours, and erased a school record that had survived the assaults of Bethlehem Central's top swimmers for 14 years.

In his farewell plunge as a high school swimmer, Drew led the BC 400 relay team to a fourth-place finish against the state's best freestyle foursomes. In all three events — the two sprints and the closing relay — Drew swam against the state's No. 1 scholastic swimmer, Tom Simon of Auburn, who etched his name on new state records in all three. The records in the two individual events were the oldest on the state's books, having endured for nearly two decades.

Against Simon, Drew finished second in the final of the 100 free, pushing the Auburn superstar to a state record of 45.40. Drew was clocked in 46.70, more than a full second faster than the Section 2 standard of 48 seconds flat established in 1975 by Malcolm Cooper of Bethlehem.

In the 50 Drew had to settle for a third-place tie, but his 21.58 (behind Simon's record-shattering 20.69) shaved more fractions off the BC school record he has lately been making a habit of rewriting. His 21.75 in the '88 New Hartford meet obliterated another Cooper record of long standing, and in last month's sectional championships in Troy he did 21.65.

Even in this stratosphere, the Drew household's male heir remained BC's consummate team player. He conceded that last weekend's splashing in the Nottingham High School pool "was probably one of the best meets" of his young life, but for thrills did not outrank the Troy-BC dual meet of 1987. "We won that one by one point, and we had that feeling of everyone pulling together."

Justin Baird, Drew's contemporary who also was competing in his fifth consecutive state meet, scored with a seventh place in the 200 free and a 12th in the 500. Baird, like Drew a standout on the BC varsity since eighth grade, said Sunday that his stopwatch times "weren't my best, but I had a good time at the meet." Baird, heading for Colgate in the fall, swam the middle distances in 1:44.91 and 4:50.42, both short of the U.S. Junior National times he was shooting for.

Bethlehem's free relay quartet of Drew, Chris Engstrom, Drew Patrick and Baird was timed in 3:17.31, barely a second shy of another school record.

Ken Neff, Bethlehem's controversial swim coach and a former BC superstar, had only one comment on the performances of his swimmers in the Syracuse shootout: "The kids swam very well and I'm proud of them."

Neff, who disapproves of newspapers giving more space to standout stars than first-year varsity swimmers, declined to mention the clockings of his pupils in the state meet. "It doesn't matter," he said.

The season is over for BC's overpowering varsity team, but Drew and Baird are back in the water this week preparing for the AAU Junior Olympics at Union College. The meet is a qualifier for the Eastern Zone finals at Yale University. Drew says he will pass up the U.S. Junior Nationals in Florida next month, but will use the Union meet as a competitive exercise and an opportunity to test his versatility by entering events other than the sprints, i.e., backstroke, 'fly, IM and the two middle-distance freestyle races. "I feel strong about the backstroke," he said.

When Chris Drew departs the halls of 700 Delaware Ave. in June, some of the memories of those many Bethlehem tank triumphs may fade or be replaced. But left behind, on the walls of the new six-lane pool, his name will be on the plaques, along with the records of 1988 and 1989, records future BC varsities will be shooting at for some years to come.



Ryan Walker

## 9-year-old black belt

By John Bellizzi III

Ryan Walker of Delmar began his training in the Korean martial art of Tae Kwon Do in early 1986 at the age of six. In December, after nearly three years of training, Walker was promoted to first degree black belt, at just nine years old.

### Spotlight SPORTS

Among Walker's many accomplishments over the past three years are tournament finishes in both forms (pre-arranged patterns) and sparring (matches). Walker first took home a second place trophy for forms from the Greater New York Open Karate Tournament in November 1986. In July 1987, Walker took first place for sparring and third place in forms at the New York State Pan-American Tae Kwon Do Championship. His most recent trophies include a first place for forms at the Vermont State Tae Kwon Do Championship in April 1988 and a second place finish in forms at the Fifth Annual Pan-American Tae Kwon Do Federation Championship, held in Ramsey, New Jersey last September.

Walker received his training at the Northeast Tae Kwon Do Academy in Latham, under Master Instructor Les Zampino and Head Instructor Frank Noguera. He is the son of Craig and Donna Walker of Delmar.

### Take second place in Off-The-Wall tourney

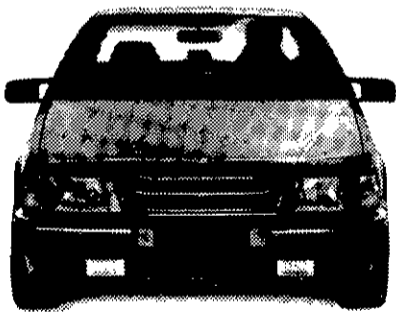
The Under-16 girls soccer team of the Bethlehem Soccer Club earned a second place trophy at the Schenectady Off-The-Wall Indoor Soccer Tournament this weekend.

Playing with only one available substitute player, Bethlehem defeated teams from Niskayuna, Colonie and Schenectady before falling to tournament champion Clifton Park, 4-2.

Bethlehem was led by Chelsea Donovan who scored a pair. Other tournament scorers were Maggie Franzen, Kirsten Mattarese and Kristin Noonan. Excellent defensive efforts were given by Jen Tucker and goalie Beth Kurkejian.

This Sunday, the team will host the Bethlehem Off-The-Wall Tournament at the Bethlehem High School.

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# Indoor track team ends memorable season

By John Bellizzi III

This winter saw a great deal of action for Bethlehem Central's indoor track program. Though both the boys' and girls' teams were limited in number and experience, they both saw success over the past four months, at both the individual and team levels.

The most distinguishing factor of this year's squad was its youth, with about half of the athletes in ninth grade or younger. However, several upperclassman veterans provided the experience and strength Bethlehem needed. Seniors Steve Connolly and Ian Berry, along with juniors Dan Dunn, Matt Dennin and Scott Willi and sophomores Aaron Jenkins and Dale Ziska, stood out as consistently strong performers on the boys' team. Leading athletes on the girls' team included juniors Julie Hammer, Kathy Saba, Meghan Connolly and Shannon Perkins.

The season ended rather abruptly for Bethlehem March 4 at the Section II State Qualifying

Meet. Bethlehem usually has between three and five indoor track athletes representing Section II at the State Meet annually, but this year, no Eagles qualified for the team, though there were several close contests.

Placing fourth in both the long jump and triple jump, Meg Connolly nearly missed qualifying for a spot on the Section II Team, as did her brother Steve, who also performed well in those two events. Both pole vaulter Dunn and high jumper Ziska also placed at the qualifiers, but neither finished high enough to qualify for statewide competition. In addition, Hammer and Berry, both of whom have represented Bethlehem at the statewide level previously, were both sidelined with injuries for this meet.

"The season could have ended as it had in the past, with a number of our athletes in the states," explained BC Coach Ron Cameron. "We probably could have qualified three or four this year, if not for injuries or bad breaks."

The season saw some formidable accomplishments by BC's athletes. School records started falling in the first meet of the season, the Christmas Rush, in which Steve and Meg Connolly "totally dominated the horizontal jumps" according to Cameron. Steve Connolly set a new BC record of 20 feet 6" in the long jump in that meet, a record he improved to 20 feet 8" at the Dutchmen Games at Union College in January.

The team competed at the Dartmouth College Relays in January, a prestigious event which brings together the top collegiate and high school athletes in the region. Dennis and Meg Connolly performed exceptionally well in this competition, as did Ziska, who

cleared six feet in the high jump for the first time.

The Engineer Games, held at RPI, saw Berry's strongest performance of the season, placing third in the 600-meter run. "Ian really ran up to his true potential," said Cameron.

Bethlehem turned in strong performances at the Williams College Invitational in February, led once again by the Connollys. Meg was the triple jump champion, with a jump of 31'6", while Steve shattered two more school records with his 39.2 second 300m dash and his 41'5" shotput.

The Suburban Council Championship Meet was clearly the highlight of the season, according to Cameron. Dunn's third place vault of 11'6" and a "superla-

tive performance" by freshman Sara Clash were notable, as were the rest of BC's freshman athletes.

Both the boys' and girls' BC freshman teams placed thirteenth relay teams of Eric Horowitz, Brian Philips, Merlin Gordon and John DiAnnie, Danielle Hecht, Keily Lukens and Jen Barks (girls) both placed first, while Dot 4" high jump.

Cameron sees the enthusiasm and large numbers of young athletes as the future success. "With performances like these, the future of the BC track program looks bright," said Cameron. "I'm looking forward to another year."

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## Leamy, Bragaw earn top BC wrestling awards

By John Bellizzi III

Eleven senior matmen who made up the backbone of the 1988-89 Bethlehem Central wrestling team, were in the featured spotlight of those honored at the annual BC Wrestling Awards Banquet Saturday evening. Four coaches and nearly eighty athletes were honored.

Coach Rick Poplaski presented Varsity Letter Awards to fifteen athletes Saturday evening. The 1988-89 varsity letterman were sophomores Mike Ehrlich, Mike Genovese and Don Thomas, junior Anish Shah, and seniors Jeremy Hartnett, Eric Brown, Sean VanWely, Pat Leamy, Mike Leamy, John Gallogly, Anthony Scisci, Mark Farina, Pete Bragaw, Paul Vichot and Todd DeVoe. Vichot, Gallogly and Pat Leamy were the team's Tri-captains.

The BC varsity wrestling team had a fairly successful season, finishing 4-5 in the Suburban Council record earned the Eagles fourth place in the Gold Division and 6-7 overall. Several strong tournament finishes for the team highlighted the final portion of the season, including a fourth place team finish at the Class A Sectionals, a fifth place finish at the Saratoga Tournament, and a sixth place finish at the Suburban Council Invitational.

Outstanding Season Awards were presented to Gallogly, Brown, Vichot, Bragaw, Pat Leamy, and Mike Leamy. In addition, Gallogly, a three-year varsity wrestler who was undefeated in dual meet competition this year, received the Eagles "Iron Man" Achievement Award. Gallogly also received Statistical Achievement Awards for Most Take-downs, Most Reversals, Most Near-Falls, and Best Dual Record, and was inducted into the

Sixty Point Club for scoring 67 team points in dual meets this winter. The 138-pound senior finished the season with a 30-6 record, and a career varsity record of 62 wins and 18 losses.

The Outstanding Wrestler Award went to Mike Leamy, who, in his third varsity season, finished with a 31-7 record, and placed third in Section II at 126 lbs. Leamy won the Saratoga Tournament, placed second at the Oxford Tournament, and was third at the Spencerport Tournament, the Suburban Council Invitational and the Class A Sectional Tournament. Leamy's career varsity record was 52-28.

Bragaw was named Most Improved Wrestler, finishing the season with a 22-10 record. Bragaw, who placed fourth in the Section at 155 lbs., won the Saratoga Tournament, and placed second in the Class A Sectionals, also received the Statistical Achievement Award for Most Escapes.

The Most Outstanding Senior Wrestler Award was presented to Vichot, who finished with a 22-12 record. The 167-pound tri-captain was second in the Class A Sectionals and third at the Saratoga Tournament.

Pat Leamy, who was 24-13 at 119 pounds this year, received special recognition for his four-year varsity career record of 88-37-1, the fourth best career record in the school's history.

Brown finished his senior year with a 20-9 record, and took third place at the Class A Sectionals and the Saratoga Tournament. In addition, Brown has the distinction of recording the quickest pin this season and trying Gallogly for the Most Near-Falls Award.

VanWely and Scisci received the Varsity Coaches' Award.

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District, Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, invite sealed bids to be publicly opened at 7:45 P.M. on March 27, 1989 at No. 2 Fire House, Glenmont Road, Glenmont, New York, for the purpose of purchasing a New Custom Foam Pumper with 75' aerial and Remote Control Nozzle.

Specifications can be obtained from Commissioner Joseph Keller, (518) 465-3193.

The Board of Fire Commissioners reserve the right to reject any and all bids.

Dated: February 20, 1989  
BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT  
Frank A. With Secretary  
(March 15, 1989)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

Notice is hereby given that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, March 21, 1989, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:30 P.M., to take action on the application of Briggs & Isabelle McAndrews, 2 Weigand Lane, Delmar, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed four (4) lot subdivision, fronting Kenaware Ave., Stratton Pl. and Weigand Lane, Delmar, as shown on map entitled, "Preliminary Plan, Pro-

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posed Subdivision, Map of Property of, J. BRIGGS McANDREWS and ISABELLE J. McANDREWS, Delmar, Town: Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York, dated Aug. 23, 1985, revised 8/4/88 and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Kenneth Ringler, Jr. Chairman, Planning Board (March 15, 1989)

**NOTICE TO BIDDERS**

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites sealed bids for the purchase and installation of guide rails to be used by the Highway Department along various roads throughout the Town of Bethlehem.

Bids will be received up to 2:00 p.m. on the 27th day of March, 1989 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. J. Robert Hendrick, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, NY.

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

BY ORDER OF

**LEGAL NOTICE**

THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK  
Dated: March 8, 1989  
(March 15, 1989)

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
ALBANY COUNTY  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that there has been presented to the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York on March 8, 1989 Local Law No 2 of 1989 regarding An Amendment to Local Law No. 6 of the Year 1988 Entitled "Route 9W Corridor Interim Development Moratorium Law of the Town of Bethlehem" to the Law an additional 90 days.

NOTICE IS FURTHER GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem will conduct a Public Hearing on the aforesaid Local Law No. 2 of 1989 at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY on the 22nd day of March, 1989 at 8:00 p.m. at which time all interested persons will be heard.

BY ORDER OF  
THE TOWN BOARD OF  
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Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, at 7:45 P.M., to take action on the application of Kevin J. Klersy, Klersy Building Corp., 413 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed nine (9) lot subdivision, to be located on Elm Ave. and Axbridge Lane as shown on map entitled, "MAP OF 'Westchester Woods', Extension No. 2, Property of Klersy Building Corp., Town: Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York," dated Nov. 10, 1987, revised 1/31/89 and made by Edward W. Boutelle & Son, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Kenneth Ringler, Jr. Chairman, Planning Board

**State Environmental Quality Review**  
**NOTICE OF COMPLETION OF DRAFT EIS**

and  
**NOTICE OF SEQUR HEARING**  
Lead Agency: Planning Board, Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054  
Date: February 7, 1989

This notice is issued pursuant to Part 617 of the implementing regulations pertaining to Article 8 (State Environmental Quality Review Act) of the Environmental Conservation Law.

A Draft Environmental Impact Statement has been completed and accepted - Prepared by: Planners East Incorporated, Poestenkill, New York, Arthur F. Brod, Jr. AICP, Pres., for the proposed action described below. Com-

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ments on the Draft EIS are requested and will be accepted by the contact person until 14 April 1989. A public hearing on the Draft EIS will be held on Tuesday, April 4, 1989 at 7:30 PM at the Town of Bethlehem, Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York.

**Name of Action: CEDAR RIDGE SUBDIVISION**

**Description of Action:** The Bethlehem Planning Board in receipt of an application from Cedar Ridge Associates, Albany, New York 12205, for approval to construct 128 single family dwelling units on approximately 89 +/- acres. Development would include provision of infrastructure and roadways to be dedicated to the Town.

**Location:** The proposed action is located in the Town of Bethlehem-Albany County, New York, at Fisher Boulevard-Orchard Street (existing Town highways).

**Potential Environmental Impacts:**  
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A copy of the Draft EIS may be obtained from:

Contact Person: Kenneth J. Ringler, Jr., Chairman, Planning Board, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054 (518) 439-4955, Ext. 56

A copy of this Notice and Draft EIS sent to:

• Commissioner Department of Environmental Conservation, 50 Wolf Road, Albany, New York 12233-0001

• Region 4 New York State Department of Environmental Conservation Schenectady, New York

• Division of Environment Services, Albany County Health Department, Albany, N.Y.

• Supervisor, Town of Bethlehem, Delmar, N.Y.

• Bethlehem Library, Delaware Avenue, Delmar, N.Y.

Copy of DEIS with these notices. All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the public hearing.

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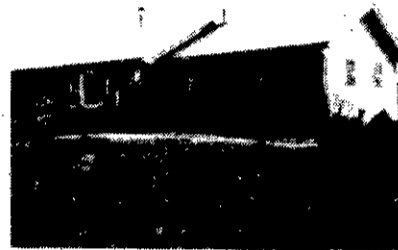
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# Obituaries

## Genevieve Riscavage

Genevieve A. Kondrat Riscavage of Glenmont died Sunday at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany after a long illness. She was 73.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Glenmont for the past 20 years. She was a communicant of St. John-St. Ann's Roman Catholic Church in Albany.

Survivors include her daughter, Barbara Riscavage of Glenmont; her son, Paul Riscavage of Herill Park; and her brother, Walter Nichols of Albany.

Services were held Wednesday at the Dreis Funeral Home in Albany, and at St. John-St. Ann's Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to St. John-St. Ann's.

## Rose Warman Whalen

Rose Warman Whalen, a Delmar resident, died in St. Peter's Hospital Thursday after a long illness. She was 88.

Born in Kinderhook, she lived most of her life in the East Greenbush area before moving to Delmar 10 years ago.

She was a homemaker, and a communicant of St. Mary's Roman Catholic Church of Clinton Heights in Rensselaer.

Survivors include her husband, Walter Whalen; her sister, Emma Scully of Delmar, and her brother, Frank Warman of Rensselaer.

Services were held Monday at the Rockefeller Funeral Home in Rensselaer, and at St. Mary's Church.

Burial will be in Holy Sepulchre Cemetery in East Greenbush.

## Harry F. Welden

Harry F. Welden of Kenwood Avenue, a retired financial operations manager for New York Telephone Company, died Wednesday in St. Peter's Hospital after being stricken at his home.

Born in Mooers, N.Y., he had been a Delmar resident for many years.

He had worked for the New York Telephone Company in Albany for almost 40 years, from 1928 until his retirement in 1967. A member of the Telephone Pioneers of America, he also belonged to the Normanside Country Club and the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his sister, Alice Benson of Plattsburgh; his three brothers, Frederick Welden of Syracuse, Howard Welden of Melrose, Mass. and Roger Welden of Mooers Forks, Clinton County.

Services were held Friday at the Tebbutt Funeral Home. Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

## Mary N. McConnell

Mary Newman McConnell, a former Delmar resident, died March 4 in Presbyterian Hospital, Charlotte, N.C. after a long illness. She was 81.

Born in Wyoming, Ohio, she had lived in Delmar most of her life.

She was an active member of the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, a volunteer at the Albany Medical Center, and a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

In Charlotte, she was a mem-

ber of the Sardis Presbyterian Church.

Survivors include her daughters, Barbara Miller of Charlotte, Mary Ann Mills of Cynthia, Ky. and Nancy David of Bethesda, Md.; her sisters, Augusta Davis and Ruth Newman of West Chester, Pa.; five grandchildren; and one great-grandson.

A private memorial service has been scheduled for a later date.

Contributions may be made to Planned Parenthood of Charlotte, 700 E. Stonewall St., Charlotte, N.C.

Arrangements are under the direction of Hankins, Whittington & Williams-Deardon Funeral Service in Charlotte.

## Emma H. Cushing

Emma Hamilton Cushing, a Delmar summer resident, died Feb. 15 in Rockwell, Tenn. She was 102.

A native of Boston and Vermont, she had made her home in Spring City, Tenn. for about ten years. She had spent summers with her daughter, Alberta Patch-Slegaitis of Delmar, for the past 15 years.

Survivors include her son, Charles E. Cushing of east Randolph, Vermont; five daughters, Minerva Duso of Spring City, Tenn., Alberta Patch-Slegaitis of Delmar, Grace Foote of Canton, Ga., and Cornelia Dinkelburger and Edwina Countryman of Arcadia, Fla. She is also survived by 15 grandchildren, 29 great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Memorial services were held in Spring City. Burial will be in Hartford, Vt.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association.

## Blood pressure clinics at Bethlehem Town Hall

The March blood pressure clinic for Bethlehem residents will be held in the town hall auditorium on Tuesday, March 21, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 p.m. to 8 p.m.

No pre-registration is necessary and the services are provided free of charge by the town's Senior Services.

The April clinic will be Tuesday, April 18, at the same times.



## Fire Fighters Corner

Isabel Glastetter

Date	Department or Unit	Reason for Call
Feb. 26	Ravena Ambulance	Standby
Feb. 26	Albany Fire Dept. Paramedics	Auto Accident
Feb. 26	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Standby Auto Accident
Feb. 26	Slingerlands Rescue Squad	Rescue Call
Feb. 26	Albany Rescue Rig	Rescue Call
Feb. 26	General Electric Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 26	Ravena Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 26	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
Feb. 27	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Feb. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Feb. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Mar. 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Mar. 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Mar. 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 3	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Mar. 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
Mar. 5	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Mar. 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Mar. 6	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Mar. 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 6	Elsmere Fire Co.	Car Fire
Mar. 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 6	Delmar Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Mar. 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Mar. 7	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Mar. 7	Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
Mar. 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 8	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Mar. 8	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Auto Accident
Mar. 8	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
Mar. 8	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency

The Delmar Rescue Squad will have their monthly drill on March 19 at 10 a.m. This month's drill will be on head injuries. All town fire and EMS personnel are invited to attend.

Several members of our local emergency departments were recognized at the March meeting of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion. They were Bethlehem Police Officer John Cox, James Caulfin of the Slingerlands Fire Dept., David Bastriani of the Delmar Fire Dept., the entire membership of the Elsmere Fire Co. in memory of Jack T. Pregent and Irving "Pop" Lenord who passed away recently, Selkirk Craig Apple and Richard Olson of Selkirk and Frank DeCercel of North Bethlehem.

Congratulations go out to the newly certified emergency medical technicians, Kevin Burkins and Gil Boucher of the Delmar Fire Dept.

Remember all Bethlehem Ambulance members dues must be paid before the April meeting or you are not allowed to vote. Contact Dale Keenan 767-3031 or your squad lieutenant.

Top bowlers for the week of March 5 were: mens high single Don Glastetter 222, mens high triple Bill Webb 578, ladies high single Darlene Wilson 181, ladies high triple Isabel Glastetter 513.

## Weekly Crossword

"THE EMERALD ISLE"

By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

- 1 Freshwater fish
- 5 Newspapers: Variation
- 10 Eject
- 14 Jacob's twin
- 15 Man's nickname
- 16 Ripped
- 17 One of the "little people"
- 19 Corn bread
- 20 Irish staple: Variation
- 21 Semaphored
- 23 Periods
- 26 Tidy
- 27 F.I.C.A. disbursement agency
- 30 Hawaiian trees
- 32 By Hook or by
- 36 County or humorous poem
- 38 "\_\_\_ Spirit"
- 39 Piece of news
- 40 Italy's Alberto Tomba
- 42 Precedes "ICES": Eucharistic cups
- 43 Hungarian beauties
- 45 Hunters
- 47 Speak pompously
- 48 \_\_\_ North Decoder: Sesame street character
- 49 Classic car
- 50 Irish Artist's Soc. of Amer.: Bit of Blarney?
- 52 Snort
- 54 The big picture
- 58 Yank
- 62 \_\_\_ go Bragh
- 63 Murphy's club
- 66 Ms. Barrett
- 67 Bayou
- 68 Stat: Medical term (abbrev)
- 69 Implement
- 70 Carla's deliveries to Norm
- 71 Diamonds first name

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- 6 Cheerleaders' word
- 7 Retirement svgs.
- 8 Boston has some
- 9 Irish playwright
- 10 Isle missionary
- 11 Joint venture
- 12 Sea eagle
- 13 Unwanted plant
- 18 Slip-up
- 22 Salt: Chem. symbol
- 24 William's greeting (2 wds)
- 25 Allig
- 27 Yeat's County
- 28 Ravi Shankar's instrument
- 29 One-celled animal
- 31 Japanese dog
- 33 Diverse
- 34 Chicago's Shannon
- 35 Famous race horse
- 37 Very moving
- 38 Erin go \_\_\_
- 41 Blunders
- 44 Derriere
- 46 Condo theory
- 48 1840's troubles
- 51 Daddy Warbucks to Punjab
- 53 L.A. Law specialty
- 54 Flippant
- 55 Irish exclamation
- 56 Spanish boy
- 57 Loosen
- 59 Competent
- 60 Stumbling block
- 61 Julia's abbreviated directions
- 64 Follows "CAR": Vocation
- 65 Stock options (abv)

### DOWN

- 1 Ancient Irish
- 2 On the ocean
- 3 Preoccupied
- 4 Thick liquid
- 5 Loving initials

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The Bethlehem Public Library will be accepting donations for its book sale to be held March 18, 19 and 20.

Gifts that are not used in the library collection will be used in the sale.

Gifts can be submitted up until the beginning of the sale on March 18 during library hours, Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.; Saturday from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m.

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Susan Sibitsky and Arthur  
**Sibitsky-Casey**

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Sibitsky of Clay, New York have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Marie, to Arthur C. Casey, son of Dr. and Mrs. Clifford H. Casey of Voorheesville.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of the State University of New York College at Plattsburgh, is a registered nurse specializing in pediatric care at Valley Presbyterian Hospital in Van Nuys, Calif.

Her fiancé, also a graduate of the State University College at Plattsburgh, is a sales engineer with Westinghouse Electric Corporation in Ventura, Calif.

A June 24 wedding is planned.

**Ehring-Penzabene**

Mr. and Mrs. John Ehring of Scotia are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Amy Heather, to Frank Joseph Penzabene, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Penzabene of Albany.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Scotia-Glenville High School, is employed by the state Department of State. Her fiancé, a graduate of Cardinal McClosky High School in Albany, works for the TNT Red Star Express.

A September wedding is planned.

**Parents' skills discussed at library**

Videotapes, followed by discussions related to aspects of parenting, will be presented at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesdays during March and April, from 7 to 9 p.m. The free programs will be directed by Elizabeth Iseman, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, and Gwen Guillet, a guidance counselor at Bethlehem Central Elementary school.

All are welcome to attend any or all of the following sessions: March 29, "How We Become the Parents We Are"; April 5, "How Kids Learn to be Responsible"; April 12, "Listening to and Understanding Your Child"; and April 19, "How You Can Help Your Child Develop Greater Self-esteem."



Kristina Hoffman and David Perrone  
**Hoffman-Perrone**

Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hoffman of Voorheesville are proud to announce the engagement of their daughter, Kristina Elizabeth, to David Paul Perrone, son of Mrs. Francois Perrone of Albany and the late Edward Perrone.

**Parent-teacher conference postponed**

The parent-teacher conferences for parents of Bethlehem Central School District students in grades 1 through 5 have been postponed until Thursday, March 28. On this day students in grades one through five will have school in the morning, then will be bused home.

The conferences were originally scheduled for March 22.

**Legion celebrates St. Patrick's Day**

American Legion Post 1493 of Voorheesville will hold a St. Patrick's Day dinner and dance on Saturday, March 18, at 6 p.m.

Music will be presented by Sundown. The cost of the meal will be \$11.

**Senior Citizens**



New York's Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage program (EPIC) aids eligible seniors in meeting the cost of prescription drugs. Recently, the program enrollment instruction booklet and the application form was simplified. The income documentation requirement has been dropped for most seniors. Now seniors only have to include their gross income from the previous calendar year. (Some seniors may be required to submit income documentation later in the enrollment process.) New York State residents who are 65 years of age or older and meet the following income guidelines are eligible: single people with incomes below \$15,000 and married couples with joint incomes below \$20,000.

Forms are available at the Senior Services Office in the Bethlehem Town Hall.

**AARP considers women's contribution**

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter #1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons will hold a meeting at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, March 21, at 1 p.m.

A program about "VCRs on Women's Contribution to Our Nation's Heritage" will be presented.

For information call 439-1887.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of the College of Saint Rose, and holds a master's degree in learning disabilities. Her fiancé is a graduate of the LaSalle School for Boys in Troy.

**Republican women elect officers**

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will hold a meeting at the Delmar Presbyterian Church, on Tuesday, March 28, at 7 p.m.

Karen Pellettier and Ken Ringler will be the speakers. The group will elect officers during the evening. For information call 439-2947.

**Local students reap Doane Stuart honors**

The Doane Stuart School of Albany has named its honor roll for the second marking period.

Andrew Cleary, Susan Cleary, Bart D'Aluaro, Jessica Harper, Elizabeth Line and Alisha Taylor of Delmar, and James Hogan of Selkirk earned high honor roll recognition.

Juliette Braun, Eric Edlund, David Hughes, Melanie veazy and Edward Waters of Delmar, and Ryan Boyle of Slingerlands were named to the honor roll.

**Girls Academy honor roll announced**

Thirty-one Upper School students at Albany Academy for Girls have been named to the honor and high honor rolls for the first half of the academic year.

High Honor Roll students included Eva Zeller (grade 11), daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leslie Zeller of Delmar; and Elyse Wilson (grade 12) of Voorheesville, daughter of Dr. Harold Wilson of Voorheesville and Shiela Wilson of Delmar.

Honor Roll students included Sandra Galib, (grade 12) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Paul Galib of Delmar; and Edith Wagoner, (grade 12) daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Giles Wagoner of Selkirk.



**Community Corner**

**Pancake Breakfast**

The Bethlehem Lions Club will hold a pancake breakfast on Sunday, March 19, at the Blanchard Post of the American Legion in Elmsmere. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. until 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the breakfast will be used to support local projects involving sight and hearing conservation, senior citizens, and youth activities.

Everyone is invited to enjoy a leisurely Sunday breakfast in good company and support the community projects of the Bethlehem Lions Club. For information call 439-2251.

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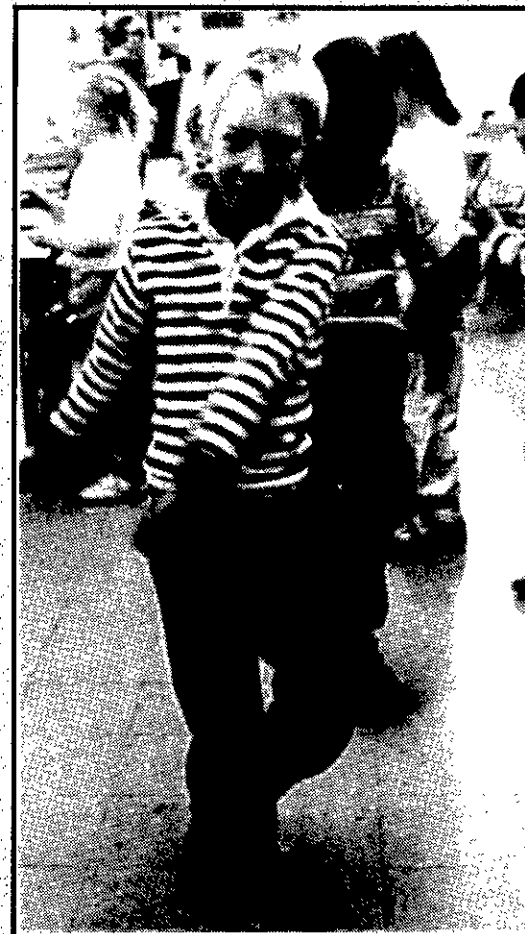
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