

Questions on solid waste burn plant

Completion seen in 4 to 5 years

By Mark Stuart

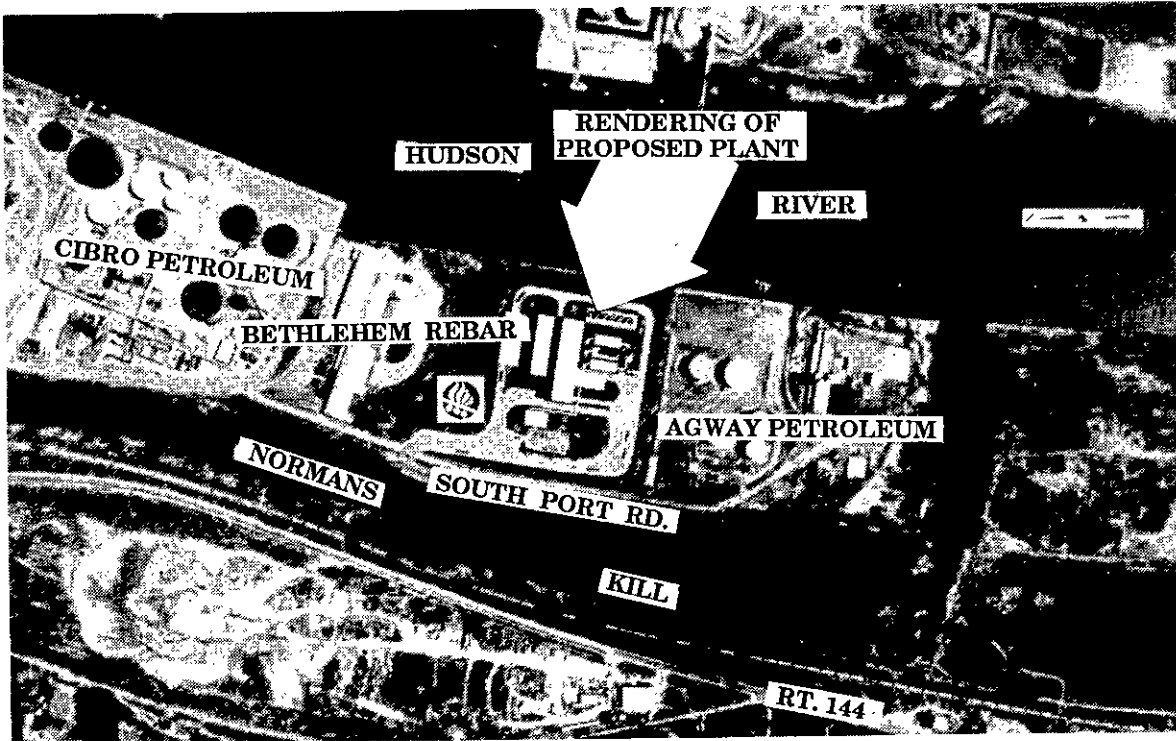
American Ref-fuel, a Long Island-based firm, came forward Wednesday with a proposal for a waste-to-energy plant in Bethlehem, a plant that is currently illegal under town law and literally has no place in the zoning code.

Plans for the major solid waste burn facility on 15 acres at the Port of Albany were announced last week by representatives of American Ref-fuel. American Ref-fuel is a 50-50 partnership of Browning-Ferris Industries and Air Products and Chemicals Inc. BFI is a national leader in solid waste management with extensive operations in the Capital District, and Air Products has a plant on Rt. 144 in Glenmont.

Located on Cabbage Island south of the Port of Albany, the land is currently owned by Cibro Petroleum. American Ref-fuel has an option to purchase the land contingent upon project approval. Access to the plant would be exclusively through Albany.

"We are proposing a plan that meets the needs of the region in a safe, available and secure facility. It is an environmentally safe solution that is available today and that will meet the needs of the region well into the next century," said Ross Patten, vice president of marketing for American Ref-fuel, "this project is two years ahead of any long-term solution in the Capital Region."

Patton said he expects the hearing process to last between one and two years and that con-



An aerial photo shows the proposed American Ref-fuel waste-to-energy plant site located along South Port Rd. on Cabbage Island, south of the Port of Albany. The land is currently a vacant lot owned by Cibro Petroleum.

struction will take 30 months. "We expect completion in four to five years from today," he said.

Under full 1,500 ton per day capacity, the \$200 million waste-to-energy plant will operate at 2,000 degrees Fahrenheit and is expected to produce up to 40 megawatts of power, enough for up to 25,000 homes.

The town may receive between \$1 to \$2 per ton for a tipping fee. Depending on the contracts, Patten said, the plant would receive \$65 to \$75 per ton in tipping fees.

The plant would handle an estimated 1,300 tons per day of waste. That cost would result in

increased residential pickup fees, an increase that Patten said would occur with or without a burn plant.

The plant is expected to serve several municipalities in the Capital Region, but no exact numbers can be determined until bids are submitted and accepted. Municipalities would submit bids to American Ref-fuel for 20-year contracts. Patten said the municipalities would be obligated to provide a minimum amount of refuse according to their contracts.

After incineration, 300 tons per day of ash from the plant would be transferred to the Colonie landfill, provided that idea re-

ceives approval from the Colonie Town Board. Patten said American Ref-fuel would pay to upgrade Colonie's sanitary landfill to include double plastic liners, double clay liners, monitoring wells and double leachate collection systems. Patten said the landfill "would meet or exceed all environmental standards."

The Colonie landfill currently does not accept out-of-town waste and is expected to be the only landfill operating in the Capital Region after 1992.

The question of what steps will be needed in the Bethlehem plan-

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What about air pollution?

By Linda Anne Burtis

"The residents of Bethlehem are going to be affected by American Ref-fuel's proposed incinerator for the town," according to the air pollution meteorologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, Gregory Playford. Playford was referring to local weather conditions that will cause larger airborne particles from the trash-burning plant to filter down quickly into the surrounding area, rather than dispersing over a wider territory.

American Ref-fuel has not identified exactly which pollutants would be emitted.

"I was rather shocked that American Ref-fuel couldn't say what will be coming out of their stacks," Judy Enck, president of Clearwater, said. "All they could tell me was that their plant would comply with state and federal regulations."

The state has just adopted new, stringent standards for dioxin emissions. Dioxin, a suspected carcinogen, is probably best known as one of the ingredients in Agent Orange. The new permissible level of dioxin was reduced this month to .2 nanograms per dry square cubic meter.

Incinerators that burn garbage have a history of emitting large quantities of acid gases, heavy metals, furans and dioxins, Enck said.

Meteorologist Playford explained that both weather inver-

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Vote nears on asbestos

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The trouble that even a small amount of asbestos can cause was graphically illustrated last week for the Voorheesville School District, just two weeks before a district vote on a bond issue that focuses on the asbestos problem.

A pipe leak in the assistant principal's office at the Voorheesville Elementary School caused a small portion of the school's cafeteria ceiling, which contains asbestos, to fall last Wednesday.

Superintendent Louise Gonan said "a few inches" of plaster ceiling containing asbestos fell resulting in the cafeteria being closed off Thursday. The area was small enough that the district's custodians, who have been trained to handle asbestos, were able to clean up and make the ceiling repairs, she said.

The entire cafeteria and kitchen were washed down overnight Wednesday, Gonan said, adding that as a precaution all the

Voorheesville

food in the school's freezer was thrown out.

Air testing yielded results below safety standards and the cafeteria is "perfectly safe," she said.

"It was really a minor release," Gonan said.

The removal of ceilings containing asbestos in both district schools is slated for this summer pending the approval of the \$8.9 million bond issue to go before voters next Wednesday.

In addition to \$2,574,300 worth of asbestos removal, the 20-year bond issue will also fund the correction of fire safety code violations, building improvements and a four-classroom addition at the high school. The safety violations from the 1987-88 state mandated inspection include exit doors that are chained closed at night and inadequate chlorine room ventilation in both schools, improper

exit windows at the elementary school and improper exits from the high school courtyard.

The initial tax impact of the bond issue is expected to be an increase of 2.71 percent or \$8.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, if the district uses bond anticipation notes (BANs). The tax impact would increase again by 3.85 percent or \$12.97 per \$1,000 in the second year. Under the proposed financing plan, the heaviest tax impact would be in the third year when the rate increases by an additional 1.67 percent or \$5.69 per \$1,000. The tax impact would then decrease each subsequent year.

If the bond issue fails, the board has approved the inclusion of \$2,690,000 worth of contingency work in the annual budget. The funding would allow asbestos removal at the high school as well as the installation of the new heating system this summer. Fire safety violations would also be corrected at both schools.

To our readers

Over the next several weeks, you will notice a series of changes in the look and organization of *The Spotlight*.

The first of these, starting in this week's issue, is the elimination of our quarterfold-size cover, which means that Page 1, the page you are reading now, will be your first introduction to our paper every week. Over the next several weeks we will be making other changes in Page 1 to make it more attractive and useful, including the introduction of an index.

These changes have little to do with the editorial content of *The Spotlight*, but are a way of presenting our paper in a more attractive and modern form. Our coverage of local events in Bethlehem and New Scotland will remain unchanged.

We do plan one major editorial addition in the next month — a new section called *Family* that will include features and news about activities and issues of interest to our readers. This section, to be introduced May 3 in conjunction with the launching of the new *Colonie Spotlight* (see Page 2), will also include an expanded calendar of events and our classified, real estate and automotive sections. It will be edited by Dan Button, our editorial page editor.

The past nine years have been an exciting time of growth and change for us here at *The Spotlight*. The steady increase in circulation and advertising has allowed us to broaden and strengthen our news coverage and add many new features. We plan to continue to grow and change to provide the best possible paper for our community.

Richard A. Ahlstrom
Publisher

Spotlight publisher to start new paper

Building on its success in serving residents of Bethlehem and New Scotland through *The Spotlight's* news and advertising columns, Newgraphics of Delmar, Inc., is enlarging its focus.

Beginning with a May 3 premier issue, the *Colonie Spotlight* will be published each week, according to an announcement this week by Richard A. Ahlstrom, the publisher. The new paper will be distributed only in the Town of Colonie, he said.

In many ways, the new newspaper will be comparable to the

30-year-old *Spotlight*, but it will concentrate on news and advertising of interest to readers in New York State's largest town. It will have its own staff, and the present publication will not be affected in any way, Ahlstrom stated.

Some advertisers will receive additional benefits, however, in that ads placed in both newspapers will obtain a special combination rate equivalent to an approximately 25 percent discount.

The Town of Colonie, with its 75,000 residents, has not been served by a community newspa-

per for several years. The town includes some 2,500 businesses, as well as substantial commercial facilities, among them the Albany County Airport. Its residential, educational, recreational, and transportation aspects are widely recognized throughout the area.

"Numerous civic leaders in Colonie have made known to us their interest in having a newspaper with *The Spotlight's* reputation and standards become available to the people and the businesses of the town," said Ahlstrom. "There is a demon-

strated need for the function that we are bringing to them.

"In such towns as Bethlehem, New Scotland, and Colonie, the multi-interest daily newspapers are unable to supply the kind of information services that the communities need. Here, as virtually everywhere, people have a very understandable appetite for the localized news, commentary, and advertising that the community paper provides uniquely. This is especially true of communities within metropolitan areas, where their concerns and interests are likely to be bypassed otherwise."

The advent of its sister publication will in fact help to strengthen *The Spotlight* in Bethlehem and New Scotland, he said, by adding to its overall resources, including personnel.

The Spotlight has been published by Ahlstrom as the company's president and his wife, Mary A. Ahlstrom, as its secretary since 1980. Its present weekly circulation is more than 7,000, representing a 75 percent increase under his leadership.



Richard Ahlstrom

The *Colonie Spotlight* will be sold both by annual subscription and through a large number of retail outlets. The publisher is guaranteeing a town-wide circulation of 8,000 in the paper's first year, including sample copies distributed in circulation-building campaigns. A paid circulation of 8,000 by May 1990 is anticipated.

Police investigate teen party

Bethlehem police are investigating a teen house party that occurred at a Kenwood Ave. home Friday.

Police said they were called by the homeowner to check the residence because the telephone was busy and no one was supposed to be at the house. The owner was away and her teenage daughter was supposed to be staying with a relative, said Lt. Frederick Holligan.

When the officer arrived at the home, there were lights on and voices were heard in the house, police said.

After police gained access to the home, 10 teens ranging from 17 to 20 were found hiding under beds and in closets, police said.

Police said there was evidence some of the teens had been drinking from a beer ball that was found,

but that none of the youths appeared to be under the influence.

All of the youths' parents were notified of the incident by the police department and no charges have been pressed.

Police are continuing to inves-

tigate how the teens got the beer and who purchased it, Holligan said, adding that the homeowner was cooperating with the department. The purchaser could face charges of unlawfully dealing with a child, a misdemeanor.

Selkirk woman charged for endangering child

Bethlehem police arrested a 39-year-old Selkirk woman Tuesday on misdemeanor charges of endangering the welfare of a child stemming from a Sunday evening incident.

Police said they responded to a call to a Rt. 144, Selkirk residence along with the Delmar Rescue Squad for a youth delinquent seizure. Police said the youth and his mother had been con-

suming beer together at a nearby residence and in their own home. Police said when they arrived the youth appeared to be highly intoxicated.

The youth was taken to Albany Medical Center for observation and it was determined the nature of his illness was due to consuming too much alcohol, which resulted in the mother's arrest, police said.

Three file petitions to run for BC board

Three Bethlehem Central School District residents have filed petitions to run for the two Board of Education seats up for election in May.

Incumbent Bernard Harvith of Delmar, George Sussman of Delmar and Marcia Roth of Clarksville filed their petitions, containing a minimum of 69 signatures of district residents, with the district prior to Monday's deadline, said Superintendent Leslie Loomis.

The seats up for election on May 3 are currently held by long-time board members Harvith and Marjory O'Brien. Both three-year terms expire June 30. For the first time, this year's election will be at-large, meaning the two candidates with the highest vote totals will serve on the board.

Harvith, a 17-year board

member, has served twice as school board president.

Roth, who ran unsuccessfully for election last year, has served on the district's facilities task force and enrollment and facilities committee, Loomis said. The work of those committees resulted in recommendations that would later become the basis of the recently approved facilities bond issue.

Sussman has served as a member of the district's steering committee for the educational planning process, Loomis said. The work of this committee and the district has resulted in draft statement of goals for the future direction of education in Bethlehem and will eventually result in a district policy guiding educational goals into the next century.

Sal Prividera Jr.

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BC board sets \$25M budget

Size of tax increase debated

By Sal Prividera Jr.

After more than four hours of deliberation and adjustments to its proposed 1989-90 spending plan, the Bethlehem Central School Board unanimously adopted a \$25 million package for voter approval.

The \$25,055,973 budget, an increase of \$2,139,963 over last year's \$22,916,010, will go before voters on May 3. Also on the ballot will be a proposition for the purchase of five 59-passenger buses and two eight-passenger buses for \$274,000.

If the budget is approved, the Bethlehem tax rate would increase by 8.3 percent or \$15.96 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$208.08 per \$1,000, while the New Scotland rate would rise to \$329.13 per \$1,000, an increase of 19.9 percent or \$54.74 per \$1,000. Franz Zwicklbauer, assistant superintendent for business, said the projected New Scotland rate hike follows two years of tax rate decreases. He said the larger increase was caused by the increased true value of property in New Scotland.

Approval of the bus purchase proposition will not affect the 1989-90 tax rate, since the purchase would be funded through bonding.

The board pored over a number of budget cuts and discussed a few additions, including approving the administration-recommended second elementary guidance counselor position, before adopting the document.

The board also approved several adjustments to the amount of revenue anticipated by the district next year. The board decided to increase the amount of interest revenue projected for next year by \$22,000 due to higher interest rates and assumed an additional \$75,000 in state aid would be received. The district expects to generate \$5,864,300 in revenue and to raise the remaining \$19,191,673 through the tax levy.

Three board members, Bernard Harvith, Marjory O'Brien and Velma Cousins, were not in favor of the projected 8.3 percent tax increase and attempted a motion to have the administration cut an additional \$50,000 to \$60,000 from the budget. Cousins suggested a less than one percent decrease across the board to arrive at a tax rate increase below eight percent. "We have to have a figure that will not make (the public) feel hostile," she said, adding that voters who vote no on the budget would also vote against the bus proposition. Harvith said a one-percent cut would be "better to sell" to the voters and would not affect program. The remaining three board members in attendance at the time, William Collins, Lynne Lenhardt and Pamela Williams, did not support the additional cut. "We looked at the budget very carefully and made the best decisions possible," said Lenhardt. William said she was "comfortable" with the spending plan.

Board President Sheila Fuller, who was absent from the meeting due to a death in her family, was called to the district offices to resolve the impasse. After receiving an up-date of the work the

board had done, Fuller said she supported the budget with the 8.3 projected increase.

Zwicklbauer said the difference between the impact of the 8.3 percent tax increase and a 7.9 percent increase would be 65 cents per \$1,000.

"There is not one ounce of fat in this budget," said Superintendent Leslie Loomis. He noted the district's per pupil expenditure for this year was only \$45 more than the lowest per-pupil expenditure in the Suburban Council and that residents were getting "an excellent return on the dollar."

Budget additions

During the session, the board voted 4-2 to approve the addition of a second guidance counselor at a cost of \$33,000.

The board was unable to reach a decision about the position at its first work session, two weeks ago. At that time the board was split 3-3 with one member, Bernard Harvith, abstaining with a request for more information. Several district administrators, including Loomis, Guidance Director Jackie Birch and some elementary principals have argued for the position.

Last week several parents spoke in favor of adding a second guidance counselor prior to the board decision.

Loomis said that as he prepared the information for the board with other administrators "it certainly became even clearer how important the position is."

Collins, who was not initially for the proposal, said he was "significantly moved by the amount of support" shown for the addition from the elementary principals and parent-teacher associations. He said he would like all the district's counselors to have more hands-on involvement with students and was "persuaded to go with the additional counselor toward the end of improving the program overall."

"If we make life easier for one child, it's worth it," said Williams.

Cousins and Harvith voted against the proposal. Cousins said she was "not convinced" the district guidance program would have the impact of a program to help parents cope with parenting.

Harvith said there was a problem, but that the proposed solution was "inadequate." He agreed with Cousins on the need for a parenting program and said the district-wide guidance program should be studied by a task force.

The board also approved the addition of \$10,000 for the continuation of the educational planning process, allowing for pilot programs to begin during the next school year, and \$2,500 for improvements to the guidance department. The guidance amount was half the administrations original request.

Budget cuts

The board cut six items totaling \$38,650 from a list of 16 potential reductions totaling \$200,150 provided by Loomis at the board's request.

The board cut a \$7,750 contract transportation item that will not be needed if the bus proposition is approved; reduced the allo-



Area student musicians who are planning to play with the Empire State Youth Orchestra in Austria and Hungary from April 12 through 25 include, from left, Meg Bragle, Marilyn

Kirk, Louis Lazarus, Heather Taft, Dan Roberts, Lisa Gray, Keith Lenden, Gwen Jones and Nancy Leonard. Absent from the photo is Haven Battles. Theresa Bobear

Musicians going to Europe

By Theresa Bobear

Student musicians from Bethlehem and Voorheesville are particularly glad to be members of the Empire State Youth Orchestra these days. The orchestra members are looking forward to touring Austria and Hungary from April 12 through 25.

"We've wanted this for a long time," said Lisa Gray, a cellist from Delmar. "I think it's really exciting to be able to play in the cities where the music was written," said Marilyn Kirk, who plays viola. Gwen Jones, who plays principal viola with the orchestra, is looking forward to playing in the Mozarteum in Salzburg. "I think the people in Europe will be in for a good treat with this," said Louis Lazarus, who plays French horn.

After landing in Munich, West Germany, the musicians will perform in Vienna, Austria, for the benefit of Armenian earthquake victims. The concert will be conducted by Jarvi Paavo and sponsored by five Kiwanis clubs.

In Salzburg, Austria, the students will present a concert similar in purpose to the Melodies of Christmas, which the orchestra presents each

year to benefit the Albany Medical Center Children's Cancer Unit. Proceeds from the concert in Salzburg will go to an Austrian hospital for children with cancer.

After performing in Steyr and Graz, Austria, the orchestra members will close their tour with a concert in Budapest, Hungary.

Haven Battles of Slingerlands, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, will play violin in the orchestra's concert tour. Bethlehem Central High School students who plan to tour with the orchestra are: Louis Lazarus of Delmar, junior, French horn; Daniel Roberts of Delmar, junior, percussion; Lisa Gray of Delmar, senior, cello; Nancy Leonard of Delmar, sophomore, principal string bass; Meg Bragle of Slingerlands, junior, concert mistress, violin; Gwen Jones of Delmar, senior, principal viola; Marilyn Kirk of Slingerlands, junior, viola; Keith Lenden of Delmar, sophomore, trombone; and Heather Taft of Delmar, senior, oboe.

George Bragle of Slingerlands, and Ed Leonard and Marty Lazarus of Delmar will serve as chaperones for the students.

cation of district-wide art history program implementation by \$2,500; cut \$5,000 from the substitute salary line; and cut \$13,000 from the BOCES library line.

The reduction of the BOCES library will restrict the availability of audio-visual materials. J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent, said the cut was a year ahead of a plan to begin a video tape library in-district.

The cut funding for substitute teachers will affect teacher staff development days and curriculum work days, according to Loomis and McAndrews. McAndrews said the cut will mean more workshops will be offered after school hours.

The board also cut \$38,760 from the employee retirement fund allocation assuming a possible reduction from the existing rates staying in effect. The list provided by Loomis called for a \$10,400 cut on the retirement line.

A proposal to add a junior varsity lacrosse team at a cost of \$6,260 was not approved by the board.

Elks Auxiliary plans spring card party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2333, Rt. 144 and Winne Rd., Selkirk, will hold its spring card party on Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m.

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Matters of Opinion

Just a slow burn

Even the early planning outlines for the proposed facility for solid waste disposal that would be located in a remote and inaccessible corner of Bethlehem underscore its importance to the entire town.

The environmental aspects are overriding, especially inasmuch as the burn load would include trash from several counties amounting to a thousand tons or more every day. Not only would this waste matter have to be trucked in, but the nature of the effluent remains, at this stage, a major concern. The residue would have to be disposed of elsewhere (a matter not yet resolved, though a Colonie landfill site is suggested). More important is the question-mark hanging over the assurances that the airborne emissions would not be toxic.

On another side of the ledger can be written the community's advantage in obtaining an adequate disposal site for the long run. Add to this the potential financial benefits that presumably would accrue to Bethlehem: a few hundred thousand dollars a year in fees, plus income from property taxes on the privately owned operation. Such attractions would not, however, be a persuasive factor in the town's position as and when it is shaped.

Particularly because of our town's focal position in relation to a large geographic and population area, the town's official response to such a significant issue is certain to be studied closely. It is a major challenge and opportunity for the town board. Many avid environmentalists are sure to oppose the location, employing the dreaded term "toxic". Intrusion by outside forces likewise will be viewed as an irritant — countered, perhaps, by the economic gains envisioned. In fact, however, Bethlehem may not have the last word on approving or rejecting the site; state legislation is being sought that would enable a region to supersede a locality's veto.

The stakes are considerable. Virtually unprecedented. By no means are all the facts

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and prospects on the table as yet. Not all objections and clarifications have been heard; they haven't really begun so far. (One question that we'd like to hear answered promptly is, what will be the burn temperature? Is it planned to be high enough to effectively diminish harmful substances?)

It is remarkable but not surprising that this burn plant is being proposed by private industry, rather than by any level of government. Remarkable because the Capital District's solid waste crisis is so clearly documented and so urgent. Not surprising because the inertia of local government is also quite clear.

Given its public relations and advertising campaigns of late, it is also not surprising that BFI is playing a major role in this enterprise.

It is understood that localities the size of Bethlehem and New Scotland can do little to solve the waste disposal problem themselves. What is indefensible is that Albany County has refused to take any leadership role whatsoever to solve this problem. It remains for the City of Albany to attempt to form a regional solid waste authority, in which, presumably, Bethlehem and New Scotland may participate. While that does not put our towns in the driver's seat, by any means, it appears to be preferable to what is developing in the vacuum — one corporation that will, by its size and its vertical integration, be in a position to put a strangle hold on the area.

In the absence of adequate information on which to base enlightened discussion and sound decisions, the dimensions of the issue do not yet justify firm positions by residents or their governing bodies.

Voorheesville's bond issue

Many residents of the Voorheesville School District will be voting with mixed emotions next Wednesday on the district's \$8.9 million bond issue.

We urge a "yes" vote on the bond issue with the same mixed emotions. The case for the immediate removal of asbestos in the district's two school buildings, plus the remediation of numerous fire code and safety problems, is compelling. Other improvements, which include four new classrooms at the high school and rearranging classrooms and library facilities at the elementary school, appear modest and well thought out.

Reservations about this bond issue have to do with the substantial tax increase involved, the manner in which it has been

presented to the voters and the fact that even if it is voted down the asbestos removal will be included in this year's budget. Two strong but thoughtful letters on these pages address this "take it or leave it" approach, a concern that appears to be shared by many residents.

We would suggest that residents also consider the impact of a continued standoff between the school board and the community. Without attempting to judge the merits of the complaints that led to that standoff, we would suggest that it has to end some time, and the sooner the better. The district will shortly begin its search for a new superintendent — a process that should include a good deal of soul searching for the community as well as the school board. Perhaps that is the place to start.

Good riddance

Over the years, angry reports of the "Welcome, Stranger" assessment policies have flourished in many communities. The sarcastically applied title relates to the noxious practice of assessing some property at its current value (based on recent sales) while similar property remains at lower assessments and thus pay less taxes simply because it has not changed hands recently.

Now the United States Supreme Court, as well as two New York State courts, have declared this practice to be unconstitutional. These decisions may result in numerous taxpayer suits seeking reductions in assessments, and possibly demanding refunds.

Oddly, the New York State Board of Equalization and Assessment says that it lacks "verifiable information on where the practice exists upstate and how prevalent it might be." It would appear that this official body would

have a wealth of such information, but the key word in its statement probably is "verifiable," for the unfair, though convenient, habit of municipalities can indeed be difficult to tie down. That is especially true in communities such as Albany, where for generations the "Welcome, Stranger" practice was directly tied to enrollment and voting illegalities.

The courts' rulings now make it clear to assessment officials and to property-owners alike that the old practice must be abandoned wherever it has been employed.

The New York State Legislature has before it legislation that would require valuation of all real property every three years. In the view of the Board of Equalization and Assessment, regular updating of property values and assessments is "the only fair way to achieve fairness in the system." That would really be a "welcome" change.

Reader questions unrestricted spending

Editor, the Spotlight:

This letter is written in the ardent hope that it will be influential to some or even to many in their decision on April 12 to cast an overwhelming negative vote on this unconscionable school bond issue.

I have been appalled at the steady and unrelenting promotional program aimed at obtaining approval. Scare tactics, state and federal mandates, and local building inspections converge on us, all at the same time, creating the publicized urgency designed to result in acquiescence to spending more money.

Conditions that have existed for over 30 years must now be corrected immediately at great cost. How thorough and intensive has the search been to obtain the lowest cost for the work that, it is acknowledged, must be done?

Vox Pop

If we accept, and I know we must, the premise that asbestos must be removed or contained, and that building deficiencies must be corrected, we are looking at perhaps \$2.5 to 3 million. However, the bond issue on which we are voting is a whopping \$8.9 million. This surely satisfies the unrestricted spending urge that has been so prevalent over the past few years. Have we been fully informed of the alleged need for the extra \$5 to 6 million? I do recall some reference to more classrooms, athletic facilities. In a school district where enrollments are down in comparison to the 1970's and early 1980's, I must question this need. I do believe the asbestos scare was used to

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Mercury refining facility opposed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Resistance and opposition of residents and farmers of the Hilltowns of Albany County is gaining momentum against the Mercury Refining Company's insistence on expanding its Colonie mercury refining plant to a facility at the corner of Routes 85 and 143 in the Town of Westerlo.

The announcement by Albany Mayor Thomas M. Whalen III that he had sent a letter to William Clark, EnCon's Region 4 permit administrator has added a new dimension to the controversy. The letter opposes the proposal to locate this refining plant near one of the major feeder streams for the Basic Creek, which feeds the Basic and Alcove Reservoirs that

hold nearly 14 billion gallons of water and serve as the city's water supply.

The Hilltowners had stressed the fact that repeated violations of regulations governing the site and plant by MERECO indicated it should not be allowed to place a facility capable of refining up to 800 pounds of mercury daily in such a critical, fragile environment as the Westerlo site. Mayor Whalen stated that questions have been raised as to the company's safety history "and that makes us even more apprehensive."

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UNCLE DUDLEY

A manager for all seasons

Baseball comes alive again this week, as organically understood by at least 80 million frustrated Hall of Fame pitchers and sluggers among us. I myself could have been a great third baseman except for inadequate size, eyesight, and abilities. I owned the glove, a bat, and a ball (one often held together with tar tape).

I had one further credential: I was a born hero-worshiper of players famous and those you never heard of. I idolized whole teams, too. For quite a few years past, this has meant the Mets, they who represent Queens County, New York, in the National League. To be a true-blue supporter, though, you must be a fine hater. My choice in this world-class category has been the Yankees, of Bronx County, New York. In this, of course, I merely join the countless hordes who got there earlier and hate better. Our ranks have been multiplied by the club's principal owner, who recently accepted a presidential pardon for a ridiculous record of cheating that didn't begin to compare with his offenses against our national pastime.

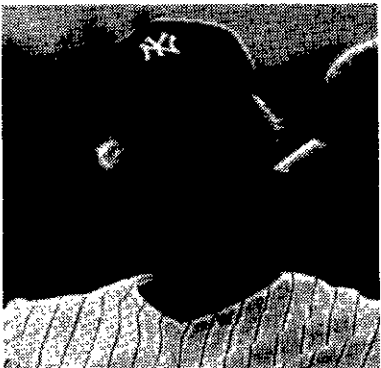
But for me, at least, the worm has turned. The manager of the Bronx team, as of the rehearsals just concluded in Florida and the first week of scheduled competition, is one Dallas Green. In fact, this little essay was intended to be about him.

Lots of skeptics, I'm sure, were reading the reports from Fort Lauderdale last month with disbelief and even fragile hopefulness. Dallas Green seems to have broken through the defenses of a considerable number of baseball reporters, some of whom are employing rusty adjectives and muscular verbs in their efforts to describe this last best hope of mankind.

The New York Times Sunday Magazine, in a late-March cover

story, called him a motivator, a ubiquitous presence, a no-nonsense leader who gains respect through directness and honesty.

This 1989 successor to the mantle of Huggins, McCarthy, Stengel and 18 other, more recent peerless pilots, says of himself: "I'm stubborn and I'm recognized as being tough. I thrive on trouble. I'm temperamentally built for conflict."



Dallas Green

Invariably, certain physical attributes are cited about Dallas Green — 260 pounds on a well-proportioned 6-foot-5 frame — and these do add a formidable credibility when push comes to shove in imposing one's wishes on a collection of overpaid, equally temperamental, often poorly motivated young males. As George Steinbrenner has said, "Dallas won't back away from anyone, including me."

And thereby hangs a little tale that I'd like now to relate.

Dallas Green grew up in the late years of the Great Depression, in the very small and old town of Newport, just outside Wilmington, Delaware. For 8 cents, you could take the trolley into the city. As it happens, I was a local boy, somewhat older than Dallas, still living at home. My sister Shirley and brother-in-law lived nearby, too.

A handsome boy ("Pretty," my sister says) and already tall, Dal-

las went to the elementary grades in the Henrik J. Krebs School, just up James Street from my family's home. A shortcut from home to school took him through our side yard and past a row of garages. In the lee of this building, and handy to all manner of wildflowers, my brother-in-law, Lawrence, had for some years installed several hives; beekeeping was to be his lifelong avocation.

By the time Dallas was about a third-grader, the hives apparently had become a fascination for him. Everyone with good sense gave the inmates plenty of room, and to spare. Not so with Dallas, who even at 7 or 8 thrived on trouble and couldn't resist a challenge.

One afternoon on the way home, he responded to the challenge. The hives went over on their sides, the bees all flummoxed. When the mischief was discovered and the confusion righted (as my sister recalls it), Lawrence issued a quite justifiable complaint. Mrs. Green passed it off: Take it up with Dallas, she advised.

Discussion with Dallas followed, but was unavailing immediately. The hives went over again, presumably because the first experiment hadn't been enough of a test for him and/or the bees. And again. Then the game ended, whether because Dallas considered he'd won, or because of certain disciplinary measures.

In any event, the daring, mischievous imp became, over a period of years, "an old-fashioned disciplinarian," a "Captain Bligh," "an authority figure," "the picture of the man in charge" who "commands fear as well as respect."

Forty years later, after Dallas's Phillies won the World Series, Newport gave him a big banquet. Lawrence attended and their meeting was good-humoredly reminiscent.

Watch those Yankees.

CONSTANT READER

For all you exercisers

Would you believe that aerobics is just coming of age? I came across a reference to its introduction in 1968 by Dr. Kenneth Cooper, so the whole fitness jag is only now reaching the age of 21.

The date was mentioned in an article that described "the biggest fitness news" since that year.

"You don't have to keep moving for 20 minutes straight in order to benefit your heart and lungs," according to Joan Lippert's stimulating article. "New research shows that just 12 minutes will do. The trick? Interval training."

I found this advice in an issue of *USAir*, a monthly magazine that the airline of the same name provides to its customers. You may even be lucky enough to find that same issue if you're flying *USAir* one day soon. Continuing:

"The approach is to exercise as hard as you can for two or three minutes, then slow down for the next two or three, then go all out again, then slow down. With this type of training, you can get fit more quickly, and you can exercise longer. . . Perhaps most

important, if you're bored a exerciser, you can amuse yourself with the variations of pace. . . Keeping yourself amused is one way to make it more likely you'll stick with your exercise program, and interval training is interesting.

"The approach is to exercise as hard as you can for two or three minutes, then slow down for the next two or three ..."

"But be cautious. Intervals are not for the absolute beginning exerciser; interval training is stressful to the heart, since it's pumping hard during the work interval," is the advice offered by an exercise physiologist. "There's also a slightly higher risk of orthopedic injury."

All this information came almost literally out of the blue to me, courtesy of the airline. As it happens, Joan Lippert, the author,

is a former colleague of mine at a national magazine. Now, with a family, she's a freelance writer, and an excellent one.

One the same trip, a friend passed along a copy of a 1988 paperback book by Alanna Nash that's had quite a bit of notoriety: *Golden Girl*, the sad story of the NBC news reader, Jessica Savitch, who had destroyed herself well before the 1983 night her car plunged upside down into a ditch full of mud and water.

As the book makes abundantly evident, she had deep psychological troubles from the outset, and these were aggravated by years of indulgence in drugs, especially cocaine. I thought that some of my readers might be interested to hear the author's reports and comments about the impact of the drug. If you happen to know of someone who isn't intuitively aware of the hazards, you may wish to consider providing that person with the following words:

"Today, researchers know that
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Planning perspective

This Point-of-View guest editorial is by a member of Bethlehem's Land Use Advisory Committee. He is a member of the executive board of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning.

Point of View

By Samuel E. Messina

As a town, we residents of Bethlehem have reason to feel positive and proud about the direction in which we are moving toward planning. But, with all due respect, we should not feel so good about the type of dialogue which has surfaced recently about planning and development. In summary, our rhetoric has been much too personal, and even worse, *not focused on the right target*.

Let's make no mistake, for Bethlehem over the next 10 years (and with consequences that will last forever), the target should be, must be — *to manage and control* growth and development.

I do not want to reignite recent controversy, but I strongly believe that something more needs to be said about a few key issues.

Citizen involvement

Given competing pressures and priorities, it is a real struggle for people, individually or through membership in an organization, to be and, even more importantly, remain active with

Surely, it is not wrong to be concerned or involved with development that will impact one's life. In a very real sense, all development is in some resident's back yard ...

their government on even a critically important issue such as planning. For individuals and groups it's really an uphill effort most of the way. Money, time, and experience are often on the other guy's side — in this case the developer. People have a difficult time giving a sustained commitment even to something they may believe in very strongly, such as planning, because of other priorities and demands on their time. Whereas, for a developer, long-term persistence is possible because this is their business. This doesn't make developers or development "good" or "bad." But let us recognize that in this environment where citizens, town government, and developers interact citizens have a difficult time in influencing planning policy, or being involved early enough and long enough to impact proposed development projects.

This is precisely the reason that the town, and all of the appropriate town boards, should encourage citizen participation and place real value on all of these processes which enable public input to occur. Further, town officials need to be careful that their actions or statements do not stifle the public's opinions and involvement that they really should want. In truth, even when the public input is critical or perhaps even "dead wrong," as it sometimes may be, it is better to deal with some of this than to react negatively and risk damaging a critical participatory process.

'Back yard' issues

I am, and have been, a member of the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning (BCRP) since the group formed about two years ago. We advocate master planning, strengthening of the town's planning staff, comprehensive traffic and road studies and other town-wide issues. Additionally, we have been involved in the planning process, including researching and providing comments on Delmar Village, Brookhill, Cedar Ridge and other proposed development projects.

Delmar Village was the first major development issue we became involved with, and it is important to us because of its land-use impact on 92 acres of undeveloped green space. And, yes, the proposed development is relatively close to the homes of some of our members. What difference does this really make? Surely, it is not wrong to be concerned or involved with development that will impact one's life. In a very real sense, all development is in some resident's back yard, and in a relatively small land area such as Bethlehem, any development is sort of in *everyone's* back yard. So, let's recognize that being concerned about "back yard" development is valid.

Development/developers

Development, per se, is not good or bad — looking at it from a town-wide perspective. It depends on the type, quality, and location of the development — with respect to how *this town*, Bethlehem, wants to meet its public welfare objectives of sound development, consistent with the desire to retain and improve the town's character, solid economic base, and neces-

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sary open spaces.

Considered in this context, developers are no doubt as frustrated as citizens and town officials with a project-review process that at times seems tedious, may have a lot of starts and stops, and also takes an extremely long time to achieve a final result or decision.

The master plan process and project that will be created for Bethlehem will enable our town to make decisions of alternative choices about how the land will be used. The master plan can be an immense benefit to all parties if it is well done. And in Bethlehem, it will be well done because there are a lot of town people committed to producing a plan which is both visionary and of practical value in considering day-to-day land-use questions. The plan will guide development where, when and how the town chooses, and enable sound development proposals to move through the review process much more quickly, particularly if they are in line with land-use objectives described in the mas-

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ter plan.

Debate on issues

I am very pleased to be one of the members of the newly appointed Land Use Management Advisory Committee (LUMAC). And I have no doubt that debate, differences of opinion and conflict will arise in the course of this committee's work.

However, this is a vital part of a process in which the stakes are so high as to have consequence for every man, woman, and child in our town. But with these great stakes come equally great opportunities. The opportunity is to blend the concerns, interests and aspirations of all parties with an interest in our town into a strong consensus on how, where, and when development will, and will not, occur in the future. Let's recognize now that on some issues compromise will have to occur. Even then, not everyone will be satisfied with all components of a master plan or its strategies and

implementation process. But, in total, we will have, together, participated in a bold process to improve the quality of life in Bethlehem by managing and controlling growth, rather than being controlled by it. The goal is great and attainable, but it will require extensive discussion, negotiation, compromise, and on the town board's part, a good measure of political courage.

Use of media by officials

Although I have tried to focus on the future, I can't end this letter without giving my opinion on the rights and responsibilities of public officials with respect to their use of the media.

Clearly, every official, elected or appointed, has the constitutional First Amendment right of freedom of speech. But as so often is the case, it's how these rights are exercised that is very important.

When a member of the public is appointed to a government policy body, or even an advisory organization, that person's opinions and beliefs may be given more meaning or credibility by the general public. Further, once appointed, one has a responsibili-

ty to serve, deal with issues, and solve problems as part of the process of the particular governmental policy or advisory body. Beyond that, good judgment, a sense of fairness, and an understanding of the public's uphill struggle for participation in the planning process should encourage public officials to carefully evaluate the *information* and *issues* raised by the public, rather than becoming negative or adversarial.

As an example, even though my role in the planning issue is relatively small, as a member of LUMAC, I should and will now direct more of my energies and comments on planning to the committee's meetings and work that will begin on April 11. I will certainly reserve and perhaps sometimes use my right to write letters to be published, and speak out publicly on the issue of planning and development. But, I will do so in the future weighing that my opinion may be heard differently because of my role in LUMAC. Additionally, the chairman and other members of LUMAC deserve my support to work as part of that advisory process. And certainly the credibility of LUMAC, relationships between its members, and most importantly, the results of our

effort could be seriously damaged by having a couple of "loose cannons on deck."

Work of BCRP

Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning's result and fine record speaks for itself. My comments here relate to a couple of recent statements I have seen in *Spotlight* letters. For two years I have actively worked with, and shared in the gains and pains felt by people in BCRP who have volunteered so much of their time to planning issues, both town-wide or "back yard." Whether in posters, flyers, announcing a key meeting, or through the presentation of positions and data to town officials on planning and zoning matters, the group has conducted itself honorably and professionally. Under no circumstances would anyone I have worked with in BCRP intentionally use incorrect information to misinform.

Further, it needs to be appreciated that from an advertising point of view, it's not only acceptable, but necessary, that announcement flyers be provocative in order to arouse public interest and encourage people to attend public meetings about their town.

Lastly, BCRP has strived to provide factually correct information in advertising about various proposed developments and on the issue of planning. And to date I have not seen one case of where the factual information has been proven wrong. Certainly, if any information submitted by BCRP is ever proven to be erroneous during the course of the town's normal evaluation of all information received, this would be corrected in the future.

Town planning is a vitally important issue in Bethlehem and citizen participation in the process is absolutely necessary. It should be encouraged and welcomed by all parties.

Spring luncheon at Normanside

The Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club will hold a spring bridge luncheon at the club in Delmar on Thursday, April 13, at 11:30 a.m.

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Unrestricted spending

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trigger the effort to go for broke and obtain funds for more than triple the original required amount.

Recently, I believe Jack McKenna provided some interesting figures on average tax impact per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Jack did a good job and I could read into the presentation a certain cushioning of the blow, whether intended or not. If you read the article you will have noted that the numbers are ominous and do grow as the years pass. What was not mentioned, however, was the additional jolt that has not yet been addressed, concerning the 1989 additional increment to our regular school taxes. When you add both together you will realize the magnitude of this overall proposition. Also remember that this is like compound interest. The increment for the bond issue will be with us for 20 years. The annual increase will be on top of this, year after year.

Don't let anyone even suggest that there may be small increases or even no increases in school taxes over the years. Each year it is not a question of whether there will be an increase; it is merely a question of how much.

As a taxpayer you have one and only one way of turning the tide and that is to contribute your vote to a resounding and overwhelming "no" vote on April 12.

William J. Wenzel

Voorheesville

Plan offered to preserve character

Editor, The Spotlight:

With all the discussions going on currently about the Price Chopper/BTR proposal in Slingerlands, here's one more you might want to toss out to your readers. The residents want to preserve the rural, familial nature of New Scotland Road. Price Chopper wants a store in the area on a heavily traveled highway and originally offered to extend the Slingerlands Bypass.

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Accept the bypass extension — everyone knows it has been needed for a long time. Such an extension will remove traffic from New Scotland Road, rather than increase it as the residents fear. Let BTR build single-family homes to make their costs recoverable and justifiable — but build them along New Scotland and LaGrange — to preserve the original character of the area. Behind these single-family homes, along the new bypass extension, town homes can be built as is currently being done further up the bypass. These would act as a buffer between the single-family homes and the extension.

Finally, Price Chopper could build on the north side of the new extension. They will still be on a major highway, still be easily accessible to Bethlehem and New Scotland residents, but be away from any residential areas currently existing.

Bob Marriott

Delmar

BOU appreciates community support

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last Friday night — a cold, rainy night — Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited held its annual fund-raiser auction. We raised over \$10,000 — more than double our profits from the previous auction! A tremendous success.

More importantly, this was a heart warming outpouring of

community — lots of varied people coming together, working, having fun, laughing — sharing a sense of caring for the youth of Bethlehem.

So many people deserve our thanks — but especially the auction co-chairpersons: Janis Horn, Mary Blake, Patti Frank and Mary Powell. Countless hours they labored, soliciting and organizing many other volunteers. This is their success. Thank you.

Holly Billings

Delmar

Town cleanup effort lauded by one

Editor, The Spotlight:

I must congratulate the Bethlehem Town Board for cleaning up the area on Adams Street between Kenwood and Hudson Avenues. To be able to drive this short block without the feeling of going through an obstacle course is very much appreciated.

I must thank the town board for making this improvement.

The Spotlight building is a good example of what can be done to make the area clean, neat and attractive. Now, if we could only get the D & H to clean up their act along the railroad tracks.

When the D & H cuts the brush, they leave a disarray behind. They don't cut the brush; they butcher it. Of all the businesses in the area, the D & H seems to me to be the sloppiest I have ever seen.

Given S. Hynds

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Constant Reader

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even with non-addicts, cocaine use changes the brain chemistry, producing exaggerated lows and false highs, as well as feelings of aggression, anxiety, and paranoia. The drug also attacks bone marrow and muscle fibre, suppresses sex hormones, and impairs the immune system. It also constricts the blood vessels, thus starving the entire body of proper nutrition.

"Cocaine use is a four-step process. First you do it because it's hip and it's fun. Then you do it because of the energy it gives you. After that, you do it just to maintain that energy level and to avoid the dreaded fall-off and despair. And then in the last stage

you continue to use it as a combatant to irrational paranoia. . . To avoid the awful 'coke blues,' users often get caught in 'binge and crash' cycles, taking other drugs, such as Valium, to dull the effects of coming down.

"Often, at the peak of abuse, cocaine users hallucinate that there are thousands of tiny insects — known as 'coke bugs' or 'coke roaches' — crawling under the skin. The user scratches at the imaginary bugs until he bleeds . . . producing claw marks all up and down one's legs, thighs, and back."

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Mercury refining facility opposed

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Another point repeatedly mentioned by the rural opponents of the plant at Westerlo was the admission by MERECO that a maximum of 0.028 m/g of mercury vapor could escape its stacks seven days a week, after the processing of mercury in retorts at about 1,000 degrees. Reporters had noted that this is below EnCon's maximum of 1.167, but the critics had pointed out that this emission totaled at least 193 pounds per year of this dangerous, highly-toxic heavy metal being sprayed for miles by the strong Helderberg winds on the environment. In about six years, barring malfunctions, power failures, etc., this cumulative toxic material would surpass the state's tolerance level. In 10 years, about a ton of mercury would have been deposited on fields, streams, wetlands and reservoirs — an ideal aquatic environment in which it easily converts to the deadly methyl form.

Mayor Whalen stated, "To emit 190 plus or minus pounds of mercury vapor above the 16 square mile watershed scene is, in fact, environmentally irresponsible."

Vox Pop

State Pathologist Ward Stone had previously pointed out that one pound of mercury can make a million pounds of fish in those streams and reservoirs unfit for human consumption. In addition, mercury is unique in that it is the only heavy metal that biomagnifies as it passes through the food chain.

The question I have posed in correspondence with the Commissioner of EnCon, Mr. Clark and Region 4 Director Jane Magee is this: Why should the Mercury Refining Co., with its history of regulatory violation, be even considered to operate an expanded operation refining as much as 800 pounds of this highly-toxic mercury per day in such a pristine, environmentally critical area as Westerlo? Why should almost 200,000 residents, visitors of the Capital District, Bethlehem and Ravena be exposed to the possibility of being another Minamata? It was in Minamata, Japan, that world-renowned author-photographer W. Eugene Smith, in his book bearing that name, docu-

mented that by 1975, the publishing date, 798 people were deformed, demented or incapable as a result of mercury poisoning. Chisso, the plant's owner, had been dumping waste water concerning mercury into the streams and harbor; MERECO proposes to spray it on us.

Perhaps Mayor Whalen summed it up best with the statement, "We request that you inform this company that it should look for another site in which to conduct business."

Harry Garry

East Bern

Voorheesville board's outlook deplored

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been re-reading various newspaper articles, the "special edition" issued by the school district, and in general reviewing the methods used in promoting the bond issue in the Voorheesville Central School District. I keep coming up, unfortunately, with the nagging feeling of how negative this promotion has really been, and how little the board has learned from last summer's experience with the budget re-vote on how to deal with the public. That is unfortunate, because there is no doubt in my mind or in the mind of a majority of the public but that work should, and has to, be done. If this issue goes down, it will rest squarely on the shoulders of the board of education.

Before going any further, I wish to make it clear that this is not an assessment of any individual board member. Serving on a board of education is mostly a thankless job, requiring untold hours of one's free time. For this the members should be highly commended. I know every one of them. Not for one minute is their genuine desire to do what they perceive as necessary for the well-being of the district being questioned. But the means adopted, as a body, to gain the desired end

is being seriously questioned. No matter how desirable the end may be in this case, the end does not justify the means being employed.

First, the board does not deny people their right to choose or select. Mr. Fernandez's statement, "If we believe in it, why are we giving voters a menu to select from?" is erroneous. Indeed, why shouldn't we be able to have a choice? The majority of us do not select the "lowest common denominator" when we are dealt with up front and we know the issue. To arbitrarily deny someone a choice is an arrogant move, and is a negative approach. The words "If we believe in it" sound familiar. This same reason was given for putting a defeated budget right back up for a re-vote without revision. By doing so, every vote cast, for or against, the first time around was just plain trashed. Apparently nothing was learned from that experience on how to deal with the public, even though the response was loud and clear.

Second, the adoption of a contingency budget of \$2.7 million for asbestos removal and other items was handled in an unfortunate manner. The way it was presented left no doubt as to its thrust. Whereas there is a remote possibility that this \$2.7 million could end up as a contingent item, to present it in a way to promote the passage the non-choice bond package is almost unconscionable. To say that if the bond is voted down we will have to pay for it in one year is perceived as a threat, and is coercive. What the board didn't say was that there is another option. If a bond issue is voted down, at the board's discretion it may break off those items that must be done and schedule a vote on them after 45 days. If the board should decline to exercise that option it would be outrageous. However, if the second vote is rejected, then the board would have no choice but to make the \$2.7 million a contingent item.

Third, the February mailing presented the tax-rate impact of the bond. The figures, I'm sure, are accurate, but the way they are

presented can be misleading. Unfortunately, many people don't take the time to thoroughly read an item. In asking many people what their impression was concerning the tax rate impact, invariably they would respond that the tax rate seems to go down in the 1991-92. Of course, this is not the case. The rate of increase goes down, but the tax rate increases.

There would be no question what the tax will be if it was properly presented. For instance, assume a tax rate of \$322.88 per \$1,000 of assessed evaluation for the Town of New Scotland. In 1989-90, the tax rate will increase \$9.10 to a total of \$331.98, in 1990-91 it will increase \$17.29 to a total of \$349.27 and in 1991-92 it will increase \$2.35 to a total of \$351.62. Very simple and accurate, and the tax rate does not decrease in 1991-92.

Fourth, a gentleman at the elementary school meeting was fulfilling the purpose of the meeting — to gather information — by asking the cost of the four-room addition to the high school. His question was not answered by Mr. Fernandez, nor was Mr. Benjamin Mendel, the architect, asked to respond. For that person's information, according to the figures in the Citizen's Advisory Committee's report, a figure of \$125 per square foot for new construction was used. To that add approximately 8 percent for architectural fees, at least another 5 to 7 percent for inflation, and another 15 percent minimum for equipment. That puts the figure in the half-million-dollar category, minimum.

It is with mixed emotions that this letter is presented at this time. It is absolutely not an attempt in any way to persuade anyone to vote either way. Each will have to vote his or her conscience. This is written because I feel strongly, based on conscience and principle, that clarifications on certain items be made. The necessity to do so should never have occurred.

I have complete faith in people as a whole to do the right thing, to respond in a positive manner. They will do so when they understand, when they are dealt with in a straightforward manner, when

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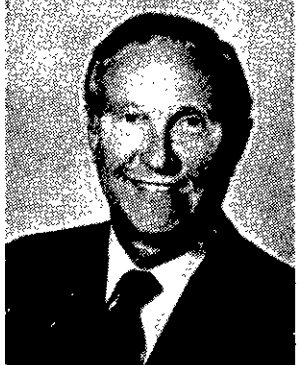
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Your Opinion BC SADD chapter has impact

presented with clean-cut facts, and when they are perceived to have the ability to make the hard choices responsibly and not to automatically choose the "lowest common denominator." Should this bond issue pass, this board will make a grave error in assuming the credit for its passage. To the contrary, it will pass in spite of the negative tactics used.

We all perceive in our own minds how things are. In short, it is in "the eye of the beholder." It works both ways. No one else is responsible for the public's perception of this board as a body except the board itself.

The last three years of budget strife have not been entirely caused by the dollars involved. To be sure, that plays a large part. Equally important — even more so — is the attitude projected by a school district's chief school administrator and board of education.

Unless there is a change in the attitude on how to deal with the public effectively and candidly, and in a positive manner, this school district will continue to suffer. If one doesn't recognize this, his head is in the sand.

William L. Childs

Voorheesville

The Voorheesville Central Board of Education approved the contingency from the bond issue to be placed in this year's annual budget to allow asbestos removal to begin this summer if the bond issue fails. Ed.

Death penalty vote importance stressed

Editor, The Spotlight:

Between letters about planning and school budget votes, I hope there is room for comment on an issue of (unfortunately) a little less "local interest."

The issue is the possible override of Governor Cuomo's veto of the death penalty bill. There are rational arguments from anti-death penalty groups that the

death penalty does not, in fact, deter crime. There are emotional appeals for retribution from death penalty advocates. For me, the issue is a moral one: it is wrong to kill.

Pro-death penalty media and politicians would have death penalty opponents believe that we are in the minority. This may or may not be true, but we do need to publicly raise our voices against this immoral and simplistic approach to "reducing" violent crime.

Let Assemblyman John Faso, who represents Bethlehem, know you are disappointed with his vote for the death penalty and that you hope he will give serious reconsideration to his position before the override attempt. Write to Assemblyman Ron Canestrari urging him to vote against override of the veto. Congratulate Sen. Howard Nolan and Assemblymen Richard Connors, who represents New Scotland, and Paul Tonko on their anti-death penalty position. Encourage the governing body of your congregation to take a public stand on this moral issue.

Use the gift of your citizenship. Write today! (NYS Assembly or Senate, L.O.B., Albany, 12248 or 12247).

Ellen Kelly-Lind

Delmar

You Never Know
What you will find
in the Classifieds

By Becky Colman

Students Against Driving Drunk (SADD) is a national organization of teenagers who are concerned about the dangerous practice of mixing alcohol and driving.

Bethlehem Central High School has had an active SADD chapter for the past few years. Although slightly inhibited by its small size, the club's 15 members strive to increase the awareness and understanding of the problem of driving under the influence of alcohol on the school and community level.

The goal of the organization, which is open to all high school students, is to reduce the number of teenagers endangering both their lives and the lives of those around them. This is accomplished through the SADD "Contract for Life."

The contract is an agreement signed by both the teenager and their parents stating that the student will call home for advice or transportation, if the driver of a vehicle, whether it be the student or a friend, has been drinking. In return, the parents promise to provide a safe means of returning home with no questions asked until a later time. Parents also agree to seek safe transportation for themselves when they have been drinking and are unfit to drive.

A signed copy of this contract is the only membership requirement for the Bethlehem chapter.

Copies of the contract are distributed to all students annually.

The club will make the contracts available for a second time this year before the proms. In addition to helping ensure their

own safety, students with signed copies of the contract will also be eligible for discounts given by many local stores on prom-related items.

The club uses in-school assemblies to present its message to students. On Wednesday, April 12, the Bethlehem chapter is sponsoring a double showing of the multi-media production "Top Forty." The program illustrates how many of America's most successful people have attained their goals in life while leading drug-free lives. SADD also hopes to have a speaker from Gov. Mario Cuomo's Athletes Against Drugs program to speak to BC students in May.

Awareness has been increased on the community level through a variety of functions, including the recent "Celebration of Life Rally" held at the State Capitol. A small group of Bethlehem representatives along with other teen representatives from Albany, Saratoga and Rensselaer counties attended the rally to show their support for reducing teen drinking and driving.

In addition to being praised for their hard work, the chapters were given the opportunity to meet with representatives from the state legislature. All of the chapters

voiced their opinions on current driving while intoxicated laws and practices. Opinions that there is too much plea bargaining allowed for those arrested for DWI and that the laws are not properly enforced were advanced by the chapters.

Another community activity, the district dance, is jointly sponsored by the Albany County SADD chapters. These dances are one of the club's most popular activities and are open to both club members and non-members, providing an excellent opportunity for students to meet kids from other schools and enjoy an alcohol-free night. This year's dance was held at Guilderland High School last Saturday.

After-Easter Egg Hunt in Slingerlands

The Slingerlands Fire Department will hold its After-Easter Egg Hunt on Saturday, April 15, at the park next to the firehouse. The event will begin at 11 a.m. Prizes will be awarded.

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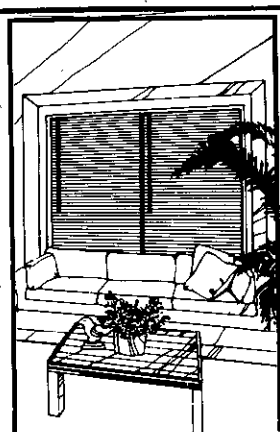
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Solid waste burn plant questions

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ning process may hinge upon how the project is defined in the zoning ordinance. According to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, there is no use listed for a solid waste processing plant in the zoning code. It is unclear whether the facility would be classified as a terminal for solid waste (a refuse dump classification) or whether the solid waste can be considered a fuel for use by a utility, which is an allowed use in a heavy industrial zone. Kaplowitz said neither of the two would apply to the plant.

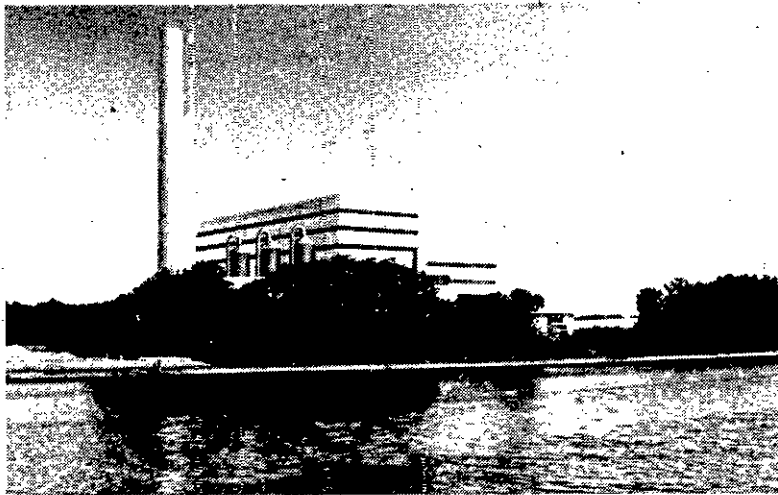
In addition to the problem of lack of classification for a use in an industrial zone, there remains the question of whether the plant is even allowed under town law. Under Section 97-11 (A), "only solid wastes generated and collected within the Town of Bethlehem . . . will be accepted (at) a solid waste facility within the town."

The law, however, does allow for contracts between other municipalities and Bethlehem. The law states: "The town may contract, from time to time, with another municipality to accept solid waste, and such solid waste may be accepted at a solid waste facility within the town in accordance with such a contract."

Patten said his company was aware of the law before the plans were made public and said he will ask the town for a waiver.

Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said he is opposed to this plan or any plan for waste disposal outside of the ANSWERS project. "I just don't see the need for a second burn plant in the area," Hendrick said. "This isn't a total plan, it's a lot of 'ifs, ands or buts.' For example, right now they have no hard plans with the town of Colonie for ash disposal."

Even if a governmental authority were to propose to locate a burn facility at that site as part of a region-wide solution to the solid waste crisis, Hendrick said, he would still oppose it. "I'd still have



An artist's rendering of the American Ref-fuel plant as seen from the Rensselaer County shoreline of the Hudson River.

a problem with the environmental impacts," he said.

Councilman Dennis Corrigan, chairman of the town's Solid Waste Management Committee, had previously stated that the town should at least take a look at the proposal before forming an opinion on it. He repeated that position after Wednesday's press conference.

Meanwhile, many environmental concerns have already been raised. According to Larry Mennington, project manager at American Ref-fuel, the plant would not take any loads by barge or railroad. He said American Ref-fuel has no intentions of taking waste from outside of the four-county Capital District, with the possible exception of Columbia and Greene counties, which would occur only if the plant does not fill its quota with the local municipalities.

American Ref-fuel recently completed construction of a similar plant in Hempstead, Long Island, that is scheduled to go on line this week and handle 2,250 tons per day. Patten said two other plants are under construction in Essex County, N.J. and Preston, Conn. Applications for burn plants have been submitted for Bergen County, N.J., and Oyster Bay, Long Island.

Opposition from environmental groups outside of the town remains strong. Representatives of the Sierra Club, Clear water and the New York Public Interest Research Group all were present at Wednesday's press conference. Their position was clear: No burn plants in the Capital District. Two of the arguments taken against this particular plant is the location on the river and the dioxin emissions from such a plant. American Ref-fuel representatives have stated that the plant will be built to state environmental regulations enacted this year.

Faso summed up the total environmental scenario saying "There are environmental considerations to everything we do, even if we do nothing."

Among the questions that remain unanswered at this time:

- Figures on tax impact for the town remains unclear. The facility may be eligible for a 10-year town tax exemption under Section 477 of the state Real Property Tax law, according to Bethlehem Town Assessor John Thompson. Approval would have to come from the state Department of Environmental Conservation. The tax revenue loss may be offset by the tipping fee revenue to the town, which Hendrick estimated could come to as much as \$450,000 per year. School taxes would be collected for the Bethlehem School District and would be unaffected by the exemption.
- Figures on traffic have not yet been compiled. According to rough estimates, the plant would



Ross Patten

attract between 68 to 217 truck deliveries per morning if six-ton and 20-ton trucks were used. Access to the plant would be through Albany from I-787, according to Patten. Rt. 144 is approximately 450 feet away from the front entrance of the proposed plant on the western side of the Normans Kill and two sets of railroad tracks. Other municipalities, including the City of Albany and Rensselaer County, will almost certainly want to be included in the environmental impact studies.

- How will the plant fit in with the four-county waste management study? BFI was one of the major consultants to the study and it appears the company may have had access to the recommendations before the county or town.

Air pollution

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sions and a channeling effect on air patterns caused by the Hudson River will keep what toxic emissions emerge from the proposed plant in the area, in spite of measures, such as tall stacks, to prevent this problem.

Weather inversions are basically lids in the sky. Usually, higher altitudes mean cooler temperatures. But, under certain seasonal conditions, especially in the spring and the fall when there are big temperature differences, a layer of warm air acts like a lid. The air

is stagnant and toxic emissions are not blown away.

The channeling effect means that "areas close to the river will see more emissions than areas farther away, especially on light wind days," Playford said.

Veterans council celebrates 7th year

The Tri-County Council Vietnam Era Veterans will celebrate its seventh anniversary with a fund-raising dinner on Saturday, April 8, at the Albany Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany.

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Town joins Albany plan

The Bethlehem Town Board last week approved a resolution creating a planning unit to determine the role of the town in what may become a Capital District solid waste authority.

The decision was made at a special meeting last Wednesday afternoon and may represent the town's commitment to becoming a part in such an authority.

The action came at the request of Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen, in what appears to be the City of Albany's move to become a leader in forming such a solid waste authority. The move is not directly related to the American Ref-fuel proposal for a burn plant at the Port of Albany; however, American Ref-fuel has said its burn plant is intended to become part of a regional waste management program. Recognizing the fact that neither the county or the state has

stepped forward to address solid waste issues, Whalen has asked all of the ANSWERS program participants and the towns of Westerlo and Coeymans to set up planning committees to facilitate both the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) process and provide input needed in developing the ANSWERS Waste Shed Long Term Solid Waste Management Plan.

Those municipalities have also been asked to give their consent to the City of Albany as the lead agency for any SEQR action in developing the plan.

Under the 1988 Solid Waste Management Act, municipalities must have mandatory source separation programs and a long-range waste management plan by 1992.

Mark Stuart

Towns, county to meet on proposed GEIS

By Mark Stuart

There will be a special meeting to discuss the proposed generic environmental impact study for the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland on April 12 at 7:30 p.m. in the Cooperative Extension building, Martin Rd. New Scotland.

According to Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney, county legislators, planning board and town board members from the three towns have been invited to attend. The meeting is open to the public; however, there will be a closed discussion between town and county officials and members of a four member board.

That board will consist of Cooney, William Clark of Region Four of the state Department of Environmental Conservation; Mark Fitzsimmons, environmental management consultant to the Albany County Planning Department; Peter Faith, associate director with Clough Harbor Associates, the engineering consultant firm responsible for the

1988 Krumkill Area Roadway study and the Bought Area (Colonia) GEIS.

The county has proposed a GEIS to evaluate the effect of development and new roadways on the Krumkill Rd. area, which includes North Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland. That study would require the approval of all three towns. Only New Scotland has approved the study so far.

Biographer will speak

"Secrets of a Biographer" will be the topic of author Joseph E. Persico at a special National Library Week lecture at the Albany Public Library on April 10. Mr. Persico is the author of the recently published biography of Edward R. Murrow, and an earlier personal study of Nelson A. Rockefeller. Currently, he is working on a biography of the late CIA director William J. Casey. The lecture, open to the public, is to be given in the library's meeting room at 8 p.m.

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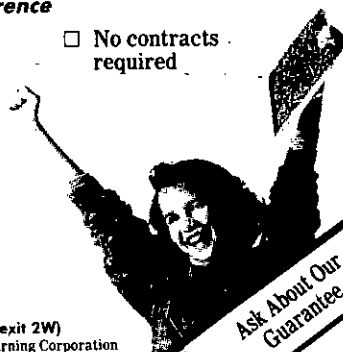
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Scott D. Clifford, 24, admitted to police at the scene he was intoxicated when his car rear-ended

a vehicle driven by Gabriella Robinson, 33, of Albany. Robinson's car, heading north on Rt. 9W, had stopped at the Rt. 396 traffic light. Clifford was also ticketed for following too closely.

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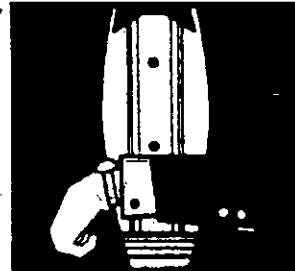
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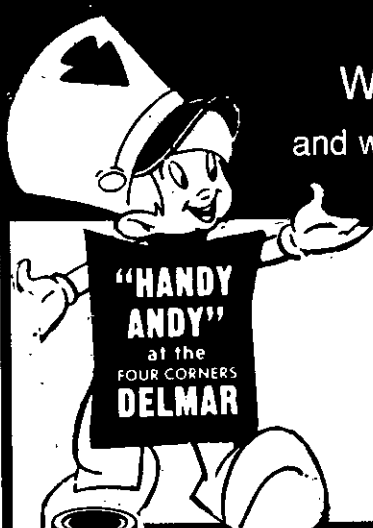
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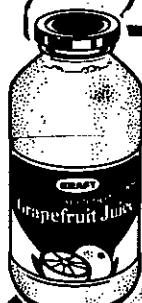
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WEIGHT REDUCTION CLASS, ten-week course, Delmar Health Center, 250 Delaware Ave., Delmar, \$50, Information, 783-1864.

"MARRIAGE THAT GROWS," workshop, led by Rev. Fred L. Shilling, sponsored by Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-1845.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, on application of: Eleanor Shapiro, 23 Catherine St., Delmar; Miles Garfinkel, 27 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar; Mary K. and Kevin F. Murray, 41 Frederick Place, Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

LECTURE, "Parenting: How We Become the Parents We Are," Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

EPIC ENROLLMENT DAY, sponsored by Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Company, CVS Pharmacy, Town Squire Shopping Center, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 1-6 p.m. Information, 455-5314.

BETHLEHEM BUSINESS WOMEN'S CLUB, dinner meeting, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, creative arts group, "Taster's Choice Meeting," Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10 a.m. Information, 439-2910.

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. first and third Wednesdays.

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

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., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

ALZHEIMER'S PROGRAM, sponsored by Alzheimer's Regional Management Services, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

ALBANY

OPEN HOUSE, for Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., 6:30-9 p.m. Information, 482-4508.

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

INSURANCE AND POINT REDUCTION PROGRAM, sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 6:15-9:30 p.m. Information, 765-4011.

AFTER SCHOOL FILMS, Albany Public Library, Delaware Branch, 485 Delaware Ave., 3:30 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, "Perspective on Photographic Layout - Making a Statement with Impact," with Al Diamante, First Methodist Church, corner of Lafayette and State St., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

PASSOVER MATZOH FACTORY, for children, sponsored by Chabad Organization, through April 16, Price Chopper Super Center, Eastern Parkway, Schenectady. Information, 356-9294.

EMPIRE STATE REAL ESTATE ASSOCIATION, meeting, Century House, Rt. 9, Latham, 6 p.m. Information, 449-9595.

ENTERTAINMENT

MICHAEL BENEDICT TRIO, jazz and swing music, ESIPA, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon. Information, 443-5239.

"I DO! I DO!," musical by Tom Jones and Harvey Schmidt, through April 26, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes. Information, 434-1217.

"THE IMMIGRANT," Capital Repertory Theatre, through April 30, 111 North Pearl St., Albany. Information, 462-4534.

"CATS," through April 9, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Information, 382-3884.

BETHLEHEM

ALBANY AREA RETIRED TEACHERS ASSOCIATION, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 12:30 p.m. Information, 439-3883.

SLINGERLANDS MUSICAL, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3158.

GLENMONT READ-IN, Glenmont Elementary School, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7:30 a.m. Information, 439-7242.

BOOK DISCUSSION, "Part of My Soul Went With Him," presented by Allen B. Ballard, sponsored by American-South African People's Friendship Association, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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., Bethlehem 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 Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

RAVENA-COEYMANS-SELKIRK BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets the first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF EDUCATION, meets second Monday of each month at 7:30 p.m. at district offices in high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

BETHLEHEM TRANSFER STATION, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Mon-

day-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

NEW SCOTLAND TRANSFER STATION, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required; permits available at Town Hall.

FOOD PANTRY, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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

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

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

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICE, hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

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

The Bethlehem Safe-Homes Network Agreement

I am a parent/adult/community member who cares. Because I value the welfare and future of my child/children and others:

1. In my home, I will not serve or knowingly allow the use of alcohol by guests under age 21, nor will I knowingly allow the use of illegal drugs by anyone.
2. I will provide adult supervision at teenage parties in my home.

Signature of Parent/Adult

I will make every attempt to support my parents's commitment to these two(2) principles. (Optional: Children sign below)

Signature of parent/adult

I give permission for my name, address and phone number, and the names of my children (if applicable) to be included in the "Bethlehem Safe-homes Network Directory", which will be distributed only to others who commit to the Safe-Homes Program. The Directory is to be used to promote networking among adults in the community in an effort to protect young people. I understand that this commitment is made for the duration of my, and my children's activity in Bethlehem.

yes no

Please complete the following information, even if you checked "No" above. We would like to be able to sent you updated Safe-Homes or related information, and we also would like to keep statistical information on youth impacted by the Safe-Homes Project.

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

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

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.

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.

NEW SCOTLAND

LOCAL HISTORY SEMINAR, sponsored by Village of Voorheesville, presented by Peter G. Rose, First United Methodist Church, 68 Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

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

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

ALBANY

NATIONAL GEOGRAPHIC WORLD'S MYSTERY MAP, contest on geography, Albany Public Library, 485 Delaware Ave., 3:30 p.m. Information, 463-0254.

WORKSHOP, "How to Raise Money for Your Organization," First Presbyterian Church, 362 State St., 3:30-7 p.m. Information, 449-2224.

PARENTAL GRIEF AND MOURNING WORKSHOP, sponsored by HAVEN of Schenectady, Inc., Thruway House, Albany, 8 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 370-1666.

SHARE, support group for parents who have experienced a miscarriage, stillbirth ectopic pregnancy or death of a newborn, St. Peter's Hospital, South Manning Blvd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1232.

SUBSCRIPTION LECTURE, "The Arts and Crafts Movement in America, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

"STUFFINGS", one act play in dinner theatre form, presented by the Hilltown Players, Maple Inn, East Berne, 6:30 p.m. Information, 872-2057.

"GODSPELL", comedy based on the Gospel according to St. Matthew, presented by Dutch Quad Board of SUNY, Lecture Center 18, State University at Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-6440.

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"CASE MANAGEMENT", for nurses, sponsored by Capital District Nurses Association, Century House, Rt. 9W, Latham, 5:30 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM

"THE SOUND OF MUSIC", presented by students at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4921.

PRESCHOOL FILMS, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SLINGERLANDS MUSICAL, Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Ave., Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3158.

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

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

FREE LEGAL CLINIC, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

ELMWOOD PARK FIRE DISTRICT, first Fridays, North Bethlehem fire house, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

NEW SCOTLAND REPUBLICAN COMMITTEE, annual dinner dance, Western Turnpike Golf Club, 6:30 p.m. Information, 765-4745.

PESTICIDE COURSE, designed to qualify people to become Certified Pesticide Applicators, 30 hours, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Ext., William F. Rice Extension Center, Voorheesville, 8:30 a.m. Information, 765-3510.

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

ALBANY

CHILD REARING WORKSHOP, "Raising Our Children: High Expectations, High Anxieties," presented by Dr. Kalgsbrun.

Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 489-4706.

AUTOMATION EXHIBITION, sponsored by Albany Law School, Albany Law School Gymnasium, 80 New Scotland Ave., 11:30 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 445-2301.

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.

ENTERTAINMENT

"HERCULES", presented by Capitol Hill Choral Society, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 33 Second St., Troy, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

EXHIBITS

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NEW SCOTLAND

"THANKSGIVING IN APRIL", turkey dinner, sponsored by Clarksville Community Church, \$6.50 adults, \$3.25 for children under 10, 4:30 p.m. No reservations.

"COME MESSIAH COME", presented by King's Kids of Christian Music Ministries, Copeland Hill Rd., Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

PANCAKE BREAKFAST, sponsored by Men of Mission Fund, New Salem Reformed Church, Rt. 85, \$3.50 and \$2.8 a.m.-1 p.m. Information, 439-6179.

CHICKEN TAKE-OUT BARBECUE, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, \$5.50, \$4, and \$2.75, 3:30-7 p.m.

ALBANY

AUTOMATION EXHIBITION, sponsored by Albany Law School, Albany Law School Gymnasium, 80 New Scotland Ave., 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 445-2301.

SQUARE DANCE, special plus level, with Jim Ryans as caller, sponsored by Bell Squares, Empire State Plaza, 8 p.m. Information, 439-1337.

SHABBAT TOT PROGRAM, Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., 10:30 a.m. Information, 489-4706.

AUDITIONS, for "Waiting for Lefty," sponsored by Theater Voices, Ray Horan Studio, 2nd floor, 4 Central Ave., 4 p.m. Information, 462-2905.

SPAGHETTI DINNER, sponsored by Our Lady of Angels-St. Patrick's outreach, St. Patrick's Parish Center, 283 Central Ave., 3-7 p.m. Information, 465-8262.

VIETNAM ERA VETERANS, fundraising dinner, Albany Thruway House, Washington Ave, 6:30-7:30 p.m. Information, 459-2442.

YOUTH WORKSHOP, will help children to develop a clown character, State Museum, 10:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 474-5877.

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NATIONAL FEDERATION OF THE BLIND, Capital District Chapter, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 463-4810.

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

ENTERTAINMENT

KARL HAAS, pianist, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 3 p.m. Information, 356-1700.

OPERA FEST V, to benefit the Homeless and Travelers Aid Society of Capital District, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2124.

JEFFREY STEIN AND FINDLAY COCKRELL, piano music, Recital Hall, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

**SUN
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BETHLEHEM

MADELINE PATERSON POUND, harpist, sponsored by Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Public Library, Community Room, Delmar, 2:30 p.m. Information, 439-1370.

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

BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH, worship services, 8 and 10:30 a.m., Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., nursery care provided from 8 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

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. Family 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.

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.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH, worship, 11 a.m., nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH, of Delmar, Pulpit Exchange Sunday, worship, 9:30 a.m., conducted by Rev. Charles Kellerman, church school, 9:45, youth and adult confirmation classes, 11 a.m., nursery care, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-9976.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday 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 for all ages, 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, worship 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.

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.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

"COME MESSIAH COME," presented by King's Kids of Christian Music Ministries, Copeland Hill Rd., Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2818.

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 three 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

TEEN SEXUALITY PROGRAM, presented by Jewish Family Services, Albany Jewish Community Center, 1-4 p.m. Information, 482-8856.

AUDITIONS, for "Waiting for Lefty," sponsored by Theater Voices, Ray Horan Studio, 2nd floor, 4 Central Ave., 6 p.m. Information, 462-2905.

"HEARTS AND HANDS," movie, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

CROP WALK FOR THE HUNGRY, sponsored by Capital Area Council of Churches, begins at College of St. Rose, 432 Western Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 462-3459.

PARENTS AND FRIENDS OF LESBIANS AND GAYS, flag meeting, every second Sunday, 2-4 p.m. Information, 462-6138.

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

CAPITAL DISTRICT

PHOTO TRADE SHOW, sponsored by Camera and Memorabilia Enthusiasts Regional Association, Colonie Elks Club, Rt. 155, Latham, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 462-1800.

ENTERTAINMENT

STEAMER #10 BENEFIT CONCERT, to benefit Steamer #10 Theatre, produced by Kids' Fare, Page Hall, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 482-2826.

KIM AND REGGIE HARRIS, traditional spirituals, Rensselaerville Institute, Rensselaerville, 4 p.m. Information, 797-3783.

"A GALA EVENING OF JEWISH POPS," presented by Temple Israel Continuing Education Program, Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7858.

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BETHLEHEM

TODDLER BUNNY HOP, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

NATIONAL LIBRARY WEEK PROGRAM, "Spring Migration: The Return of Warblers, Finches and Sparrows," presented by Shirley Schadow, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA, meeting and performance for benefit of world hunger, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

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.

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

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NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR. Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

FILMS. "The Lives and Times of An American Wilderness," "The Ten Year Lunch," "Alberta Hunter: My Castle's Rockin'" Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

STORIES IN WORD AND SIGN. for children with or without a hearing impairment, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10:30 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

INFORMATION SESSIONS. Empire State College, State University at Albany, Capital District Regional Center 845 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

FREEDOM FROM SMOKING. 7 sessions, sponsored by American Lung Association of New York State, 8 Mountain View Ave. Information, 459-4197.

ENTERTAINMENT

SCARTAGLEN. traditional Celtic music, presented by Old Songs, Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, 8 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

TUE APR 1 1

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB. literature group, review of "Alexander Hamilton's Wife," Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-5353.

DAUGHTERS OF THE AMERICAN REVOLUTION. meeting of Tawasentha Chapter, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 482-3865.

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

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

SLINGERLANDS FIRE DISTRICT. commissioner's meeting, second Tuesdays, Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

FILMS. "Norman Rockwell," "Gertrude Stein," Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

STORY HOUR. Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

ALBANY

NEEDLECRAFTS WORKSHOP. led by Ruth Solomon, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 449-3380.

INFORMATION SESSION. for Parsons Child and Family Center, 845 Central Ave., 7-9 p.m. Information, 438-4571.

MANAGEMENT SEMINAR. "Fundraising," sponsored by Albany League of Arts and Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Information, 449-5380.

BOOK REVIEW. "A Bright Shining Lie: John Paul Vann and America in Vietnam," presented by Ned Pattison, sponsored by Friends of the Library, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

POETRY READING. Molly Peacock, sponsored by New York State Writers Institute, room 354, Humanities Bldg., State University at Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 442-3075.

FAMILY EDUCATION AND TRAINING PROGRAM. sponsored by Epilepsy Association of Capital District, Inc., Leonard Hospital 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy, 7-9 p.m. Information, 456-7501.

WED APR 1 2

BETHLEHEM

HALF MOON BUTTON CLUB. meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, noon. Information, 283-4723.

ADVANCED APPLEWORKS WORKSHOP. Part III, with Audrey Watson, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

BIRD STUDY COURSE. four-part course, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Information, 453-1806.

"LISTENING TO AND UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD." presented by Elizabeth Iseman, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB. Evening Group, performance by Village State, Inc., and dinner, Stone Ends Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-5808.

"MARRIAGETHAT GLOWS." sponsored by Delmar Reformed Church, presented by Rev. Fred L. Shilling, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-1845.

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 meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

RED MEN. second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

SECOND MILLER'S LUNCHEON MEETING. First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSIONERS. meet second Wednesdays, Delmar Firehouse, Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

FILMS. "Cole Palen's Flying Circus," "Monty-In Love With the War," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

MAGIC SHOW. by Doug Bartels, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

STORY HOUR. Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

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

ALBANY

GREAT DECISIONS FORUM '89. "Farmers, Food and the Global Supermarket," presented by Jeffrey Rinehart, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon. Information, 449-3380.

INSURANCE AND POINT REDUCTION PROGRAM. sponsored by Driver Training Associates, State University at Albany, 1400 Washington Ave., 6:15-9:30 p.m. Information, 765-4011.

MEMBERSHIP RECEPTION. sponsored by Albany Police Athletic League, 600 Broadway, 5:30 p.m. Information, 462-8041.

"SALUTE TO GUILDERLAND." dinner, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Extension, 6:30 p.m. Information, 459-9000.

"CAREERS IN COMMUNICATION." conference, sponsored by Women's Press Club of New York State and Junior College of Albany, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 270-2246.

SEMINAR. on compliance with hazardous chemicals regulations, sponsored by Business Council, Albany Marriott, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 1-800-692-5483.

"SOCIAL WORK IN AN AGING SOCIETY." conference, Thruway House, 1375 Washington Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 442-5779.

ROUNDTABLE LUNCHEON. with David Sampson, Old Federal Bldg., State University at Albany Plaza, 12:30 p.m. Information, 434-4557.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY. macro shoot with Ken Delicher, First Methodist Church, corner of Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

SPEAKING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT. Uncle Sam Toastmasters, formal and impromptu speeches, dinner meeting, Holiday Inn, Troy, 6 p.m. Information, 439-7739.

PMS SUPPORT GROUP. Bellewood Room of Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

ENTERTAINMENT

JIM SNACK. magician, Studio Theatre, Empire State Institute of Performing Arts, Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 443-5111.

DANCE PROJECT. three pieces choreographed by Jamie Stiller, Amy Rosen and Betsy Hulton, Studio Theatre, Empire State Institute of Performing Arts, Albany, noon. Information, 443-5111.

THU APR 1 3

BETHLEHEM

FINANCIAL PLANNING SEMINAR. "Catastrophic Illness and Estate Planning," sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 1:30-3:30 p.m. Information, 765-3559.

AUDUBON SOCIETY OF CAPITAL REGION. meeting, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 453-1805.

"SOUTH AFRICA THROUGH ITS SUFFERING." discussion of Desmond Tutu's book, "Hope and Suffering," presented by Leonard Slade, Jr., Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SPRING RUMMAGE SALE. sponsored by St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-4031.

ST. THOMAS FASHION SHOW. "Apple Blossom Time," St. Thomas School Auditorium, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4475.

SPRING CARD PARTY. sponsored by Bethlehem Lodge Ladies Auxiliary, Selkirk. Information, 489-5342.

MUSIC TALKS. featuring Albany Symphony Orchestra Conductor, Julius Hegyi and Frank Wigglesworth, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 3 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

SPRING BRIDGE LUNCHEON. of Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-5362.

NEW SCOTLAND

AMERICAN LEGION AUXILIARY. Unit 1493, Department of New York, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-4306.

ALBANY

ART DISCUSSION. "Silver and Other Metalwares of the Arts and Crafts Movement," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

FRI APR 1 4

BETHLEHEM

QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING TOGETHER. meeting, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 477-9705.

NEW SCOTLAND

PESTICIDE COURSE. designed to qualify people to become Certified Pesticide Applicators, 30 hours, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Ext., William F. Rice Extension Center, Voorheesville, 8:30 a.m. Information, 765-3510.

"THE WONDERFUL WORLD OF MODELING." for fifth graders and older, presented by Barbara Thomas Modeling Agency, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 765-2791.

SAT APR 1 5

BETHLEHEM

AFTER EASTER EGG HUNT. sponsored by Slingerlands Fire Department, 11 a.m. Information, 439-4955.

SPRINGTIME WALK. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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

SPAGHETTI DINNER. sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary, Selkirk Fire Co. #3, Rt. 396, South Bethlehem, 5-7 p.m. Information, 767-9513.

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Board considers bagging it

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The Village of Voorheesville is considering requiring the use of biodegradable lawn bags, which decompose naturally in about eight months.

The Town of Colonie currently uses the bags, and as the village will not be able to order the \$99,750 minimum order, the village is looking into having Colonie order a smaller number of bags for Voorheesville's use, and reimbursing the town.

At last week's village board meeting Public Works Superintendent Bill Hotaling, who is also the village fire chief, suggested that the fire department could sell the bags (Colonie's are approximately 26 cents per bag) and said that approximately 20 bags per season is the average household use. Hotaling also acknowledged that he will not be running for another term as fire chief.

The trustees set the village's spring clean-up for Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday during the first two weeks in May. White metal (old stoves, washing machines, refrigerators and the like) and household woods (any wood item containing nails) will be collected. Leaves and grass must be bagged, and twigs and branches

Voorheesville

should be untied for use in the chipper.

"Our problem is making sure people put it out the way it should be put out," Mayor Ed Clark said. "We are taking a lot of things you have to pay to take away." Hotaling added that even rugs, if they are cut into four-foot sections, can go in the regular garbage.

In other business, the board learned that Orchard Park developer Peter Baltis is once again having a dispute with local government.

At last week's village board meeting in Voorheesville, Village Attorney Don Meacham said that Baltis is "requesting documentation" of the fact that he agreed to pay the village a flat fee in lieu of including greenspace in his latest development.

The village is also selling a liquid calcium chloride tank. The liquid was used for snow and ice control. Hotaling said that he "didn't feel the liquid did any good considering its price," and will be accepting bids for the tank, which he cautioned may contain calcium chloride residue.

The trustees also accepted the low bid of \$6,200 by Hamilton Press for the printing of 750 copies of the village history by Dennis Sullivan. The book is entitled *Voorheesville, N.Y., A Sketch of the Beginnings of a 19th Century Railroad Town*.

The board will meet again on April 13 for a hearing on the new budget, and to set water rates for 1989.

Kayaker speaks to Audubon Society

The Capital Region Audubon Society will hold a general membership meeting on Thursday, April 13, at 8 p.m., at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar.

During the meeting Peter Skinner, a kayaker and a representative of the American Whitewater Affiliation, will discuss the conflict of free-flowing water and the expansion of hydropower.

For information call 453-1805.

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Citizens of the Year

New Scotland's Citizens of the Year, Julia and Charlie Fields, acknowledge their welcome at Friday's dinner dance held in their honor at the Crossgates Mall. Lyn Staff

BC class of '39 plans September reunion

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1939 has planned its 50th reunion for Sept. 22, 23, and 24.

Organizers also would like to locate four missing class mem-

bers. If you have an address or telephone number for Peter Croes, Charles Chapman Huey, Roberta Noss Masterson or William Kimber Smith, please contact Dorothy Brown at 439-1817.

Teen sexuality program offered

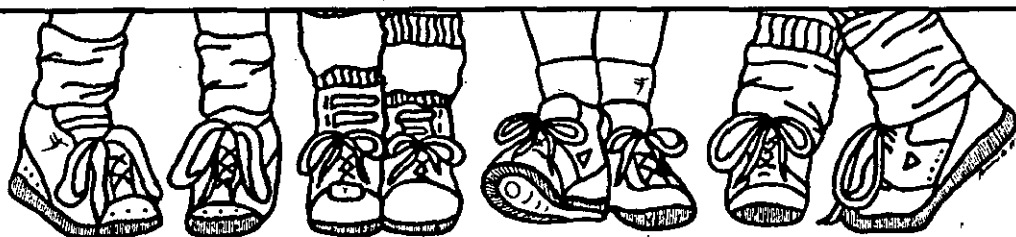
Jewish Family Services and the Albany Jewish Community Center will sponsor a program about teen sexuality on Sunday, April 9, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The program, which has been

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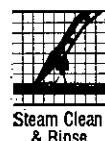
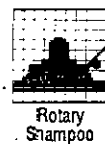
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Dutch food topic of seminar

The second annual Arthur Gregg Local History Seminar will be held Tuesday, April 6, at 8 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

The guest speaker will be Peter G. Rose, noted historian and writer from South Salem, New York. Her topic will be "History of Dutch Foodways in the Hudson Valley." After the presentation there will be food samples from several 17th century Dutch recipes. Presently Rose is completing a Dutch colonial cookbook, which will include her translation of the only Dutch cookbook in the Netherlands in the 1600's.

The seminar is named after the former Guilderland town historian who wrote "Old Hellebergh" and is funded by the New York State Council for the Humanities and co-sponsored by the Voorheesville Methodist Church and the Guilderland and New Scotland Historical Associations.

Kiwanis plan chicken barbecue

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual spring Take-Out Chicken Barbecue on Saturday, April 8, from 3:30 to 7 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on Rt. 85. A complete adult dinner including half a chicken, baked potato, cole slaw and roll will be \$5.50 for adults. The children's dinner with all the trimmings will be \$4. Half-chickens will also be on sale at \$2.75 each. All chicken is prepared by Brooks of Oneonta. Orders can be made after 2 p.m. by calling 765-6454. Tickets may be purchased from any Kiwanian or at the door.

The proceeds from the event will go towards the many community and youth activities sponsored by the club including grasshopper baseball and softball, youth soccer, summer band, monthly blood pressure clinics and holiday baskets for those in need. All are invited to come out and support this delicious fundraiser.

Church breakfast planned

The New Salem Reformed Church will hold a pancake breakfast on Saturday, April 8, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the church on Rt. 85 in New Salem. The cost of the pancake and sausage meal prepared by the men of the church is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children 5 through 12 and free for children under 5. All are welcome to attend.

Garden Club meeting set

The Helderview Garden Club will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. Following a brief

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



business meeting, a program on contemporary flower arranging will be presented. The event is open to the public. For information on the club or the program, contact President Mary Portanova at 765-4544.

Seniors plan trip

The New Scotland Senior Citizens have planned a trip to Vermont on April 23. The trip, sponsored by the town, will include a tour of Coombs Maple Sugar Factory, a visit to an 1836 country store and viewing "A Walk through Time." Area seniors may sign up for the free trip at the town hall from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m. between April 11 and 18.

Reservations for the anniversary dinner to be held at Crossgates Restaurant on April 12 must be paid for by Sunday, April 9. Those interested in attending should contact Mabel Frisbee at 765-2090.

One seat is still available for the five-day trip to Wildwood in mid-May. There is also more room on the May 30 day-trip to Beck's Grove Dinner Theater. Anyone interested in either trip should contact Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

Hubbard to conduct confirmation service

Tenth-grade students at St. Matthew's Catholic Church will

be confirmed by Bishop Howard Hubbard Friday, April 7, at 7 p.m. at the church on Mountainview Rd.

The following morning the church will hold a facilities planning workshop coordinated by the Diocese from 8:30 p.m. until 1 p.m. Parish members interested in attending and giving input must register ahead of time. Forms are still available at the church.

Banquet tickets available

Tickets will be on sale this week for the upcoming wrestling banquet to be held on Wednesday, April 26, at the Woodlin Club in Scotia. Tickets are \$14 per person and will be sold during lunch hour at the high school on April 5 and 7.

Tickets may also be obtained by contacting Ruth Wilson at 765-4190.

Information meeting set for junior high

A reminder to parents of grade six students that a special informational meeting will be held on Thursday, April 6, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school to acquaint parents with junior high procedures and curriculum. For information call 765-3314.

Board meeting slated

The Voorheesville Board of Education will hold its monthly board meeting on Monday, April 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the district offices.

The board will also be manning the phones on Thursday, April 6, and Tuesday, April 11, to

answer any questions residents may have concerning the upcoming bond issue.

Voting for the \$8.9 million bond will be held Wednesday, April 12, from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the high school foyer.

Republicans to hold dance

A reminder: the New Scotland Republican Committee will hold its annual dinner dance Friday, April 7, at the Western Turnpike Golf Club. The cost of the evening including dinner and dancing to the Mike Hurley Melody Three is \$22.50. Tickets may be purchased from Chairman Mike Hotaling by calling 765-4745.

CVS to host EPIC enrollment

The Elderly Pharmaceutical Insurance Coverage (EPIC) program will sponsor an "EPIC Enrollment Day," at the CVS Pharmacy in Glenmont, on Tuesday and Wednesday, April 4 and 5, from 1 to 6 p.m.

Participants will be able to get information on the program and sign up for it, if they are eligible, which will enable them to save money on prescription drugs.

CVS is located in the Town Squire Shopping Plaza on Rt. 9W.

For more information call 455-5314.

Legion Auxiliary meeting scheduled

The Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary, Unit 1493, Department of New York, will meet on Thursday, April 13, at 7:30 p.m., at the post meeting room on Voorheesville Ave.

The group members will discuss Children and Youth Month. President Lucy Roche will conduct the business meeting.

Conrail implements abuse program

Conrail and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers will be implementing an "Operation Red Block" alcohol and drug education and prevention program for railroad employees.

Operation Red Block will be a union-based peer intervention program to prevent substance abuse among railroad employees as well as offering counseling and rehabilitation services.

The program is scheduled to be implemented this summer for Conrail's Albany Division employees, including those at the Selkirk Yards.

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Budget hearing set April 13

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

The Village of Voorheesville is one step closer to having a budget.

At the Board of Trustees meeting last Tuesday night, a hearing date of Thursday, April 13 was set for public review of the village's 1989-1990 budget.

After reviewing the preliminary budget, available at village hall, many of the budget's items appear to have increased. But taking into account \$40,000 available this year that was spent on a sewer study in 1988, and similar one-time costs, the budget actually comes in \$1,580 under 1988's figure, according to Mayor Ed Clark.

Community beautification receives the lion's share of the overage, with a \$25,000 allocation. Clark said most of that sum would go towards improving the park behind village hall, including terracing, fencing and possibly stairs down from the parking lot to the park. Shade trees will also be added in village locations with \$2,500.

The village's water will be tested with \$3,394.52 allocated for water purification, and this year's payment of \$6,500 principal and \$7,272 interest on a bond anticipation note is budgeted for the \$70,000 sewer district in the Pleasant St. area.

Salaries, equipment upgrading and purchasing accounted for several increases. Personal services, equipment and contractual expenses for the village treasurer will rise from \$10,469.14 to \$15,373.25. The budget for the village justice will rise from \$4,578 to \$7,200, and personal services and contractual expenditures for the mayor will rise \$1,350 to \$7,500. Expenses for the board of appeals will also rise, from \$72.38 to \$1,000.

Equipment for the village garage will be bolstered by a \$2720 increase, while the rescue squad budget will remain essentially unchanged. The fire department allocation is lower, because last year the village had to budget an

extra \$139,270.97 for a new fire truck.

General street repairs will be accomplished with a \$24,281.82 addition to their current \$67,591.98, and the budget for street maintenance will rise \$58,808.03 to \$131,800. Sidewalks will also be added or improved with \$10,000.

According to Clark, the budget will total \$84,904. "Of course the figure is still tentative, and any of this can be changed," Clark said, adding that he is confident the tax figure will remain lower than last year's.

The budget hearing will begin at 7 p.m. on Thursday, and will be followed at 7:30 p.m. by a hearing on the town's water rates.

Realtors face charges

By Bob Hagyard

One unanswered question about Voorheesville's Orchard Park — did the realtors who sold homes there know in advance about the methane, sulfur, bacteria and iron in the well water? — goes before a state administrative law judge next month.

The state Department of State has filed a complaint charging Karen Curran, saleswoman for Roberts Real Estate, with know-

ing and concealing information about the bad groundwater. Realty co-owner Hugh Roberts, senior vice president David Newell and Roberts office manager Lucia DeDe are also listed in the complaint.

A hearing will take place on May 15 and 16 at New Scotland Town Hall. William Brown, Department of State public information officer, said that the administrative law judge will be drawn from New York City — possibly Felix Neals, who signed the complaint last week.

The Department of State investigation of the case began last July, prompted by complaints by 13 Orchard Park residents.

Board seeking input on new superintendent

By Sal Prividera Jr.

The Voorheesville Central School Board has appointed a consultant to aid its search for a new superintendent and will also be seeking input from the community.

The board has hired Dr. Edward Huntington to serve as consultant. Board President Joseph Fernandez said Huntington, a retired school superintendent, was hired through BOCES and will review the credentials of the more than 80 applicants for the job. He said the consultant will also "do a certain amount of background checking and give us a list (of applicants) we can deal with."

Superintendent Louise Gonan announced her resignation in December, when she refused the one-year contract extension offered by the board. Gonan's current three-year contract expires June 30 and she has requested to leave the district by May 15.

Fernandez said the board hopes to have a new superintendent by June 1. The board is seeking an interim superintendent through BOCES, Fernandez said, adding that if an interim replacement can not be found, the district may require Gonan to stay longer.

Residents or organizations interested in participating in the selection process can nominate individuals to serve on a community committee. Fernandez said the group of interested individuals would interview semi-final or final candidates prior to the school board interview. Input will also be sought from staff members and students.

"We are trying to broaden as much as possible input from various groups in the community," Fernandez said.

Interested residents should contact the district offices by April 26.

The members of the community committee would meet with Huntington "to develop ground rules" for the interviews, Fernandez said. He added that legally the final decision rests with the board of education. The board is planning to hold its final round of interviews between May 9 and 17.



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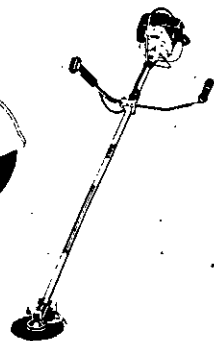
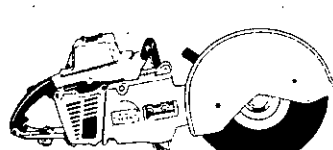
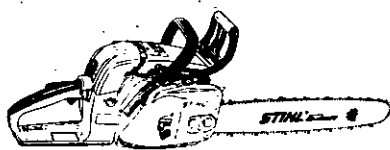
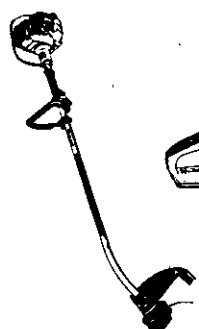
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Australia topic of McCabe's lecture

On Tuesday, April 11, Dr. Tim McCabe, curator of entomology at the State Museum, will present a lecture, entitled "A Naturalist in New Zealand and Australia."

The lecture, which will be held at the State University at Albany, lecture center 7, 1400 Washington Ave., Albany, will be sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Education Center and the State University at Albany Atmospheric Research Center.

The lecture will begin at 8 p.m. For information call 453-1806.



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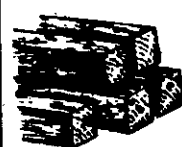
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Seniors plan busy month

As promised, the Bethlehem Sunshine Seniors are planning a month to remember. A covered dish luncheon at the Bethlehem First Reformed Church will be held Monday, April 10, at noon followed by a business meeting at 1 p.m. On April 20, the group is planning a trip to Utica and the Beck's Dinner Theater.

The seniors will hold a group luncheon on Wednesday, April 26, at the Fountain Restaurant in Albany and on Friday, April 28th, a trip to St. Andrew's Dinner Theater to see "The Blithe Spirit" has been planned.

Any area senior is invited to take part in the group's activities. New members are always welcome.

Methodist women meeting set

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem United Methodist church will be holding their monthly meeting on Wednesday, April 5, at 8 p.m. in the church hall. The program will feature the movie "Run to Live" documenting the life of Dr. Dorothy Brown, a black woman raised by the UMW after she was orphaned. The evening will be hosted by Ruth Radloff and Dolores Arnheiter.

An "all you can eat" spaghetti supper is planned for Saturday, April 8, at the church on Willowbrook Ave. There will be seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Cost will be \$5 for adults and \$3 for children 12 and under.

Selkirk Brownies honored

Members of Brownie Troop 161 of Selkirk were recently

Delmar man charged with felony DWI

Bethlehem police arrested a 46-year-old Delmar man on felony driving while intoxicated charges Sunday after he was involved in a property damage accident on Parkwyn Dr. in Delmar.

James F. Warden was arrested after failing a pre-screening device test, police said. Police said he was found behind the wheel of his car and that he admitted driving the vehicle, but thought he was at home.

Police conducted a breathalyzer test on Warden with the result being a blood-alcohol content of .32. A blood alcohol content of .10 is the legal limit for driving while intoxicated. He was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for alcohol poisoning evaluation, police said.

Headstones damaged

Bethlehem police are investigating an incident at the Bethlehem Cemetery between March 24 and last Tuesday, when seven headstones were tipped over. Police said the weekend incident would result in increased patrols in the area to keep youths from the cemetery.

Radar detector stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a radar detector from a car parked at a Penn Lane residence on Saturday. Police said a Passport radar detector worth \$295 was taken from the car while it parked in a driveway.

awarded recognition patches, World Association of Girl Guides and Girl Scout membership pins. The girls received the awards after completing projects in the areas of sports and games, science, magic, play, and seat belt safety.

Congratulations are in order for the troop's top five cookie sellers in this year's annual sale. The top sellers were: Sarah Ostrander, 302 boxes; Rebecca Whipple, 213; Gretchen Parker, 138; Helen Tompkins, 125; and Christina Fahrenkoph, 121. The group's total sales were 1,753 boxes.

Becker PTA elections set

The A.W. Becker Parent-Teacher Association will be meeting Tuesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. Election of officers will be the main purpose of this meeting along with plans for the annual Becker Field Day in June. If you are interested in serving as an officer, plan to attend the meeting. Child care is available at nominal cost.

School board petitions due

April 10th is the deadline for those seeking to run for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education. There are three seats up for election, as the terms of Mark Sengenberger, Stephen Berletic and Wayne Furman expire. To qualify, a candidate must be a district resident and submit a petition signed by 25 district residents. Petitions are available at the district office, 26 Thatcher Street in Selkirk. The election and vote on the 1989-90 budget will be held on May 17.

The RCS Class of 1980 is planning a reunion and two class members are seeking help in organizing this 10th anniversary event. Call Gina Nunziato at 756-6286 to help.

On April 12th, a meeting of the

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Special Education Parent Support Group will be held at 7 p.m. at the RCS Junior High School. The meeting is open to parents of children of all ages with handicapping conditions. For information call Sally Fornda at 756-6365 or Cathy Sutton at 756-8246.

RCS schools plan early release

Thursday, April 13, will be an early release day for all RCS students. The junior and senior high schools will dismiss at 11:15 a.m.; Ravena Elementary will dismiss at 12:15; and the Becker and Coeymans school will send students home at 12:30 p.m. Shortened kindergarten sessions are planned for both morning and afternoon sessions following a morning schedule.

The early releases are to allow teachers to attend meetings and workshops.

A new policy for the school lunch program at the RCS elementary schools has been initiated. Parents of students who have three charges for lunch or milk will be notified of outstanding charges. George Dardani, food director, said free and reduced lunch applications are available at each building.

Ravena Pop Warner registration April 8

Early registration for the Ravena Pop Warner football league will be April 8 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the Coeymans Town Hall on Russell Ave., Ravena.

Cost is \$20 for one child and \$15 for each additional child. Birth certificates are required.

Feura Bush home robbed of gun

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of over \$1,600 worth of items, including a gun, from a Waldenmaier Rd., Feura Bush home Thursday. Police said a 12-gauge shotgun, 119 cassette tapes and walkman worth \$1,636 were taken when a thief or thieves entered the home during the day. A small amount of currency was also taken.



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Isabel Glastetter

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Mar. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Mar. 24	Selkirk M-46	Rescue Call
Mar. 24	Selkirk No. 2	Standby
Mar. 24	Slingerlands Rescue	Rescue Call
Mar. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto Accident
Mar. 24	Delmar Fire Dept.	Brush
Mar. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad I	Medical Emergency
Mar. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
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Mar. 24	Delmar Fire Dept. R-24	Auto Accident
Mar. 24	Delmar Rescue Squad II	Auto Accident
Mar. 24	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
Mar. 25	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 25	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Mar. 26	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Alarm Drop
Mar. 26	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
Mar. 26	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
Mar. 26	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Mar. 27	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
Mar. 27	Delmar Rescue Squad	Unknown Illness
Mar. 27	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Mar. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Mar. 28	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Mar. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Personal Injury
Mar. 28	Delmar Fire Dept.	Tree Fire
Mar. 28	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart Attack
Mar. 29	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Grass Fire

The top bowlers for the Elsmere Fire Company for the week of March 26 were: Don Blodgett, 232 men's high single; Ken Blodgett, 546 men's high triple; Ann Costigan, 180 ladies' high single; and Isabel Glastetter, 504 ladies' high triple.

An After-Easter Egg Hunt will be held on Saturday, April 15, at the Slingerlands Firehouse, New Scotland Road, Slingerlands. The event will begin at 11 a.m.

The town fire officers meeting will be held on April 13 at the North Bethlehem Firehouse, beginning at 8 p.m. The meeting has been rescheduled from the first Thursday of the month.

Town-wide fire officers elections will be held on April 6 at each department. Bethlehem Ambulance Squad members are required to pay their dues before voting.

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Crime assistance available to elderly

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Senior citizens are more often the target of criminals than younger age groups and often these crime victims have few places to turn for help.

A new county agency, the recently established Comprehensive Crime Victims Assistance Program, will help crime victims deal with the aftermath of their private ordeal.

The program will offer crisis intervention counseling and through the state Crime Victims Board (CVB) will assist crime victims in gaining reimbursement for lost money, medication and clothing as well as the repair of any damage done to a house during a burglary, said Peter Farris, program coordinator.

The new county-wide program is a "supervised project" of the Albany County Rape Crisis Center operating under a six-month \$30,000 grant from the state CVB, he said.

The main target of the program is senior citizens since "often they are on a fixed income and any loss is a hardship," he said.

According to Bethlehem police Lt. Frederick Holligan, every year town seniors are the victims of flim-flam artists and various other scams. He said the occurrences were "fairly common" as he recounted a story about an elderly man who was charged \$900 to get his driveway sealed; a job that should have only cost about \$90.

The police department does refer victims to other agencies, including the town Senior Citizens Services, for help "depending on the circumstances," Holligan said. "With this new program, I'm sure we'll refer a lot more."

The town senior services agency through its outreach worker will refer crime victims to other agencies, said Joyce Becker of the service. "Many times they (the elderly) don't know where to turn," she said.

The program will attempt to put a "more human face" on the process that crime victims experience, Farris said, adding that the elderly will receive assistance with the paper work involved.

Referrals can also be made to other assistance programs, he said.

Additionally, the program will train volunteers to accompany crime victims to court to "make it easier on the victim," he said. The volunteers will provide victims with a "friendly face in court" and will explain the court system, Farris said. "We will give them a hand with our knowledge of the legal system," he said.

Anyone needing assistance can call the program at 447-5500 or 445-7735 weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m., he said. Individuals interested in volunteering can call the same numbers.

Although the assistance program has only two people, Farris and Flo Derry, a case worker, in some cases they will go to a victim's home if the victim cannot come to the office at 112 State St. in Albany, he said.

Symphony conductor speaks at library

Albany Symphony Orchestra Conductor Julius Hegyi and Frank Wigglesworth will present a music lecture at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, April 13, at 3 p.m.

For information call 439-9314.



Bethlehem is alive

"The Sound of Music" will be presented at the Bethlehem High School April 7 and 8 at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5 for adults and \$3 for seniors and students. On April 6, there will be a free performance for senior citizens. From left, standing, are Joshua Bloom,

Kira Stokes, Nicole Stokes, Sara Stasko and Richard Haskell. Seated on the sofa are Meg Bragle and Brian Farrell. Rebekah Connolly and Amanda Genovese are seated on the floor.

Elaine McLain

Albany man charged with drug possession

Bethlehem police arrested a 36-year-old Albany man for unlawfully possession of marijuana, a misdemeanor, last Tuesday after he was stopped at Delaware Plaza for not having a front license plate. Police said the marijuana was found in the car's ash tray by the department's police dog, Grando.

Man charged for unlicensed operation

Bethlehem police arrested a 21-year-old Albany man for misdemeanor unlicensed operation of a motor vehicle Saturday after he was stopped for a traffic violation on Rt. 85 near Fisher Blvd. Police said a computer check found the man did not possess a drivers license.

Delmar man charged for drinking, driving

Bethlehem police arrested a 20-year-old Delmar man for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated early Saturday morning after he was stopped for speeding and failure to keep right.

Police said the man was observed driving in violation of traffic laws on Delaware Ave. and

attempted to elude officers by driving without his headlights on Adams Place and Forest Rd. He was located on Forest Rd. and was charged after failing both pre-screening device and field tests, police said. He was also ticketed for driving without headlights.

BC student charged with criminal mischief

Bethlehem police arrested a 17-year-old Bethlehem Central High School student on misdemeanor criminal mischief charges after he drove across the high

school lawn Friday. Police said the car got stuck while it was being driven across the fields at the school.

Police arrest man for felony DWI

Bethlehem police arrested a 35-year old Massachusetts man on felony driving while intoxicated charges Friday night.

Michael J. Pinckney of

Worcester, Mass was stopped for speeding on New Scotland Rd. and was charged after failing a pre-screening device test, police said.

Seminar topic is hazardous substances

The Business Council of New York State will sponsor a one-day seminar on compliance with hazardous chemical regulations on Wednesday, April 12, at the Albany Marriott. The seminar will begin with registration at 8 a.m.

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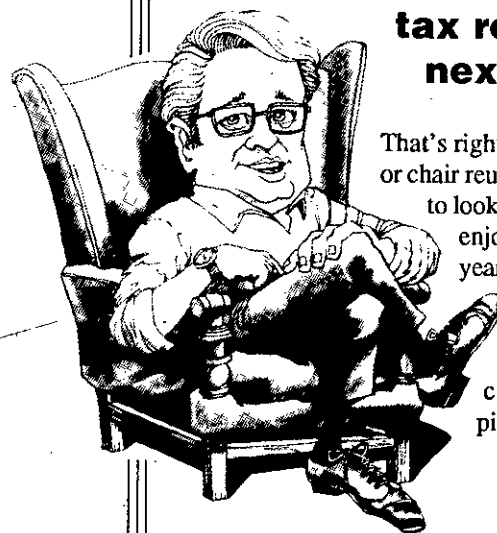
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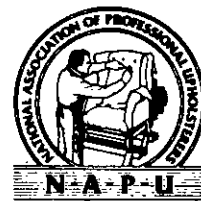
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St. Thomas sponsors fashion show

A fashion show will be held at St. Thomas School in Delmar on Thursday, April 13, at 7 p.m.

The theme of the show is "Apple Blossom Time." Town and Tweed, and Gingersnaps will supply the fashions. Entertainment will be provided by the St. Thomas Drama Club.

For information call 439-4447.

King's Kids present music program

The King's Kids of Christian Music Ministries will present "Come Messiah Come" on Saturday, April 8, at 7:30 p.m., and on Sunday, April 9, at 3:30 p.m.

The performances will be held at the Christian Music Ministries Center, Copeland Hill Rd., Feura Bush.

For information call 768-2818.

'Thanksgiving in April' planned

The Clarksville Community Church will sponsor a "Thanksgiving In April" turkey dinner on April 8 with seatings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m.

Admission will be \$6.50 for adults and \$3.25 for children under 10. No reservations are required.

Church sponsors spring rummage sale

A spring rummage sale will be held at St. Stephen's Church in Delmar on Thursday, April 13,

from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Items available will include clothing, household items, electrical appliances and books.

For information call 439-4031.

Ladies auxiliary plans garage sale

The Ladies Auxiliary of North Bethlehem Fire Department will hold a garage sale on Saturday, April 8, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the firehouse on Russell Rd., near Krumkill.

For information call 456-3126 or 438-0825.

Bible fellowship announced

The Bethel Baptist Church, a new Bible-oriented evangelical fellowship is now conducting weekly Bible studies Wednesday evenings in the Johnson Room of the Howard Johnson Motor Lodge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The Rev. E.W. Woods of Delmar conducts the studies, which teach the precepts of the Bible while providing the opportunity for families to worship and learn together.

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Understanding of epilepsy fostered

The Epilepsy Association of the Capital District Inc. has developed a Family Education and Training Program to enable families whose lives are affected by epilepsy to gain a greater understanding of epilepsy.

The program will involve three workshops scheduled for Tuesdays, April 11, 18 and 25. The location of the program is Leonard Hospital, 74 New Turnpike Rd., Troy.

For information call 456-7501.

Bethlehem reviews direction in education

Members of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education will discuss future educational programming directions for the district on Wednesday and Thursday, April 12 and 13.

The board will finalize a draft of these directions, which was developed by a committee of staff, students, parents and community members.

The meetings will be held at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar.

For information call 439-3650.

Methodist women plan fashion show

The United Methodist Women will hold their third annual luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, April 8, at the Slingerlands Methodist Church on New Scotland Rd. at noon.



Marilyn Gold

Honored at Allstate

Marilyn Gold, an Allstate account agent located in Slingerlands, has received the Conference of Champions and Honor Ring awards for her 1988 sales performance.

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Literature group sponsors book review

The literature group of the Delmar Progress Club will present a review of *Alexander Hamilton's Wife* on Tuesday, April 11, at the Bethlehem Public Library.

The book will be reviewed by Elizabeth Stout. The meeting will begin at 1:30 p.m.

For information call 439-1370.

South African literature reviewed

The American-South African People's Friendship Association will sponsor two South African literature reviews, on Thursdays, April 6 and 13, at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

The first will be a review of Winne Mandela's "part of My Soul Went With Him," which will be presented by Allen B. Ballard, Ph.D.

Leonard Slade Jr., Ph.D., will present a review of Desmond Tutu's "Hope and Suffering."

Both reviews will begin at 7:30 p.m.

Historic homes topic of lecture

The Daughters of the American Revolution will present a lecture on historic homes in the Town of Bethlehem at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, on Tuesday, April 11, at 7 p.m.

For information call 484-3800.

Financial planning seminar at library

Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will sponsor a family financial planning seminar, entitled "Catastrophic Illness and Estate Planning," on Thursday, April 13, at the Bethlehem Public Library in Delmar.

The program will begin at 1:30 p.m. and will focus on estate planning strategies.

For information call 765-3559.



Julie Scullard, development officer of the New York "Dollars For Scholars" program, standing, met with area business representatives recently to establish a "Dollars For Scholars" Community Scholarship Foundation for the Bethlehem Central School District. Seated, from left, are Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Douglas Brownell, Chairman of the Board for the Women's Business Development Center Marilyn Wiles, and Hamagrael PTA President Joanne DeVecchio.

Mark Stuart

Murray to compete in spelling bee

Brian Murray will represent St. Thomas the Apostle School, Delmar, at the regional spelling bee April 10 at Proctor's Theater, Schenectady.

Brian, a seventh grade student, qualified by winning a school wide bee last month. Marianne Mylod, also a seventh grader, was runner up.

The regional winner will represent the Capital District at the national spelling bee in Washington, D.C., in May.

Also competing in the school wide bee at St. Thomas' were Daisy Ford, Meghan Marohn, Lexie Lawler, Matthew Kelly, Erik Walsh and Jenny Gould, grade 4; Ayana Bakari, Beth Norton, Leah Panganiban, Katie Sherwin, Abby Smith and Susan Grobecker, grade 5; Aaron Mimura, Tim Lawler, Colleen Smith, Linda Martin, Matthew Nuttall and Kim Ira, grade 6; Danielle LeBuis, Nora Bunk, Jon Gould and Kamaa Bakari, grade 7; and Josh Cuzdey, Christian Stankovich, Theresa Grobecker, Tracy Libby, Ana Panganiban and Maureen Nuttall, grade 8.

Sixth grade hosts medieval fair

Sixth grade students at Voorheesville Elementary School will host a medieval fair on Friday, April 7. The students will perform sonnets by Shakespeare, act as court jesters, and present a Punch and Judy Show.

The students will also display projects, including castles, cathedrals, weapons and shields, murals, crests, mosaics and calligraphy.

The Shakespeare segment will begin at 10 a.m. Following lunch at 12:45 p.m., a sheep shearing demonstration will be held.

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Bill MacDonald

Local tennis pro sets 1989 ETA agenda

Independent tennis pro Bill MacDonald of Slingerlands will compete in a preliminary tournament of the Eastern Tennis Association in Mountain Lakes, N.J. on April 21, 22 and 23.

MacDonald is scheduled to compete in a number of tournaments this spring and summer in order to accumulate enough points to qualify for major United States Tennis Association (USTA) tournaments. The ETA is a division of the USTA.

MacDonald recently competed in the Syracuse Singles Tournament March 3 and 4 where he reached the quarterfinals.

He expects to compete in several preliminary and satellite tournaments this summer. The weekend of May 27 MacDonald will compete in an ETA preliminary tournament in Utica in both doubles and singles events.

Three satellite tournament will follow — one in Texas, two in Louisiana and one in Arkansas. Depending on the results of those tournaments, MacDonald said he hopes to qualify for ATP tournaments in Schenectady, Stratton Mountain, Vt., Livingston, N.J. and Montreal, Canada.

Some of MacDonald's previous tournament experiences include the 1988 Ivory Coast Circuit in France where he finished 6-5 in singles and 2-0 in doubles, the Canadian Airlines Circuit and the New York City Championship at the Sutton East Tennis Club.

MacDonald is the head professional of the Match Point Tennis Academy in Slingerlands and head coach of the Union College men's and women's tennis teams.

Church earns four medals

Jonathan Church of Delmar won four medals at the Eastern Zone Short Course Swimming Championships this weekend at Yale University in New Haven, Ct.

Church, swimming in the 10 and under age group, placed third

in the 50 yard and 100 yard butterfly, fifth in the 200 yard individual medley. He is a fifth grader at Hamagrael School.

Contestants at the meet represented the fastest age group swimmers from 12 swimming districts from Maine to Virginia.

RCS setting sights higher

by Curt VanDerzee

It's that time of the year again. Spring is in the air and the RCS girls' softball team is thinking big after completing last year's season with a surprising second place finish.

At the start of last year RCS, who had only two returning starters, was picked to finish no higher than sixth. But instead they went 14-2 in the league (good enough for second place) and 17-5 overall.

This year the Indians have seven starters back including junior pitching sensation Hope Ackert (15-4), offensive stars Athena Caswell, a junior, and Cherie Prior, a senior. Leading the defensive will be infielders Dawn Dinardi and Stephanie

Softball

Ricciardi, both of whom are seniors.

Rounding out the starting lineup will be catcher Marty Arnold, leftfielder Kathie Descrouchers, centerfielder Colleen Connors, and rightfielder Chris Kennedy. Senior Jessica Milgo also figures to see a lot of playing time in the outfield. Two other top reserves are first year players Jen Williams and Robin Salin, both seniors.

Coach Bruce Stott said he hopes to follow up last year's surprise season with another good year. He said that the team is "fairly strong and has spent the

spring working hard on the basics". He also thinks that the Colonial Council is going to be one of the toughest leagues around with at least four other teams having a legitimate chance of winning it all. The favorite is defending champion Lansingburgh who also has seven starters returning. Three other teams, Watervliet, Schalmont and Mechanicville, all have at least six starters back.

The Indians open up their season this week, weather permitting, with four non-league games. On Monday they will travel to Albany High. Tuesday they travel to Mohonson and on Wednesday they travel to Ichabod Crane. On Friday they will begin league play when they host the Blackbirds of Voorheesville.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of March 26 at Del Lanes in Delmar go to:

Senior citizen men — Art Tenney 217, 621 triple.

Senior citizen women — Terri Price 201, Jane Thomas 516 triple.

Men — Ron Smith 268, Chuck Puls 673 triple, Jim McGuiness 890 four-game series.

Women — Michelle Boyle 250, 604 triple, Teri Sue Moss 763 four-game series.

Major boys — Matt Reed 187, 482 triple.

Major girls — Christy Shultes 187, 507 triple.

Junior boys — Sean Brewer 176, 457 triple.

Junior girls — Lisa Green 189, 494 triple.

Prep boys — Mike Soronen 185, 451 triple.

Prep girls — Amanda Watt 182, 434 triple.

Bantam boys — Rich McNally 116, 326 triple.

Bantam girls — Simone Trefelitti 109, 285 triple.

Junior Classic League

Major boys — Jason Bardin 236, 794 four-game series.

Major girls — Anne Mineau 208.

Junior boys — Lee Aiezza 232.

Junior girls — Jen Matuszek 232, 748 four-game series.

V'ville hoop coaches at Sam Perkins Camp

Voorheesville basketball coaches Skip Caark and Wally Lozano are scheduled to serve as assistants when Dallas Maverick forward Sam Perkins holds summer basketball camp at Watervliet High School this June.

Perkins, a graduate of Shaker High School and alumni of the University of North Carolina will conduct three other area camps for both boys and girls. For information on the camps, call Lou Cioffi at 346-8106.

College Athletics

Brendan Kearse of Delmar is a middle distance runner for the 1988-89 men's track team at Williams College in Williamstown, Mass.

Kearse placed fifth in the 1,000-meter run at the Division III New England championship meet this year. He usually runs in either the 1,000 or 800-meter events. The 6-foot-4 junior Kearse is a graduate of Bethlehem Central.

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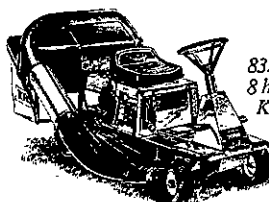
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Spring training 1989: A different view

By Mark Verstandig

Editor's note: The following is a first-person account of life at the San Diego Padres training camp in Yuma, Arizona as seen through the eyes of catcher Mark Verstandig, a graduate of Bethlehem Central and son of Bob and Ilse Verstandig, owner's of Verstandig's Florist in Delmar. Mark will begin exhibition play today with the Padre's A team in Charleston, South Carolina and continue his struggle to make it to the top.

Each year, during February and March, several thousand young men find their way to major league baseball training sites around the U.S. to practice and showcase their talents with the hope of making a major league baseball team.

This rite-of-spring began for me on March 5, 1989 as I left Albany County Airport, in the midst of the Eastern Airlines strike, for Yuma, Arizona and the Spring training camp of the San Diego Padres Baseball Club. This would be the start of my third season with San Diego and my second in Spring training.

As always, I was enthusiastic at the thought of getting started again and filled with the excitement and anticipation of meeting old friends and getting a chance to see what I could do to advance myself in the organization. Although I finished the previous season in "AA" there would be no assurance that I would start out there again in 1989.

The flight from Albany was particularly long this time because of all the delays caused by the strike, but the warm weather in Yuma made it all worthwhile. It's a great change for me after spending the last five months trying to work out in the cold Northeast. As usual, I was met at the airport by a representative of the Padres

who shuttles players to their rooms. For me, Motel "6" would be my home until we break up in April. All the minor league players are housed together by the Padres and provided with meals, transportation and a small allowance, so there is very little else that you need to provide for yourself. Except for the casual contact we have with the major league players around the locker room we never really get to associate

the rest of us the fun of our first meeting didn't last long either, because the very next morning it was back to the old grind of the practice routine that would last for the duration of camp. To most people there is a lot of glamour attached to being a professional ball player, and I guess that there is if you are a major league player, or one of the highly valued draft choices. But they are in the minority and in reality spring train-

rounded by the city of Yuma on one side and the desert on the other. The biggest drawback to being in Yuma is that there is nothing much to do after hours except visit a dog track or game room or watch a major league game. The Padre camp is so far removed from other baseball complexes (the next nearest complexes are two-and-a-half hours away in Phoenix) that our minor league players rarely get any games against other minor league teams because of the travel time and expense.

The typical day for a minor league player starts at about 7 a.m. and goes until about 4 p.m. Players usually start arriving at the field at about 8 a.m. with catchers almost always on the field first.

Of all the positions in baseball, the catchers' is by far the toughest and when it comes to spring training it has got to be the absolute worst. I should know, because as luck would have it that's my position. But please don't get me wrong, I really do like the position particularly in a game. I like it because I'm right where the action is, my decisions control and affect the game, and there is a constant challenge, but in spring training it's a different story. Day in and day out it seems as though you are forever warming up a pitcher and constantly complaining to yourself and anyone else who will listen that you never have any time to get your own practice in.

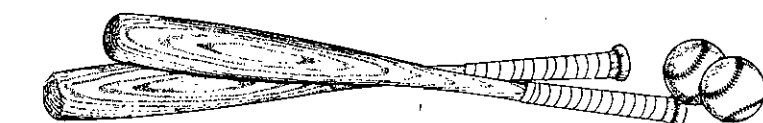
From 8 to 9 in the morning, before formal practice starts, or after 4 in the afternoon, when practice ends, is the only time available for me and other catchers to get their extra work in like batting practice and individual instruction if it's available. By 9:30 everyone is on the field and formal practice begins. Although the minor league players are divided into four or five teams, each assigned to a field or practice area, they spend the first part of practice together as one group for exercises, loosening, stretching, and running. Usually, by 10 a.m. players are back with their respective teams where they work on offensive and defensive plays, drills, cut-off combinations from the outfield, rundowns, and base stealing situations. Catchers spe-

cifically work with pitchers on fielding and pick-off drills and with infield practice. At 10:30 batting practice starts and lasts until we break for lunch.

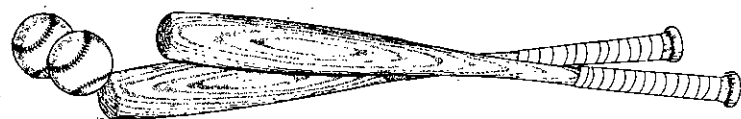
Catchers get to hit first or last if time permits, seldom getting their full measure of swings and usually not getting any at all. They spend most of this hour in the bullpen continuing to catch pitchers.

After lunch, everyone is back on the field at 1 p.m. for full group warm-ups and stretching followed by four to six innings of intersquad games, occasionally against neighboring college teams, and rarely (maybe once or twice per spring training) with another minor league team. During these afternoon scrimmages they will usually find me back in the bullpen with the pitchers again unless it's my turn to play. After the game is my time to get in extra work. It's usually too early to go back to an empty motel room, too early for dinner, and the least busy time of the day, so I can concentrate on myself and get something accomplished. Dinner is served until 6 and then we're free for the rest of the evening. With so little to do around town and with so little money to do anything with (nobody gets paid until about the middle of April) we mostly hang around the motel entertaining each other, watching TV, writing letters and calling home. Curfew is at 11:30 on weekdays and 1:00 on Friday and Saturday so you can't get into a whole lot of trouble. As for myself, I'm usually ready for bed by 11 anyway because the hot sun and wind and squattin' all day in the bull pen wears me out.

For the most part everyone gets along pretty well with each other. Like in every organization there are bound to be some players you don't like as well as others and of course there are always several who are constantly butting up the coaches that you can't stand at all. Generally, however, everyone is in the same situation. We're anxious to get started and to show what we are capable of doing excited about having the opportunity of playing for the Padre organization and filled with high expectations for our future in baseball. During off hours everyone is casual and loose. The



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with them at all. Most of them stay at other motels and apartments, and some, with families, have private housing.

It was great meeting everyone again, renewing old friendships and meeting the new players. Everybody is talkative and excited and there are always lots of stories and gossip about baseball. When I arrived in the Padre camp there were about 50 players made up of rookies, pitchers, rehabilitating players, and Latin players already well into the practice routine because they had been there since the first part of February attending a pre-season Mini Camp for various reasons including some special instruction. For

ing is drudgery for the minor league player who receives little individual attention and very little reward.

The Padre facility is called the Ray Kroc Complex. It's a pretty nice facility situated in a peaceful spot, undisturbed except for the constant air traffic from nearby military bases and the occasional wind and sand storms that cancel practice. The complex is probably a little smaller than most baseball camps, but layed out pretty well. It consists of a clubhouse surrounded by four fields, a half-field for infield practice, and several batting cages. The complex in turn is surrounded by two golf courses which in turn is sur-

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players are usually pretty talkative and there is lots of wisecracking and joking around, but underneath this facade one can always sense the feeling of tension because everyone wants to do well and is looking for the big break and their next step up the ladder to the major league team. You can see it in practice as well. The morning sessions are always more relaxed then as the drills start everyone gets more serious and tensions begin to build. By afternoon when scrimmages and games begin everyone is all business because this is where you can make your mark. Coaches and scouts are usually watching and players get judged on their performance. Although I feel and sense that where you're going to play is pre-ordained by the front office before the fact, if you want any chance at all to change impressions the afternoon games are the place to do it. They say that this is where you make your assignment so everyone works harder and plays competitively.

Naturally, everything that takes place in camp revolves around the major league team.

The minor league teams work around the major teams and whatever they need comes first. If they need extra space or an extra field the minors have to double up. All in all its not too bad. The clubhouse arrangement helps to make things a little closer and more personal. The minor and major league locker rooms are side by side, divided by a low wall, and although the minors are not allowed on the major side, the majors are allowed on the minor side which creates some intermingling. Although there are a few of the majors that are show-offs and stuck up with the "I don't owe anybody anything" attitude the majority of players are very congenial and helpful. There are a number of them, especially Tony Gwynn, who often comes over to our side to offer their expertise and help and give us extra equipment and stuff they get free. They remember where they came from. The major league team is treated very well and gets everything they could possibly want for free. They have gum, sunflower seeds, tobacco, food, and beverages always available and are forever getting complimentary baseball shoes and gloves. They also get several sets of extra uniforms which are cleaned and taken care of for them and their shoes are polished every day. Other than our casual contact in the clubhouse we really have no other contact except when they may be playing on an adjoining field. The Padre camp is one of the few in professional baseball where the majors are in the same facility. Most clubs have a totally separate complex for the majors alone.

Compared to the minors who practice all day the majors only practice for four hours a day until exhibition games start then they only play their games preceded by batting practice. The major league expanded rosters allow them to split into two teams and they play A & B games practically every day. There is always some press around interviewing and writing stories on the major league players. They pay particular attention to the better known players like Tony Gwynn, Jack Clark or Bruce Hurst. I personally, and minor league players generally, never see any press. The same holds true for fans too. There is always a crowd at the major games, but our games are lucky if they draw 50 people. 20 is usually more like it.

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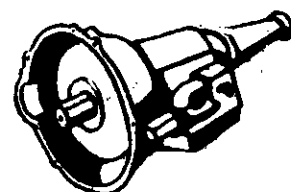
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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN, that a Special Meeting of and for the Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York (the "District") will be held on the 12th day of April, 1989 at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Building for the Voorheesville Central School District from 2:00 o'clock p.m. to 9:30 o'clock p.m. or as much longer as may be necessary for the purpose of enabling the voters then present to cast their votes on the following proposition:

RESOLVED: (a) The Board of Education of Voorheesville Central School District, Albany County, New York is hereby authorized to reconstruct, in part, and construct additions to the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the Voorheesville Elementary School, including the furnishings, equipment and apparatus, and all necessary alterations and ancillary work required to effectuate the foregoing building and facility improvements; and to expend for the above stated purposes, including preliminary costs and costs incidental thereto an amount not to exceed Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00).

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(b) The Board of Education is hereby authorized to issue obligations of the district in the amount of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00) or so much thereof as may be necessary, and to levy a tax upon the taxable property of the district in the aforesaid sum of Eight Million Nine Hundred Forty-Nine Thousand Seven Hundred and no/100 Dollars (\$8,949,700.00) to be collected in installments as provided by law.

The above sum, or so much thereof as may be necessary, shall be raised by a tax on the taxable real property of the said school district to be collected in annual installments, and, in anticipation of the collection of such tax, said school board shall issue obligations of said school district therefor in accordance with the Local Finance law.

David K. Teuten
School District Clerk
By Order of the Board of Education
Dated: February 15, 1989
(April 5, 1989)

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NOTICE OF ANNUAL ELECTION OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual election of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the upper gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday, May 3, 1989, between the hours of 7:00 a.m. and 9:00 p.m. EDT.

The Board of Education will present for consideration the school district budget for the period of July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. Copies of said budget may be reviewed by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual election, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m., EDT at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and the office of the elementary schools, the Middle School, and the High School of the district.

The Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will be present for consideration of the public library budget for the period July 1, 1989 to June 30, 1990. Copies of the budget may be obtained at the reference desk of the library. Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1989 to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of

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1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

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2. For the election of the members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, each for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1989, to fill the vacancies caused by the expiration of the terms of Bernard Harvith and Marjory O'Brien.

3. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

4. Upon the appropriation of \$274,000.00 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

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5. Upon the appropriation of \$274,000.00 to purchase seven (7) buses for the Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

6. Upon a proposition authorizing the Board of Education to transfer with or without consideration to the Town of Bethlehem certain parcels of real property at the High School site having a combined area of less than 2.0 acres for the purpose of roadway and walkway construction and improvements.

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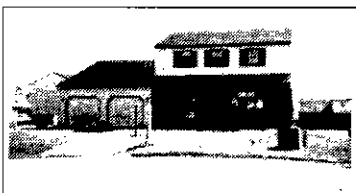
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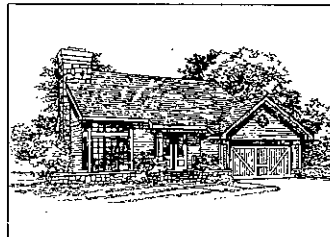
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Obituaries

Alice G. Hurd

Alice G. Murphy Hurd, formerly of Delmar, died March 28. Wife of the late Frank A. Hurd, and mother of the late Frank A. Hurd, Jr., she is survived by her daughter-in-law, Mary Ann Hurd of Delmar, and four grandchildren.

A Mass of Christian Burial was offered Saturday morning at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar. Burial will be in Boston, Mass.

Mildred R. Relation

Mildred R. Cook Relation of Delmar died March 27.

Survivors include her husband, Alfred; her daughters, Eleanor Finnegan of Williamsburg, N.Y. and Laura Vergoni of Latham; her sons, Alfred H. Relation, Jr. of Pittsfield, John C. Relation of Selkirk and Richard L. Relation of Newtonville, and her sister, Nettie Darbecker of Glenmont. She is also survived by nine grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Funeral services were private, with arrangements by the Applebee Funeral Home. Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

John B. Cross

A memorial service will be held this Sunday, April 9, at 7 p.m. at the First Unitarian Society, Albany for John B. Cross of Delmar.

The former counsel to the State Civil Service department and activist on homosexual rights died March 28 in St. Peter's Hospital in

Albany after an eight-month illness. He was 53.

Born and educated in Gloversville, he was a magna cum laude graduate of both Cornell University and the Syracuse University Law School.

He began working for the state in 1961 as an intern in the state Law Department in Albany, and he joined the state Civil Service Department in 1963 as an attorney, serving as counsel from 1971 to 1984.

He resigned his post in 1984 to devote his time to a book on Herman Melville, which was unfinished at the time of his death.

He was past president and board chairman of the Capital District Lesbian and Gay Community Council and president of the First Unitarian Society of Albany. He was a board member of the Albany Independent Movement, Home Aide Service and the U.N. Association.

There are no immediate survivors.

Arrangements are by the Perry-Komdat Funeral Chapel in Glass Lake, Averill Park. Contributions may be made to the Capital District Lesbian and Gay Community Council in Albany, or to the Ferry Beach Conference Center of the Unitarian Universalists in Saco, Maine.

Edward W. Skelly

Edward W. Skelly, a resident of Delmar for over 40 years and a retired employee of the governor's office, died March 28 at St.

Peter's Hospital after a long illness.

He retired in 1972 after many years as an administrative assistant in the governor's office. He worked as liaison between the state legislature and the governor's office, and was active in the planning of inauguration ceremonies for all of the governors during his period of employ.

An Albany native, he was a Colonel in the Army during World War II serving in the European theatre. He was a member of the Fort Orange American Legion Post in Albany, and a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Catholic Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mildred, and his daughter, Lynn Skelly, both of Delmar.

Services were held Friday at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. Burial will be in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont, with arrangements by the Tebbutt Funeral Home.

Margaret U. Wheeler

Maragaret U. Wheeler of Delmar died March 27 in St. Peter's Hospital after a brief illness. She was 81.

Born and educated in Albany, she was a graduate of the Mildred Elley Business School and attended McMurry College in Texas.

An employee of the state Department of Correctional Services for 30 years, she retired in 1978 as a principal identification analyst.

She was a member of the state Division of the Initial Association of Identification.

Survivors include her daughters, Judith Roginski of Avon Lake, Ohio, Grace "Perky" Jonas of Delmar and Joan Ten Eyck of St. Petersburg, Fla.; her son, John V. Wheeler of Fishkill; four sisters, Phyllis VanAlstyne of Delmar and Lorinda MacMillen, Juanita Leveroni, and Lois Vincent, all of Tampa, Fla.; and her brother, Kermit MacMillen of Delmar. She is also survived by 12 grandchildren and eight great-grandchildren.

Services were held at the McVeigh Funeral Home in Albany, with burial in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery in Glenmont. Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

Cancer Society swim benefit set

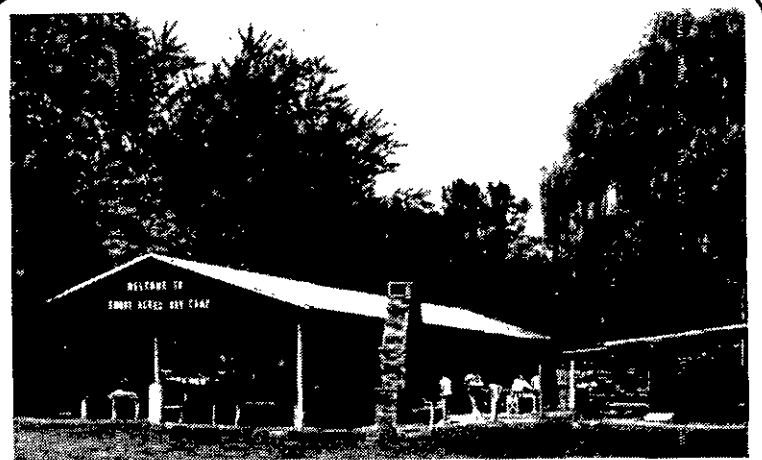
The American Cancer Society will hold its "Make a Splash for Cancer," swimming fund raiser Saturday, April 8, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School pool in Delmar.

Funds raised will help the society to continue providing information, materials and films to schools and communities free of charge. Participants will raise money by collecting pledges for laps completed.

For more information call 438-7841.

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The Sunny Acres Day Camp

"Aunt Bee" Alger, ran Sunny Acres Day Camp

"If I can't do it for the children, I wouldn't do it at all," Bernice "Aunt Bee" Alger used to say of her campers at the Sunny Acres Day Camp in Selkirk.

The camp's motto, "honor, truth, courage and love" were lessons Aunt Bee taught to thousands of area children in the more than forty years she operated the camp. She was busy making plans for the camp's 42nd season when she was stricken at home last Monday. She died later in St. Peter's Hospital, Albany.

Sunny Acres was the first day camp in New York State, because, Alger said, she "wanted a happy place for children."

At Sunny Acres, campers participated in a number of activities, including sports, drama, music, arts and crafts, and many former campers fondly recall Aunt Bee's Indian lore, especially stories about the Thunderbird and the Great Spirit. Campers were divided into two Indian "tribes" when they entered the camp, and Aunt Bee often awarded "sunshine feathers" to the youngest campers at the closing Star Fire ceremonial campfire.

She was a graduate of Mount St. Mary's College in Hooksett, N.H., and the Boston Conservatory of Music. She was a past director of children's programs at the Albany Conservatory of Music, and had been an administrator and teacher at the former Training Center for Retarded Children in Albany. She had always taken an active interest in childhood development, and said herself that she was "a nut about kids."

She is survived by her son, Mahlon Parker of Baltimore, six grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Services were held Friday at the Applebee Funeral Home. Burial will be in Elmwood Cemetery, Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society or the Heart Fund in Albany.

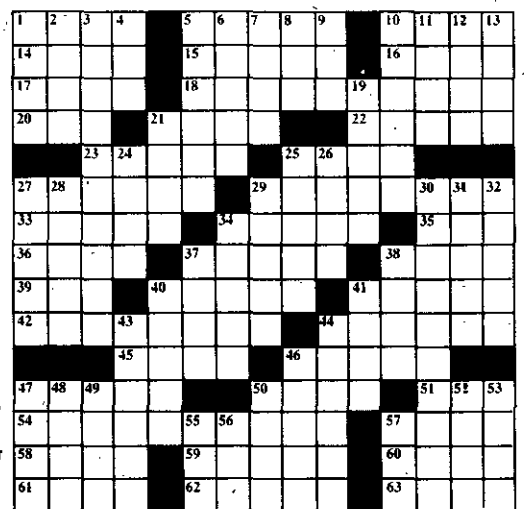
Weekly Crossword

"APRIL FOOLS"

By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Hock
- 5 Fred or Gracie
- 10 Talk freely
- 14 "It's _____": Proud father
- 15 This John is big on tractors
- 16 Fakes the song words (2 wds)
- 17 Medicinal plant
- 18 Ollie's sidekick (2 wds)
- 20 Button or Skeleton
- 21 "Duck _____": Marx brothers classic movie
- 22 Big wave
- 23 Sometimes they fly by
- 25 Soon
- 27 Large beetle
- 29 "Take my wife, please"
- 33 Lighter in color
- 34 "20,000 Leagues Under the Sea": Author
- 35 Assoc. in Fine Arts Degree
- 36 Troubles
- 37 Audience supporters
- 38 Edge
- 39 Precedes "MENTARY": Basic education
- 40 Yogi _____
- 41 Alma _____ (Var.)
- 42 Laugh-in's straight man (2 wds)
- 44 Willa _____
- 45 Long, long times
- 46 _____ Claus
- 47 Role for Dianne Keaton
- 50 George Burns for one, e.g.
- 51 Comedian's forte: With to
- 54 "Can we talk?": Author
- 57 Charlie Chaplin's prop
- 58 Church part
- 59 "Rebel Without a Cause": Actor
- 60 Place for cows
- 61 Type of Admiral
- 62 Plate
- 63 Jeanne Dixon, e.g.



DOWN

- 1 Former Tonight Show host
- 2 Can do!
- 3 "Stepper": Actor
- 4 Louie _____
- 5 Take up and hold on the surface
- 6 "_____ pray"
- 7 Jump
- 8 Sea eagle
- 9 Ms. Carter
- 10 Dye used in washing
- 11 Pork fat
- 12 Ancient Arcadian town
- 13 Lucille _____
- 19 Do penance
- 21 River to the Moselle
- 24 Poetical before
- 25 Main artery
- 26 Carmelites, e.g.
- 27 Watched secretly
- 28 _____ lily
- 29 Desire
- 30 Mouthy comedienne
- 31 Burning
- 32 Nominator
- 34 Norm Peterson's wife and Ms Miles
- 37 All Stitched up
- 38 Quilt filling
- 40 Dissatisfied audience member
- 41 Quite a few
- 43 Carl or Rob
- 44 Late night host
- 46 Shopping burst
- 47 Partly open
- 48 No way! (slang)
- 49 Space org.
- 50 Mailed
- 52 In the matter of (2 wds)
- 53 Norm Peterson's drink
- 55 Little rascal
- 56 By way of
- 57 Burnett's network

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Pamela Hodges and Carmine Torchia

Pamela Hodges to marry in June

Mr. and Mrs. Otho Hodges of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Pamela, to Carmine Torchia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank and Adelina Torchia of East Rochester.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Alfred State College, is currently employed as coordinator

of corporate cash management at the Central Trust Company in Rochester.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Alfred State College and the Rochester Institute of Technology, is a civil engineer for Handler and Grosso Architects and Engineers.

A June wedding in Rochester is planned.

Marriage workshops offered at church

Workshops, entitled "Marriage that Grows" and "Marriage that Glows," will be presented at the Delmar Reformed Church on April 5 and 12, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Both sessions will be con-

ducted by the Rev. Fred L. Shilling of the Capital Area Council of Churches.

All are welcome. For information call 439-1845.

Pulpit Exchange Sunday announced

On Sunday, April 9, Pulpit Exchange Sunday in the Albany District, the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will hold the usual 9:30 a.m. worship service, which the Rev. Charles Kellerman of McKownville will conduct.

The Rev. Richard Neal will also

participate in the Pulpit Exchange. He will conduct a service at the Grace United Methodist Church in Ravena.

A progressive dinner, sponsored by the Family Life Committee, will be held at 4 p.m.

For information call 439-9976.

Walkers to raise funds for hungry

The ninth CROP Walk for the Hungry will be held on Sunday, April 9, at the College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, at 1 p.m.

Proceeds from the 10-kilome-

ter walk will go to the CROP fund. The race is sponsored by the Capital Area Council of Churches.

For information call 463-1293.



Janet Tweedie and Michael Sachs

Janet Tweedie plans May wedding

Mr. Ronald W. Tweedie of Delmar has announced the engagement of his daughter, Janet Marie, to Michael Sachs, son of Mr. Morris Sachs of Boston and Mrs. Florence Sachs of Framingham, Mass.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Rochester Institute of

Technology, is employed as an organic chemist at Clean Harbors Analytical of Braintree, Mass.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Framingham High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology, is employed as an industrial engineer for Ames Department Stores of Hartford, Conn.

A May 28 wedding is planned.

Chabad Center hosts Passover Seders

The Delmar Chabad Center, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, will conduct communal Passover Seders on Wednesday and Thursday, April 19 and 20.

Traditional food will be served, and songs will be performed.

For information call 439-8280.

Paul Hernandez marries

Carolyn J. Gray, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Melvin S. Gray of Middletown, N.Y., and Paul Hernandez, son of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Hernandez of Glenmont, were married on Feb. 4.

The bride holds a bachelor's degree from Cook College and a master's degree from Rutgers University. She is currently employed as a market research analyst in the agricultural division of the American Cyanamid Company, Wayne, N.J. The bridegroom, a graduate of Northeastern University, holds an M.B.A. from Rutgers University. He is a senior engineer with the Port Authority of New York and New Jersey at the World Trade Center in New York City.

Rose-Gonon

Mr. and Mrs. Clayton E. Rose Jr. of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Karen Elizabeth, to Eric Charles Gonon, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Pierre Gonon of Providence R.I.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, the Randolph-Macon Woman's College and Harvard University. She is employed as a program assistant for the Massachusetts Council on the Arts and Humanities.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Middlebury College, is employed as a television news producer at WPRI-TV.

A July wedding is planned.



Community Corner

Spring Sports Mart and Uniform Exchange

Boy Scout Troop 58 will hold its annual Spring Sports Mart and Uniform Exchange on Saturday, April 8, at the Elsmere Elementary School, 247 Delaware Ave.

Camping and sports equipment can be sold and purchased, as well as used scouting uniforms. Those who sell items at the mart will receive 75 percent of their asking price and free admission to the sale.

Sellers should bring their items to the school from 9 a.m. until noon. Buyers can purchase items from 1 until 3 p.m.

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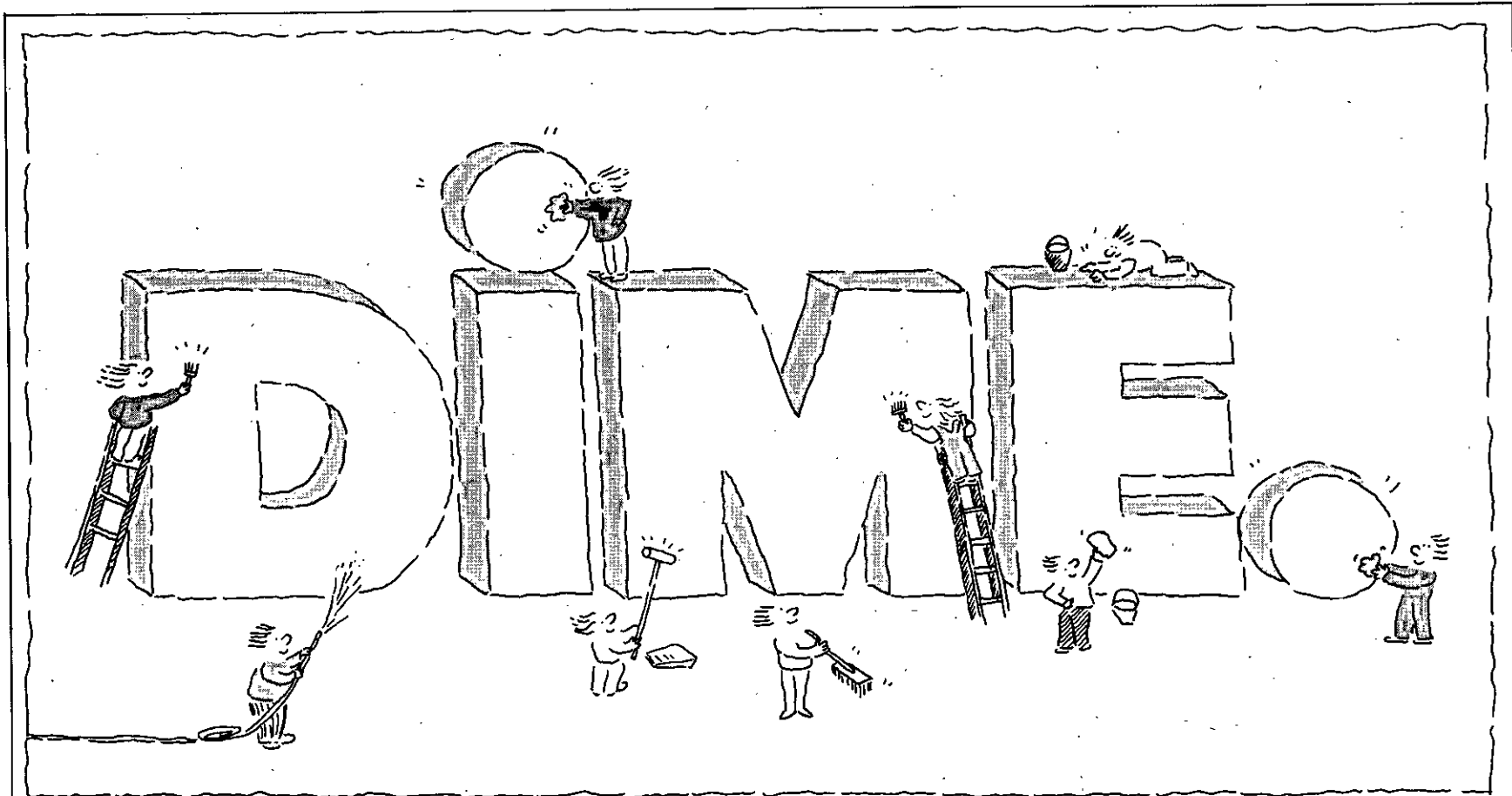
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