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Assessment revolution New Scotland plans reval

By Bob Hagyard

Like it or not, New Scotland may be heading toward a comprehensive reassessment of properties in the town.

Last week the town board asked Assessor William Bailey to gather informal price quotes for the job. Councilman H. Allyn Moak, who has studied the subject, suggests it will cost \$180,000 to obtain the data, another \$90,000 to reassess all properties.

That's \$270,000, total, for a town with a budget of \$2.5 million.

The topic should be a hot one for New Scotland, with its large proportion of older housing stock that hasn't changed hands in years — and hundreds of new homes just completed, under construction or on the drawing board.

Prompting the town board is a U.S. Supreme Court decision slamming the door on "welcome, stranger" assessment practices. Municipalities, the court ruled, may not reassess properties at full value when they are sold, while similar property is allowed to remain at lower assessments and pay less taxes simply because it

has not changed hands recently.

The State Board of Equalization and Assessment, which regulates local assessing agencies, has pushed for full-value assessment for decades. David Gaskell, the board's executive director, says the decision means that local governments that do not have uniform assessment rolls will face "numerous taxpayer actions" seeking reduced assessments and refunds of overassessments.

In Albany County only one town, Guilderland, assesses property at full value. How that came

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Bethlehem won't be hurried

By Mark Stuart

In recent months three separate courts — two New York State courts and the U.S. Supreme Court — handed down decisions outlawing "Welcome Stranger" assessment practices.

But Bethlehem's assessor says the decisions won't force the town to hurry its plans to upgrade the town's assessment practices.

"That is not a directive to us personally," said Assessor John Thompson. "We do not now have, nor have we ever had, a 'Welcome Stranger' policy in this town."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that it is unconstitutional for property to be assessed for tax purposes based on recent sales value while similar property remains at a lower assessment because it has not changed hands.

Both of the New York court cases involved Long Island municipalities. The state Board of Equalization and Assessment does not have any information on 'welcome stranger' policies upstate, but officials say the court decisions may spark an increase in the assessment grievance process across the state.

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Town takes heat on bypass proposals

By Mark Stuart

Selkirk residents, disturbed by the prospect of having new roads built through their hamlet, came out in force Wednesday night at a public hearing to discuss the recommendations of the recently completed Rt. 9W Corridor Study.

Speaking before the Bethlehem Planning Board, several Selkirk residents disputed the reasoning behind some of the report's recommendations and even offered alternative solutions to solving the problems of heavy truck traffic on Rt. 396.

The Rt. 9W Corridor Study is currently being evaluated by the board under the terms of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to assess any impact the recommendations would have. Once those impacts have been weighed, the planning board will pass the document back to the town board which will make any changes or modifications to the zoning code.

The report was compiled by the New York City-based planning firm of Buckhurst Fish Huton Katz and is the result of a six-month study, during which time a building moratorium was imposed. On March 22, the town

Selkirk

board approved a 90-day extension of that moratorium, moving the expiration date from April 7 to July 6.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky reassured the audience that there were no concrete plans for the new roads and that any roadway construction is between five to 15 years into the future. "At this point we're talking about a conceptual document," Lipnicky said. "It does not contain a detailed analysis of roads, it does not contain a detailed fiscal analysis. . . but it is a planning document that provides a concept for growth in the Rt. 9W Corridor."

Several residents said they were suspicious of the report since they had not heard anything about the study's recommendations until days before the meeting. Ringler pointed out that several stories had appeared in *The Spotlight* as well as the *Times Union*.

Among the several recommended improvements, the report suggested the construction of a Northern Bypass and South-

ern Bypass through Selkirk to alleviate some of the truck traffic on Rt. 396 and Rt. 9W. The report also suggested a Thruway interchange at Wemple Rd., a reworking of the intersection of Rt. 9W and Rt. 32 in Glenmont, zoning overlays for existing zones, and several collector roads to alleviate some of the direct residential access onto Rt. 9W.

Dan Donnelly of Selkirk presented a petition opposing the Selkirk bypasses and pressed the board for a reason why Selkirk residents should pay for the new roadways through a special assessment district when the traffic problems are caused by outside traffic.

Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler said he too was uncomfortable with the idea of imposing costs on a neighborhood "when traffic may be from areas beyond your control."

"I'm not so sure I, or this board, agree with that (special assessment district) either," he said. Ringler said the idea was "only a suggestion" and that the Capital District Regional Planning Commission had suggested in a letter to the town that impact fees be

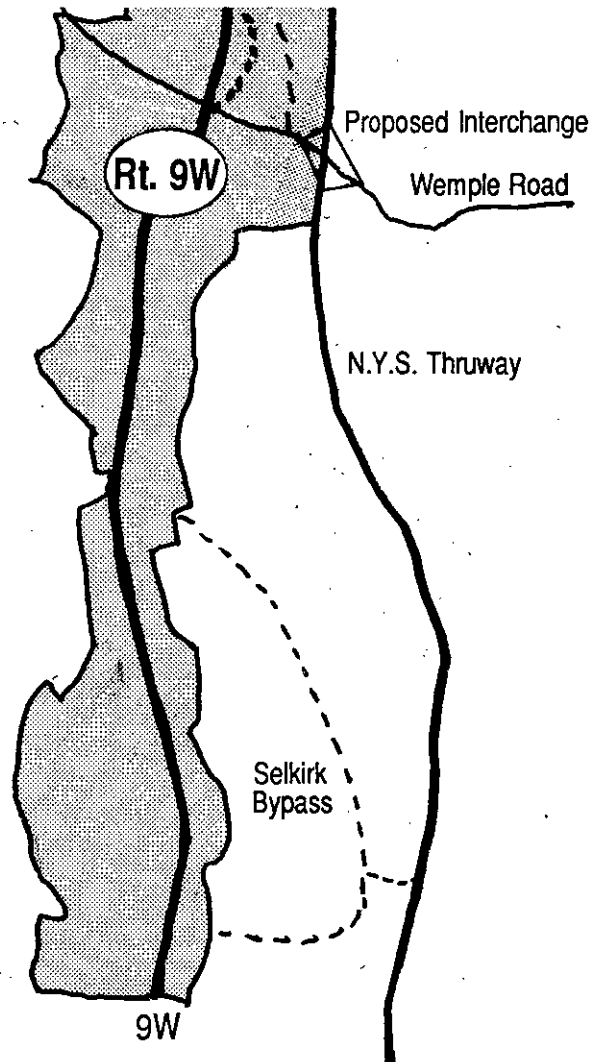
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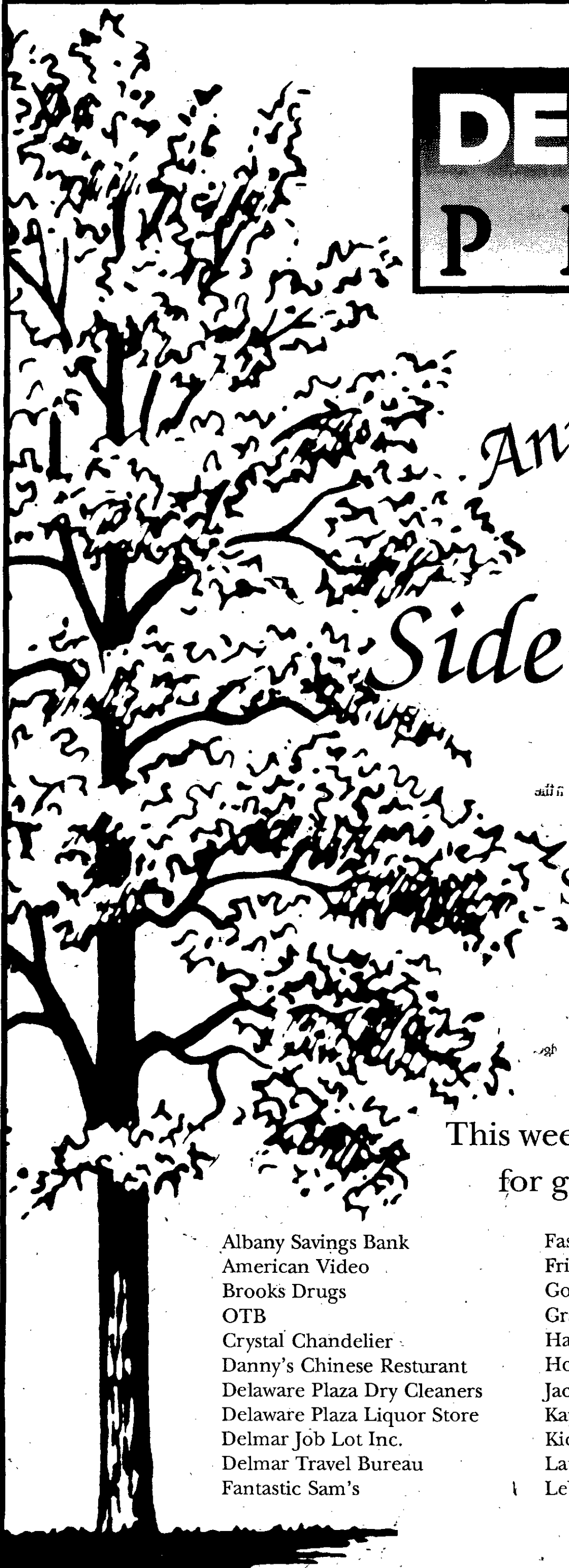


Middle Ages

The Voorheesville Elementary School set their calendars back a few hundred years last week for their Medieval Fair. The day's activities were filled with sheep shearing demonstrations, jousting, authentic costumes and a surprise birthday party for a teacher who began her Voorheesville career 50 years ago in a one-room schoolhouse. See complete photos on page 40.

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Autandil Gigineishvili (in plaid,) a Soviet exchange student from Union University, answers questions from students at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School last week with fellow engineering student

and countryman Gevork Nakhapetyan, seated alongside. In the background is the Voorheesville Social Studies Department Chairman Arthur Willis, who arranged the visit.
Bob Hagyard

BC's budget hearing attracts crowd of 2

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

What if you threw a party and nobody came? That must have been on the minds of Bethlehem Central School Board members last Tuesday night as they presented their new \$25,055,973 budget for review and comment — to an audience of two.

After Board President Shiela Fuller welcomed the "standing room only crowd", and the board addressed some personnel matters, Superintendent Leslie Loomis gave an audio-visual overview of the budget.

According to Loomis, five weeks of deliberations had resulted in a proposed budget of \$25,055,973 — up 9.34 percent from last year's \$22,916,010 figure.

Wage and benefit packages will make up 78.89 percent of the total budget, including 60.75 percent in salary settlements. Employee benefits will increase 13.83 percent, and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) services for additional pupils will increase 19.9 percent.

The district expects to generate some \$5,864,300 in revenue, with the remaining \$19,191,673 to come from area taxpayers.

The tax rate would be \$208.08 per \$1,000 for Bethlehem residents, or an 8.3 percent increase.

In New Scotland, however, following two years of rate decreases, a double-digit increase of 19.9 percent is planned, to \$329.13 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. Assistant Superintendent for Business Franz Zwicklbauer had previously attributed the higher New Scotland valuation to an increase in the true value property rate in the area.

Loomis reviewed the board's commitment to maintaining facilities with \$390,000 in principal and \$239,952 in interest representing the second payment on the \$4.6 million bond issue, \$236,000 for renovations of the Clarksville Elementary School ceiling, and the new \$11.6 million bond issue for general expansion and renovations.

Loomis also detailed the bus proposition that will come before district voters. To manage increasing elementary enrollment, a \$274,000, five-year bond is being sought for five 59-passenger buses and two eight-passenger vans.

In summing up, Loomis said that he believes "a BC education is a very high quality education, and our board has worked at delivering that education at the lowest cost".

Board member Bernard Harvith, who is running for reelection, commented to Loomis that "the only problem with your presentation is where's the music".

In a matter unrelated to the proceedings, Harvith called the board's attention to the proposed BFI waste-to-energy garbage burn plant proposed for a site at the Port of Albany in Bethlehem, and its proximity to the Glenmont Elementary School, saying that he was concerned about "how the plant will operate and continue to operate. Obviously, we intend to operate the Glenmont school for a good long time, so this should be an area of growing concern".

In other business, the board accepted with regret the retirements of Joan Hyde, an elementary teacher at the Hamagrael School for 21 years, and Jean Skubel, secretary to the superintendent since 1974. Loomis complimented Skubel, saying that he had "never met anyone who has produced as much material, with as much accuracy," and that she would be greatly missed by him and by the board.

The board also noted that the high school auditorium was completed in time for the upcoming production of *The Sound of Music*, and approved the drama club's field trip to Stratford, Ontario, to attend the Shakespearean Festival there in May.

The board will meet again on April 26, and the 1989-90 budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3.

Voters to decide fate of bond

By Sal Prividera Jr.

Voters in the Voorheesville Central School District will go to the polls today (Wednesday) to decide on an \$8.9 million bond issue to remove asbestos, correct fire safety violations and improve the both junior-senior high school and the elementary school.

District officials say that the most urgent of the asbestos removal and fire safety work must be done this summer no matter what voters decide, leaving a situation where there may be as many as three opportunities to vote on the same items. Discussion of how the voters react to this prospect and what the board's intentions were have dominated the final week of the campaign for passage of the bond issue.

The 20-year bond issue will fund \$2,574,300 worth of asbestos removal from both district schools, including the elementary school cafeteria where a small section of ceiling fell two weeks ago. The ceiling material contained asbestos resulting in the cafeteria being closed, while district personnel removed the material and made repairs.

In addition to the asbestos removal, the bond issue will fund the correction of fire safety code violations, building improvements and a four-classroom addition at the high school.

Voting will take place at the high school from 2 to 9:30 p.m. Any person who is a U.S. citizen and has resided in the district for at least 30 days is eligible to vote.

If the bond issue fails, the board has the option of including \$2,690,000 worth of contingency work in the annual budget or holding a second bond issue vote after 45 days, which could include any combination of items ranging from the entire \$8.9 million project to just the contingency items. Contingency items are work tasks the district must complete under state Education Department guidelines and cannot be voted down by district residents.

The contingency work includes asbestos removal and the installation of a new heating system at the high school as well as the correction of fire safety code violations in both buildings.

Voorheesville

By declaring the work contingent, the board was able to have bid specifications drawn and approved by the education department for both the entire \$8.9 million project and the contingency items. This was done by the board to ensure that asbestos removal at the high school could be accomplished this summer.

Board President Joseph Fernandez wrote in a letter to *The Spotlight* in this issue that "the board has not made a final decision in respect to the means to finance the asbestos work should the bond issue fail to be passed. The board intends to explore all the options should this situation arise," he wrote.

Several residents have expressed their doubts about the bond issue based on the board financing and bond packaging methods. In letters to *The Spotlight*, residents have criticized the bond being presented as a single package and the potential for the

cost of a number of items to be in the annual budget, if the bond is defeated.

The annual budget vote has been scheduled for June 14 and since 45 days would have expired after the first bond vote, a second bond vote could be scheduled for the same date.

If the board were to take that route, the cost of the contingency work would be included in the annual budget and also as a separate proposition. If voters were to vote down the proposition for the second time, the work would automatically be funded in the annual budget — even if the budget is voted down — and would begin this summer. If the proposition is approved, then the contingency funding would be removed from the annual budget.

The inclusion of the contingency items in the annual budget would dramatically increase the tax burden on district residents next year, since the \$2,690,000 would be added to any budget approved by voters or (if the budget is rejected) to the contingency budget.

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Sometimes the TV cable industry must feel like a motherless child. Few of its patrons regard it affectionately here or elsewhere, despite the growing trend to desert the networks for cable programming.

A good share of the clouded picture can be attributed to the non-informative policies of the cable franchisers which add up, in many viewers' minds, to a high-handed, take-it-or-leave-it arrogance.

And, in turn, a lot of such an attitude can be traced to the way in which the industry's unique grip on service in individual areas was given license by the deregulation aura foisted on us by the Reagan ideologues. It's of a piece with deregulation of the aviation industry (and its present woes) and that masterpiece of nonsense that led to the breaking up of the nation's most efficient public service, AT&T.

Inaccessibility, defensiveness, bureaucratic incoherence — all these have come to characterize the cable industry's posture, at least as it comes through to the despairing public. The mysteries of the franchises baffles and frustrates the customers. Pity the public bodies which must try to bring a degree of equity into the letting and re-letting of a franchise, a dilemma which currently confronts Bethlehem's town board in trying to assure a square deal for residents in the face of what has to be virtual monopoly.

Support for BOU

The success of the auction sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is a very good sign for the whole town. For it underscored a healthy growth of a community spirit that testifies to awareness and acceptance of mutual responsibilities.

In any community where families tend to

Many happy returns

April is the cruelest month, proclaimed Thomas Stearns Eliot long ago, and many of us heartily concur, though not necessarily in the sense that he intended. April is the month of IRS and other tax deadlines, and while few people are likely to be forgetful of the special meaning, we now summon the courage to remind one and all that we're approaching a deadline better not neglected.

Of some things about it, we can be relatively grateful: the introduction of income

Better signs on Kenwood

The preliminary work that's starting this week on reconstruction of the miracle mile of Kenwood Avenue from the Four Corners to the Toll Gate is a welcome development for the many thousands of motorists who travel it weekly.

After some years of inattention, the roadway received a peculiar kind of attention last spring when the Department of

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Currently the New York State cable industry is raising First Amendment alarms about a proposal to tax cable service, a concern that in our view has some validity. Cable is a carrier of news in many different forms, and our Constitutional tradition demands that this basic freedom of the press, in whatever guise, be treated with great respect. Nevertheless, we suspect the cable industry would have better luck garnering public support if it had paid more attention to its own communications.

Recently a witty Delmar resident, Jim Smith, received some attention in a magazine's contest seeking examples of "a letter one would as soon not receive." His entry went like this:

"Dear Cable Subscriber: We are pleased to announce that your basic service will now include three new channels: '24-Hour Wrestling Hi-Lites,' 'The Bible Belt Broadcast Network,' and 'Japanese Cartoon Express.' Rates will increase by only..."

Exaggerated, yes; parody, yes — but that's not too far off the view that cable subscribers have of those wonderful folks who now bring you channels 3, 14, 18, etc.

turn toward one another, rather than isolating each other with "That's your problem" attitudes, the future for all is bound to be more promising.

BOU itself was launched in the spirit of mutual help with problems. The support that it appears to be gaining for its goals is encouraging indeed — and fully deserved.

withholding in the days of World War II makes it easier for many taxpayers to shoulder the burden throughout the year rather than forking up the grand total this month. And this year, since the 15th falls on a Saturday, a series of one-time-only excuses are being provided by the IRS: The mailing deadline will be midnight on Tuesday the 18th. (The key is the holiday on the 17th which is observed in Massachusetts, where our returns are dispatched.)

Transportation planted some signs quite unnecessarily announcing it to be a "Rough Road." That it is, an additional hazard to driving that ought to have been on a work schedule long since.

Now the usual inconveniences of dodging around work crews and torn-up segments will be temporarily added, but here's one plain case of the end justifying the means.

School board candidates

All candidates for school boards are invited to submit statements of their positions for use on The Spotlight's editorial pages. Statements from candidates for the Bethlehem Central school board will be run in the April 19 issue and must be submitted by noon Friday. Statements from candidates for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board will be run in the April 26 issue and must be submitted by April 21.

Letters from candidates for public office are subject to special rules and deadlines. All candidates are urged to contact the editors as soon as possible for a printed copy of the rules. Ed.

VOX POP Is The Spotlight's public forum. All letters from readers on matters of local interest will be considered. Writers are encouraged to keep their letters as brief as possible, and letters will be edited for taste, style, fairness and accuracy, as well as for length.

Letters should be typed and double spaced if possible. The deadline for letters is 5 p.m. of the Friday before the Wednesday of publication, unless otherwise indicated. All letters must be signed and must include a telephone number where the writer can be reached during the day and evenings. With satisfactory reason, letter writers may request that their names be withheld.

Misconceptions on bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Voorheesville Central School Board of Education would like to respond to the recent statements made in the two letters published in the Vox Pop section of the April 5 *The Spotlight*. It appears that a number of residents are not well informed regarding the details of the bond.

First, the board has not made a final decision in respect to the means to finance the asbestos work should the bond issue fail to be passed. The board intends to explore all options available should this situation arise. We make mention of this intention in our most recent *Special Edition* mailing, which residents have just received.

Secondly, regarding the tax rate increase related to the bond issue. No one on the board ever said that the overall tax rate would decline. What was mentioned, however, in the community meetings and in the district mailings, was that after the third year of the bond, the bond's impact would

Vox Pop

steadily decrease for the remaining 17 years of its life.

Thirdly, one of the writers took issue with the estimated \$125 per square foot construction by implying that it was an understatement of the true costs. This perception is incorrect because the estimated cost includes all related fees for the consultants in addition to construction contingencies. Also, in compliance with state law, all the work will be competitively bid to achieve the lowest possible cost.

It is our hope that residents who continue to have uncertainties regarding the details of the bond will consult their district mailings and call the district at 765-3313 to obtain factual information rather than rely on possible second hand misinformation.

Joseph A. Fernandez
President
Board of Education

Soul searching on Safe Homes

Editor, The Spotlight:

As had been expected, I recently received my contract form regarding the "Safe Homes" project.

I spent a long time soul searching, soliciting the opinions of my children and other adults, and recalling the multiple letters that have been in your letters columns, school literature and the Capital District area newspaper. I also found myself more acutely attuned of some everyday occurrences which have frequently left me frustrated, disconnected and sad.

Little things such as: Drivers aggressive and sometimes dangerous behavior, especially during heavy traffic periods and in space limited parking lots (In Delaware Plaza); the numerous observed able-bodied adults emerging from cars in spaces reserved for handicapped persons; the dearth of movie, recreational and/or social centers for

youths, yet prideful of all our banking options bespeaking our town's affluence; the ever increasing fast food take out options; and the frequently overheard grumbling by others while waiting on line at the grocers when persons utilizing food stamps should dare misuse their allotment with purchases such as seafood or steak.

Until such reflection I had been concerned about my negative reaction to the Safe Homes format. Seemingly its tenants represent nothing short of motherhood and apple pie, the right moral thing to do.

More letters on pages 6, 7 and 8

But as innocent and initially well-intended as it appears on its face, in my humble opinion it is not. I believe that our children's increasingly demanding, unrestrained and intolerant behavior

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Horatius takes his stand

I jotted down a quote that I read somewhere within the past few weeks. I believe that it probably originated in a statement by the Columbia University Graduate School of Journalism, but I inefficiently failed to note the source — I was too struck by the words:

"If the press doesn't make a lot of people mad, it isn't doing its job."

Inasmuch as I am not a member of the staff of *The Spotlight* (but rather what magazine mastheads like to enumerate as their "contributing writers"), I felt free to add my own comment, which is as follows.

Readers of *The Spotlight* this past winter hardly can have failed to note that some correspondents writing to the "Vox Pop" column have been a bit caustic about editorial judgments and other articles that have appeared on the editorial and "Op Ed" pages.

In other words, *The Spotlight* — by "doing its job" — has succeeded in "making some people mad." And according to the quotation I started with, that's much to the credit of this newspaper. I suspect that other readers may be angered ("ired," as the crossword puzzle-makers would put it) by future editorial opinions. Or maybe someone is annoyed (or "irked") by even these little observations.

Who can predict? In any event, I firmly believe that a touch of controversy along with the dessert is good for the digestion. Or, as Don Marquis's cockroach

Archy expressed it, "It is a cheering thought to think that God is on the side of the best digestion."

(Archy didn't put it quite that way, because as a cockroach he was not heavy enough to press the keys for capital letters.)

So saying, let me join the ranks of the dyspeptics for a few minutes.

You're undoubtedly familiar with the "Vox Pop" heading that *The Spotlight* gives to its columns of letters from readers.

Just a touch of controversy with dessert is helpful to the digestion

My recollection is that this was the heading used by the old *Liberty* magazine for the letters it published back in the days of the physical culturist Bernarr McFadden, who was its editor. The expression obviously is a popularization of "vox populi," or voice of the people. It's what might be called "cute." Just as headings such as "mailbag" above the letters are indirect. Why not be straight about it, and call letters "letters," which is what they are?

Now, dyspeptically, I'll move on to another of my little crusades (one I appear to be fighting alone, in the style of Horatius standing off the Etruscan army at the Tiber).

My lonely struggle is against the creation of some new words in the English language.

They are (principally): gonna, gotta, gimme, and others of that misbegotten ilk. I refer to the written, not the spoken, language.

"Gonna," which I regard as the chief offender, is a favorite of sporting-page reporters, the aggressive kind who not only write about who won, but then hang around the locker rooms to interview the heroes on how they did it and what they're gonna do next.

Such words are corrupted forms of the expressions "going to," "got to," "give me," etc., etc. Many of us are careless in speech, and ill-formed words flow from our mouths in what's essentially a dialect.

The written language is something different. The great writers who shaped the language that is printed and passed on to succeeding generations did not write "gonna," when they meant "going to."

As I said, the corruptions are favored in interviews with athletes. But in just the past weeks I have found "gonna" in the pages of *The New Yorker*, a publication that makes a big thing of accuracy of expression. Then it appeared in the *Sunday Magazine* of *The New York Times*, ordinarily another exemplar of preciseness in the written word. So, I fear that I and my little cause are about to join Horatius in the river. Too bad, because for once we had the right on our side.

CONSTANT READER

From Varga to Darling

The question of *Esquire* magazine is a perplexing one. The magazine's history goes back to the 1930s, when it became famed as that era's version of raucous, rowdy journalism, also bordering on what people then thought of as scandalous, shocking, and "naughty." The "Varga girl" was its symbol and a very sophisticated, leering old guy characterized its logo.

Esquire was a hit in those restrained days, and it continued as a success for many years. Then it fell on hard times, and within the last couple of years it was adopted by the Hearst Corporation. I put it that way because *Esquire's* masthead just mentions that "Esquire Associates is an affiliate of the Hearst Corporation," which is hardly the definite manner in which control of *Cosmopolitan*, *Good Housekeeping*, and others in that stable is dutifully acknowledged.

The April issue of *Esquire* is another mixed bag, suggesting that the editor(s) aren't entirely sure of what kind of with-it publication they want to offer to the reading public.

One such indication, a fairly reliable one, is the readiness of the editor (one Lee Eisenberg) not merely to edit, which is what he's hired to do, but to write, which is something else again. A good editor is by no means a fine writer, or vice versa.

This issue has a huge photo of the Dodgers' pitcher Orel Hersh-

iser on the cover, along with the bigger-than-life declaration, "God Bless This Game!" (In a trendy innovation, that legend also appears on the magazine's spine.)

Accordingly, the cover feature is entitled "The Game," and includes 10 full-page photos of baseball players (some of the photos

Baseball is what we carry with us longest of anything

are tearfully distorted), plus a rhapsodic text by editor Eisenberg:

"When I suggest that baseball is a game whose essence is time, I'm referring to nothing less grandiose than *life time*. For at the end of the day, when the lights go on, baseball is that thing we picked up along the way that we carried with us longer than any other. And I include religion, the love of a good woman, and just about any hobby you can think of."

But Mr. Eisenberg writes another baseball feature, "The Sounds of Spring," that turns out to be a commentary on American life today:

"All around me, when the talk is not of impending baseball, I'm hearing (about) a more important renewal: That unless we face the question of the public good, we will have no private good to savor. That what we are doing to the planet is obscene and must be reversed. That the fiscal mess we

have put ourselves into must be countered by concrete steps. And that even the superpowers have a hope of peace that seemed inconceivable just a year ago.

"Maybe these are just the sounds of another spring, but I don't think so. Suddenly, the idea of a family is everywhere. . ."

Thereupon he finds a list of good developments, with "pluralism and paradox abounding," such as: "There are millions of Americans who say they would be willing to pay the government an extra hundred dollars if the money would be used to help the homeless." (If so, that's a new one to me.) "And there are men and women who haven't said a prayer since childhood who are going to church, if only to be soothed by the sound of faith."

Baseball continues in the April issue in an article on the Mets' Yalie pitcher, Ron Darling. Altogether, this magazine is a mix that's quite involving, and perhaps I'll undertake to remark on it further again soon.

A former *Esquire* editor, Harold Hayes (1960-73) who died last week, was credited with making the magazine "the center of the 'new journalism,'" publishing such writers as Tom Wolfe, Truman Capote, James Baldwin and Gay Talese. Says Mr. Wolfe: "Under him, *Esquire* was the red-hot center of magazine journalism." It seems to me it's been trying to find its actual identity ever since.

Keeping Meals on Wheels rolling

The contributor of this Point of View guest editorial is Carl Bloomberg of Slingerlands, who is president of the Board of Directors of Meals on Wheels, Inc.

By Carl Bloomberg

Every weekday, year-round, two meals (one hot, one cold) are carried into the homes of nearly 400 senior citizens in Albany County. The recipients are seniors, aged 60 or older, who are unable to prepare their own meals and who depend on this service.

Albany Meals on Wheels, Inc., undertook this responsibility three years ago as the result of a joint effort by the Senior Service Centers of the Albany Area and Albany County's Office for Aging and Handicapped. The county provided a state-of-the-art kitchen at Steamboat Square in downtown Albany. The kitchen is equipped with large ovens, walk-in coolers and freezers, a mechanized conveyer belt, and well-designed areas for preparation and storage.

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A five-week cycle of menus is planned by Meals on Wheels under the supervision of an Albany County dietician, with strict attention to nutritional and dietary content. Special diets, such as low-sodium and soft foods, are provided as required, and individual likes and dislikes are also accommodated.

Meals on Wheels clients often come as referrals from local hospitals and social service agencies. Individuals and family members also call to request the service.

Funding for this program comes from a variety of sources. Albany County administers a combination of federal, state, and local funds. Clients are asked to contribute \$4 per day for the two-meal delivery. Also, the Senior Service Center Foundation has done fund-raising in the private sector on behalf of our not-for-profit organization.

Meals on Wheels has been expanding the number of client served in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. It also provides the food for congregate meals served at the Senior Service Centers of Albany. Since the inauguration of our new "Two-Hundred and Fifty Club," we are using a volunteer driver on one delivery route, both to keep our costs down and to further involve the community in an awareness of the efforts and benefits of our program.

This program is truly a fine example of how individuals and organizations, both private and public, have gotten together to provide a critical service to maintain the well-being of such an important segment of our community. If you would like more information about home-delivered meals, please call 465-6465.

Words for the week

Caustic: Incisive; biting. In another sense, corrosive.

Dyspeptic: Showing a sour disposition.

Exemplar: Something that serves as a model or example.

Impending: About to occur; or, to hover threateningly; menacing.

Pluralism: A condition of society in which numerous distinct ethnic, religious, or cultural groups coexist within one nation.

□ Soul searching on Safe Homes

(From Page 4)

is no more than a mirroring of our own. To ask them to be what we all too often are not willing to be is ludicrous and potentially widens the gap between us.

Indignation and finger pointing have become convenient responses. Then when we reap the unplanned effects that all this has led us to we anxiously try to disprove our culpability by devising a method that will assist us in identifying those outside ourselves who are responsible for the mess.

In this instance we chose a policing method, a centralized list. Are the bad children and disinterested families the ones who do not sign the form? If you sign it and your child does not adhere to it are you off the hook for having done your part? (Perhaps you just have a bad offspring, or if adopted you can take solace in the fact that your child was previously genetically flawed.) If you have more than one child and some conform,

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but others don't, which ones are because of the family versus in spite of them? Who makes these determinations?

Personally I would prefer to capitalize on methods such as those demonstrated by Bethlehem Central High School Principal Jon Hunter. His letters home to parents complimenting children for a job well done had more of an impact for my reinforcing a positive direction sense of self worth, and goal setting with my children than even he can probably imagine.

Should there come a time when, as an individual family reinforced by a community, a contract is developed that encompasses the following, I will gladly be part (though like my children, I may slip from time to time):

- I will treat all others in the same manner that I wish to be

treated.

- I will not judge people based on their income, marital status, clothing, health club members, size or contents of their homes, etc.

- I will let your child in my home (and I will be there) especially if I see that (s)he has been drinking. I will not condone the behavior nor will I decide that

Response on Voorheesville bond

Editor, The Spotlight:

A number of months ago, Mr. Childs wrote a letter to the editor to publicly denounce Superintendent Louise Gonan and call for her resignation.

I was troubled that someone would take such a step without ever approaching Mrs. Gonan directly to discuss whatever issues were at the root of his concerns. But, everyone is entitled to his/her opinion and our free press provides us all the opportunity to

(s)he or you is bad. I'll just call you immediately.

- I will not use my family time perpetrating character assassinations for those who do not share my point of view.

- I will not, short of illegal acts, decide that the difficult choices you make for yourself and family are wrong. Neither will I succumb to your or my children's pressure to compromise my own values on family.

- I will never give permission

to my child to be rude to you or their teachers, even when it is the adult who is wrong and insensitive.

- I will respect your home. Please respect mine.

- I will not assist anyone to break the law. And to each of my children, I will believe in you, love you and be there for you always. At your best and worst. I hope you will do the same.

Name Submitted

Delmar

express our opinions. At the time I felt it best to let the allegations go unchallenged. Once again, in the most recent issue of this paper, Mr. Childs has written his opinions—this time he condemns the superintendent and the members of the Board of Education by using 32 inches of column space to vent his ire at what he considers to be a "negative," "unconscionable," "coercive," "misleading," promotion of our bond issue to renovate and upgrade our school facilities.

Since I have no cheeks left to turn, I write to respond to Mr. Childs' letter. Past, polite nonresponses may have conveyed the misconception that what is written from time to time is accepted as fact or at least as insightful opinion. I write my own thoughts.

I do not feel compelled or in any way forced to write as a representative of the board or because I think my vision or opinions are better than anyone else's.

Mr. Childs writes that his letter "is not an assessment of any individual board member" and that he does not question board members' "genuine desire to do what they perceive as necessary for the well-being of the district..." I, too, can write a disclaimer. I do not wish to impugn Mr. Childs' motives. I do not know what his motives are. He is no doubt an honorable man and, when he states he wouldn't "attempt in any way to persuade anyone to vote either way" I take his words at face value. Nonetheless, in reading Mr. Childs' letter I find I have a number of questions.

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Your Opinion Matters

If Mr. Childs has "complete faith in the people... to do the right thing" why does he assume they cannot assess for themselves whether the board has acted in good faith with the people of our district? Why does he rehash much of which has already been written and discussed and then comment that "many people don't take the time to thoroughly read an item," which seems to convey that others can't or don't act and think for themselves?

If Mr. Childs believes that "no one else is responsible for the public's perception of this board as a body except the board itself" then why does he go to such lengths to characterize everything the board has done as "negative tactics"?

If Mr. Childs trusts people to make the best judgements "when they are dealt with in a straightforward manner, when presented with clean-cut facts, and when they are perceived to have the ability to make the hard choices responsibly..." then why doesn't he acknowledge the work and respect of the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee? Why does he ignore the fact that this committee and the total community have been invited to examine reams of facts, to question and share their thoughts in many forums?

If Mr. Childs feels that there needs to be a change in the board's "attitude" to deal with the public effectively and candidly, and in a positive manner, then why has he waited until the week before the bond vote to write an indictment of our efforts instead of coming forward or even making a phone call to offer his assistance, to present some constructive suggestions as he and everyone attending our many meetings has been implored to do?

If Mr. Childs believes, as he writes, that "if this issue goes down, it will rest squarely on the shoulders of the Board of Education," does he discount the many invitations for everyone to par-

ticipate in what may be the most public and participatory decision-making process I've ever been a part of? Does he discount those individuals who have taken it upon themselves to become involved in deliberations and discussions? Does he discount the efforts of those who have come forth to support the bond proposal? Does he discount the months of study and difficult debate that we have all been involved in to present a reasoned proposal to the public? Does he even discount the people's vote?

As a member of the Board of Education, I am painfully aware of the costs of running a school system and the tax burden we all bear. Being a member of the board involves a serious commitment to represent all the people of our district — individuals on fixed incomes, those who no longer have children in our schools, parents of our students and our students, some of whom will spend the next 13 years of their lives in our facilities. Our children deserve every bit of what our neighboring school districts

provide. They have a right to trust that we'll offer them a solid educational experience with great opportunity for enrichment and special services and programs to address the needs of each and every one of our students. They deserve everything that we can do for them including up-to-date facilities and equipment renovated and maintained to provide a functionally supportive and pleasant environment in which to work.

While Mr. Childs did not write to persuade, I do! I write to persuade people to be fair in their judgments and treatment of others. I write to persuade people to come forward to help — to ask their questions and discuss their concerns in a spirit of community cooperation to improve our schools.

I write to persuade everyone to vote for the bond issue today (April 12) so that we can all take the necessary, positive and constructive steps we need to take in order to get on with the work of making our school district the best

it can possibly be for the sake of our children and our community.

Mary V.A. Van Ryn
Voorheesville

Gonan: Bond is community effort

Editor, The Spotlight:

Looking over my experiences in Voorheesville, I feel quite fortunate in having had the opportunity to work with so many people eager to give of themselves to promote quality education. For the past three years, we have been calling on our community members to join us in our efforts to plan for the future of the district.

From January to June, 1988, I can recall many meetings when the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee, comprised of residents, staff, faculty, students, and administrators, worked well into the night wrestling with the many building and program needs while maintaining a sensitivity to fiscal realities in order to develop a report for the Board of Education.

During the past three years, the board engaged an architect to assess the condition of the facilities, a certified consultant to test and report on the asbestos and thoroughly studied the Facility Planning Advisory Committee report in order to put forth prudent proposals which would provide for the continuation of the excellent educational opportunities in Voorheesville.

More letters on page 8

It is my hope that at this crucial time, after almost three years of cooperative study of our facilities and program, that the Voorheesville residents will continue to support the very productive partnership which is now developing between the school and community. Our children will be the beneficiaries of this mutual effort.

Louise M. Gonan
Superintendent of Schools

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Matters of Opinion

Is Selkirk being hoodwinked?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Speak now or forever hold your peace! Regarding the Rt. 9W Corridor study, so many Selkirk residents are unaware of how this may affect them — maybe because none of the homeowners involved were notified about the pending "sacrifice."

According to the survey maps, Selkirk will be nothing but a mass of roads and bypasses. The "path of destruction" will wipe out several homes, both new and old. They say this will increase the value of our land. Translated, this means we will all be reassessed because of this property value increase, and those of us who can't afford the increase in taxes will have to "donate" our land to help pay for their cause.

The proposed roads will cut through several properties, leaving "landlocked" parcels that will be of no value to the owners. Those whose homes will remain will probably wish they had been destroyed, because the traffic noise through their backyards will be deafening.

Vox Pop

I find it strange that this proposed plan just appeared as of last August. Why weren't we told about this possibility when we were issued our building permit in 1987? The first we were aware of any plan of action was in the Feb. 22, 1989, issue of *The Spotlight*. We also learned about a meeting on Monday, March 6. All information (complaints, suggestions, etc.) had to be presented to the committee by Friday, March 10. Are we being "hoodwinked"? If you want more information about this plan, for \$6 you can purchase a booklet at Town Hall.

I believe that all land owners should be notified by letter of any possible change regarding their property.

Ronald J. Selkirk

Selkirk

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The horses are escaping

Editor, The Spotlight:

The formation of a broad-based committee to assist in the development of a revised master plan for the Town of Bethlehem is a positive development. The fact that development proceeds at an unrelenting pace during this process is unfortunate. The approval by the planning board of large developments without the guidance of the revised master plan will, to some extent, defeat the plan before its adoption. This ill-advised process will "release the horses before the barn door can be closed".

What are the risks inherent in this questionable process? Articles and letters in *The Spotlight* indicate that a primary concern of residents is preservation of open space. Several local officials were paraphrased in the *Times Union* on March 30 as indicating the importance of preserving open space. Yet, despite a clear directive in the New York State Town Law and in the town's subdivision regulations, there exists no town policy to require developers to preserve open space in each subdivision or, if impractical, to make payments toward the development of open space.

The courts have construed the provisions of state law as envisioning a plan by which open spaces are reserved in all subdivisions and are noted on the official map to ensure that they are never

developed. There is no legal requirement that a builder be permitted to develop every square foot of his land. On the contrary, there is a heavy emphasis in the town's regulations and in the New York State Town Law on preservation of open space.

Thus without a policy to preserve open space, as subdivisions are approved one area after the other will be denuded. Planning will be at the mercy of developers not according to an updated master plan.

What is the remedy? A moratorium should be declared on all subdivision and major site plan development in the town. Stop the action until the master plan and zoning law revisions are complete! New York courts have upheld moratoria that serve this purpose. It has been recognized that the moratorium is a necessary planning tool to permit careful revision of zoning regulations without the worry that ongoing development will defeat the purpose of revisions even before they are adopted. The moratorium would apply to all applications in process and would remain in force for a reasonable time to allow the development of the master plan and revision of zoning regulations.

As development of the town proceeds at a quickening pace, the pristine meadows, farmland and wooded areas are being lost. These areas serve as habitats for

birds and other wildlife and serve as a buffer between developments and town roads. These natural areas preserve the character of the town as a blend of suburban and country living. This is what brought many families to the town and it is feared that unbridled development will forever change the character of the town. In balancing the economic interests of the builder to develop every square foot in a proposed subdivision against the interests of the residents of the town to preserve open space, there is no contest. The law requires preservation of open space and constituents of the town have clearly expressed their views on the subject. Let's wake up — close the barn door before all the horses escape!

James D. Cole

Delmar

According to Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler, there is no Bethlehem law establishing open space specifications or procedures on the books at this time. He said that currently open space is addressed by the board on a case-by-case basis. An open space law is being researched by the planning department, he said. Ed.

Sports mart gets a boost

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, April 8, Boy Scout Troop 58 held its second Spring Sports Mart and Uniform Exchange. We wish to thank McDonald's of Delmar and Ravena for their support of this project.

We would also like to thank the school districts of Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk, as well as *The Spotlight*, Tri-Village Drugs, Tri-Village Little League, The Bethlehem Soccer Club and the Tri-Village churches for their help in spreading the word of our sale.

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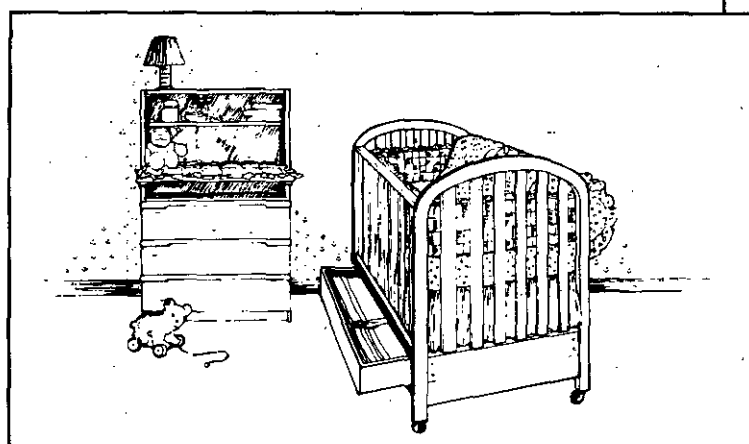
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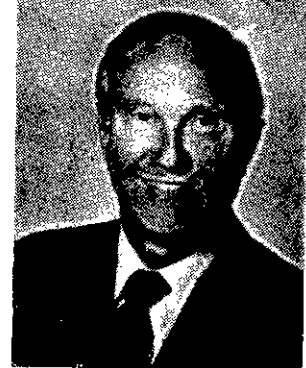
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Going down?

It's getting harder to argue for the current economic expansion continuing much longer.

The simplest argument for recession may be the most compelling, though the least articulate. *The Wall Street Journal* (March 6) put it this way: "There's no economic law requiring expansions to come to an end. But they always do." Why? Because "economy" is a word for a myriad of activities, many in conflict with each other. Intuitively you can sense that the likelihood of sustaining such a juggling act is small. That's why more and more economists are wondering how much longer it can last.

Let's look at some specifics. I wrote about the inflation story in the March 15 issue. That hasn't changed. The interest rate story is complicated and wise men differ, but here's my reading: The brave folks on Wall Street who push up prices every time there's a down-tick in economic activity are over-looking a basic fact: Interest rates do not move in synch with economic activity, nor does inflation. *The Journal* (March 27) put it in headlines: "Slow Economy Won't Trim Rates"; "Inflation Usually Peaks After Recession Start".

Even assuming that it's possible for the Fed to slow the economy just so by raising interest rates, it's easy to argue that it won't be able to lower them once it has succeeded. That's because of the budget deficit, among other things. Remember the budget deficit? We must have continuing massive infusions of foreign capital, and to get them we have to offer high enough interest rates to be attractive. But foreign governments haven't been playing fair. They think, just because we can raise rates, they can too. Our raising rates makes them raise rates, which makes us raise them more, which makes them...

Okay, but what does this have to do with us? Which way is the market going? I hear you cry. Let's put it this way: Rising interest rates and inflation and a slowing economy ain't exactly good for the stock market. Why? Well, when you're thinking about buying stock and you hear all this talk about troubles ahead, while yields of 9 1/2 percent on Treasuries and CDs are staring you in the face, which way do you incline?

Note also that rising interest rates tend to depress economic

Money Talks

David Vigoda



activity. This makes it harder for companies to achieve increases in earnings, and this in turn makes it harder for us to pay even higher prices for these companies' stocks. Make us nervous enough and we'll sell.

The suggestion, of course, is that, if we're headed where it looks more and more like we're headed, then the increasing likelihood is for a flat stock market, if not a falling one. It's possible that we're seeing some early warning signals of just that. Most obvious is what happened in the stock market on March 17. From nowhere massive selling pressure emerged, with the Dow down more than 50 points in the first hour of trading on volume that was the fifth biggest ever. This prompted *The Wall Street Journal* (March 20) to warn of a possible "global stock market crash rivaling October 1987".

This strikes me as over-reacting, but you can worry about it if you like. (I know many people love to worry and I've found that stock market anxieties are among

the most attractive.) I find more significant what may be a bifurcation of the stock and bond markets. In the week before that drop stock prices had been rising while bond prices stayed flat. Now, a few days does not a trend make, but that's a taste of what happened during the months preceding the '87 Crash (in fact that's what led me, in April of that year, to warn of a peaking stock market).

For a while, if they want, stock investors can look one way while bond investors look another; but eventually they will both have to look at the whole picture, and when they do, one of them will have to change because they can't both be right. At some point either stock prices are too high or bond prices are too low.

Many of you are already speaking to that. Non-institutional money is pouring into money market funds, saying in effect that higher returns are expected from cash than stock. Looking to the next year or so, maybe longer, I'm inclined to agree; but looking beyond I'm almost positive you're wrong. That's because I know that in the past stocks have always out-performed cash over suitably long periods of time, and if this trend failed to continue our economic system would end (because it would be more profitable to not invest than to invest).

I also know that no one can be certain of correctly and consistently predicting changes in securities prices, so, even if you're

right in staying out (or getting out) of the stock market now, you'll probably guess wrong about when to get (back) in. That's why it's so important to maintain a long perspective and position your assets accordingly.

Is this a good time to buy stock? I don't think so. But I can't be sure, and so I think that if it's right for you to own stock then it's right for you to be buying even in the face of a possible decline. And if the market does decline, as I expect, we'll be able to buy with more confidence. That's because we'll be paying less while never doubting that some day the market will be a lot higher.

David Vigoda, CFA, CFP, a Delmar resident, is a financial consultant with Bollam Sheedy Torani & Co.

Cancer Society drive kickoff

The New Scotland kickoff for the American Cancer Society drive will be held Thursday from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Captains and sec-

tion chairmen may pick up their kits for distribution; those who cannot attend are asked to phone town co-chairmen Mary Ann Bruno of Clarksville, 439-9021, or Dorothy Sacco of Voorheesville, 765-2277.

Tri-Village Squares hold graduation

The Tri-Village Squares will hold a graduation dance on Saturday, April 15, from 8 to 10:30 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Jim Ryans will call. All mainstream couples are invited.

For information call 438-1227.

Appleworks workshop continues at library

Audrey Watson will lead part three of her advanced Appleworks workshop, at the Bethlehem Public Library, in Delmar, on Wednesday, April 12. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m.

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BCRP questions Cedar Ridge impact

By Mark Stuart

Concerns ranging from the need for "upscaled zoning" and a townwide building moratorium to the preservation and rehabilitation of the Oliver Homestead were aired last Tuesday at a public hearing of the Bethlehem Planning Board to discuss the draft environmental impact statement for Cedar Ridge.

The development calls for 128 single-family homes on land adjacent to Fisher Blvd. and north of Orchard St., a controversial area because of its proximity to other major developments and the town's plans to extend the Delmar Bypass.

Although the public hearing was on the Cedar Ridge impact statement, at times it evolved into an attack on the town's planning process and standards.

The attack was led by members of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. Some speakers requested that zoning be implemented townwide with minimum lot sizes set between two and three acres per home, particularly for the Cedar Ridge project. BCRP Chairman John Smolinsky was one of those who advocated "upscale zoning" in the Cedar Ridge project in his opening comments to the board. He also said the draft impact statement was inadequate since it did

not address the project's effect on adjacent properties and that in the Cedar Ridge DEIS, as with any planning document, the consultant should not be chosen by or paid by the developer.

Project Developer Art Brod explained that the DEIS contained information on four project proposals on the 93-acre tract. The primary proposal was for the 128-unit single family home subdivision under the existing AA-Residential zoning, while the other three were impact scenarios under AAA-Residential, A-Residential and mixed use consisting of A-Residential and clustering.

According to the DEIS the primary proposal for 128 dwelling units would result in 130 school-aged children, require 67,200 gallons of water per day, generate 1,300 new car trips per day and result in a \$797,000 tax surplus (including county, town and school taxes.)

The entire project would cost \$26 million; the average cost of a home is expected to be \$200,000.

The DEIS also stated that the Oliver Homestead was an "unsafe structure not worthy of being on the historical register," according to Brod. Brod said the home is not in a condition for rehabilitation.

Bob Kuhn, a Delmar resident employed by the state Historic Preservation Office, said the DEIS was wrong and that the Oliver House is eligible for listing

on the historic register. He added that his department has said that the structure is eligible and that the consultants who drew up the DEIS were not qualified to make such a judgement. Kuhn asked the board to preserve the Oliver Homestead regardless of whether or not the subdivision was approved.

According to Kuhn, the building was built over 150 years ago and is a classic example of Greek Revival architecture.

Opponents to the proposed project centered their comments on the cumulative effect of several proposed developments in the area, including Delmar Village and Bethlehem Village. Delmar Village (56 homes, 232 apartments) is a Planned Residential project located between Orchard St. and Delaware Ave. and has been sent to the town board for building plan approval. Bethlehem Village (146 residential units and 134,000 square feet of commercial space) located along New Scotland Rd. and LaGrange Rd. is in the zoning change application phase and has been sent to the planning board.

Brian Danforth, vice president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, urged the planning board to consider all three projects. He said Cedar Ridge would add 1,300 auto trips daily, Delmar Village would add 2,000 and Bethlehem Village would add 11,000. Furthermore, Danforth pointed

out that when completed, all three projects would total 35 percent more than the existing dwelling units currently in Slingerlands.

In response to the developer's presentation, the Bethlehem Citizens For Responsible Planning gave its presentation on Cedar Ridge, addressing traffic, school, fiscal and environmental impacts using multipliers set by the Capital Region Planning Commission to arrive at different final impact figures.

Sam Messina disputed the population figures for Cedar Ridge. Using Capital Region Planning Board multipliers, Messina said the development would mean 466 new residents, not 448 as stated in the DEIS, a difference of 18 people. He also said the town's planners should evaluate the effect of smaller building projects that may not require environmental impact studies. "There are 20 or 30 developments that are — I propose — costing this town money," Messina said.

Margaret Brown suggested that the town convert the intersection of Orchard St. and Fisher Blvd. into a cul-de-sac and the unused Orchard St. section that continues to Delaware Ave. should be left for joggers, hikers and bicyclists. She also suggested putting No Left Turn signs at Delaware Ave. and the proposed Fisher Blvd. Extension to prevent New Scotland commuters from using Orchard St. as a shortcut to get to Cherry Ave. She said that as many as 2,000 cars can be expected to use Orchard St. when Delmar Village and the Fisher Blvd. Extension are both completed.

The Fisher Blvd. Extension, to be built as part of Delmar Village, is intended to serve as a feeder to the Delmar Bypass. However, town officials have said that the Fisher Blvd. Extension will not be opened for through traffic until Fisher Blvd. from Orchard St. to New Scotland Rd. is improved.

Sylvia Ponemon of the BCRP disputed figures provided by the developer for school impact. Using Capital Region Planning Commission multipliers, and not those of the U.S. Census Bureau Middle Atlantic States figures which were used in the DEIS (the difference in the two multipliers used was .08), Ponemon said Cedar Ridge would mean 185 school-age children. She said the cost per student to the district would be \$5,291, not \$4,810 as stated in the DEIS, resulting in a budget cost of \$185,000 and subsequent tax increase.

James Cole told the board he favored a townwide building moratorium "to shut the barn door before all the horses escape." He said that in the case of Cedar Ridge and all proposals before the board, "any considerations are taken on an ad hoc basis without a revised master plan, and you (the planning board) have to make these decisions in a vacuum. It is senseless to continue this process piecemeal by piecemeal without a master plan."

In state contest

Kamau Bakari, a student at St. Thomas the Apostle School, Delmar, will compete in the state National History Day contest at Lake Placid in May.

Kamau, a seventh grader, qualified by placing third in the regional history contest. He chose Martin Luther King Jr. as his subject.



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GE generator plans to Board of Appeals

By Mark Stuart

Plans for a \$40 million gas-fueled, electric cogeneration project at the General Electric plant in Selkirk were presented to the Bethlehem Building Department last week and will be discussed by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals at a public hearing next Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

The project will require a special exception variance and is being proposed by JMC Selkirk, Inc.

The facility is designed to provide all of the General Electric plant's electricity and projected needs for steam. It is expected to replace the plant's existing powerhouse.

The cogeneration facility will be located on 2.5 acres of the GE Selkirk Plastics property and will produce both steam and electricity. Steam will be used in the plant's

plastic manufacturing and 79 megawatts of electricity will be sold to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. The facility will be fueled primarily by natural gas with low-sulphur oil or propane used as a back-up fuel.

The new project is designed to reduce the plant's current environmental impact. The existing oil-fired boilers will be used only as a back-up source for steam. That system used 11 million gallons of oil in 1988, according to a GE report. The facility will recycle and use some of the plant's existing wastewater.

GE estimated that 100 construction jobs will be created over a period of 15 months. Twenty five permanent full-time jobs will be created upon completion.

JMC Selkirk is a joint venture between General Electric's Plastic Division, Old State Management Corporation and J. Makowski Associates.

In addition, a 7:30 p.m. public hearing will be held to discuss a request for a side yard variance from Edward Dominelli of 42 Jordan Blvd., Delmar.

On May 3, the board will conduct three public hearings. A 7:30 p.m. hearing will be held to discuss a special exception request for Paul's Cleaners, 155 Delaware Ave. The request is for a retail dry cleaning and laundry drop off. No work will be processed on premises.

At 7:45 p.m., Kevin and Laurel Dawson will request a side and front yard variance to construct an attached garage and door awning at 470 Monroe Ave., North Bethlehem.

At 8 p.m., the board will hear a request for a permitted use variance to establish The Third Eye photographic laboratory, studio and teaching facility at the building housing the Bennett Gun

Works and Sporting Goods shop, 559 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

At last Wednesday's meeting the board gave informal approval to three requests. The board approved a request from Georgine and James Plant for a rear yard variance for an existing deck at 410 Krumkill Rd., North Bethlehem.

Approval was given for the construction of a 40-by-60 foot addition and 10-by-10 foot guard shack at Clean Harbors, Inc., Bask Rd., Glenmont.

Peter and Karen Gerstenzang received approval to build a sun-room addition on the rear of their home at 12 Parkwyn Circle, Delmar.

Bethlehem assessments

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decisions is that 'welcome stranger' practice used by some assessors in New York State and elsewhere should come to an end," said David Gaskell, executive director of the state Board of Equalization and Assessment. "The decisions also may encourage local governments that do not have uniform assessment rolls to undertake assessment of all properties in order to achieve uniform and equitable assessments."

Thompson said that there is no broad-based way to estimate how these decisions will affect current individual assessments where sales figures may have played a role. "Assessment is a multi-faceted process. It's not like

baloney where you can slice it up and put it on a scale," he said.

Bethlehem's Grievance Day will be May 16. Tentative rolls for the upcoming year will be available May 1 and finalized by July 1.

The grievance process is a two-part procedure involving an informal and formal review. The first step involves an informal review of the property between the property owner and the assessor. If the property owner still is not satisfied, the owner can appeal to the town's Board of Assessment Review. Typically, property owners may use the assessment on neighboring properties to argue that their own assessment is too high.

Thompson said the town has not taken any action on the state's mandatory updating of the town's inventory of assessment information. That process involves updating town files on the characteristics and changes of town property. According to the 1989 Town Budget, the estimated cost for the complete inventory is \$440,000. A portion of the inventory will be completed in 1989 at an estimated cost of \$150,000,

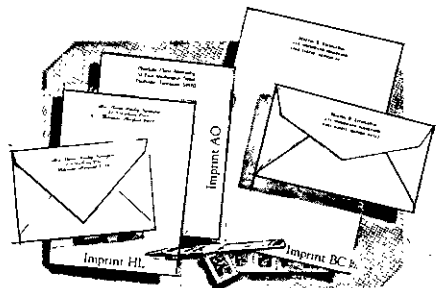
while the remainder will be completed in 1990.

Thompson said the town is looking for a firm to conduct the update, but no decisions are expected in the near future.

Anti-drug play staged at BCHS

"Halfway There," a music-and-mime drama on drug and alcohol abuse, will be presented at Bethlehem Middle School, April 25 at 7:30 p.m. Parents and teens are invited to this event, to be staged by Periwinkle Productions. Admission is free.

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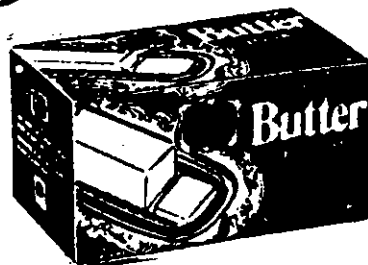
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Cemetery and house link local history

By Allison Bennett

Jacob Jansen (Jansen means "son of Jan.") was born 1632 in Etten, North Brabant, Holland. He came to America by 1658 and settled at Kingston, N.Y., where he married Annetje Ariens in 1665. Their son, Peter Van Etten (Van means "from"), and his son, Johannes Van Etten, remained in the Kingston area. Johannes' son, Benjamin Van Etten, was baptized in Red Hook, N.Y., in 1730 and married in 1752. After the Revolutionary War, when the Patroon Van Rensselaer was advertising for settlers to come to his lands in Rensselaerswyck, Benjamin migrated to Albany County, where he leased land from the patroon on Aug. 20, 1787. He took a parcel of land on the hill above what is the present hamlet of Unionville along the Delaware Turnpike, a highway which was not even in existence in 1787. Benjamin Van

Etten is the man who built the stone house dated 1791, which today stands amid a cluster of later houses along the Delaware Turnpike.

An early Van Etten cemetery, which stands across the Turnpike Road from the house, has elegant monuments and an iron fence that are elaborate for a country farm burying ground. William Van Natta (another variation of the name), son of Benjamin, is buried there. William was the clerk of the meeting that was held on Feb. 15, 1825, to oversee the building of the church at Unionville. Prior to that date in 1791, a group of early settlers had banded together to form a Dutch Reformed Church congregation that built a sanctuary between the villages of Unionville and Feura Bush. The earliest grave in the little cemetery is that of John McHench, who died in 1814. The



Above, a front view of the 1791 Van Etten house. Below, the house is built into the hill that adjoins it on the west side. Elaine McLain



McHench family must have lived in the immediate area because one of the men married into the

Van Etten family. Perhaps the two families joined together in opening and maintaining the little

country cemetery.

While the Van Etten descendants continue to own the stone house just to the west in later years. That property was sold to Joseph Markus in the first quarter of the 20th century and passed out of Van Etten ownership.

The little stone house is plain in style, but sturdily built to last for many lifetimes. The house was at one time used to shelter chickens and store feed and farm equipment. The chickens are reported to have roosted on the mantel-

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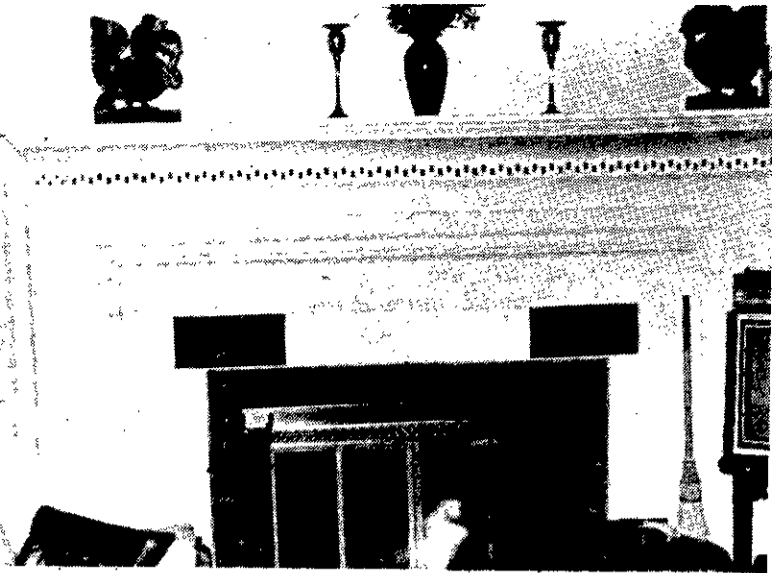
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The mantelpiece over the paneled fireplace wall of the Van Etten House. Elaine McLain

pieces. Therefore, the house for some years escaped the ravages of "modernization," and survived as a picture of what early American living was like.

The present owners, the Basu-Borsellino family, have only recently moved in. They appreciate the history of the home and do not seem inclined to destroy the integrity of the early structural members.

An easterly facing enclosed porch at the front acts as an all-purpose room and entry. The porch is usable a good portion of the year just from the warmth that the glass captures on every sunny day. A heavy, two-part, wide and low Dutch door at the right leads into the living room of the house. In the living room a raised paneled fireplace wall and mantel of the 18th century, with an accompanying built-in cupboard with heavy wrought iron hinges, is a fine piece of colonial architecture. The stairs from this room, which originally led up to the bedroom or loft space, have been rebuilt in more recent times. When the settler Van Etten lived there, they were undoubtedly more narrow, steep, and not particularly eye-catching. The ceilings of both downstairs rooms form the floor of the upstairs bedrooms.

At the left side of the porch another identical Dutch door leads into the room that is now used as a kitchen. Here, built-in cabinets, a dishwasher and an

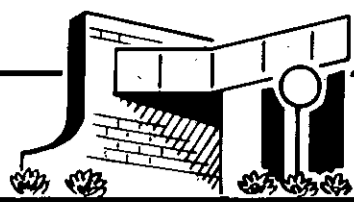
electric stove and been added for modern living. Although it is not now visible, a heavy support arch in the cellar tells us that a fireplace was once a feature of this room, too. The hearth is probably now hidden behind the modern wall paneling. The deeply set old windows throughout the house have wide sills. Much of the original wavy glass and the heavy paneled shutters still remain. A portion of the kitchen room has been divided to supply a pantry and a bathroom.

Upstairs a stone ledge on the walls of the bedrooms plainly shows where the roof and stone wall are joined. Here a portion of the master bedroom has been partitioned off to make another bathroom and closets. A small half-room behind the second bedroom serves as a fine playroom and an ideal place for little Raj Borsellino to store his toys. A dormer across the front of the house was added in more recent years to give added height and space to the bedrooms. The original upstairs portion was probably one large sleeping and storage loft for the early settler.

The outside of the little stone house is modest in appearance and built by a simple farmer who needed a substantial but uncomplicated dwelling. However, the inside with its impressive paneling and sturdy doors and windows attests to that farmer's quest for elegance and permanency in colonial ways that had been found to be tried and true.

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The Bethlehem Public Library's travel information center houses current editions of the most popular guides. The books in this collection are for reference use, but older editions, and hundreds of other more specialized guides, can be found among the circulating books.

Travel guides were once fairly simple. For years the field was dominated by European publishers, who put out series of well-illustrated, comprehensive guides for the serious traveler. The guidebooks put out by Baedeker (Stuttgart), Nagel (Geneva) and Muirhead's *Blue Guides* (London) were, and still are, crammed with details of local history, art and architecture, and scenic features. The library has many of these guides, especially to Third World destinations. But with the increase in travel and tourism in recent decades, these traditional guides began to seem tedious and old-fashioned. Enter Americans Fodor, Frommer and Fielding.

Eugene Fodor put out his travel guide to Europe in 1936. More modern in style and format than his predecessors, *Fodor's Guides* offer preceptors, practical travel advice and information written by area specialists. Fodor now publishes 139 guides to countries and cities, 125 of which are revised annually. Fodor is the leading American publisher in the field.

Temple Fielding published his guide to Europe in 1948 as another alternative to old-style tour books. His has evolved into a major guide catering to the standards of middle and affluent

America. Fielding's guides are skimpy on historical background but are known for their coverage of hotels, restaurants, nightlife and shopping. There are currently about 25 titles.

Arthur Frommer puts out two series of paperback guides through Prentice-Hall. His *Dollarwise* guides to regions and countries discuss accommodations in all price ranges with emphasis on the middle. His *\$-A-Day* guides are geared for the budget-minded traveler. One wonders how literally to take his cost estimates since the 1986 edition of *Hawaii on \$35-a-Day* became *Hawaii on \$50-a-Day* in 1989 despite the low rate of inflation.

Jointly published by Prentice-Hall and the Mobil Oil Corporation since 1958, *The Mobil Travel Guides* have become a standard source for motor vacationing in the United States. Issued in seven regional volumes, they give concise background information on U.S. cities and use a five-star rating system for hotels, motels and restaurants.

These well-established series are revised annually and are available in area bookstores. In addition, today thousands of more specialized guides are available. Whether you are handicapped, traveling with children, by bicycle or on safari, there is a guide just for you. While some may be difficult to find or suffer from erratic revision, they are valuable for information on a particular area or approach.

One of the best known is *Country Inns and Back Roads*, now in its 23rd edition. Another is the *Let's Go* series by Harvard Student Agencies. Designed for truly low-budget travel, the series includes information on backpacking, YMCAs and YWCAs, transportation, college dorms and youth hostels. *Ford's International Cruise Guide* compares costs and departure dates for more than 100 ships.

The newest wrinkle in travel information is the travel video. The library's media center has tapes about the Caribbean, Greece, China, Tokyo, Hawaii and, closer to home, Cape May, Cape Cod and New York City, from a variety of producers. Videos are a good way to discover the highlights of your destination.

Wherever wanderlust leads you, save time and get the most out of your vacation by checking out a travel guide from the library before you go. Bon voyage.

Three-town GEIS meeting postponed

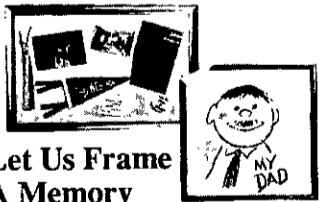
Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney has cancelled the April 12 meeting at the New Scotland Cooperative Extension Hall to discuss the proposed generic environmental impact study for the the Krumkill Rd. area of the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and New Scotland.

Cooney said that due to difficulty in certain town officials being able to attend, the meeting may be postponed until some time in late May.

The meeting was originally scheduled for officials of the three towns and the county to discuss the proposed GEIS, which is intended to evaluate the cumulative effect of new roadways and development in the Krumkill Rd. area.

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

BETHLEHEM
HALF MOON BUTTON CLUB, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, noon. Information, 283-4723.
BETHLEHEM NETWORKS PROJECT, discussion sessions, on communication skills, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m., 439-7740.

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, dinner and performance by Village Stage, Stone Ends Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-5808.

*MARRIAGE THAT 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, 8 p.m., 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.

BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED, open meeting, Town Hall, room 106, 4 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.
NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, 22 South Main St., Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

ALBANY
STORYTIME, for toddlers and preschoolers, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave. 10 and 10:30 a.m.
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. Ext., 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, 140 New Scotland Ave., 8:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 270-2246.
*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
SPEAKING SKILLS DEVELOPMENT, dinner meeting, Uncle Sam Toastmasters, Holiday Inn, Troy, 6 p.m. Information 439-7739.
MEETING, Capital District Association of Rental Property Owners on reducing the high costs of insurance for apartments, Pine Grove Methodist Church, 1580 Central Ave. Colonie, 7:30 p.m.

SCHENECTADY PHOTOGRAPHIC SOCIETY, macro shoot with Ken Deitcher, First Methodist Church, corner of Lafayette and State Sts., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.
PMS SUPPORT GROUP, Bellewood Room of Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7-8:30 p.m. Information, 346-9400.

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

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

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, 430-9314.
SPRING BRIDGE LUNCHEON, of Women's Organization of Normanside Country Club, Delmar, 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-5362.

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, 439-9328.
DELMAR FIRE DEPT. LADIES AUXILIARY, regular meeting, second Thursdays of every month except August, at fire house, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL V.F.W. POST 3185, meets second Thursdays, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9836.
ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY AUXILIARY, second Thursdays, firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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 third 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-COEYMAN'S-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.

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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.

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When our children start to become teenagers, we suddenly realize that they are more aligned with their peers than family. This is often a very difficult time for many families.

Where can we go for help and support? Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and Project Hope co-sponsor a community-based parent support group. The group meets on Thursday evenings, from 7:30 until 9 p.m., at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar. The group is facilitated by John Condemi, SCW, director of Project Hope. Parents from the Town of Bethlehem are invited.

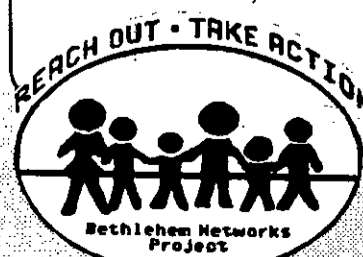
We hope that through participation in the parent support group parents will be able to establish linkages with other parents involved with similar parenting issues. We also hope that parents will find the group to be supportive and helpful in solving the problems they are experiencing. The group facilitator is able to identify and share a variety of resources relating to parenting and child issues.

For information, call call John Condemi, CSW, at 767-2445 or Linda Sinuc at 439-7051.

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NOVELIST AND NATIVE, Richard Russo, Gloversville native will read from his fiction, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 2 p.m.

THE ROLE OF FLOWERS IN THE VICTORIAN ERA, featuring Helen G. Grant, Albany County Historical Association, Ten Broek mansion, 2 p.m. Reservations, 436-9826.

LIFEGUARD TEST, for state lifeguard candidates, includes written and in-water testing, State University at Albany pool, 9 a.m. Information, 584-2000.

ARMENIAN HERITAGE DAY, State Museum, 1 to 4:30 p.m.

"LITERACY SUNDAY," program focusing on illiteracy and its remedies, Capital Area Council of Churches, and Literacy Volunteers of Albany, Information, 489-8441.

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

EXHIBITS

"AN ABIDING PLACE," a realistic look at the rural poor through a photo exhibit, through April 16, State Museum.

ALBANY

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A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

MON 17 APRIL

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR KWANIS, 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.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

TROY 5K RACE, sponsored by Budweiser and Pi Kappa Alpha, begins at Troy City Hall, One Monument Square, 7:30-9:30 a.m. Information, 489-2677.

ENTERTAINMENT

CAPITOL BRASSE ENSEMBLE, open house and performance, South Troy Community Center, Troy, music at 3 p.m.

VOCAL DUET, featuring Cantor Howard M. Stahl, and Gary Aldrich, Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd, \$12 at the door, \$25 reserved. Information, 436-9761.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

ALBANY

VACATION PROGRAM, sponsored by Kenwood Child Development Center, includes fun full day care for kids age 6 to 12 years old, Information, 465-0404.

TUE 18 APR

BETHLEHEM

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

BETHLEHEM LODGE 1096 F&AM, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

MEETING, Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of American Association of Retired Persons, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

BLANCHARD AUXILIARY MEETING, National Blanchard Unit #1040 American Legion Auxiliary, post rooms, 7:30 p.m.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

CRAFT PROGRAM, vacation craft program, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

ALBANY

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

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

SELF HELP GROUP, sponsored by Multiple Sclerosis Society, Bethlehem Public Library, Information, 452-1631.

FIBROSIS SUPPORT GROUP, for patients featuring a guest speaker, Staff Dining Room, St. Peter's Hospital, Information, 439-3419.

RURAL NEW YORK SHOWCASE, exhibits on the history and technology of New York, North Concourse, Empire State Plaza, through April 19.

"GLOBAL CHANGES IN THE ATMOSPHERE," slide-illustrated lecture, State University at Albany, lecture center 7, 8 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

FATHERS RIGHTS ASSOCIATION, monthly meeting, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 674-3253.

VACATION WORKSHOPS, two-hour art experiences, for ages 4-13, Albany Institute for History and Art, \$8, through April 20. Registration, 456-2044.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

LOCAL LITERARY LUMINARIES, talk featuring Tom Smith, Director of New York State Writers Institute, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 57 Second St. Troy, 12:10 p.m.

WED 19 APR

BETHLEHEM

EMBROIDERER'S GUILD, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 356-3149.

"HOW TO SURVIVE THE LOSS OF A LOVE," conducted by the Rev. Hedy Part one of three, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

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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.

CAPITAL DISTRICT

POETRY READING, Alice Fulton will read from her award winning poetry, RCCA Gallery, 189 2nd St., Troy, 7:30 p.m.

TODAY'S WOMAN, breakfast presentation, "Women in the Workforce," Schenectady YWCA, \$10, 7:30 a.m. Information, 374-3394.

FRI APR 21

TUES APR 25

BETHLEHEM

EVENING WALK, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

SAT APR 22

BETHLEHEM

CANDIDATES NIGHT, question and answer session, with Bethlehem Central School Board of Education candidates, and PTA President's Council, high school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

"THE LYNX RESTORATION PROJECT," lecture, sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Center, lecture center 7, State University at Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

SPRING LUNCHEON, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, awards

NEW SCOTLAND

"CHICKEN 'N BISCUIT SUPPER," Onesquethaw Reformed Church, servings at 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 p.m., \$6.75 adults, children under 12, \$2.50, under 5, \$1. Reservations, 768-2015.

SUN APR 23

BETHLEHEM

DELMAR DASH, five mile run through Delmar, First American Bank, registration 7:45 to 8:45 a.m., \$7, race at 9 a.m.

MON APR 24

BETHLEHEM

LIFE IN EGYPT, slide presentation by John Esler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

THUR APR 20

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.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on applications of Edward T. Dominelli and JMC Selkirk, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

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.

BETHLEHEM

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, breakfast meeting, The Old Center Inn, Glenmont, \$7, 7 a.m. Reservations 439-0512.

OPEN HOUSE, New York Farm Bureau, marketing warehouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 374-8936.

"MAHICANS: SALESMEN OR VICTIMS," talk by Shirley Dunn, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 Selkirk.

NEW SCOTLAND

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

"THE MUPPETS TAKE MANHATTAN," movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 765-2791.

TEACHERS WORKSHOP, Embryology and incubation workshop, for elementary school teachers, William J. Rice Jr. Cooperative Extension Center, Voorheesville, 7 to 9 p.m. Reservations two days in advance, 765-3540.

ALBANY

COPYRIGHT WORKSHOP, learn about copyright regulations, hosted by Albany League for the Arts, Albany Public Library, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 449-5380.

BIBLICAL ARCHAEOLOGY SOCIETY, meeting, guest speaker Dr. Bryant Wood on "Digging up the sin cities of Sodom and Gomorrah," Capital District Psychiatric Center room 31. Information, 785-3192.

SOROPTOMIST CLUB, a free program to help people get their lives back together after losing a family member or a job, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave. 6 p.m. Information, 434-3103.

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Ringler enters race for GOP nomination

By Mark Stuart

Kenneth Ringler officially announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Bethlehem supervisor's post at a Tuesday morning press conference at the Albany Motor Inn in Glenmont.

Ringler is the second person to announce candidacy for the Republican nomination. Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko made her announcement on March 29, the same day Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said he would not seek reelection. Ringler's strategy appears to be to head off a primary fight by gaining a strong endorsement from party leaders, but it is not clear whether he can be successful at that.

"Many of my friends and colleagues believe that my approach to public service and my experience in management as a business person matches with many of Bethlehem's future needs and challenges," Ringler said in making his announcement. "For my own part, my candidacy represents an extension of my desire to serve my community."

Ringler said Gary Swan, a Glenmont resident who has been a central figure in party battles for the last four years, "will be a part of" his campaign, but stopped short of saying that Swan would serve as his campaign manager.

Ringler said that if he receives

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the endorsement of the Bethlehem Republican committee he would be prepared to run in a primary. If he does not receive the party endorsement, he said, he would not run in a primary. Ritchko has said, "my commitment to seek this office will continue, if the process receives a primary challenge." The Republican committee is expected to make endorsements sometime in mid-May.

The political ramifications of Swan's participation in Ringler's campaign may reopen party battles that date back to the 1984 race for the 102nd State Assembly seat. Bethlehem GOP Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz and Swan both unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly seat but were defeated in the Republican primary by John Faso of Kinderhook. Following that primary, the Republican committee endorsed Charles Fritter to run against Swan supporter Kenneth Hahn for Receiver of Taxes in the 1987 Republican primary. However, after Hahn won reelection the two sides patched up some of their differences and Swan was reappointed as a member of the town's Board of Appeals.



Kenneth Ringler

Ringler currently serves as planning board chairman and is a former president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. He is president of Del Lanes Inc. and Delmar Car Wash.

Ritchko is a town board member, deputy supervisor, chairman of the Senior Citizen Housing Committee and the Bethlehem Bicentennial Committee. She is currently employed as vice president of marketing for Price Chopper, a position she said she would step down from upon receiving the party nomination.

Ringler faces the task of overcoming Ritchko's high visibility. She is a member and chairman of several town committees and

Adams-Russell wants renewal

By Mark Stuart

Adams Russell Cable Services of New York, Inc. has submitted a letter of intent to renew its cable franchise with the Town of Bethlehem.

As part of a voluntary process detailed in the federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the letter serves to give notice to the town that there is no reason to look for another franchise and allows the town to continue any process of requests for improvements that may have already begun.

Adams Russell is currently operating in the Town of Bethlehem under a 10-year franchise that expires Aug. 1, 1991.

As of December, Adams Russell had installed 4.5 miles of new cable extensions, which Smede said brings the total cable in Bethlehem to 145.

In addition, Smede said, a new character generator was purchased for the Bethlehem Public Library of use as a community calendar on the Bethlehem Channel, channel 32.

Adams-Russell is expected to submit its 1989-90 budget request to its parent company, Cablevision, over the next few weeks, Smede said. Phone calls to Smede during the past week to determine what improvements will be contained in the new budget and if any rate increases could be expected were not returned.

holds the post of deputy supervisor. One development Republicans couldn't predict prior to last November, however, was BTR Realty's Bethlehem Village proposal along New Scotland Rd. which was drawn up with a Price Chopper supermarket as an anchor store.

In order to receive the necessary support, Ringler's first political objective is to convince a

Trip to Ottawa planned in May

The travel committee of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art is sponsoring a trip to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, from May 19 to 22.

The tour will take place during the Festival of Spring, when the city's four million tulip bulbs will be in bloom. The bulbs were given as a gift to Canada by the people of the Netherlands, whose Dutch royal family sheltered in Ottawa during World War II.

The tour includes transportation to Ottawa and return, three nights at the Westin Hotel and tours of Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, the official residence of Canada's Governor General, a viewing of the new National Gallery of Canada and the sound and light spectacular on Parliament Hill. There will also be a visit to Kingsmere, former home of Mackenzie King.

The tour price is \$392 per person. Information can be obtained by calling the Albany Institute, 463-4478.

majority of the Republican committee members that he is the right candidate. To that end, Ringler said he has personally written each Republican Committee member. "I trust and respect the ability of committee members to represent the views and needs of their constituents in deciding who will best run and best serve," Ringler said.

Republican Club to sponsor luncheon

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will hold its annual Spring Luncheon and Ruth Miner Awards Ceremony on Tuesday, April 25, at the Normanside Country Club.

The keynote speaker will be Gary Swan. The club's new officers will also be installed at the luncheon.

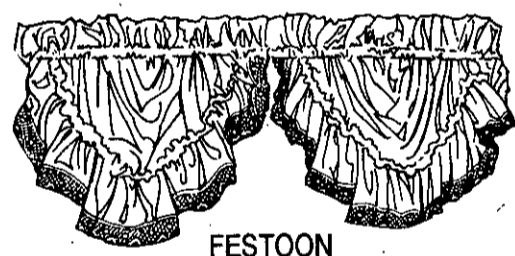
A hot and cold buffet will be served between 12:30 and 1 p.m. The cost will be \$9.50 per-person, which can be paid in advance or at the door. Spaces are limited.

To make reservations, call 787-3345. All reservations must be made by April 19.

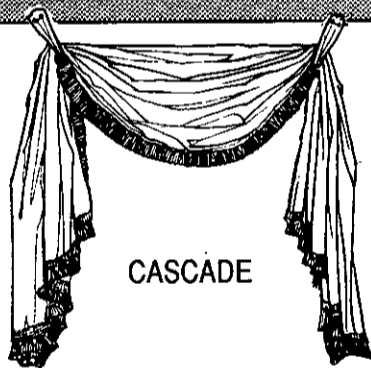
'Meet the Candidates' night planned

The Bethlehem Parent-Teachers Association President's Council is sponsoring a meet the candidates night on Tuesday, April 25, in the Bethlehem High School auditorium. The three candidates, Bernard Harvith, Marcia Roth, and George Sussman, will present their platforms and answer questions from the audience. The public is invited to attend.

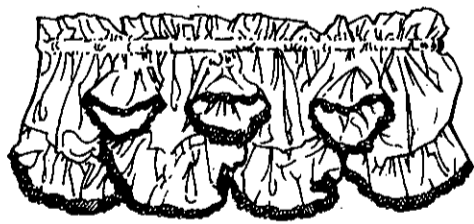
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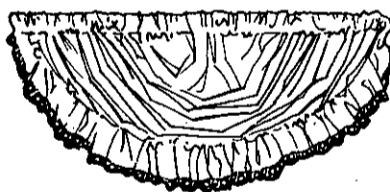
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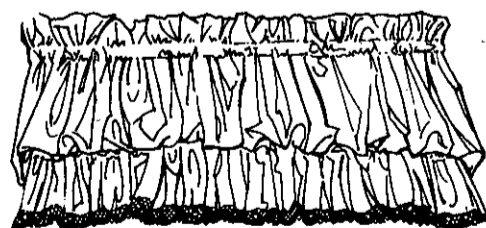
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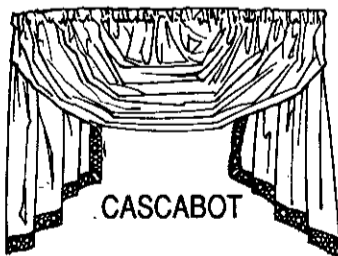
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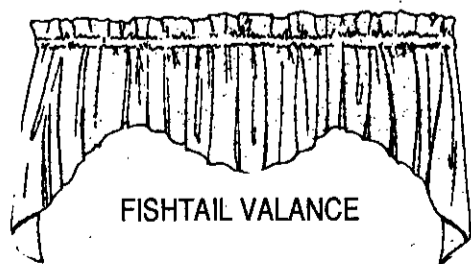
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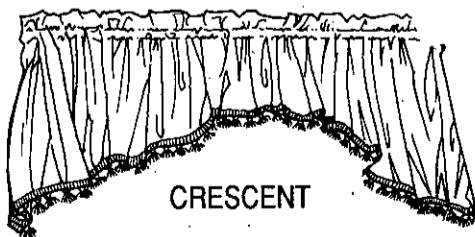
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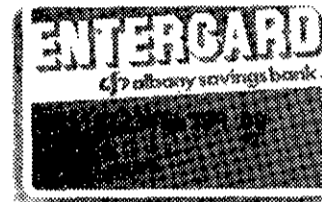
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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary

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Tailgate sale

The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association is looking for dealers of quality merchandise to participate in the annual tailgate sale scheduled to take place on the grounds of the Cedar Hill Museum, Rt. 144 at Cedar Road, Selkirk, on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 21. For information about the sale and display space, call 439-4526 or 767-9919.

RCS early dismissal

This Thursday, RCS students will be dismissed early so that teachers can attend workshops in the afternoon. Dismissal times are as follows: 11:15 a.m. for the junior and senior high, 12:15 p.m. for Ravena Elementary grades 1 and 2 and 12:30 p.m. for P.B. Coeymans and A.W. Becker. A.M. Kindergarten and P.M. Kindergarten from 10:30 a.m. to noon.

Crop Walk

Sunday, May 7, marks the date of this year's annual Glenmont-RCS Crop Walk. The walk will begin and end at the Grace United Methodist Church, 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Registration for the walk will be pre-at 1:30 p.m. followed by a pre-walk rally at 1:45. The walk will begin at 2 p.m. Seventy-five percent of the funds raised by most of the walkers will be used by the Church World Service in overseas relief and development and 25 percent will stay in the Glenmont-RCS area to be used by local food pantries.

Walkers are urged to ask family, friends and neighbors to sponsor them for the event. Volunteers are needed to help on the day of the walk. Sponsor envelopes are available at area churches. For additional information about the walk, contact Rev. Thomas Whitbourn at 756-6312 or Carolyn Eichner at 756-9308.

Safe bicycling

A.W. Becker students will have an opportunity to learn about bicycle safety from members of the Bethlehem Police Department

on Thursday. The officers will be talking to grades 1 to 5 about driving skills now that the warmer weather is approaching.

Computers whizzes

This month, several A.W. Becker students have improved their computer skills and the staff wishes to acknowledge their successes. They are Elizabeth Fox-Solomon and Mike Sengenberger from Mrs. Carpenter's class; Courtney Endres and Nancy McClumpha, Mrs. Maiorana; Christina Faraenkoff, Noah Lamoree, Michael Lintner and Stephen Schmitt from Mrs. Scuderi's class; Joseph Adams, Perry Camp, Melissa Albright and Omar Feliciano from Mrs. Barasch's class; Helen Foley and Brent Dragon, Miss Wood; Brenda Engel, Mr. Selover; Krystal Burns, Nellie Duncan, Dawn Canuteson and Sherri Pelton from Mrs. Szczepanski's class; Tara Hoose, Lee Beers, Billy Shear and Gary Pigeon from Mrs. Neylan's class; and Raianne McNical, Ms. Gould. Highest computer average for the school for March in reading was Brianne Searles; in math, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, and in problem solving, Guy Pigeon.

Elks exalted ruler

Ken Parker has been elected Exalted Ruler of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 for the 1989-90 term. Ken may be best known for his coordinator of the Elks Deer Hide drive which collects skins to be sent from local hunters to state VA hospitals, where they are used in craft and rehabilitation projects.

Auxiliary card party

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks will be holding a card party, Thursday at the lodge in Cedar Hill beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and entertainment will be provided by male exotic dancers. Refreshments will be available.

Chicken supper

The Onesquethaw Reformed Church will be holding a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday,

April 22, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 768-2015.

Growing plants

Tim Nicholson visited Ms. Hunt's first grade to share his knowledge and enthusiasm for growing plants with the class. Nicholson talked to the children about what plants need to grow. He assisted each child in planting their own grass seed and explained how to create humidity by making a small greenhouse from a soda bottle. Nicholson enjoys his work and hopes some of his daughter's classmates may choose nursery work as a career.

Rt. 9W plan draws fire

(From Page 1)

considered instead of special assessment districts.

Donnelly suggested that since a majority of the trucks travel along Rt. 396 between the Thruway and the Conrail Yards that a special road be built on land owned by the railroad to connect with the Thruway.

Kerry Layman of Selkirk, a Conrail employee, reported to the board that over 100 car carriers use Rt. 396 every day, seven days a week, and that Conrail is planning to expand its operations to include double-stacked car-carrying rail cars. In addition, Layman said, Pennsylvania Trucking will be expanding their facilities in the rail yards.

Several residents said they opposed both the idea of a bypass through Selkirk as well as the report's proposed placement of those roads.

"Our family has spent a lot of money building our homes and you have conveniently run a road right through those homes," said Andrew Koonz Sr. of Beaver Dam Rd.

"That roadway would demolish our community," said Ronald Selkirk of Selkirk, who at a previous meeting stated that one of the bypasses would result in the loss of more of his property, property which has already been apporportioned to Thruway and Tennessee Gas Company easements and right-of-ways.

4 to run for RCS board

Four Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District residents have filed petitions to run for the three board of education seats up for election this May.

Three board seats are up for election on May 17. Veteran board members Steve Berletic of Alcove and Wayne Furman of Ravena will seek re-election to the board. Board President Mark Sengenberger announced two weeks ago that he will not seek re-election. All three board member's three-year terms expire in June.

Also running for the board in the at-large election are Mona Seiler of Coeymans Hollow, a former district teacher, and James Feurbach of Selkirk.

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In response to the speakers' apprehension, Ringler interjected that "we are not against you, we are on the same team, we all want a better Bethlehem."

Mike Murphy of Beaver Dam Rd. said he opposed the idea of any bypass plan because it would create two roads to replace one. John Reilly of Elm Ave. said of the traffic problems: "You only moved it from one place to another."

Fred Weber, a 44-year resident of Bethlehem and co-owner of Pagano-Weber Real Estate, said

he would like to see areas within the central section of the Rt. 9W Corridor remain light industrial because of the ability of industry to preserve green space and reduce traffic compared to residential zones and still generate a substantial amount of tax dollars.

Marshall Stanton of Wemple Rd. questioned the reasoning behind putting a Thruway interchange at Wemple Rd. "That interchange would bring traffic into a residential area — a living area — which a lot of people who have moved there are trying to avoid."

Orchard Park to hear about ground water

By Bob Hagyard

Groundwater data collected by the state Department of Transportation will be aired before Orchard Park residents Wednesday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at New Scotland Town Hall. Tony Adamczyk of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, who has analyzed the DOT data, will be present with Ed Danehy, manager of the state depot just west of Orchard Park, and county health officials.

Two aquifers lie below Orchard Park. The deeper water source contains salt by nature; the one above it is suspected to contain salt leached in from the salt storage pile formerly on the state property.

New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly has urged other town board members to attend. The board last week petitioned the state to cease all "activity which is producing contamination" and "provide direct assistance and support in the creation of a water district" for Orchard Park.

Lifeguard test

The State University at Albany will host a state parks lifeguard test at 9 a.m. Sunday, at the university pool. Contact Cindy Mathis or Steve Dyer at 1-584-2000 for further information.

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Career change leads to the classroom

By Ann Treadway

On a Sunday afternoon in January of 1987, David Laiosa of Slingerlands made a phone call he'd been thinking about for a long time. His wife, Joyce, dialed the number for him.

The call was to a State University at Albany math professor, an old friend, and it started Laiosa on his way to a mid-life career change. He had decided — after 17 years in the business world — to act on his childhood ambition to be a math teacher.

Last spring, Laiosa received a master's degree in education from SUNY, and he's now teaching math at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, filling in for a teacher on maternity leave. He took the interim job after being a substitute teacher for two months last fall — in many different classrooms and school districts.

For a man turning 40 next month, with a wife and three children, the move from the salesroom to the classroom hasn't been easy. But even without a permanent teaching job yet, Laiosa says he has no regrets about the career switch.

"I knew there weren't a lot of teaching positions open in this area," he said, "even for math or science teachers."

There may be teacher shortages in some areas of the country, but he was forewarned by Dr. Margaret Farrell, the SUNY professor he called for initial advice, that such shortages don't currently exist in the Capital District, Laiosa said.

But he's hopeful that a permanent position will come his way soon — and glad that he "had the guts," as his 14-year-old son, Michael, puts it, to act upon his desire for a change instead of just talking about it.

His wife supported the decision, too, even though their youngest child was just a month old when he made that first phone call. "She could tell I wasn't happy," Laiosa said, "and I had been talking about wanting to teach for a long time."

He was also inspired, he said, by the example of a friend, Robert Donnelly, who left a professorship at the State University at Albany in his mid-50s to go into the priesthood.

Laiosa, a Rochester native, had actually enrolled at the State University at Albany in 1967 as a

math education major, but switched in his junior year to a major in math and minor in computer science. "Who knows why?" he says now. "My wife thinks I didn't get enough encouragement, but maybe part of it was my own fear."

He also remembers that teaching was not a popular career choice in those days because of its reputation for long hours and poor pay. "I thought I wanted a 9 to 5 job," Laiosa said.

The Laiosas, who met in college, married soon after graduating and moved to their present home. Michael was born a few years later, followed by Daniel, now 9, and Matthew, now 2.

Dave Laiosa's first job was with General Electric, as a customer service representative in a distribution center. When GE wanted to transfer him to Boston four years later, he went to work for Sysco Frosted Foods in Albany, where he stayed for about 13 years.

He still works for Sysco, on an hourly basis, when he has time away from school duties (most recently, during the winter break in February). Indeed, it was his employer's willingness to let him work there on a flexible schedule that helped make his career change possible. While earning the 39 credits he needed for a master's degree in education, from the spring semester of 1987 through the spring of 1988, he worked part-time at Sysco.

"And I'm sure I'll be back there this summer," he said, noting that the good relationship he has with Sysco management means he could probably be re-employed there any time he wanted.

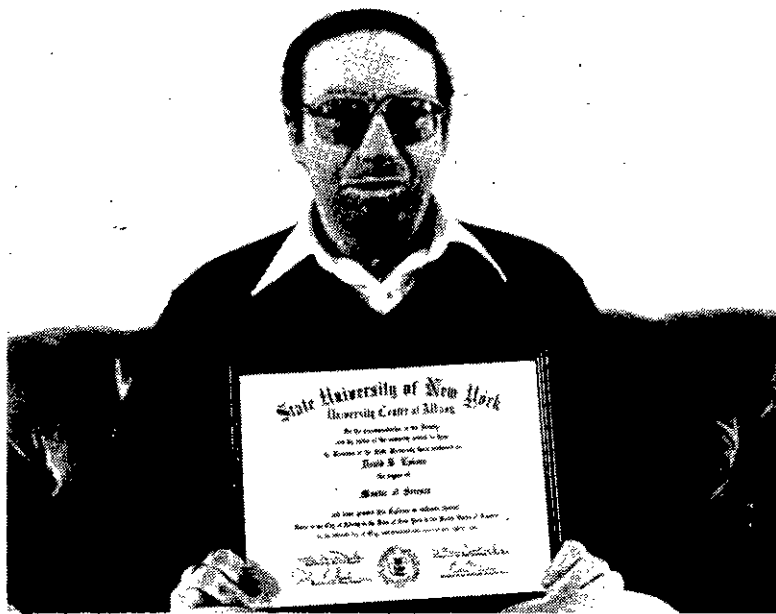
But he has no plans to give up his goal of a permanent teaching job in the area, in spite of the financial sacrifice it means to the family at this point. As a beginning teacher with a master's degree, he earns about \$20,000 in the RCS school district. (Some local districts have slightly higher starting pay rates.)

That amount represents a big cut from his earnings after 17 years as a businessman, but even though he "bemoans the fact that we're broke," Laiosa said, he's also a happier person, and that means his family is happier, too.

Not that teaching is any piece of cake, as this newcomer to the profession is quick to point out. "I've had good days and bad days," he said. "And I know I've made some mistakes, particularly in the area of discipline."

Laiosa said he had always enjoyed good relationships with young people and thought that "being fair" would prevent discipline problems — but that hasn't always been the case.

Teaching, for him, has been both more frustrating and more rewarding than his previous work experiences, he said. The hours are long: besides working from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. five days a week, he puts in an average of two



David Laiosa

hours every night and three to four hours every weekend, preparing lesson plans and tests, or grading papers.

"I'm getting more confident all the time," he said, "but motivating students, which I think is a

teacher's number one challenge, is very difficult."

The personal rewards are also very great, Laiosa said. He's seen a few of his students improve their math marks dramatically — and that, he says, is "a very good feeling."

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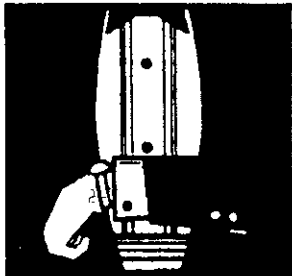
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Celebrating library week in Voorheesville

Library plans week of special events

The Voorheesville Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with something for everyone. The celebration which began this Monday includes a film festival for adults, a magician for all ages and an evening of modeling.

Special films for adults are being shown on Monday and Wednesday at 2 p.m., and Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. A special book discussion group will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m. magician Doug Bartels will enter-

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



tain. To end the week, the Barbara Thomas Modeling Agency will present a program entitled "The Wonderful World of Modeling" on Friday, April 14, beginning at 7 p.m. Those in fifth grade and up may sign up for this free program by stopping at the library or calling 765-2791.

Next week, during school vacation, special programs will be held. On Tuesday, a craft pro-

gram will be held at 2 p.m., and on Wednesday, the film "The Muppets Take Manhattan" will be shown at 2 p.m. Story hours will be held on Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. All are welcome.

Breakfast scheduled

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will hold its monthly public breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Ave. Chairman John Stansfield has announced a menu of sausage, eggs, home fries or french toast with all the trimmings. Cost of the meal is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. All are welcome to attend. Proceeds will go to support Legion activities.

Vacation time

Parents of students in the Voorheesville Central School District are reminded that both the junior-senior high and elementary schools will be closed from April 17 until April 21 for Spring vacation. Classes at both schools will resume on Monday, April 24.

Use of facilities to be limited

As a result of the work scheduled to take place at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the Voorheesville

Elementary School this summer, the use of facilities will have to be limited. Superintendent Louise Gonan and building principals are looking into this situation and forming plans. Realizing that the school facilities are an integral part of the community, the District will notify residents as soon as these plans are finalized.

Finalists named

Three members of the Class of 1989 at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School have been named finalists in the 1989 Merit Scholarship Program. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, sponsors of the program, finalists Colin Breeze, David Larabee and Peter Meillinger are in a select group of fewer than one half of one percent of American high school seniors.

Program reminder

The Helderview Garden Club will sponsor a program on flower arranging on Thursday, April 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The program by On Thai will be held following the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

PTSA sponsors skating

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor roller skating again on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, in the grade school gym. Tickets are \$3 for each day and

will go on sale at the grade school today (Wednesday) at 8:30 a.m.

Bond

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If the 20-year-bond issue is approved, the initial tax impact is expected to be an increase of 2.71 percent or \$8.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation. The district is planning on using bond anticipation notes (BANs) to reduce the initial tax impact.

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.

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.

Elementary improvements include the relocation of services such as the library to the second floor, clustering of grade levels and improving the bus waiting area. High school improvements include upgrading both the science and computer classrooms, and a new hot water heating system to bypass failing pipes in concrete flooring.

Naturalists search for signs of spring

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, will sponsor a spring-time walk on Saturday, April 15, at 2 p.m.

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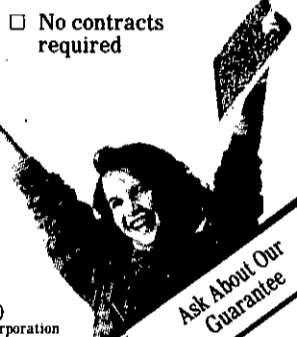
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Spring dedication planned for library

By Lyn Staf

The Board of Trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library met on Monday, Apr. 3. At the meeting it was decided that the formal dedication originally planned for the spring will be held in the fall, giving library personnel time to adequately prepare the building and grounds for the ceremony. At that time a plaque will be dedicated marking the opening of the new facility. A definite date for the event has not been set.

To assist in this project, as well as with other aspects concerning the library, a "Friends of the Library" group is being formed. Trustees Marilyn Bradley and Jane Blessing announced that there will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the library to get the group started. Those people who expressed an interest in joining such a group during the move will receive letters concerning the meeting. Anyone else interested in joining is also welcome to attend.

It was announced that the library will be celebrating National Library Week in grand style from April 10 through the 15 with a variety of activities for all ages

including a magician, a modeling course for teens, a film festival and a book discussion group. Vacation movies, craft sessions and story hours will take place the following week during spring vacation.

Board President Sally Ten Eyck reported that work is continuing on the bid package to sell the old library, but is not yet ready to be publicized.

For the remainder of the meeting, the board dealt with reading the budget for the 1989-90 fiscal year. The vote on the budget will be held on Wednesday, June 14, at the same time the school district budget goes to the voters. The annual meeting to discuss both budgets will be held the previous evening, on Tuesday, June 13, in the high school auditorium.

Voters will also cast their ballots at that time to fill the two trustee seats available on the five-person library board. Those interested in running for the seats may obtain a petition at the library.

The next meeting of the board will be held on Monday, April 24 at 7:30 p.m. in the library. As always, board meetings are open to the public.

Open Voorheesville library board seats

The Voorheesville Public Library has announced the appointment of J. Fredericks Volkwein to the seat on the library board of Trustees vacated by Walter Baker. Volkwein, a resident of Voorheesville, brings with him experience from his position as

director of Institutional Research at the State University at Albany. The Library Board currently has two seats available, and interested candidates may pick up petitions, which must be returned by May 12, at the Library director's office.



Food historian Peter Rose describes an "oliecook," a small Dutch cake popular in Colonial times, last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville. As part of the annual Arthur B. Gregg lecture

sponsored by various local history groups, Rose spoke before an audience of 50 on "The History of Dutch Ways in Colonial New York."

Bob Hagyard

Extension sponsors teacher workshop

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will present an incubation and embryology workshop for elementary school teachers and other youth educators on Wednesday, April 19, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the William Rice Jr. Extension Center in Voorheesville.

Teachers will be taught how to use the example of the fertilized eggs incubated to hatch chicks as a useful tool to teach the theories of "The Beginning of Life".

To register for the program, call the 4-H office at least two days in advance at 756-3540.

Bloodmobile to be held at Legion

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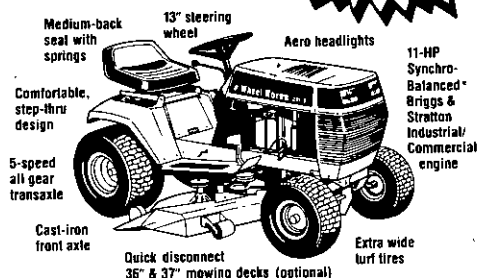
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Nelson heads The Next Step

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Also elected were Doris Davis of Delmar, recording secretary; Katherine Loucks of Glenmont, treasurer; and Nevanne Merrill of Delmar, Helen Harris of Glenmont and Deirdre Dineen Morgan of Glenmont were elected to the board of directors of the home.

Elizabeth Iseman, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, was elected president of the board. The networks project

is a substance abuse prevention project sponsored by the Bethlehem Central School District, and receives support from local organizations including Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Bethlehem Zephyrs.

As an alcoholism recovery home, The Next Step provides 24-hour supervision, a home-like atmosphere, and an in-house recovery program. Residency is available on a referral basis for women seeking alcoholism treatment.



Linda Kelly

VA promotes

Linda Kelly of Delmar, program director of inpatient psychiatry at the Albany Veterans' Administration Hospital, has been appointed associate chief of nursing for education and clinical practice at the facility.

A Syracuse University graduate, Kelly will receive her Ed.D. in curriculum and instruction this year from the State University at Albany.

Cohen receives teaching honor

Marilyn Cohen of Delmar, a kindergarten teacher at the Bet Shraga Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, was recently honored with the Kohl International Prize for Exemplary Teaching.

The prize is awarded by the Dolores Kohl Education Foundation to acknowledge teachers who have demonstrated the teaching

skills necessary to motivate students to be life-long learners.

Cohen will also be hooded as a fellow of the Kohl International Teacher Academy in recognition of her work.

Cohen has been a teacher at the academy for 15 years and established its full-day kindergarten program. She is a graduate of Russell Sage College in Troy.

Journey Chiropractic opens in Main Square

John M. Gentile, D.C. has announced the opening of his office, Journey Chiropractic at 318 Delaware Ave. in the Main Square Shoppes, Delmar.

Gentile is a graduate of the Palmer College of Chiropractic in Davenport, Iowa, and earned an associate's degree in science while living in Rockland County.

Locally, he worked in Scotia, N.Y.

Journey Chiropractic will be open Monday through Saturday, with limited office hours on Saturday and Monday. For a nominal fee, no-obligation consultations will be given through the end of June.

For information, call 439-5275.

Keyser earns science honor

Daniel Keyser of Delmar, an atmospheric scientist at the State University of Albany, was recently honored by the American Meteorological Society for his outstanding research on the nature of frontal systems.

Keyser was presented the Clarence Leroy Meisinger Award

for his work as an atmospheric scientist. He also received the Editor's Award for his work as associate editor on the society's *Monthly Weather Review*.

He has been on faculty at the university since 1987 and prior to that was a staff scientist with NASA.

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**Visiting nurses
recognized**

In an awards presentation to recognize employees for their service and special contributions, the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany recently recognized Kay Gosling of Voorheesville, Claire Netz of Delmar, and Maria Gervasio and Sherrie Almindo of Selkirk for their outstanding service to the organization.

**Conrail tops
\$306M in 1988**

Consolidated Rail Corporation reported a net income of \$306 million in 1988, capped off by a strong fourth quarter income of \$78 million.

The 1988 annual income increased by approximately \$7 million over 1987's annual income of \$299.

Revenue for the full year of 1988 was \$3.49 billion, compared with \$3.247 billion in 1987. Fourth quarter revenue in 1988 was \$904 million, compared with \$840 million during the fourth quarter in 1987.

Conrail's freight traffic in 1988, as measured by tariff-based ton miles, increased 6.2 percent compared with 1987.

Miller hired

Sam Miller of Slingerlands, a licensed physical therapist, recently joined the staff at John W. Repsher, P.T.

Miller, a 1987 graduate of Russell Sage College in Troy, holds a bachelor's degree in physical therapy. He has interest in fitness training, sports and orthopedic injuries, and orthotics.

**Women, minority
businesses honored**

The Women's Business Development Center Inc. is seeking nominations of minority- and women-owned businesses in New York State for its business awards program.

Nominations are being accepted for minority or women business owners who have been in business more than three years, or new entrepreneurs who have been in business for less than three years.

The awards will be presented at the center's third annual conference on May 1, entitled "Charting the Future: Women and Minorities in New York State." Nomination forms may be obtained by calling 463-4111.

**Orchestra members
fight world hunger**

Members of the Delmar Community Orchestra will perform on Friday, April 10, at the First United Methodist Church. The concert is part of an effort to battle world hunger.

The conductor will be Robert McGowan. The concert will begin at 7:30 p.m.

For information call 439-4628



Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick cuts the grand re-opening ribbon at the Dime Savings Bank in Delmar last Monday. The ribbon was laced with \$10 bills that were donated to the Elsmere Fire Department. From left are Sandra Pangburn, manager, Hendrick, George Kaufman, Elsmere fire chief, Sue Beale, teller, and Prentiss Cornell of the Dime's Albany Board.

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The sky was a rich blue and the temperature moderate on this February afternoon walk, so I decided to spend a few extra moments enjoying the nature that surrounded me. As my gaze wandered, one particular tree branch caught my attention.

Normally, there would be no reason to distinguish one branch from another; they all appear somewhat lifeless at that time of year. But, this one was different. During some winter storm it had broken away and was no longer rooted to the tree. For the moment it appeared special — suspended high over the ground. For the moment it appeared special.

However, as Spring arrives, the truth will be made totally clear. While all the branches around it will be growing, budding and producing leaves, this branch will remain the same; no longer seen as "special" but as what it really is — dead.

Sometimes, we find ourselves wanting to be "special" to those around us no matter what the cost. We seem to have the idea that such specialness is required to be really "alive". To attain this

special status, we may even be willing to sacrifice the values we know are important, because there now seems to be something more important — power, position, prestige — whatever. Or, maybe our choice is even more immediate; a choice to "deal" with our frustration and pain by escape through drugs or sex or some other instant gratification.

We make decisions which give us what we want for the moment, but which tear us from our "roots". For the immediate, it may appear that we are "special" and can continue doing whatever we please with no serious consequences. But, ultimately, the truth will be made clear and the *deadness* of our actions will be evident.

In John 15:5-8, scripture provides a vivid picture of Christ's response to the question of how we should deal with life's struggles and to the source of fulfilling life. "I am the vine; you are the branches. If a man abides in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers;

such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be my disciples."

As clear as the imagery of consequence is, so also is the promise of fulfillment clear. Moreover, there is always promised hope from God. No matter how radical our choices of rejection, there is always an opening to be restored and forgiven. In Romans 11, the apostle Paul speaks of his own people; those who have severed themselves from the "vine", and he tells us: "... if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be grafted in, for God is able to graft them in again." Even when we have chosen deadness, God is ready and able to restore life. This "grafting in" process calls for abiding. And, when that "abiding" is established so are the promises it holds. There is always hope in God.

If you have made those choices which have cut you off from the life-giving strength found in the vine, *hear clearly* that God wants to graft you in. If you know someone else who has made those choices, please share the Good News that restoration and forgiveness are available from a gracious God. Because — "there is *always* hope in God!!!"



Organizers of the St. Thomas "Apple Blossom Time" annual fashion show and dessert party look over a handmade quilt made by Barbara Gould, which will be raffled off at the show tomorrow night (Thursday) at 7 p.m. at the St. Thomas Church in Delmar. From left are event organizers Cathy St. Lucia, Sonia Mazur, Collen LaFalce, Ellen Sellnow, Sue Bucher, Joan Porco, Barbara Gould, Kathy Tomich, Maureen Daley, Barbara Kelly and Barb Riegel.

Ohav Shalom plans adult studies courses

"Jewish Women and Jewish Law" will be the focus of a seminar offered by Rabbi Baruch Frydman Kohl throughout the months of April and May at the Congregation Ohav Shalom. The course will offer an opportunity to study selected issues regarding prayer and Jewish law as they pertain to women. Traditional texts will be reviewed in English translation and contemporary essays will be discussed.

On Tuesdays at noon, the Rabbi will lead a discussion on "Midrasa for Moderns".

Rev. Hess elected board president

Rev. Robert H. Hess of the Delmar Reformed Church was recently elected president of the board for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

The partnership, which has served the needs of the homeless in the Capital District since 1984, operates a 19-bed facility on Swan Street in Albany. Community support and participation are vital to the shelter program. For information call 434-8021.

Auxiliary to hear about children's aid

Nathaniel Adams Elanchar Post 1040, American Legion auxiliary, will hear Joseph Griggs describe the children's miracle network at Albany Medical Center and Childs Hospital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the post on Poplar Dr., Delmar.



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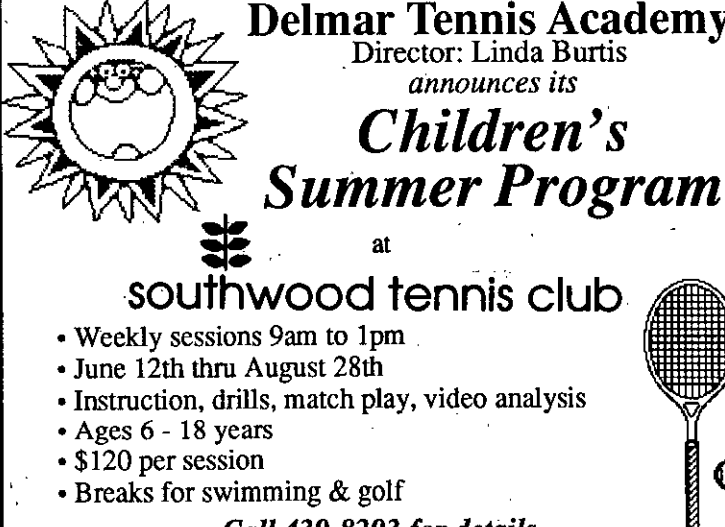
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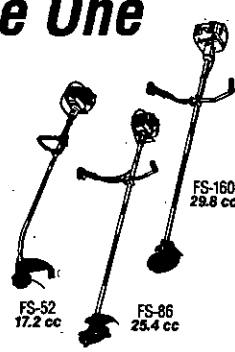


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BC's big lumber is key to keeping crown

By John Bellizzi III

Without a doubt, sluggers Sean Lynch and John Reagan, literally the biggest men on the Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team, will once again be two of the Eagles' offensive "Big Men" this spring.

In non-league action last week, Lynch's two-run single in the fifth inning helped BC rally from a 5-3 deficit as they defeated Bishop Maginn 8-5 in both team's season debut. Reagan (.339 in 1988) batted in two runs with a first-inning double.

Winning pitcher Pat Doody went the distance, holding Maginn to three hits.

"We've progressed a lot as a hitting team," said BC Coach Ken Hodge. "We were hitting the ball very well in our pre-season scrimmages, too. We've also done a lot with baserunning—hopefully we can put pressure on a couple of teams that way."

Hodge definitely has a formidable roster to work with this spring. Most of last year's team, which captured the Gold Division title with a 15-7 record, are back this year. Rounding out the bullpen and the outfield are several first-year varsity players, none of whom are lacking in experience and most of whom played on Bethlehem Central's 1988 Gold

Sports

Division Champion junior varsity team and Bethlehem's 1988 Eastern New York State Champion Mickey Mantle team.

Strength on the mound will be the key to the Eagles' success. Doody, who was 2-3 with a 2.92 ERA as a junior last year, is the only returning starter, but all of BC's other potential starters have plenty of experience. Alex Hackman and Jamie Mizener, solid hurlers on last year's JV and Mickey Mantle teams, will be joined on the mound by new recruit Kevin Keparutis. Lynch (2-0, 3 saves, 2.38 ERA last year) will handle short relief, with Keparutis, Hackman and Mizener potential long relievers.

Completing the battery will be catchers Reagan and Al Greenhalgh. Reagan, who also caught for last year's Bethlehem Connie Mack team will be starting behind the plate for the Eagles again this season, with Greenhalgh as a backup catcher and third baseman.

All of last year's starting infielders have returned, giving BC a solid defensive base to work with. First base duties will be

handled by Lynch and Chris Pratt, both powerful hitters (Pratt was a .447 hitter last year) as well as strong fielders. Second baseman David Sodergren (.333) and shortstop Chris Aloisi should provide consistently strong defensive play in the middle, while third baseman Ryan Flynn (.348, 19 RBI) will return to the hot corner again this year. Moving up from the jayvees, Craig Weinert will be a backup second baseman and shortstop. Flynn, Pratt and Aloisi all saw action as starters on last year's Connie Mack team, while Sodergren and Weinert were Mickey Mantle starters.

Only one of last year's outfielders is back this year. Senior Kyle Snyder, last season's starting rightfielder, will be moving to left this spring. Scott Hodge will handle centerfield duties, with Keparutis and Mizener functioning as rightfielders. In addition, Hackman will be available as a backup outfielder and first baseman.

The Eagles are shooting for a third consecutive Gold Division Championship this year. Coach Hodge has his eyes set on higher goals than just defending the Gold Title, though. Hodge said he believes the team has a realistic shot at making sectionals this year. However, the team must prove

itself by plowing through a difficult league schedule first.

"The Council is really tough this year," said Hodge. "There are a lot of strong pitchers around that could give us some trouble." Mohonasen, Shenendehowa, Burnt Hills and Shaker are expected to be BC's strongest league competitors in 1989.

The 1-0 Eagles were scheduled to play at Cocksackie-Athens in a non-league contest on Monday. In today's Suburban Council opener, BC takes on a strong

Scotia squad. The Tartans were 13-9 last year, and have been close to the top of the Gold Division for the past few years.

An experienced BC junior varsity roster with Coach John Furey at the helm is a definite contender for a third consecutive Gold Division Title at the JV level. The jayvees opened with a victory over Maginn last Wednesday. The freshman baseball team, coached by Jesse Braverman, also has a strong shot at the title, which would be the fourth straight freshman championship for BC.

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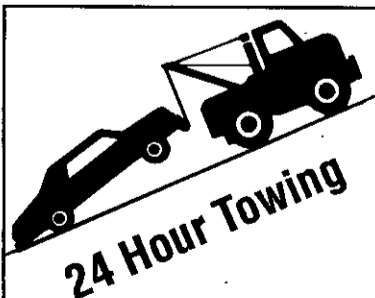
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Indian errors begin early season nightmare

By Josh Curley

Errors plagued all three of the RCS baseball team's games last week resulting in three losses at the hands of Ichabod Crane, Ballston Spa and Mont Pleasant.

The Indians were turned in by a bad turn in the weather early last week against Ichabod Crane. In the top of the sixth inning with Ravena trailing 7-2, the Indians loaded the bases with no outs when the officials called the game on account of rain. Julio Colon led from the mound with six strike-outs and just two earned runs in five innings pitched. Outfielder Shane Smith and Colon were credited with the RBI's.

Ravena travelled to the Mohonasen Tournament last weekend only to be crushed 17-5 in the first game by Mont Pleasant.

After a four-error second inning, RCS was already down by a score of 8-0. In the third, Mont Pleasant scored five more runs

against starter Curt Van Derzee who gave up only one earned run.

Ravena never got back into the game. "We just fell apart defensively," said Coach Gary VanDerzee.

Offensively, the Indians were assisted by Shane Smith and Rich Waddingham who went two-for-three and three-for-four respectively. Cameron Smith knocked in two runs for RCS.

Like a recurring nightmare, Ravena was crippled on Saturday by an error-filled second inning against Ballston Spa in the consolation game. Ballston Spa scored eight runs while the Indians committed six errors on the field in that inning alone.

RCS made a strong push in the successive innings, including a five-run sixth inning and a three-run seventh inning. But it wasn't enough. Ballston Spa won the game 15-13.

Julio Colon went the distance in the game and took the loss for Ravena.

On a high note, the Indians did hit well as a team in the game. Frank Maiorana had three hits and a RBI; both Norm Wilsey and Waddingham had two hits and two RBI's; VanDerzee had a double and two RBIs and Colon and Shane Smith each had a RBI.

Ravena's Colonial Council season opener will be at Lansingburgh on Thursday.burgh is coming off a Troy Tournament Friday, Schalmont is scheduled to play at Ravena.

"These games will go a long way to tell what the season will be like," said Coach VanDerzee.

At the old ball game . . .

Nat Boynton, former editor/publisher of The Spotlight and an experienced baseball writer, has agreed to come out of retirement to do a weekly column on "inside baseball" at Heritage Park. Here is his opening pitch. -Ed.

By Nat Boynton

Once more baseball has come north for a new season, bringing another reminder, whether noticed or not, that we locals are indeed among the fortunate.

We have minor league baseball barely 20 minutes from the Four Corners in Delmar or Smitty's Tavern in Voorheesville. That distinguishes us from the thousands of localities that do not have this treasured recreational resource. Special sympathies go to the dozen or so communities that in the past year or two have had their minor league baseball taken away for one reason or another—Glens Falls, Burlington, Little Falls, Old Orchard to name just a few.

And then there are places like Watertown, N.Y., and Waterloo, Iowa, whose citizens, facing loss of their beloved teams, mustered such vigorous protest campaigns that they saved their Class A franchises.

You can add to this list the nearby Berkshires, where the Chicago Cubs last year unexpectedly removed their Double-A Eastern League team from Pittsfield. That shock was softened when the owners of the Little Falls Mets in the Class A New York-Penn League, who happened to be Pittsfield residents, took advantage of the perfidy by moving their franchise to fill the void, so again the lights will be bright at Wahconah Park these summer evenings. (Not so in Veterans Park, Little Falls, one of the most beautiful in the minor leagues, where the young Mets finished only a game behind the Oneonta Yankees in 1988.)

Why all this fuss about baseball, which many people, even among the intelligentsia, consider boring? Some may tolerate the major leagues but, they will tell you, who cares about the minors? Oh, yes, the Albany Yankees won the playoffs last year (easily forgotten?), yet some friends will say, why waste an evening at Heritage Park?

To this typist, a lifelong incorrigible baseball buff, the minors are more fun than the majors, and the baseball is darn near as good. Here is where the fan, as distinguished from the casual spectator, can go to the ballpark after supper, sit close to the action, and watch finely tuned young professional athletes play the planet's most demanding and most graceful game.

There is something of beauty in the double play, the stolen base, the leaping catch of a line drive, the high arc of a home run clearing the outfield fence. It's a game of mathematical science and strategy, a game of suspense, as when your pitcher runs the count to 2-and-2 on the visiting cleanup hitter with the go-ahead run on second base in the eighth.

Parishioners who become familiar with key players get an extra measure of enjoyment, entitling them to a privileged glimpse inside the manager's mind in moments of crisis. Who does he have to pinch hit? Is a good lefthander available in the bullpen? Who are the next two hitters coming up?

That's where the lure of the pastime comes in. Among the current crop of A-C Yankees are a dozen familiar faces from last season, along with some colorful newcomers. The full cast is on display this week at Heritage Park during the first home stand of the new year. As a bonus, the visiting teams have some highly publicized characters of their own, touted as not only future big leaguers, but potential superstars of the Nineties.

For openers, when you make your first visit to Heritage, keep a close watch on two of the A-C

Yankees' most publicized performers. One is Hensley Meulens, the third baseman, considered one of the New York Yankees' most valued properties. Another is Deion Sanders, the centerfielder, a superstar prospect in baseball who also is certain to be a first-round pick in the NFL draft later this month.

If you want a look at this phenom, better not wait too long—for two reasons. One, despite a spectacular debut with Albany in the opener in London, Ont. last Thursday (4-for-4, a sacrifice, a steal and a game-saving catch against the fence) he may not be around long once the pitchers find the book on him. Two, he has hinted he prefers football, which means that come July he will be in some NFL camp.

Meanwhile, Deion (rhymes with neon), a Yankee at Florida State in '88, is enjoying everything but the weather in Albany. At the annual media day at Heritage last week, he obviously was having fun in the Bo Jackson mould, telling reporters he hasn't made up his mind yet. "Maybe I'll just keep people in suspense," he said.

The parent organization considers him one of its top prospects, whose blazing speed and powerful arm make him a candidate for centerfield at Yankee Stadium after a couple of years' experience—if he stays with baseball. "I'm used to being a star," he said last week. "I know I can be a star in football. I'll have to find out if I can do it in baseball."

For that reason the Yankees may keep him here even if he finds it rough hitting Double-A and might be better off in Class A.

The Meulens story has a somewhat different twist. Here is a player regarded as a sure shot for third base in the Bronx, perhaps only a year or two away. That has been the most unsettled position in the Stadium in recent years, but when the brass tried to speed up the Meulens process by promoting him to Triple-A Columbus last July, it didn't work.

Now they've got Meulens back in Albany, hoping he will have a chance to recover from the rush job of '88. At 6-3 and 190, he has tremendous power (witness a 500-foot opposite-field dinger in spring training at Fort Lauderdale), but he strikes out too often and needs work on his fielding.

Before he was sent up, Meulens hit .245 in 79 games with Albany, and was leading the league with 13 home runs, enough to be regarded by Eastern managers as the league's top prospect. But he also had 97 strikeouts in 278 at-bats.


In Columbus he got off to a good start, but when experienced pitchers made adjustments, he dropped to .230 with only six home runs in 55 games. He also struck out 61 times in 209 recorded trips.

"I'm better off staying the whole year in Albany," he said the other day. "I want to have a big year. They said I could still go up (to the Stadium) from Double-A, but I'm in no hurry." (He's only 21.)

Whereas Sanders could be called cocky, Meulens exudes good-natured self-confidence. He's a fun-loving product of the Caribbean island of Curacao, where his status as a hero was enough to inspire an island radio crew to come to Albany for direct broadcasts a year ago. He had a good training camp after playing winter ball in the Dominican Republic, where he hit more consistently and cut down on his throwing errors.

The A-C Yankees are at Heritage tonight (Wednesday) against the Canton Indians, and Thursday through Sunday against the Harrisburg Senators, the Pirates' Double-A farm. Catch one if you can, and watch for Meulens and Sanders.

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As important as Jackson's performance was, it was the talent of the Blackbird girls that brought the team their win. Courtney Langford sailed to victory in both the 100 and 400-meter hurdles, with times of 20.5 and 81.5, a full 10 seconds ahead of Spa's hurdlers. Carey Donohue racked up points in the 100-meter dash with a time of 4.2, the 200-meter dash with 28.9 and the triple jump with a leap of 30-feet, two-inches.

Kristen Foley and Angela Washburn showed their talent for field events, with Foley's 24-feet, two inches in the shot put and 84-feet, five inches in the discus. Washburn was very close behind her, taking two second place spots with 24-feet, one inch and 82-feet, eight inches.

Nicole Solomos accumulated nine points for Voorheesville with her second place finishes in the 100-meter dash, 200-meter dash and triple jump, as well as helping the 400-meter relay team to second place.

Stephanie Brown established herself as a bona fide distance runner by placing first in the 1500-meter run with 5:50, second in the 800-meter run, and anchoring the last leg of the 1000-meter relay.

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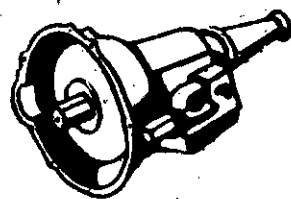
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Obituaries

James P. Burns

James P. Burns of Haverstraw, N.Y., father of Kathleen Bragle of Slingerlands, died April 8 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern.

The son of the late Thomas and Margaret Rafferty Burns, he was born in New York City and was a graduate of Manhattan Prep, Fordham University and Hunter College. He taught social studies at Port Chester High School for many years until his retirement in 1972.

Through the years he played violin and viola in professional orchestras around the New York City area and was active in the musicians' union. Two years after his retirement, he was a member of the viola section of the Jacksonville (Fla.) Symphony Orchestra.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine MacDonald Burns; two daughters, Margaret Hamilton of Haverstraw and Kathleen Bragle of Slingerlands and five grandchildren.

A requiem mass will be held today (Wednesday) at Our Lady of Mercy Church, Port Chester.

Contributions in his memory may be made to the Empire State Youth Orchestra, Box 3965, Albany, N.Y. 12203.

Thomas J. Kunz

Thomas J. Kunz, former Delmar resident and one time teacher and coach at the former Coeymans High School, died April 9 at Guiderland Center Nursing Home, He was 79.

A Brooklyn native, he grew up in Saranac Lake and earned bachelor's and master's degrees at St. Lawrence University, where he was a three-sport varsity athlete, a member of the Alpha Tau Omega chapter and the Kixioc, the senior men's honor society.

He came to Coeymans in 1932, leaving in 1941 to join the staff of the United Service Organization in New York City, later in Albany, until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member of the St. Lawrence University Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Lenney Kunz of Delmar; a son, Michael Kunz of Fairbanks, Alaska; two daughters, Alesia Kunz of San Francisco and Kathy Jackson of Atlanta; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Potsdam, under arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 12206.

Mirtha M. Stokoe

Mirtha McClary Stokoe, a longtime Delmar resident and former secretary in the Town of Bethlehem building inspector's office, died April 7 at the Cedars Rest Home, Selkirk. She was 84.

A native of Cold Spring, N.Y., she came to Delmar in 1938. In 1954 she began work for the town,

retiring in 1966.

She was the wife of the late Donald C. Stokoe.

Survivors include a son, John C. Stokoe of Slingerlands; two sisters, Mineola Bailey of Raleigh, N.C., and Elleena Wilson of Pass-a-Grille Beach, Fla.; and four grandchildren.

Private funeral services will be held under arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar, with burial in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Contributions may be made to First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12054, or the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 12206.

Surviving loss is focus of program

The Rev. Arthur F. Hagy Jr. will conduct a three-session seminar, entitled "How to Survive the Loss of a Love," on Wednesdays, April 19 and 26, and May 3. The seminar will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Seminar participants will be aided in recognizing the large variety of "loss" situations in life.

For information call 439-9976.

Saco, Bruno to lead cancer fund drive

Dorothy B. Sacco of Voorheesville and Mary Ann Bruno of Clarksville have been named co-chairmen to the the American Cancer Society's annual fund drive in New Scotland.

The New Scotland campaign will begin on Thursday, April 13, at the Bethlehem Public Library between 4:30 and 7 p.m. Fund drive captains and section chairmen should attend the meeting.

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| Mar. 30 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Respiratory Distress |
| Mar. 30 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Respiratory Distress |
| Mar. 31 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Personal Injury |
| Mar. 31 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Auto Accident |
| Mar. 31 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Auto Accident |
| Mar. 31 | Selkirk Fire Dept. | Auto Accident |
| Mar. 31 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Auto Accident |
| Mar. 1 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Medical Emergency |
| Mar. 2 | Selkirk Fire Dept. | Alarm Drop |
| Mar. 2 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Alarm Drop |
| Mar. 2 | Elsmere Fire Co. | Standby |
| Mar. 2 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| Mar. 2 | Delmar Fire Dept. | Structure Fire |
| Mar. 2 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| Mar. 2 | Slingerlands Fire Dept. | Alarm Drop |
| Mar. 2 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Standby |
| Mar. 3 | Bethlehem Ambulance | Respiratory Distress |
| Mar. 4 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Medical Emergency |
| Mar. 5 | Delmar Rescue Squad | Unknown |

The top bowlers for the Elsmere Fire Co. for April 6 were Bill Webb, 245-685 mens high single and triple; Heidi Ruckwid, 168 ladies high single; Ann Costigen, 428 ladies high triple.

The North Bethlehem Fire Department will sponsor a pancake breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 8 a.m. to noon at the North Bethlehem Fire House on Russell Rd.

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Selkirk Fire Department in South Bethlehem is having a spaghetti supper on Saturday, April 15, from 5 to 7 p.m. Adults can eat for \$5.50.

The Town of Bethlehem Fire Officers Meeting will be April 13 at the North Bethlehem Firehouse at 8 p.m.

Cemetery vandals

Seventeen gravestones were knocked down and two broken at Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar, Friday night, according to town police. The damage, totaling \$2,850, occurred some time between 8 p.m. and 6 a.m.

Pump taken

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a hydraulic water pump, valued at \$300, from the backyard of a home on Delmar Place. The item, last seen by the owner over six weeks ago, was discovered missing Monday.

Detectors stolen

Leaving car doors unlocked cost two local residents their radar detectors to thieves last week.

Bethlehem police report that at 7:30 p.m. April 4 a Slingerlands resident parked her car in the driveway in front of her home. One and a half hours later, she returned to find the radar detector missing from the dashboard.

That same evening, another resident left her car doors unlocked, only to find a radar detector valued at \$295 gone the next morning. Nothing else was taken.

Feura Bush man arrested for DWI

A Feura Bush man was arrested by Bethlehem police Friday for driving while intoxicated.

The man was also charged with driving without a license and failure to keep right when he was stopped on Delaware Ave. in front of Bethlehem Town Hall.

He was taken to the Albany County Sheriff's Department substation at Voorheesville where he failed a sobriety test.

He was released pending appearance in Bethlehem Town Court April 24.

AARP meeting set

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired persons will hold its regular meeting on Tuesday, April 18, at the First United Methodist Church on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. Social hour will begin at 12:30 p.m. and the meeting will begin at 1 p.m. The program theme will be "Safety in the Home".

Solution to "April Fools"

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| ACROSS | 1 Practice boxing | 5 Jan. to Dec. holder | 36 R.R. Dep. |
| | 5 Lil Abner's creator | 6 "Ten Percenter" | 38 Climb the corporate ladder |
| | 9 Whiskey | 7 A teacher's pet? | 41 Three (prefix) |
| | 13 What Carson and Leno do | 8 Nags | 44 Boys and girls together (2 wds) |
| | 14 Malaria | 9 Wild | 45 Muse of lyric poetry |
| | 15 Co-partner in NATO | 10 Martini fruit | 47 St. Bernard's cargo |
| | 16 Gentle Southern drinks | 11 An occupational hazard for Joe | |
| | 18 Too much drinking | 12 Whiskey ingredients | |
| | 19 Poetic meter | 13 He or she loves (lat) | |
| | 20 Young louse | 17 Coll. in Storrs, Ct. | |
| | 21 Caesar's greetings | 24 Offensive (As spelled by Joe's customers) | |
| | 22 Virtus (Tanism) | 25 Retrieves | |
| | 23 (Illegal) whiskey seller | 27 Mr. Marvin | |
| | 26 Whiskey | 29 Saratoga for one | |
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| | 29 ___ gin | 32 Dornier ___ Latest fashion | |
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| | 37 Type of play | 35 Fermented sugar cane product | |
| | 39 Large coffee pot | | |
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| | 43 Place to be on a winter's eve | | |
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| | 48 Choo Choo? | | |
| | 50 Tonsillitis (2wds) | | |
| | 54 Star wars initials | | |
| | 57 Razor | | |
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| | 62 Summer cooler | | |
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| | 65 Grandparental | | |
| | 66 Dryer trap, e.g. | | |
| | 67 Exclusive | | |
| | 68 ___ du monde: People of the world | | |
| | 69 Peter Pan's Pirate | | |
| | DOWN | | |
| | 1 Pleasing expression | | |
| | 2 Party watering hole | | |
| | 3 Nick Charles' dog | | |
| | 4 To alter course again | | |

Andriano-Markell

Mrs. James Haack of Delmar has announced the engagement of her daughter, Frances C. Andriano, to Robert H. Markel, son of Mr. Clarence Markel and Mrs. Joan Markel of Feura Bush. Miss Andriano is daughter of the late Mr. Frank Andriano.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by the Town of Bethlehem. Her fiance, a graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, is also employed by the Town of Bethlehem.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Andrew John, to Maureen and John E. Downen, Voorheesville, March 29.

Girl, Shannon Mae, to Helen Mae and Charles John Halsam, Feura Bush, March 22.

Girl, Kara Anne, to Lee and Rob Nolan, Slingerlands, March 22.

Boy, Nicholas Stewart, to Cristina and Arthur Kelly, Delmar, March 20.

Boy, Branden Edward, to Donna and Bert Carkner, Selkirk, March 15.

Boy, Patrick John, to Linda and John Meany, Delmar, Feb. 10.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Emily Rose, to Lisa and Michael Burnau, Delmar, March 14.

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Janet Tweedie and Michael Sachs

Tweedie-Sachs

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Tweedie of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Michael Sachs, son of 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 fiance, 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.



Kathleen Brown and Matthew Mantaro

Brown-Montaro

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Matthew Mantaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mantaro, also of Delmar.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Vassar College, is currently a

third-year medical student at Albany Medical College.

Her fiance, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson College, is employed by Tecnor Instruments as a sales engineer.

An Aug. 5 wedding is planned.

Craftsmen invited to enter competition

The Rensselaer County Council for the Arts has invited area craftsmen to participate in the 24th RCCA Riverfront Arts Fest juried crafts competition on June 17 and 18 at the Riverfront Park in Troy. For information or application forms, call 273-0552.

Five Rivers plans evening walk

The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will offer an evening walk on Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m. on the center grounds.

Center naturalists will give a short talk on some of the seldom seen, but often heard, heralds of spring such as toads and frogs. An easy walk outdoors will then be led in search of some of these elusive, tiny creatures. The walk will last for approximately one hour.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 457-6092.

Delmar Progress Club selects delegates

President Peggy Zimmerman and Vice President Lois Dillon of the Delmar Progress Club will serve as delegates to the General Federation of Women's Clubs (GFWC) at the bi-county meeting on April 7 at the Priyn House in Newtonville.

They will also be delegates to the GFWC Third District meet-

ing on April 13 in Saugerties, and at the state convention in Cooperstown in May.

Alternate delegates to the bi-county and Third District meetings are Nellie Evans, Jeanette Hall and Marie Peters. Alternate delegates to the state convention are Eleanor Clarke, Mary Freeman and Helen McClean.

Local 4-H members to visit Washington

Several local teens will be traveling to Washington on April 16 to participate in the "Citizenship Washington Focus Program" at the National 4-H Center in Maryland.

Jennifer Appley, Amy Fike, Scot Chamberlain, Alexandra Kinnear, Cynthia Law and Wendy Reynolds of Voorheesville will be

on the trip. Other members of the group are Laurel Ingraham and Dustin Leonard from Clarksville, and Billy Greer, Wendy Kleinke, Laura Kleinke and Tom Preska of Delmar.

The trip itinerary will include a visit with Congressman Michael McNulty (D-23) and tours of national historic sites.

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Creamed chicken on homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, and all the trimmings will be offered at three different servings, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. A donation of \$6.75 for adults, \$2.50 for children under 12 and \$1 for children under 5 will be collected.

Reservations are necessary, as there is limited space. For reservations, call 768-2015.

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about may be instructive: In 1977, 28 homeowners, mostly newcomers, sued Guilderland in state Supreme Court. Judge Edward Conway went beyond the relief sought and ordered a town-wide reassessment. After some delays, in 1979 Guilderland hired a Scotia consulting firm, Armstrong Assessment Administration, with the necessary computer equipment to crunch the numbers. By the end of that summer, all the data was in and Guilderland's first full-value roll was filed in time for the September 1980 school tax.

The assessor's office was computerized. Since then, three updates have been completed at Town Hall: one later in 1981, then in 1985 and again earlier this year.

In other words, once every four years.

"If we see drastic changes, we'll do it sooner," says Guilderland Assessor Shirley Royak. "It depends on the real estate market."

A running file is kept of all real estate transactions. When it's time to update, each property is paired with five comparable properties that have recently sold in Guilderland. The computer may flag properties for field checks.

For Guilderland, much of the hardware and software was reimbursed through state funds early in the process. But that kind of money may not be available for New Scotland.

Says Supervisor Herbert Reilly: "We put \$10,200 in this year's budget for reassessment, expecting (state) reimbursement. But it doesn't look like we're going to get five cents of that."

With that \$10,200, the town would have reassessed 132 parcels in Clarksville — selected because it is a densely populated area with mostly older housing — then the Village of Voorheesville, which receives its assessment data from the town.

And if New Scotland goes with 100 percent assessment? "We'll have to finance it through the budget," says Reilly, "probably have to go to bond anticipation notes, then bonds. 'What I hate about it, is the people and say, 'We're running up a debt and we'll have nothing to show for it, just figures on paper.'"

The estimates requested from the assessor's office would serve as benchmarks should the town board decide to put the job out to bid.

As a result of other board action:

- Michael Hotaling will succeed Peter Van Zetten on May 31 as town highway superintendent and civil defense director. Hotaling, a Voorheesville resident, is Van Zetten's assistant. Van Zetten, who plans to remain in this area, served 15 years as highway chief.

- The board will express its opposition to the proposed Merco plant in Westerlo through letters to state officials at the request of County Legislator Charles Houghtaling of Feura Bush. New Scotland lies a few miles downwind from the site, where mercury batteries would be melted down for recycling. The site also lies in the watershed on Basic Creek reservoir, which is indirectly a public water source for Feura Bush.

- The town will petition Bethlehem a third time to have the 13 homes in Heldervale IV included in the Bethlehem Sewer District.



Students built medieval catapults and jousting equipment as part of their class project for the fair. *Lyn Staff*



An added highlight at Friday's fair came when Cindy Wright's second grade students surprised her with a balloon bouquet to celebrate her 70th birthday. *Lyn Staff*



Students watch as Michael Keiserman shears a sheep at the Voorheesville Elementary School Medieval Fair last week. *Lyn Staff*



Students dressed as "Ladies In Waiting" practice their calligraphy skills for display on the wall in the background. *Lyn Staff*

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