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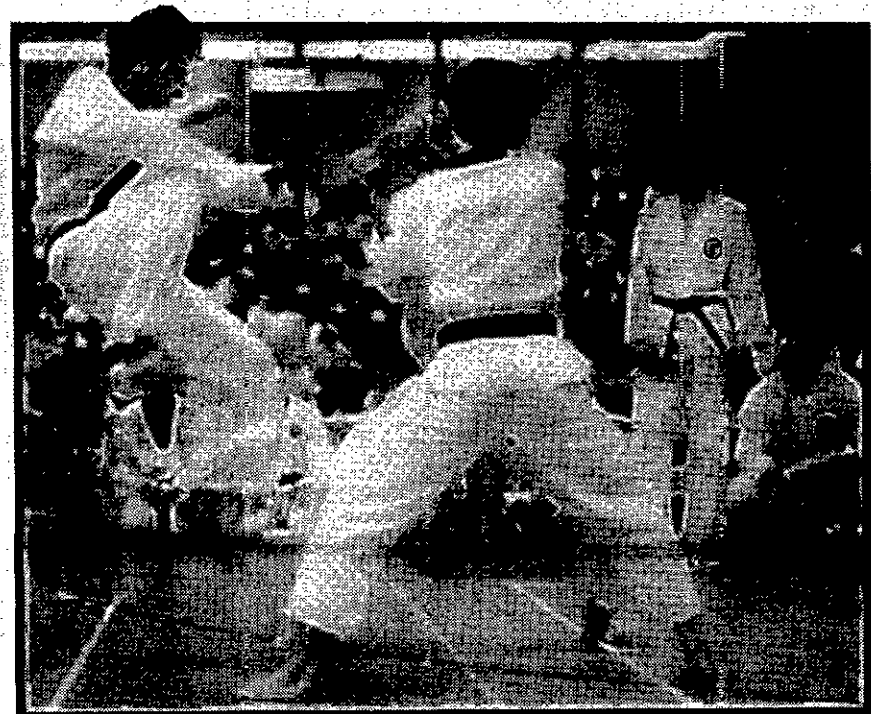
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Kicking in -- Hudson Valley Tae Kwon Do recently presented a martial arts tournament at the Bethlehem High School to benefit Bethlehem's drug assistance resistance education program (DARE). Guy Laplant is shown breaking a wooden board.

Conrail incinerator for Selkirk only

'Non-hazardous' plan described

By Bob Hagyard

The proposed incinerator for lubricating oil and filters at the Selkirk Rail Yards won't take wastes from the rest of the Conrail system, representatives of the corporation said last week.

Further, officials said the incinerator would not be connected to any hazardous-waste commercial ventures Conrail may undertake through its partnership with OHM Corp., an Ohio-based firm.

Three Conrail representatives from Pennsylvania outlined details of the project through a conference call to *The Spotlight*. In recent weeks the incinerator has been the subject of news stories based on what appeared to be contradictory statements from the company.

Should plans be approved by the state Department of Environmental Conservation, the incinerator would handle 108 tons of oil and filters per year, said Donald Halloschultz, public affairs officer at Conrail headquarters in Philadelphia.

The waste would come "just from the Selkirk diesel terminal" and be reduced 90 percent to 10.8 tons of ash, "less than half a Dumpster full," said Craig Curry, Conrail manager of environmental affairs in Philadelphia.

An application with EnCon "will be filed as soon as possible," said Halloschultz.

"This ash would be a non-hazardous waste stream," Curry said. According to Hal Ryan, Conrail director of facilities engineering in Altoona, the ash would be landfilled in the Buffalo area, where the lube oil and filters are currently taken.

Ryan would not detail the kind of incinerator contemplated, but suggested it would be similar to one at Conrail's car shops at Hollidaysburg, Pa., which Curry said meets Pennsylvania state standards as a non-hazardous-matter incinerator.

Hazardous "heavy" metals do not commonly appear in lube oil or lube fil-

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Protracted contract negotiations expected

Voorheesville teachers show patience

By Mike Larabee

Current negotiations for a new three-year Voorheesville teachers agreement could easily extend beyond the current contract's expiration date, according to Teachers' Association President Richard Mele. Three years ago, Voorheesville teachers worked long into the 1987-88 school year without a contract.

"We recognize this process may go well beyond June 30," said Mele, a science teacher at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. "We're willing to persevere."

The talks are being conducted in the context of the annual budget making process. Last week, the school board and administration unveiled a tentative budget totaling \$10,248,471 for 1990-91, an 11.2 percent increase over last year, that contained a teacher salary increase of 4.5 percent. The district can adopt the budget before teacher salary figures are finalized because additional monies for salaries can be reallocated from fund reserves in the budget without increasing the overall total, according to Anthony Cashara, district assistant superintendent for business.

Both Cashara and Mele said it would not be a large problem if negotiations are not settled by June 30, but Mele added that "Obviously, it's disturbing for the teacher's if they don't have a contract."

Contract proposal

So far, district officials and teachers have met three times. A two-part proposal made during two February meetings by the teachers is currently on the table.

Part one of the proposal calls for changes to the language of the old contract as drawn from a survey of Voorheesville's faculty. Mele said the results of the survey indicated the teachers feel one of the primary improvements needed in the contract is a plan guaranteeing a "more professional use of our time."

"We want teachers spending time in activities that use their teaching abilities to their best advantage," Mele said. He argued teachers should not be assigned duties like lunch room or study hall supervision when those duties could be given to teachers' aides.

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BOU auction to drive bidders up the wall

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

Kids have you climbing the walls?

They very well may — if you attend the Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited Auction planned for March 23 at the senior high school in Delmar.

Among the more than 200 items donated to auction is a day of rock climbing with middle school physical education teacher Nancy Smith.

"We've got a real variety of items this year," said BOU President Holly Billings, who is overseeing her fifth auction. "We have everything from stone wall building lessons and a day of skiing with Town Supervisor Ken Ringler to use of a house on Cape Cod for Labor Day weekend or pizza and soda delivered by middle school teacher Bob Salamone."

The auction will be held in three parts, including live, silent and Chinese auctions. Billings explained that the Chinese auction works similarly to a raffle, with participants buying \$1 chances to place in a pool for specific items. If your chance is drawn on the

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A day with expert rock climber Nancy Smith is one of the items for bid in the BOU auction.

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ters, Curry also said, assuming heavy metals are defined as "soluble metals that are toxic. In our used lube oil you will have metals from engines, but they don't fit the definition. Put it this way: If you took a piece of steel and shaved it down, that's what you would get."

Nor would the incinerator be part of any larger enterprise planned by the company. "This would be a very small facility, too small to generate electricity," said Ryan, who added: "It would be incapable of taking trash, or filters beyond what the (Selkirk) facility generates itself."

Halloschultz termed the project an effort to "meet new state

and federal requirements having to do with waste minimalization. What we're proposing allows us to comply with regulations imposed on this industry. As of now, this waste is going solely to landfill. We would landfill about 10 percent of what we landfilled formerly, and I don't have to tell you which way the future of landfills is going."

Halloschultz promised to

furnish *The Spotlight* a copy of Conrail's EnCon application once it is filed.

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Other changes covered in the first part of the proposal are more streamlined grievance procedures and improvements in retirement

incentives and teacher evaluation procedures, Mele said.

Part two of the teachers' proposal concerns salary scales. According to Mele, the teachers are asking for increases comparable to those of area schools with similar academic performance ratings.

"We're coming out of a situation where we're lagging behind other schools not only in terms of dollars necessarily, but structurally as well," he said. "Other schools have a more satisfactory arrangement with a separate master's scale."

Under the present contract, Voorheesville teachers have a single base salary scale. Teachers with a master's degree earn an additional \$450 over the base scale. First step teachers without a master's will make \$22,000 in 1989-90 while the base pay for the most tenured teachers is \$41,800. The 1987-88 salaries for the same groups were \$19,000 and \$37,430.

The district is expected to respond to salary proposals at a fourth meeting scheduled with teacher representatives for tomorrow (Thursday).

Cashara said last week the areas of most difficult negotiations are likely to be salary and benefits. "We're going to be tough on the salary issue this year," he said.

According to Cashara, the 4.5 percent salary increase in the first draft of the 1990-91 budget was set low intentionally because of the ongoing negotiations.

"I would doubt that it would be accepted at that number," he said. He refused to speculate at what percentage an agreement would eventually be reached, but added that teacher salaries have been rising at "7.5 to 8 percent across the Capital District."

Budget meeting

On Monday, April 2, at 7 p.m. in the high school library, the school board will hold a special meeting with community members to discuss the 1990-91 school budget. Tentatively, \$6 million of the \$10.2 million budget is slated to be covered by taxes while \$3.7 million is expected to come from aid. According to Cashara, school tax rates are not yet known because new property assessment figures in New Scotland and Guiderland will not be available for another two weeks.

The most sizable increases in the tentative budget occur in debt service, scheduled to increase from \$528,885 to \$1,023,600, and salaries, up \$304,485 to \$4,901,037. Salaries account for 50.8 percent of total 1990-91 expenditures under the tentative proposal.

The only decrease in spending is scheduled to occur in equipment, down to \$130,000 from \$209,000, reportedly because the recent approval of the bus bond proposition shifts the entire burden of monies for bus purchases to debt service.

Lenten talk led by Dr. Robert Hess

This Sunday's Delmar Reformed Church Lenten series will be "Questions of Faith" led by Dr. Robert Hess beginning at 10 a.m.

Services are from 10 to 11 a.m. every Sunday mornings or 7:30 through 9 p.m. on Wednesday evenings from March 7 through April 4.

Sunday School Classes are at 9 and 11 a.m. Nursery school care will be provided from 9 a.m. to noon. Bible Study classes will run from 10 through 11 a.m.

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Auction

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item you have selected with your \$1 ticket, you win. There will also be a raffle for a \$50 dinner at the Stone Ends restaurant in Glenmont.

During the auction, the first 100 participants will dine on free Ben and Jerry's ice cream. In addition, refreshments will be for sale by the Key Club, Peer Helpers and Students Against Drunk Driving groups.

The evening is B.O.U.'s major fundraiser, and proceeds go to all of the groups activities, including parent workshops, teen nights from May to July at Del Lanes, the popular 'battle of the bands', post-prom activities at the town park, and a variety of B.O.U. grants supporting community and school events throughout the year.

Last year's turn-out surprised even Billings. "We were expecting about 150 people, and 400 turned up," she said. "It was a real community outpouring."

This year, auctioneer and middle school Principal Dave Murphy will kick off the proceeding at 7 p.m. in the high school cafeteria, which Billings ensures "can hardly be recognized" amidst the balloons and decorations.

"Of course I encourage everyone to come because it's a good cause," Billings said. "But mostly, I think they should come because it's a lot of fun."

For additional information on the evening, call BOU at 439-6885.



A two hour performance by the group "New Dads on the Block" will go to the highest bidder at the BOU auction. All three members of the band have children at the Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar. From left are Ken Gertz,



Dennis Frank and Ed Dominelli. A genuine antique oak spinning wheel donated by Sally and Arthur Webb of Glenmont is also for auction. The event will be held March 23 at the senior high school in Delmar.

Planners explore Phillipin Kill development

By Bob Hagyard

"George Washington didn't sleep there. None of the patroons, either," said Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman Martin Barr last week in dismissing the historic value of the Oliver House at the corner of Orchard Street and Fisher Road.

Would that all the issues were so easy — that is, the issues surrounding development along the Phillipin Kill just west of Delmar. Before the board last week were two subdivisions in this bloc of undeveloped territory: Cedar Ridge, 128 single-family units proposed for the corner of Orchard and Fisher, and Devonshire Hills, 28 single-families across the ravine to the east.

Cedar Ridge

Last week, the board deferred action on Cedar Ridge's draft final environmental impact statement until sometime before the April 3 meeting. Approval would be followed by a 10-day public comment period.

Under the current plan, the Oliver farmhouse would come out, said engineering consultant Edward Kleinke, who prepared the draft statement. Not known is whether the structure would be relocated or demolished.

All driveways would exit onto internal streets in the development, which would then exit onto Orchard and a realigned Fisher, according to the draft final. The DEIS was the subject of a public last April 4 and all subsequent written comments echoed oral comments at the hearing, reported board member Edward Kleinke.

Fisher would be realigned so that, if plans for a Fisher Boulevard Extension and the Delmar Village it would serve go through, the roads would intersect opposite

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each other on Orchard Street. The developer would be assigned responsibility for costs of the road work in the immediate area, yet coordinate that work with whatever plans the town department of public works may have to widen Orchard Street to the east and west to accommodate the expected increase in traffic, Kleinke also said.

DPW commissioner Bruce Secor told the board those plans for Orchard would include a 24-foot wide pavement and a six- to eight-foot wide grass buffer between the pavement and a bicycle path.

Full highway and stormwater drainage plans have not been submitted, Kleinke said, leaving board members wondering aloud if the statement was ready for their approval. Said board counsel Bob Alessi: "If it is not a complete (final environmental impact statement,) no You have to make a motion that the FEIS is complete." Board members judged the FEIS incomplete, hence no action.

Art Brod of Planners East, representing Cedar Ridge Associates, then took the floor.

"The planning board elected to prepare the FEIS instead of the developer," he said. "We have a revised plan more sympathetic to the land, zoning that's R-20 instead of R-15, all necessary phasing, and we have cooperated with all mitigation measures (such as buffer zones). You have enough information on this project."

The 45-day interval between draft and final EIS approvals, he added, has dragged out to "close to a year" in this case.



"George Washington didn't sleep there." To make way for 128 single-family homes in the Cedar Ridge subdivision, the Oliver House at the corner of Orchard Street and Fisher Road in Bethlehem faces relocation or demolition.

Bob Hagyard

Brod, board chairman Barr and board members agreed to revisit the draft document sometime before April 3.

Devonshire Hills

"Cedar Ridge and this would be draining into the Phillipin Kill, and I can't imagine where you're going to build," said a skeptical Dominick DeCecco. "You'll need stilts."

"It's rolling land," said Gary Hoffman of C.T. Male, representing the developers.

Road access would be from Devonshire Drive and possibly Orchard Street as well to avoid "a 4,500-foot dead-end street," as Hoffman put it. However, Hoffman foresaw problems with an Orchard Street connection because of the ravine in between.

Hoffman pointed out two possible access points. One would require 8,000 cubic yards of fill to bridge a 20-foot gully 200 feet to the top of a hill. At the second point, over 20,000 cubic yards

would be required to span a 220-foot wide gully 28 feet deep — an expensive job and maybe a potential erosion problem. In addition, the proposed Option 1 intersection would mean a sight distance on Orchard of 200 feet, 25 less than what is deemed acceptable, Matthews noted.

That's an expensive job, agreed Hoffman and Secor. Either alternative could "interfere with the drainage of the area," said DeCecco.

"I've been out there, and I agree with (DeCecco)," said chairman Barr. "It's amazing, the fall-off there — a real rugged area, where that road is supposed to go through. I don't see the need for a connection to Orchard Street. It keeps some traffic that probably isn't needed from this section of Orchard Street that's going to get it anyway (from Cedar Ridge and Delmar Village)."

Secor said he would like details on sight distances and safe stopping distances in the area.

Sunday breakfast at Voorheesville Post

The Voorheesville American Legion - Post #1493 on Voorheesville Avenue will sponsor a ham and egg breakfast this Sunday, March 18 from 8 a.m. to noon. Cost is \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children.

Driver training course at RCS High School

A six hour Driver Training Associates Point and Insurance Reduction Program will be offered for licensed drivers and those with Learners Permits on March 19 and 22 from 6:30 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. at the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk High School.

Participants in the program will receive a 10 percent reduction on both vehicle liability and collision insurance premiums for three consecutive years and also have four Department of Motor Vehicle Conviction points removed from their driving record. The fee is \$35. For information or to register call 756-2155.

Lions clubs offer tour of France

The Lions Clubs of New York are offering a tour of France by motor coach during the summer of 1990.

Tour dates are from July 15, 16 or 17 to Aug. 13, and the tour is for students ages 17 to 21 years old.

The tour includes round trip flight from JFK airport to Paris, all lodging and food, hosting in French homes, a chaperoned tour of all regions of France, and motor coach travel of the group.

For further information about itinerary, call Lion Red Goyer, 439-7031.

Deadline for applying is April 30. The group is limited to 30 students.

Making a place for seniors

It's easy to see why Bethlehem is still playing catch-up when it comes to affordable, appropriate housing for senior citizens.

The latest proposal to be given the skeptical once-over by town planners is from the town's senior citizens housing committee. It would allow for "floating zones" for high-density senior citizen housing. The land would have to meet criteria as to acreage and proximity to transportation and medical services, but would not have to be specially zoned for this purpose.

What that means is that a developer would be able to secure a parcel and make an application for federal funding with the assurance that he would not have to go through a lengthy rezoning process. The system has worked in other towns, notably Colonie, and appears to be a virtual necessity if Bethlehem is serious about subsidized, low and moderate income housing for seniors.

The need is clearly there. The town's popu-

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lation is "aging," and will continue to do so, according to the experts. And there simply is not enough affordable housing for people who are on fixed incomes and can no longer maintain a single-family home. Only one project of this sort has been started, at the Good Samaritan Home, and its 36 units are far short of the demand.

Once again, the guardians of the town's "property values" — read homogenization — throw cold water on an idea that would allow a bit of diversity in Bethlehem. It follows the ill-conceived legislation that increased lot sizes and otherwise tightened zoning in response to a dimly perceived development boom in the region. There is such a thing as being over-protective.

Boxing the serpent

As storied tradition has it, one old serpent resisted Saint Patrick in his mission of clearing Ireland of its vermin. So he made a box and invited the serpent to enter it. The serpent objected, saying that it was too small.

But Saint Patrick insisted that the box surely was large enough to be comfortable. And eventually the serpent got in the box, just to prove that it was too small. Whereupon the wise saint, who was not yet a saint, of course, slammed down the lid and cast the box into the sea.

It is in commemoration of this that Saint Patrick usually is represented banishing the

serpents from his adopted land. Likewise, the shamrock is the symbol of Ireland because (it is said) no serpent will touch the plant — which Saint Patrick had selected to illustrate to his heathen flocks the doctrine of the trinity.

All this occurred early in the fifth century A.D. Last year, it may have escaped the attention of many that 1989 was reputed to be the probable 1600th anniversary of the saint's birth in a place that perhaps was Glamorgan (Wales). But note that since the birthdate is termed "approximate," very possibly 1990 is in fact the anniversary.

A 'fight song' for towns

How very timely was the mandate placed upon the 932 towns of New York State to fight for some of the additional funds that may become available through the "peace dividend."

The onus was well stated by Attorney General Robert Abrams, and his forum fittingly was the annual conclave of the chieftains of the State Association of Towns.

He noted that "the real value of federal grants to state and local governments has dropped by more than 30 percent" since President Reagan took office. Now comes what may become an unprecedented opportunity for the towns such as Bethlehem, New Scotland and Colonie to demand a reversing of the trend of declining federal assistance. Mr. Abrams sees the "democratic awakening" in Europe as the basis for a redirecting of the nation's resources away from the military commitments of the Cold War era and into renewed investments in pressing domestic needs.

Money for, particularly, the campaign against illicit drugs; environmental protection; and initiatives on homelessness were cited as most appropriate targets for redirected resources. In these and other areas, he correctly observed, localities are already taking on more than their fair share.

To the contrary, President Bush's administration seems reluctant, first of all, to recognize the crumbling of the Cold War and the prospect for reducing military expenditures. And his most recent messages simply toss the ball to the states (and thus to municipalities) for improving of many services and facilities.

We see two messages for some local officeholders in all this. Representative McNulty was able, upon entering the House of Representatives last year, to obtain a place on the armed services committee there, following in the tradition of his predecessor, Mr. Stratton. But as the days of grandiose weapons and manpower commitments — and outlays — fade into the background, the role of such committees is altered, along with the last-ditch fights for military installations and acquisitions. Now would be a very suitable time for Congressman McNulty to publicly assess priorities as he sees them from his advantaged position.

And the elected officials of our towns need to listen well to Mr. Abrams's theme, and come out of their corners fighting, as he suggests.

Words for the week

Memorialize: To commemorate; in another sense, to petition.

Fervor: Intensity of emotion. Intense heat. Ardor.

Bivouac: A temporary encampment in the field, usually by the military.

Chide: State one's disapproval of; somewhat less severe, ordinarily, than scold or reprimand.

Untoward: Unfavorable.

How one supermarket can shape our lives

Editor, The Spotlight:

No doubt the price of a frozen microwaveable pepperoni pizza is a concern; as is the availability of even basic items on the shelves, such as "your" brand of toilet paper; not to mention the danger of negotiating those narrow, crowded aisles and hairpin turns with a loaded shopping cart on a Saturday or a Friday or a Wednesday or Thursday, or for that matter almost any time of any day; to say nothing of the wasted time in slowly meandering along, finally to be greeted by ungodly checkout lines with no baggers.

But all of this is not new. These columns have reflected such concerns before.

I recently realized that something a little less obvious is happening. It was a Tuesday evening at about 6:30 p.m. My wife was out of town and I had stopped at the Grand Union for an easy dinner for me and the kids. Lo and behold —

Vox Pop

a friend I hadn't seen in years. We worked together years earlier, lived in the same town, yet our paths never crossed — until now — on Tuesday evening at the Grand Union.

I didn't think much about it until we met *again* on a Tuesday evening at the Grand Union. I said, "Don't tell me that you do the shopping for your family only on Tuesday evenings?" He confirmed that he did. I confessed that I do the primary shopping on Saturday or Sunday mornings between 7 and 8:30 a.m., never later, barring an act of God.

It was then I realized that a supermarket (I emphasize "only" one) has changed our living patterns in a very basic way. Shop-

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Encouraging progress on Jericho bridge

Editor, The Spotlight:

Another anniversary, neighbors.

On March 15, 1986, Albany County closed down the crumbling Jericho Bridge. During the past four years, the attractive striped barricades, adorned with their festive blinking lights, have served as a constant reminder to residents of the area.

But take heart. As you may recall, a couple of giant steps were taken last year which have put us much closer to a bridge reopening. In May, the County Legislature approved \$1.5 million as Albany County's share of repair costs. In addition, the long-awaited contract between Albany County and Conrail finally emerged in August. The agreement identifies Albany County and Conrail as the responsible parties. It spells out the re-

pair measures to be taken, and commits each party to paying for its respective share of the work.

Subsequent to those developments, workers began marking off what will become the new "T-type intersection with County Route 54," as called for in the contract. In addition, heavy machinery could also be seen at the bridge site last fall, testing the soils beneath the approach ramps.

As the repair efforts resume and things begin to take shape, everyone who signed the petition that went to County Executive Coyne; everyone who took the time to write a letter or place a phone call; all of you who made the trips up to Albany to attend the county legislature meetings — you should take pride in the fact that *you* made this all happen.

Mike Fahey

Selkirk

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UNCLE DUDLEY

Nightmare

I woke up early one morning (this was a generation ago) from a distressing dream sequence. In the dream, something had happened to one of the children — a kidnapping, I believe — and as the nightmare ended and I awoke, I was saying "But he is my favorite!"

That little boy would have been 35 years old this week. He was born in a St. Patrick's Day blizzard, the fourth and probably the most beautiful of five. When he was six years old, he was spared by the quick and daring action of Dr. Crawford Campbell, the only physician on hand when Jeff started hemorrhaging after a tonsillectomy. It was late evening at Child's Hospital, and an immediate transfusion was imperative though his blood type was unknown. Dr. Campbell courageously took a dire chance, and it came out right.

I had to write "would have been 35" because Jeff was killed instantly four years ago by a drunken driver. It was a summer Saturday night on a Maryland road. Jeff and Hope, his young bride of less than a year, were returning from a Baltimore Orioles game. The other driver, in a pickup, had spent the day on a boat in the Chesapeake, fishing and drinking. He served a prison term after pleading guilty to manslaughter, plea bargained down from a murder indictment. His own life was ruined, and I suppose that some measure of compassion should prevail for that.

But what of his victim? This

week Jeff would have still been the wonderfully fine man whom he always gave great promise of being. At the service for Jeff, his employer asked for the unusual privilege of speaking of his professionalism, work ethics, and moral values, along with his unassuming nature. "I am certain," he said, "that God has reserved a place for Jeff among His elite."

And what of Hope, with whom he was only beginning to share a

In preparing for St. Pat parties, read this first

lifetime's happiness? What of the devastated sisters and brother, who loved and admired his sweetness and his steadfastness and dedicated acceptance of responsibility? What of his mother, upon whom was inflicted the kind of loss that only a mother can understand? No penalty imposed on the culprit can heal any of that.

I am writing this "different" Uncle Dudley column in part because, this St. Patrick's Day week, Jeff is even more keenly in mind than ever, to each of those who loved him. That is true, of course, only relatively, for Jeff lives with us daily.

But another reason exists for this column which began with a nightmare. We still are reading

with every newspaper edition of another person who has died in a vehicular accident. Frequently it is a young person. Just as often, DWI is cited as a cause.

And newspaper columns are filled with DWI arrests of people who have received a break (though they may not realize it) by being caught before they, too, kill someone else or themselves.

These are people who "know better." They know that they can control the two-ton monster. They know that they can see sharply, can react instantly, can stay awake, can make the curves and honor the double yellow line, can discern the pedestrian or cyclist along the road. They know that they can clear their addled head with coffee, or even with "one for the road." They are gaily confident that their high spirit will see them through the red lights and the school buses and the other errant drivers.

They know they can get away with it. They always have, haven't they? But just as random chance was a prime factor in Jeff's death, the odds for them — you? — are totally unpredictable.

This column is written in the hope that someone who reads *The Spotlight* or the *Colony Spotlight* will be inspired to think twice, do the prudent and safe thing, in effect "take the pledge." Then perhaps they'll never know the pain of facing the kind of sorrow that they otherwise can create. And avoid a lifetime of nightmares.

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ASP stings world's failings

"Controversy surrounds wording on Price Chopper bags." "Activists rally at capitol, Governor's mansion." "Senators assail Bush's education budget proposal." "NYP-RIG lobbies for better waste control." "Area organizations announce programs to help the homeless."

Those aren't headlines out the *The Spotlight*. Or the *Times Union*. Or the *Daily Gazette*. (Or even the *Legislative Gazette*.) Much less the *New York Post*.

They summarize some of the principal stories in an issue of "ASP — Albany Student Press" that I picked up one day last week. The tabloid-sized paper (20 pages in this issue) is published twice a week during the academic year by the "Albany Student Press Corporation, an independent not-for-profit corporation." It is circulated to the student body at SUNYA, and judging from the stack of them in a campus corridor, I gather that the distribution is without direct cost to the consumer. Indeed, in this issue slightly over half of the available space was in advertising, which ranged from AT&T and IBM to fraternities boasting of their new pledges.

Sports were covered in a couple of pages. Elsewhere, the principal items of strictly campus concerns seemed to focus in the lively letters page. One of the best letters was on the students' desire to have a say in the selection of the next SUNYA president.

After the initial surprise that today's undergraduates are taking life so seriously, the heavy attention in ASP to heavy subjects was refreshing, if a bit overpowering. The principal news accounts "above the fold" on Page One were on Ralph Nader calling "for more student activism" and a report on a

ASP is doing its share of raising student awareness

United States Student Association legislative conference in D.C. where "racism and financial aid were top concerns." A box on a "Students for Choice" rally ("under heavy security") and the NYPIRG lobbying story rounded out the display.

Other stories inside included "Pollsters wrong in predicting Sandinista victory," "SUNYA professor surprised by Sandinista election loss," and "After the Sandinista fall: Is Cuba next?"

I was informed by the answers to the query posed in "Podium Perspectives" — namely, "Is the world changing for the better in light of recent developments in Eastern Europe, Nicaragua, and South Africa?"

The answers went like this: "I do not think there are any great reforms. If there were, we would not be having all the problems that we are having today."

Also, "Things will keep changing as long as Gorbachev stays in power. He is the key for freedom in the world."

"It is too early to tell. In 1848 very similar changes occurred in Europe and in most cases those revolutions failed and the government is even more reactionary than before."

"It is changing for the better. People are beginning to accept each other for what they are — not solely based on color."

A movie review (of "My Left Foot") appealed to me because the reviewer agreed with me (he gave it a rating of 3 1/2 asps). In a nutshell: "Daniel Day-Lewis's performance reverberates the work of fellow actor Dustin Hoffman in 'Rain Man' except that Lewis is on a higher level. So high, in fact, he almost dwarfs Hoffman."

The week's editorial, "Changing the world on 24 hours a day," picked up on a theme of Ralph Nader's in his recent SUNYA appearance, and struck a good note:

"Each person needs to make a contribution towards the kind of world in which they wish to live. Pick an activity on campus or in the community and make the most of it. No one is asking that each choose to become the next Mother Theresa, just to take some concern about the world in general."

That, surely, is the motivation of the editors in their biweekly contribution to students' awareness of that world.

Twenty-five years of melodrama

The writer served in the U.S. Congress from 1967 to 1971. He is editorial page editor of the *Spotlight* newspapers.

By Daniel E. Button

Point of View

As everyone has been reminded by now, the 25th anniversary of the ill-fated March from Selma to Montgomery (the first attempt) occurred on the first weekend of March. The anniversary was memorialized — all the hatred and violence and frustrated failure of it — melodramatically this year at Selma some 10 days ago.

What the national media has missed so far, in the eternal search for sensation, is the historic fact that failure was turned to monumental success just a fortnight later. An outpouring of protestors from all over the country swarmed into Selma, and with the untested umbrella of a federal court order they strode to Alabama's capital, 50 miles distant. Those who took part in that showdown (which culminated some five months later in the Voting Rights Act of 1965) will never forget it. I know. I was among those who walked, hand in hand, away from Brown Chapel, along Selma's dusty streets, across the Edmund Pettus Bridge (highway mark of the first march), and eastward along the highway.

"We shall overcome!" seldom has rung truer.

The office phone rang insistently on a rainy Friday afternoon. It was Alexander Aldrich, executive assistant to his cousin, Nelson Rockefeller, calling to say that he was leaving Saturday morning for Selma. He and George Fowler, chairman of the State Human Rights Commission, would be the Governor's official representatives at the march. Did I want to go?

That was the beginning. Not much more than 12 hours later we were off, by car to Newark Airport, then by plane to Atlanta and Columbus, by car again to Tuskegee for an overnight, and on to Selma, another hundred miles, on Sunday morning.

We hadn't been sure what kind of reception a carful of Yankee carpetbaggers might have in that tense situation. But we gained a clearer perception of the possibilities when a state trooper's car closely trailed ours for the final 40 minutes.

At a service outside the Brown Memorial Temple, the Rev. Martin Luther King declared "The time is now for justice." His quiet demeanor, contrasting with the fervor of his preaching style, reassured many of the throng of perhaps 4,000 who would be marching.

Then shortly after noon we formed in lines eight abreast and stepped off. We walked mostly in silence, in keeping with the non-violent movement's urging, and for quite some time virtually all marchers clasped hands across the column width. Tension was at its height as each little knot approached and crossed the Pettus Bridge. Under the watchful eye of troops, nothing untoward happened. At the outskirts of the little city we read a sign: "Selma, Alabama: Progressive and Friendly."

But such messages as "Yankee Trash Go Home!" and other crude warnings were lettered in the red clay dust on cars and trucks parked on the far side of the divided highway. Along the line of march, so that no one was ever more than a few yards from an armed man, stood MPs of the First Army. Some of them were clearly as hostile as the Selmans.

After 10 miles of steady walking (with three 15-minute rest stops), about 300 marchers selected by Dr. King established a bivouac area for the first night. The rest of us made our way back to Selma by whatever means turned up.

The march ended triumphantly on its fifth day. The familiar words of the chanting marchers, "We shall not be moved!" said it all.

For many, it had been obligatory to be on hand, to demonstrate

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On the road, Selma-to-Montgomery marchers take a break.

Matters of Opinion

Market shapes us

(From Page 4)

ping for many of us has become more of a challenge. It has become much more primal—a little closer to survival of the fittest. (As I drove to the Grand Union on a Saturday morning, I fantasize about the challenge of a final kill before the herds move on with the coming of the dry season, or reeling in the big one before the fog dissipates on the lake.)

I have heard stories of those who bring their children to the Grand Union, get a cart and immediately fall into the check-out line.

Vox Pop

The children are then given the frenzied job of retrieving items from the shelves and returning them to the check-out line. With a little luck, your exhausted daughter or son shows up with the ice cream just as you reach the cashier.

My wife and I have occasionally picked up a few items at the Grand Union after a Saturday night out. We have met people who on a

Saturday night do dinner, a movie and then Grand Union—not much on the shelves then, but not many people, either.

How about those families who do virtually all their shopping at the Handy Andy (quick and friendly); or those who are on a first-name basis with the managers of the Great Wall, Hoogy's, the Delmar Pizzeria, and that great institution, the Four Corners Luncheonette. They try to avoid the Grand Union altogether.

What does all this mean? Of course, we need another major supermarket chain to open a store in town. But until that happens, our peculiar shopping customs will persist.

James D. Cole

Delmar

Girl Scouting: It's not just selling cookies

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to make the public aware that this is National Girl Scout Week.

I am a senior at Colonie Central High School and a very active member of Girl Scouts. I have had many opportunities. I probably wouldn't have had otherwise. In recent years, my troop has gone to England, seen a Broadway play, and learned the art of clowning as a few of the myriad of activities

we've been involved with. Outside the troop, I have had the opportunity to climb three of the 40 high peaks, appear in a television show, spend two weeks in Wyoming exploring the wild west, attend a national convention where I had the chance to speak in front of 7,000 people, and serve as a member-at-large on the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council board of directors for three years.

As you can see, Girl Scouting isn't just a selling cookies and learning to sew organization anymore. Really, Girl Scouting is now an organization of the future, rather than the past.

For me, the past 12 years, and especially the past five, in Girl Scouting have afforded very few limits, and definitely expanded my horizons. Sure, you can learn to cook and sew—but you can also travel world-wide, go skydiving or white water rafting, produce a radio broadcast, or function in leadership capacities that are rarely found for teenagers elsewhere.

So in appreciation of Girl Scout Week, I'd like to ask the Capital District to stop and rethink what Girl Scouting is all about. I'd like for everyone to reflect on not only what Girl Scouting used to be, but to also think about how much we have changed, and how much of

an organization for the future we are now.

Sara Healy

Colonie

'Working together' on school project

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Friday, March 2, the Bethlehem Central High School Community Organization, BCCO, worked with faculty and students to sponsor a dance. This dance was a success. Over 150 students enjoyed an evening of music, dance, prizes, and food. In addition, this dance demonstrated how a successful parent group, school, and students can work together for an educational project. The students and administration of the high school particularly appreciate the work provided by Peter Trent, president of the BCCO; Jean Spinelli, dance coordinator; Pat Polan, assistant principal, and our four faculty chaperones. Without their special efforts, this evening of fun for the students of our community would not have been accomplished. Thank you.

Jon Hunter
Principal

Tuna products' boycott advocated by ASPCA

Editor, the Spotlight,

Two bills are now before Congress that would require the identification of canned tuna caught in a manner that kills dolphins. Each year more than 100,000 dolphins die when tuna boats encircle their herds and employ purse-seine nets to drag up the yellowfin tuna that swim beneath them. Since 1959, 6.5 million dolphins have died from this practice. Only 8.5 percent of the global tuna catch is caught by this method; other species of tuna are readily available; yet, the tuna industry knowingly dooms these dolphins to a slow and painful death by drowning, because the dolphin's presence above them makes yellowfin easier to spot and catch.

The ASPCA is calling for a complete consumer boycott of all tuna the tuna products, including pet foods, until this practice is stopped. Each of us can help by writing or calling our congressional representatives and urging their support for House bill H.R. 2926, sponsored by Rep. Barbara Boxer, and for the Senate bill, called



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the "Dolphin Protection Consumer Information Act of 1990," introduced by Sen. Joseph Biden. Concerned citizens can also call the Washington offices of Senators Alphonse D'Amato, Patrick Moynihan, and Rep. Michael McNulty at (202) 224-3121 to register opinions.

Companies respond when consumers demand change. Therefore, it is also important to write to the following tuna companies, whose addresses are printed on any of their products: H.J. Heinz (owners of Star-Kist); Carnation, Pillsbury, and Ralston-Purina (who purchase the products for their

pet foods). Try to persuade grocery stores to remove tuna from their shelves, and let's encourage our children to forgo tuna fish sandwiches until dolphin deaths are stopped.

Karen C. Ross

Delmar

Clarksville water still in dry-dock

By Mike Larabee

"I don't condemn the engineering firm, but I can't defend them either," said Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly. "My job is to get this ship docked."

This was Monday, after the town reported yet another delay in placing the long-awaited Clarksville water system on-line. For several months, a succession of last minute glitches have interrupted the flow of water to residents from the town's new wells.

"I've got five calls from people in Clarksville this morning alone," Reilly said. "They're upset, and rightfully so."

This time the hold-up is a 72 hour pumping test. According to Mike Hotaling, New Scotland highway superintendent, the test was supposed to be conducted in November by contractors under Laberge Engineering and Consulting, project engineers, but for some reason testing was stopped after

only 24 hours. Reilly said the test is needed to find out if contaminants appear in the water supply after an extended period of pumping.

This delay comes on the heels of the last problem to stall the project — an anomaly on the level of Nitrates found in a water sample which in turn demanded another test. Prior to that, the installation and testing of a special sensory phone line held up the system, originally scheduled to begin operation on Dec. 25, 1989, for three weeks in January.

According to Ronald J. Laberge, project manager with the firm, the 72 hour test in the end may not have to be conducted at all. He said they felt the test was not needed the data is there that supports the aquifer."

A meeting on the test between the state and county departments of health, Reilly, and Laberge was scheduled for Tuesday (yesterday) afternoon.

Remembering Selma

(From Page 5)

(in the original, best sense of the word) that "the time is now," and that at least in this time and place justice was not to be denied.

I do think sometimes of all those many different kinds, persuasions, genders, colors of people who congregated in Selma that day. I recall the comment of one stranger — unknown to me but a brother that Sunday — that if anyone chided him, back home, for having traveled to Selma, his response would be: "When the greatest thing in our time was going on, where was your body?"

And I recall, too, the words of Sam Aldrich as we walked and talked along Route 80:

"It's just as important to test discrimination in Albany or New York City or anywhere else."

Undoubtedly as true today as it was that quarter-century ago.

Exactly one year later almost to the very day, I was again in Selma. So were George Wallace and Lurleen, his wife, who was running for governor. It was a campaign rally, and Mr. Wallace gave me a good politician's greeting:

"Good to see you again — how you been?" It was accompanied by a friendly nod and a wink. But in the exchange of grips I got only his left hand.

Perhaps I can tell you more about that encounter one of these days.

Correction

Last week's Point of View column on the U.S.-U.S.S.R. Bridges for Peace incorrectly stated the occupation of Dr. Helen Bayly of Troy. She is an astronomer.

Point of View



Alexander Aldrich and Dan Button in Selma.

BCHS musicians perform at plaza

Forty-eight Bethlehem Central High School musicians were selected to perform in the 1990 Suburban Council Music Festival held recently at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

Students were: Elizabeth Baker, Jeffrey Ballou, Jennifer Berbrick, Craig Christian, Justin Davis, Julie DiNapoli, Kathryn Dorgan, Lee Eck, Emily Fraser, Rebecca Grimwood, Aaron Hart, Sean Hawley, Naomi Kubo, Benjamin Lazarus, Louis Lazarus, Keith Lenden, Rebecca Leonard.

Drama group checking support for program

The Bethlehem Theatre Support Group is conducting a survey on behalf of the Town of Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department to determine interest in a summer theater workshop. The program would be open to third through eighth graders and possibly high school students.

Tentatively, it would run for two three-week sessions culminating in a production at the end of the sixth week. There would also be field trips to area summer stock theaters. A fee would be charged for the workshop, which is expected to run for three hours a day.

For information, contact the Parks and Recreation Department at 439-4131 or Phoebe Kerness at 439-3419.

And Courtney Macomber, Tory McKenna, Jennifer Mallery, Brian Manning, Jennifer Matuszek, Vincent Moriarity, Kristen Noonan, James Pierce, Adam Price, Maile Ray, Suzanne Rice, Daniel Roberts, Erin Rodat, Brian Smith, Kira Stokes, Megan Walsh, Shannon Woodley, Sara Israel, Jessica Sharron, Kenneth Porter, Lisa Ballou, Georgia Butt, Lauralee Butt, Shawn Flynn, Rogean Cadieux, Nancy Leonard, Andrew McQuide, Daniel Roberts, Brigid Shogan, Brian Switzer, Joshua Vogel, Melissa Warden.

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BABY BOTTLE TOOTH DECAY

From a dental point of view, nursing babies from bottles can cause problems. Dentally-speaking, what's the worst thing you can do to a baby? Stick him in his crib with a bottle at nap time and let him fall asleep with the bottle in his mouth. Milk or juice in the mouth and on teeth turns to acid and causes teeth to break down rapidly. Many babies who sleep with a baby bottle develop severe tooth decay, often in their front teeth. The problem is not the bottle but what's in it. The sugar in the milk, formula, or fruit juices causes the decay. Sometimes, these teeth become so decayed they cause severe pain and may break off or have to be pulled.

During the day, the baby swallows these drinks quickly, so there is no damage to the teeth. But during sleep, the liquid pools behind the baby's teeth and keeps them bathed in sugar for hours.

One solution is to give baby the last feeding before bedtime. If your baby is still using a bottle when his teeth begin to appear, let him use it for short periods of time awake or sitting up. If he is using a bottle as a pacifier, put water in the bottle.

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Puppets on parade

Calling everyone who loves the fun and fantasy of a good time with puppets. That's right, this Thursday, March 15, as part of the Arts Kaleidoscope Program sponsored by the After School Activities Program (ASAP), the Shoor Thing Puppets will provide plenty of fun for children of all ages. The program, which will be held at Ravena Elementary School from 3:45 until 4:45, is open to all district children and parents.

The charge is 50 cents per person, and youngsters must be accompanied by an adult.

The Shoor Thing Puppets are the creative effort of Jan Shoor, also known to the public as Cranberry the Clown.

The workshop program will include hand, mouth and rod puppets. Students will learn about puppet construction and discover how their favorite Sesame Street characters are brought to life.

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Cheryl Clary 767-2373



Pre-kindergarten program offered at Ravena school

The Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District will again offer a pre-kindergarten program at Ravena Elementary School during September 1990. The program is part of the Better Beginnings Program, which is aimed at providing services to eligible children and their families during the early childhood years.

The pre-kindergarten program will serve 80 percent of the children on the basis of income guidelines and special needs. The other 20 percent may be from families of any income level.

RCS will offer two half-day pre-kindergarten sessions — morning and afternoon. Sixteen children will be served at each. Bus transportation will be provided at

the same time as kindergartners.

Breakfast or lunch will be served. The pre-kindergarten program will offer children opportunities for language and motor development, creative projects and play. A full-time teacher and classroom aid will work with the children.

Parents of participating children will be expected to attend parent/teacher conferences, and parent education programs provided by staff.

For information, call Nancy Andress, director of special programs, at 767-2516 or Diane Kilfoile, principal of Ravena Elementary, at 756-9157.

Celebrate St. Patrick's Day

'Tis the time for the wearing of the green, and the Bethlehem Elks want to share a St. Pat's Day you won't soon forget.

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Sheehan, a nice Irish lad, for tickets at 767-9959.

Auxiliary plans fish fry

In keeping with the Lenten tradition, the Selkirk No. 1 Fire Company's Ladies Auxiliary will hold a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 16, from 4:30 to 7 p.m., at the firehouse on Maple Avenue in Selkirk.

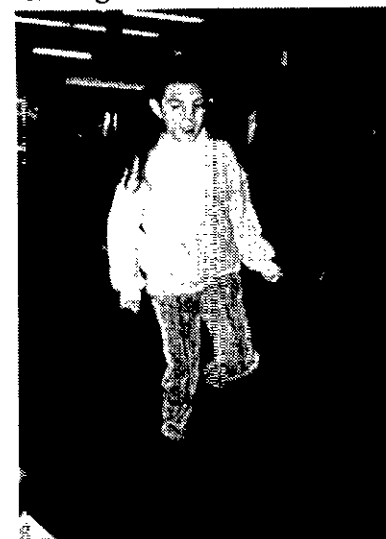
Adult dinners are \$4, and dinners for children 12 and younger are \$2. Take-out orders will be filled if containers are provided. The next fish fry will be held on Friday, March 30.

Author to speak

Partners in Education (PIE) of the RCS Middle School will present Conrad Toepfer Jr., Ph.D., an author and speaker who is currently on the staff of the Graduate School of Education, State University at Buffalo, at their March 21 meeting at 7 p.m. in the middle school large group room.

Toepfer is an advisor to the National Association of Secondary School Principals' Council on Middle School Education. His most recent article is entitled "Current Middle Level Education Issues: Implications for Schools in New York," and is timely in light of

recent plans to merge the RCS fifth grades with the junior high. He will speak about heterogeneous grouping and cooperative learning.



Chrissy Stannard was one of over 150 students who participated in a Feb. 27 hop-a-thon at A.W. Becker School in Selkirk to raise money for the American Muscular Dystrophy Association. Stannard is in Earl Jones' 4th grade class.

Cheryl Clary

Teachers present writing workshops

Recently teachers and administrators of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District presented workshops on reading and writing at the second annual Whole Language Conference sponsored by the Northeast Resource Allocation Consortium and Teacher Center.

The conference was held at the Desmond Americana and focused upon facilitating the implementation of language in primary grades, integrating language arts with social studies and science, as well as curriculum staff development and facilitating whole language implementation.

Reunion committee seeks information

The Reunion Planning Committee for the Bethlehem Central Class of 1970 is compiling a list of class members' addresses. Call Sue Reagan Walsh at 439-1183 or Darlene Mason Dowse at 439-0268 with addresses by March 31.

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Committee endorses \$11.2M center

By Bob Hagyard

Plans for an \$11.2 million community center were endorsed by the town of Bethlehem's four-year-old community center committee Monday night.

The proposed site lies south of the pool buildings at the Elm Avenue Town Park, according to plans presented by Donald Minnery of Delmar, a principal with The Saratoga Associates, consulting architect to the committee.

Two buildings would be constructed: a \$6 million community center housing an indoor pool, a day care facility and rooms for community activities, and a separate \$5.2 million, 1,200-seat theater building to the west. The park entrance would be relocated south to accommodate the new facilities.

The center committee considered an alternate plan to construct a new town hall building and turn the present building into a community center. That plan, tagged at \$6.9 million by Minnery, would have meant no theater or indoor pool, features identified as desirable in a community survey two years ago.

Unanimously preferring the Elm Avenue plan were committee members Marty Cornelius, Dominick DeCecco, Rob Lillis, Phil Maher, Minnery, Karen Pelletier and Sue Zick as well as chairman David Austin, who is parks and recreation director for the town.

Final details will require "one or two more meetings" before the proposal is forwarded to the town board, Austin said. The two build-

Bethlehem

ings would total 79,000 square feet, down from the 88,000 square feet considered essential by the committee a few weeks ago.

The proposed community center building would house a swimming pool with bleachers seating 120, and full lockers, storage, staff and administrative facilities. At the opposite end of the building would be a 75-child, five-room day care facility.

In between would be offices for the town's senior citizen services and youth programs, including a food pantry operation, multi-purpose rooms separated by a divider for large group activities, rooms for aerobics and arts and crafts classes, and administrative offices. When the divider is retracted the multi-purpose room would have 4,700 square feet of floor area, "a little bigger than the middle school girls' gym," said DeCecco.

Most likely the theater building wouldn't go up until the community center structure is complete, Minnery said. A sloping, single-

level audience area would be handicapped-accessible. The building would also include a backstage area, including a substantial mechanical area for theatrical productions and a lobby.

Given the size of the price tag, plans would require voter approval of a town bond issue, Supervisor Kenneth Ringler said last week. Any vote on a bond issue would have to be scheduled by the town board.

A second legal hurdle is posed by a state law regulating what municipalities may construct in their parklands, "so towns won't build sewer treatment plants and the like," said Austin. The day care center, he went on, does not fit in under the definition of a parks and recreation use, he went on, meaning that the proposed center may require approval from the state legislature.

"This is not a good time to get a bill (approved)," Austin told the committee. "We would ask the people in November for (bond issue) approval. Then, by the time the (legislative) session starts in January, we would know where we stand."

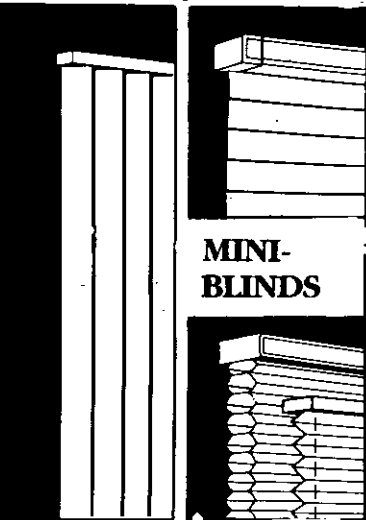
IRS wants your return

It's that time of year. Tax forms and income statements have been issued, and now it's up to New Yorkers to sit down and prepare their annual tax returns.

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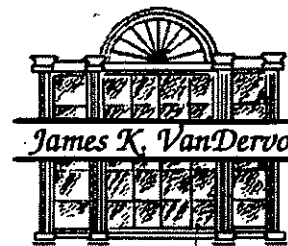


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BCHS Class of '60 looking for classmates

The Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1960 is planning its 30th reunion and several classmates are missing.

Information is needed to contact Paul Binley, Mandy Braun, Phyllis Carney, Robert Carpenter, Sherie Coe, Catherine Dudley, Maryann Gilmore, Thomas Hall, Frances Miller, Karen Niles, Valda Pryor, Edmond Steere, Thomas Turner, Donna Weeden, Robert Weissman, Willis Wendell and Richard Wiley.

Anyone with information concerning these individuals can contact Joyce Davidson at 465-7736.

Teachers present writing workshops

Teachers and administrators of the Ravena Coeymans Selkirk Central School District recently presented workshops on reading and writing at the second annual Whole Language Conference sponsored by the Northeast Resource Allocation Consortium and Teacher Center.

The conference was held at the Desmond Americana and focused upon facilitating the implementation of language in primary grades, integrating language arts with social studies and science, as well as curriculum staff development and facilitating whole language implementation.

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Good Samaritan resident celebrates 100th



Ethel Hopkins celebrated her 100th birthday at the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar. Her daughter and son-in-law, Lois and Herbert Kuhn, joined her. Herbert Kuhn is mayor of the Village of Colonie.

Elaine McLain

By Elaine McLain

Ethel Hopkins celebrated her 100th birthday at the Good Samaritan Home in Delmar on March 1. Her daughter and son-in-law Lois and Herbert Kuhn, mayor of the Village of Colonie, several grandchildren, enthusiastic great-grandchildren and friends were on hand to wish her well. The party started off with a magic show performed by Morris Zusman. Hopkins enjoyed the performance and even assisted the magician to execute a card trick.

She was born in 1890 in the Boston area, at a time when the horse and buggy was a common sight, and cars were at an early stage of development. Her daughter Lois said, "My mother told me about a car she saw being built that had a comical feature. The car could not be driven up a hill and only when the men turned the car around could they then drive the car to the top of the hill backwards."

A cherished memory of Hopkins' childhood was taking weekend excursions with her father to New York City. She thoroughly enjoyed seeing the many sites and walking among all the different types of people.

On New Year's Eve, 1899 Ethel Hopkins was in the turn of the century. Lois Kuhn said, "I thought that there would have been a grand celebration and my mother would

have special memories. But, when I asked her she told me nothing out of the ordinary happened."

During World War I, Ethel Hopkins moved to New Jersey and worked for a goldsmith in New York City. Lois Kuhn said, "This was not a common practice for young women to seek work outside the home. In fact, women never said they were going to their jobs instead they would say, they were going to do business."

Herbert Kuhn said, "A historical event my wife and mother-in-law witnessed was the destruction of the Hindenberg."

During her life time she has witnessed many major changes and the creation of many items that we take for granted today.

Mildred LaKritz who attended the party, said, "She has a wonderful personality and she always has a cheerful greeting for everyone."

Ethel Hopkins who has a youthful appearance gave advice on living a long life. She said, "During your lifetime, you have many experiences both good and bad, and no matter what happens, you have to accept whatever comes your way and not give up. Most important of all try to stay happy and keep busy."

Reunion committee seeks information

The Reunion Planning Committee for the Bethlehem Central Class of 1970 is compiling a list of class members' addresses. Call Sue Reagan Walsh at 439-1183 or Darlene Mason Dowse at 439-0268 with addresses by March 31.

Former Delmar man receives sales honor

Steve Caruso of Altamont, formerly a resident of the Bethlehem community, was awarded the title of National Accounts Salesperson of the Year by Salem Carpet Mills at the national sales meeting held in Reno, Nev. recently.

Institute plans 'spring fling'

The Travel Committee of the Albany Institute of History and Art announces a "Spring Fling" tour to Bucks County and Philadelphia on Friday, April 27, through Monday, April 30.

The group will tour Washington's Crossing on the Delaware River, the quaint village of New Hope, and the picturesque rolling countryside of Bucks County, with dinner at a pre-Revolutionary Inn at Bristol, Pa.

In Philadelphia there will be a visit to Independence National Historical Park, with tours of the Liberty Bell and Independence Hall and a trolley tour of Fairmount Park and its historic homes, with dinner at world-famous Bookbinder's Restaurant. There will be a tour of the Philadelphia Museum of Art, with its notable collection of antique Delft tiles donated by Mabel Brady Garvan, daughter of the well-known Albany financier, Anthony N. Brady. Another special treat will be tours of the famous Society Hill mansions, open to the public only at this particular time of year.

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Work on bridges held up

By Mike Larabee

The uncertain status of two New Scotland bridges — one on Normanskill/Johnston Road and the other on Onesquethaw Creek Road — was the subject of letters made public by the town board at its regular meeting last week.

Information revealed in the letters indicates the construction of new bridges could be delayed longer than has been anticipated.

On the Onesquethaw Creek bridge, Albany County Engineer Paul Cooney notified Laberge Engineering & Consulting Group Ltd. of Colonie to stop all engineering work on the span.

Cooney's letter, dated Feb. 27, read: "There is a disparity between our opinion and yours, as to the present work completed. You are hereby directed to cease work on this project, and we will incur no further charges or costs until this matter is resolved."

According to Herbert Reilly, supervisor for the Town of New Scotland, Laberge has billed the town and county \$54,000 for services — a figure "considerably higher than estimates said it was going to be." Cooney said the stop-work was ordered so the county can examine the status of Laberge's designs before any more fees are incurred.

"I'm not rejecting it because of the bill," Cooney said. "I'm rejecting it because of the status of the plans."

The town is responsible for engineering fees in the project while the county will pay to replace the bridge. The Onesquethaw Creek bridge failed in 1978 under the weight of a town garbage truck and a temporary Bailey bridge was installed in its place. Cooney said he hopes the county will have a new bridge

constructed by the end of this year.

Johnston Road

Two other February letters — the first from John E. Taylor, regional director for the State Department of Transportation, to Richard Rapp, Albany County commissioner of public works, and the second Rapp's reply to Taylor — concerned the closed bridge where New Scotland's Normanskill Road crosses the creek to become Johnston Road in the Town of Guelderland.

In the letters, Taylor rejects a request by Rapp to accelerate the schedule of the Johnston Road replacement project.

"We are well aware of the difficulties the recent closing of the Johnston Road structure has presented to the County and the community. However, I'm sure you can appreciate that structure restrictions, even closings, are not unique to this situation. Quite simply, we have far more bridge rehabilitation needs on both the state and local systems, than resources available to address those needs," wrote Taylor.

The second letter is a reply from Rapp asking the state to provide a precise time schedule replacement and to consider alternate funding proposals in an effort to speed construction.

"We obviously cannot have that road closed," said Cooney. "Some kind of a compromise has to be found."

Work for a new bridge is currently scheduled for 1993. Repairs are not feasible because they would come to about 85 percent the over \$1 million cost of replacement, Cooney said.

"It would be ludicrous to repair when you knew you'd have to spend the money some day to

replace it," he said.

The Johnston Road bridge has been closed since December, after a biannual state inspection revealed structural deterioration. The decision to close the span was made despite the fact that it is still considered safe up to a three-ton limit. According to Cooney, the county felt they could not guarantee the span would not be used by heavier vehicles if left open to passenger cars only.

Other business

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Paul Cantlin, building inspector and town constable, to enforce a smoking policy approved by the board after a public hearing failed to draw comments on the subject.

The board voted unanimously to adopt a policy recommended by the NY State Association of Towns complying with new state regulations limiting smoking in the workplace as of April 1.

Under the new Clean Indoor Air Act of 1989, smoking is only allowed in areas designated as smoking-permitted zones.

- Approved a proposal to raise the maximum exemption eligibility on taxable real property for residents over age 65 after a public hearing. The exemption percentages approved are 50 percent of assessed value for senior citizens with annual incomes below \$12,025, 45 percent for those with incomes between \$12,025 and \$12,625, 40 percent for those with incomes between \$12,625 and \$13,225, and so on by \$600 increments until the exemption rate is 20 percent. According to Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly, the senior citizen exemptions are the highest allowed by law.

3 hurt in Delmar crash

Three were injured last Thursday when vehicles driven by two Delmar residents collided at the intersection of Delmar Place and Pineview Avenue.

According to Bethlehem police, Danielle L. Thibault, 19, of Wilshire Drive was driving south on Delmar Place when she hit a vehicle operated by Anton Olmer, 86, of Poplar Drive.

Anton Olmer and Louise Olmer were transported to Albany Medical Center Hospital where they were treated and released. Thibault complained of pain but was not hospitalized.

Nabbed for felony DWI


A Hannacroix woman was arrested for felony driving while intoxicated on Saturday, March 10.

Bethlehem police said Karen E. McClintock, 27, was stopped for failure to dim her headlights and driving through a stop sign on Willowbrook Road at 2:45 a.m. on Saturday.

GOP to hold Lincoln Day dinner

Former U.S. Attorney Rudolph Guiliani will give the keynote address to the Albany County Republican Party's 92nd Annual Lincoln Day Dinner at 7:30 p.m. on March 15 at the Albany Hilton. Tickets for the dinner are \$75 and are available by calling 783-5864.

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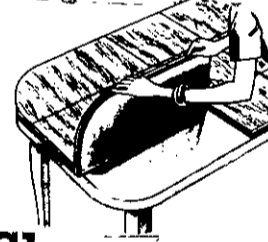
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Playground group to hold meeting

The Creative Playground Committee of the Voorheesville PTSA will hold a special informational meeting on Wednesday, March 21 at 7:30 p.m. in the Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria.

Voorheesville resident Mike Lancer, assistant superintendent of schools for the Menands School District, will present a program outlining the building of the creative playground at the Menands School in 1989 by the Robert Leathers Company which is contracted build the Voorheesville playground.

Project coordinators Elaine Burns and Debbie Baron will be on hand to discuss the necessary fund-raising, project schedule and needs and answer questions from the public.

It is anticipated that the group will need approximately \$50,000 to \$60,000 for the project. So far they have collected over \$20,000 through a series of fund-raisers.

St. Patrick's dance set

St. Matthew's Mens Association will sponsor a St. Patrick's Day dinner dance on Friday, March 16 from 7 p.m. until midnight at the church on Mountainview Road in Voorheesville. The evening will include a buffet featuring corned beef and cabbage and other hot

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and cold entrees, beverages and dancing. Cost of the event is \$15 per person. Tickets can be obtained by calling Val Rymanowski at 765-2720. The public is welcome.

Youth dance planned

St. Matthew's Youth Group will hold a St. Patrick's Day Dance on Saturday, March 17 from 7 until 10 p.m. at the Old Church on Pleasant Street. Tri-cities Illusions will be on hand to provide music and a light show. Admission is \$3. All students in grades 7 and up are welcome.

Art club to begin

Budding artists age six and up will get a chance to be creative when the new art club begins on Thursday, March 22 at the Voorheesville Public Library. The group will meet from 4 to 4:45 p.m. on the fourth Thursday of each month. Young Peoples Librarian Nancy Hutchinson will lead the group with assistance from art teachers Holly Debes and Diane Wozniak.

The book discussion group is

looking for new members. The group will meet on Tuesday, March 20 at 7 p.m. to discuss the work of John Irving. Copies of his books are available at the circulation desk.

Finally the library will celebrate its 75th anniversary during National Library Week in April. To help with the birthday events during the week of April 22 through April 28, contact coordinator Portia Hubert at 765-2791.

Auxiliary plans spring fair

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Voorheesville Fire Department will hold its Third Annual Spring Craft Fair on Saturday, March 24 from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. at the firehouse on School Road. A number of crafters will be on hand to sell their wares. Refreshments will also be available. The public is invited.

Legion slates breakfast

The Voorheesville American Legion will hold its monthly public breakfast on Sunday, March 18 from 8 a.m. until noon at the Legion Hall on Voorheesville Avenue. Cost is \$3.50 for adults, and \$2 for children under 12. All are welcome.

Youth celebrate music

March is "Music in Our Schools Month" and to celebrate the occasion, Voorheesville students have taken part in several events. Recently Theatre Fun for Young People, an independent non-profit group which brings live professional entertainment into the schools, sponsored two performances of the Festival of Woodwinds at the elementary school and the junior high. The program introduced students to the various woodwind instruments and highlighted some of them in individual and group performances.



Voorheesville scouts at Heritage Tea with New Scotland senior citizens.
Lyn Stapf

Students at the Voorheesville Elementary School participated again in the world's largest concert. The nationally televised event entitled "United by Music" featured such international songs as "Buana," a Liberian song, "Tzena, Tzena," an Israeli song and the Japanese song "Sakura" among others. Prepared by music teacher Margaret Tucker students gathered around the TV monitors from

1 to 1:30 p.m. to join in with other students around the USA.

Special school meeting set

A reminder to parents of children entering kindergarten in the fall that there will be a special informational meeting on Thursday, March 15 at 7 p.m. about the program in Voorheesville. For information, contact the elementary school at 765-2382.

County agency selling tree seedlings

The Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District on Martin Road in Voorheesville will offer tree seedlings for the 1990 planting season. All orders will be taken through the district office. Checks should be made payable to Albany County SWCD and the deadline for all orders is March 30. Packets of 10 seedlings for Scotch Pine, White Spruce, Norway Spruce, Colorado Blue Spruce, White Pine, and Douglas Fir are \$6, and the Fraser Fir and Balsam Fir packages are \$10. For additional prices and information, call 765-5560.

Tree plantings to help environment

Meyers Funeral Home of Delmar, Brunk-Meyers-Funeral Home of Voorheesville and CFS of Delmar along with several hundred other funeral homes affiliated with the Lofty Oaks Association have completed the planting of 45,000 memorial trees. The trees are planted on public lands in the home state of a family as a way of enhancing the environment.

Seniors participating in sports activities

Residents of Good Samaritan Home in Delmar are joining the residents of extended care facilities throughout the Capital District by participating in "No Walls Senior Games." Each facility has its own internal competition in different games and sports. The winners will receive a medal and certificate at a special ceremony in May.

Winners of the bowling tournament at the Good Samaritan Home are May Mahoney, Emma Smith, Gertrude Deam and Harriet Murphy.

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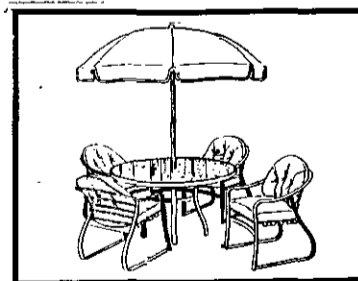
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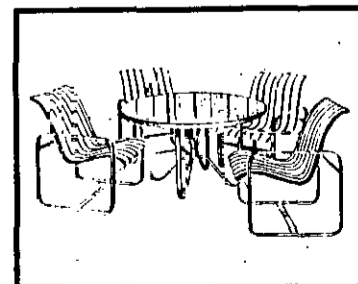
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Mary Bardwell

GOP honors 2 women

Mary Bardwell of Elsmere and Anne Carson of Voorheesville will be honored as Republicans of the Year at Thursday's Albany County Republican Committee's Lincoln Day dinner.

Both are members of the state GOP committee. Bardwell is vice chairman of the county and Town of Bethlehem GOP committees. Carson is vice chairman of the Town of New Scotland Republican Committee and a former New Scotland Town Board member.

James G. Zambardino of Colone will also be honored by the committee.

Zoners reject request

By Bob Hagyard

The Bethlehem Zoning Board of Appeals denied a variance request by Athens Associates to operate a printing business at its 159 Delaware Ave., Delmar location.

Last Wednesday, board member Gary Swan, whose motion to deny the variance carried 7-0, said the location is zoned for CC commercial use and that Athens Associates had represented the business as a "quick-printing" operation. However, upon reviewing the public hearing minutes, Swan said, it became evident that this was "a light-industrial operation, a printing business."

The hearing took place on Jan. 17. Peter Baltis of Voorheesville was present on the firm's behalf last Wednesday.

In other action the board:

- Unanimously approved variances requested by A.T. Zautner & Son, Inc., permitting the placement of abutting 28-foot driveways at 30 and 32 Manor Drive, Glenmont, within the required 50-foot minimum distance between driveways.

- Approved a modification to a special exception granted Quick Lube Oil Centers of 220 Delaware Ave., Delmar, permitting the operation of a third service bay.

- Held a public hearing on a variance request by Edward S. and Harriet H. Thomas for an addition to the rear of their 85 Brockley Drive home; a hearing on Beth S. Swartz' variance request for a screened-in porch at her 33 Carstead Drive residence; and a hearing on a variance request by Linda and Dave Burtis for a porch at their 61 Salisbury Road home.

Municipalities screening GEIS consultants

By Bob Hagyard

A consultant is now being sought by the four municipalities participating in the Krumkill Generic Environmental Impact Statement study.

Friday, representatives of Albany County and the towns of Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland agreed to ask about 20 potential consultants to list their credentials. The GEIS would be supervised by a 12-member committee composed of three representatives from each municipality.

A subcommittee will review the replies, narrow the field to about three or four firms, then refer their names to the full GEIS committee which would then issue formal requests for proposals. Cost of the study is estimated at \$200,000, with each of the municipalities picking up a \$50,000 share.

"Traffic will be a basic concern — after what the president said Thursday, it's incumbent on us to look at that," said Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler after Friday's meeting at County Engineer Paul Cooney's office. Ringler referred to President Bush's announcement of a new federal transportation policy, which calls for state and local governments to increase their own taxes and expenditures for projects not involving the interstate highway system.

The Krumkill study area contains large expanses of open space suitable for development. Including sizable portions of the three towns, it lies east of routes 85A and

155, north and west of Rt. 85 and south of Rt. 20.

The screening process for potential consultants is necessary, said New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly, because "it will take

\$4,000 to \$5,000 to put together a proposal."

At Reilly's request, the area surrounding the former Bender melon farm west of Rt. 85A will be included in the study area.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group meets

The Multiple Sclerosis Self Help Group of Albany County will meet on March 20 at 2 p.m. in the community room of the Bethlehem Public Library.

The purpose of the group is to provide an opportunity for education, sharing, and socialization for those with MS, their family and friends. For further information call 439-2146.

Program on crisis scheduled at library

On March 21 at noon Great Decisions '90 will present a program at the downtown branch of the Albany Public Library. The program is titled "Third World Arms Bazaar: Disaster for Sale?" and deals with the arms crisis in third world countries. The speaker will be Steven Livingston, assistant professor of political science, at Rockefeller College.

Bethlehem Supervisor Kenneth Ringler will serve as master of ceremonies at the event, which will take place at the Albany Hilton on Thursday, March 15. Former U.S. Attorney Rudolph Giuliani will be the main speaker.

Area residents recently welcomed as county GOP members include Richard L. Olson of South Bethlehem, Patrick J. MacKrell of Delmar, Dianne Carroll of Selkirk and Harry Van Worner of Voorheesville.

Tickets for the 92nd annual dinner are \$75 per person and can be purchased from the county committee office at 783-5864.

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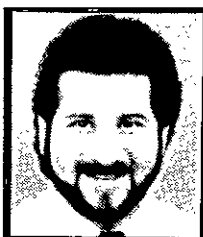
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School board member won't seek third term

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

As the April 2 deadline for Bethlehem School Board candidacy nears, three hats are in the ring, and one has been withdrawn.

Veteran school board member Sheila Fuller and member Pamela Williams have been joined by newcomer Peter Trent in their quest for election, while board member Velma Cousins has decided not to run for another term.

Explaining simply that it was "time for her to move on to other pursuits," six-year board member Cousins told the school board last Wednesday night that she would not be seeking a third term.

"I think that I've put in a good six years, and I'm at a point where I have to re-direct my commitments," Cousins said later.



Velma Cousins

The Albany High School home economics teacher explained that she is interested in looking for an administrative position in education, and does not feel that she will

have the time to commit to both the board and a job search.

"I would not want to re-commit myself to another three-year term, only to find that three months from now my time commitments have changed and I have to beg off. I don't feel that it's the responsible thing to do," Cousins said. "You have a lot of groups for whom you are working as a member of the board, and you have to do the best job you can within the time provided — which can be considerable. And you have to be there. If not, it's best that you not run. I cannot divide my time in that manner anymore."

Cousins has put what she termed "considerable time, energy and resources" into obtaining both SDA (School District Administrator) and SAS (School Administrative Supervisor) certification in preparation for assuming a position as either a school district administrator or school building (principal, vice-principal) administrator, and wishes to pursue any available options.

"If I'm not lucky enough to find a position within the area, I will look elsewhere in New York State," she said, "but I have a desire to change, and I am qualified for an administrative position."

Cousins does not rule out running for the board in the future. "It's a volunteer effort that takes a lot of time. Someday perhaps I can involve myself in that kind of effort again, but not today."

Newcomer Peter Trent and his family moved to the Delmar area four and a half years ago from San Antonio.

"After a short time, I realized that this was a town with great opportunities and a great quality of life, and we decided to stay," said Trent, a partner in Adams and Trent Real Estate Appraisal. "When we decided to settle here, we made a commitment to this community, and running for school board is just a natural extension of that," he said.

Trent explained that through his commitment to Pop Warner Football, the BCCO, the football BC Boosters and the Bethlehem Tomboys Girls Softball program, he has a good idea of what children and parents in the community are all about.

"I have children in all phases of the system — a sophomore, a seventh grader, and a four-year-old entering kindergarten, and I am very involved in their schools. Several of the board members no longer have kids in school, and I

think I could bring an important in-school perspective to the board. I may not do anything radically different, but I may ask some questions that those members without school-age children wouldn't think of," he said. "I'm not an angry person running for school board. I'm an interested parent who wants them to move forward."

Cousins' advice to any prospective board members: "Ask as many questions as possible, start participating right away, and ask for information as you go along. Don't just observe because you are unfamiliar with the process. You are there to participate, and you can't affect change by just observing. It's only a three-year term, and if you let things slide, you won't have another one."

Cousins also hopes the board will continue with programs such as the "World of Difference" and "For Kids Sake" efforts.

"A multi-cultural society cannot be achieved without teachers and administrators," she said. "Kids should learn by example in the schools that not just secondary staff, but teachers and supervisors are going to be of different racial and ethnic backgrounds than themselves. We should be preparing them from their earliest years for the 'real world', both intellectually and culturally. And even just as a member of the Bethlehem community, I can continue to work towards that."

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New Scotland wrestles with overpayments

By Mike Larabee

The State Comptroller's office recently filed an audit showing that the Town of New Scotland double-paid two bills and overpaid a third in 1988. Though all money was recovered, the town board last week wrestled with the question of how to prevent it from happening again.

"We're going to have to make the process a lot more accountable," Councilman John Sgarlata said at the special meeting. "The major thing is that we're spending taxpayers' money and we've been screwing up." He argued that under the present invoice system, he could purchase something for himself, sign his name as a town official, and New Scotland would pay the bill.

Sgarlata said the town needs a

New Scotland

new purchase-order system so there is a "paper trail" leading back to the sources of errors when they occur. But Councilman Craig Shufelt said the paperwork would be too cumbersome for New Scotland.

"I don't believe in that type of system for what we're doing here. More work is involved in this system than what John is talking about," said Shufelt.

Sgarlata argued a purchase-order system would be "very simple." He explained that under the system, no purchases could be made or bills paid unless accompanied by one of three copies of a master purchase-order form. He

aid it would also make it impossible to pay invoices twice because all bills would be attached to a corresponding copy of the form.

Shufelt said he felt the system of signed invoices was adequate as long as officials followed procedures. But Sgarlata called the practice "sloppy."

"We're talking about taxpayers' money," said Sgarlata. "There's no way to track anything in this town. It's telephone calls and chasing down slips of paper."

"I'm talking about taxpayers' money too," answered Shufelt. "I'm trying not to spend taxpayers' money on something we don't need."

"I just don't think that the town is so big that it has to spend money on a purchase-order system at this time," he added.

Town Attorney Fred Reister recommended the board speak with other towns and the State Comptroller's Office on the question. Reister said he thought the board should be careful about spending \$3,000 on measures that would save the town \$2,000.

According to the audit, in 1988 the town paid a \$3,356 January invoice on both Feb. 9 and March 10. Another invoice for \$363.82 was paid on Dec. 19, 1988, and

again on Feb. 3, 1989. In addition, an overpayment of \$1,000 was made to Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group Ltd. on Jan. 24, 1989. The audit said refund or credit was provided to the town in all three instances.

In the other business at the Feb. 6 meeting, the board delayed the announcement on water rates for the new Clarksville Water District because they were still waiting for insurance rates for the system.

Cable firm reapplies

A hearing will be held sometime in the spring or summer to vote on the application of A-R Cable Services-NY, Inc. to renew its contract with the Town of New Scotland, according to Town Supervisor Herbert Reilly.

A-R Cable Services, a wholly owned subsidiary of Cablevision Systems Corporation in Woodbury, N.Y., has more than 1000 subscribers in Bethlehem, New Scotland, and the Village of Voorheesville.

The company charges \$11 per month for cable services with a \$17.95 connection fee.

Reilly said the town has not been notified whether A-R Cable Services intends to change its rates or services at the time of the renewal. No date has been set for the hearing.

The company's application is available for public inspection at the New Scotland Clerk's office.

V'ville voters approve bus purchases

Voters last week overwhelmingly approved two propositions to update Voorheesville's school bus fleet.

According to school officials, Proposition One, a \$230,000 school bus bond issue to purchase four new 60-passenger buses and two suburban vans, passed 289 to 68. Proposition Two, which passed 299 to 64, sought retroactive approval of the board's emergency June 1989 purchase of another full-size bus. Approval of Proposition Two opens the way for the collection of about \$25,000 in state aid.

Anthony Cashara, assistant superintendent of business, said the large margin reflected voter awareness of the "minimal tax impact" of the ballot items.

"I think the word got out," he said.

On March 19 at 10 a.m. Mother's Time Out will feature their third in a series of seven programs on Early Childhood Development.

The program is held at the Delmar Reformed Church. Child-care is available. For information call 439-9929.

said. "We've always had a great deal of support in the district for transportation. The 80 percent positive vote sure makes us feel good."

With the addition of the \$230,000 bus bond issue, the district's debt service obligation now totals \$5,379,509 for the next five years. That also includes principal and interest on the 1983

energy conservation bond issue, the 1988 Voorheesville Public Library bond issue, and last spring's asbestos removal/school reconstruction bond issue.

State aid and interest will cover a large portion of the debt load. Taxes to the district's obligation for the debt are scheduled to rise between 1 and 2 percent each of the five years. *Mike Larabee*

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Two sides of a controversial high school coach

By Nat Boynton

For Ken Neff, incumbent steward of Bethlehem Central's amazing dynasty in Section 2 scholastic swimming, this year has been the high point in his coaching career.

It has also been a new in his personal and public relations with several of his swimmers, some parents of swimmers and the press.

A year ago when Bethlehem narrowly edged Troy High by a few feet and inches in a dual meet, thus preserving a 17-year streak of 278 straight wins in Section 2, only a few diehards among the onlookers gave BC as much as an outside chance of topping Troy in 1990. Their two most dominant superstars, Chris Drew and Justin Baird, sectional champions consistently good for first places by the dozens over many seasons, would be lost to graduation. Furthermore, Neff would enter the new season with only two seniors, one a diver, while Troy's team would not only remain intact, but would retain three of the area's most formidable power swimmers.

But Neff, nurturing a dozen fuzzy-cheeked ninth and tenth graders with unfamiliar names, unveiled the miracle. In the dual meet last month, Troy had the big guns, but BC had the numbers and

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enough snipers to preserve the string.

Ah, the experts said, he could never get away with that in the sectionals. But he did — miracle No. 2.

Those victories stand as a shining testimonial to Ken Neff's coaching skills and his stature as a health practitioner and role model for teenage boys willing to give long hours of gruelling laps in the pool before dawn and after classes. Next year the summit meeting with Troy will be just another piece of routine business, and Neff can look back on 1990 as his glory year.

His swimmers and their parents idolize him for his dual role as a talented coach and straight-arrow scoutmaster. Clean personal habits. Disciplined adherence to the rules of good health. And academics always come first.

"These kids won't even touch junk food," says Eva Pierce, mother of a swimmer who reached unexpected heights in the sectional meet this month.

"He pushes them to do well in their studies," adds Steve Cleary,

whose son has blossomed into a front-line swimmer as a sophomore. "And he goes to their parties," adds Jean Cleary.

Would that this talent and potential for inspirational leadership could be applied to the Bethlehem girls' varsity. Here the story is a direct contradiction — established star athletes becoming disillusioned and BC teams performing below their potential.

In such a scenario the two sides of Ken Neff are revealed. On one side is the supercoach who goes beyond motivating his pupils to superior athletic performances; he adds an extra dimension, role model shaping the health and decorum of teenagers in his charge.

On the flip side stands a figure dedicated so zealously to his mission and coaching philosophy that he excludes many associates, community neighbors and some parents of swimmers, and intimidates selected swimmers. In the water the development of young swimmers continues, but the experienced front-liners are turned off at a time they should be reaching their peaks.

"He doesn't understand that girls are different," says Jennifer Mosley, concededly BC's since the legendary Janet Shaffer. "He really doesn't care much about us."

Mosley and the Mallery sisters, Susan and Kristin, were dominant swimmers who helped keep Bethlehem at the top of Section 2 for several years. They collected first places strictly as a matter of habit in the late 80s. Mosley, currently a BC senior and a star sprinter, made the state meet as an eighth grader and was a sectional triple-winner as a sophomore. Under Neff she lost motivation. Instead of becoming a superstar over her last two

years, she never bettered her early clockings and surrendered her top-echelon ranking to other swimmers.

The Mallerys also achieved star status as versatile eighth graders under Paul (Buzz) Jones, Neff's predecessor as head coach. Neff inherited Sue as a senior and Kris as a junior. They continued to win in various strokes, but their progress fell short of expectations. Both went on to college.

"He's a good varsity coach, but we quit the Dolphins because of him."

The Church family will be spending the next year on sabbatical in Australia, but Emily will be back at BC in time for her senior season in 1991.

Teammates say another Bethlehem swimmer, a standout as a sophomore, also felt a sense of disillusionment brought on by what she reportedly felt was a lack

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"Unlike Buzz, Ken could never see the whole picture," said Jerry Mallery, their father. "He never gave the girls their due. Like it or not, you've got to have excellence on any team, and if you can't deal with excellence, you've got a problem. Mediocrity is not something you strive for."

The Mallery family alienated some of Delmar's swim-oriented households by switching the two sisters from the local Dolphin program to the Albany Starfish, based at Albany State. Jerry Mallery says the defection was intended to give the girls more pool time than was available in Bethlehem, not for any strained relations with Neff, the Dolphin coach at the time.

Carolyn Church, whose daughter Emily is on-course to be a potential sectional champion at BC, is another parent who switched Emily and a younger brother to the Starfish program. "I'm no fan of his (Neff)," she said last fall.

of recognition from her coach. Her father was reluctant to talk to a newsman, and did not confirm this.

Question: do high school athletes need recognition for motivation, and are girls more sensitive, tending to sulk if not given credit for superior performance?

Poolside regulars in Bethlehem attribute Neff's hostility to the press to his belief that news stories reporting the heroics of a team's established star performers week after week inhibits the team's younger, inexperienced members who work just as hard but rarely if ever get their names in the paper. Therefore there would be no publicity for anyone, and no photos, Neff decreed.

Ironically, Neff himself is regarded as the top swimmer in a long line of superstars who helped keep Bethlehem on the pinnacle over two decades. Neff's BC school records in the IM, fly and backstroke, set in 1979, stand to this day, one of them a sectional record that has survived the assaults of the area's best for 11 years. He is also BC's only Junior Olympian.

Nor does his stance explain why Neff has passed up opportunities to praise neophyte BC swimmers who have delivered vital fourth- and fifth-placers in critical meets.

This attitude has led to vindictiveness and on occasion to retribution against swimmers (and parents) who innocently talk to reporters. A year ago, denied access to Neff after Bethlehem's triumph in the Section 2 championships, I called the two seniors who were among the half dozen local champions who had achieved superstar status over the past decade. Both were gracious, but when their quotes appeared in print, the coach gave one a verbal lashing in front of the squad, according to the parents of the chastized swimmer.

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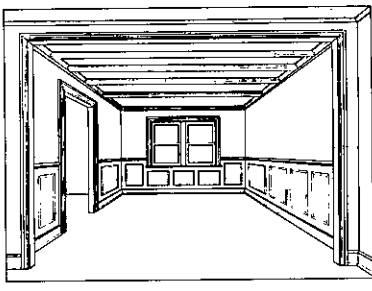
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tween the coach and that swimmer, Justin Baird. When Baird, a five-year standout, made his fourth and final appearance at the state meet and his last under Bethlehem colors, his performance was below his capability.

"My heart wasn't in it," he said. The comment from his father, David Baird, was terse. "Ken froze Justin," he said.

Consider also the mind-set of Jen Mosley in 1988, coming off a superior sophomore year, a sectional triple-champion in 1987 ignored by a coach who played up a seventh place and a 10th place.

"It was rough on me. I'm getting older, I've been swimming since I was 9. You have to want it bad. After that, I didn't have that drive. You have to be determined. I wasn't. It did have an impact on me, but it also had an impact on the whole team. They knew what the coach had done. Kristin Mallery was in the same boat, but she was a senior. She got a second and third in the 200 and 500, and was also in the relay. She didn't get credit, either. I don't think she'll ever forget that treatment. Katie Fish got good mention for finishing 10th. . . but Katie is a good kid and a good swimmer. Sarah Toms, a freshman, went to the states. She didn't get mentioned."

What did she mean by impact

on the team?

"Well, we were undefeated for four seasons, and in '88 we had another good team, but it was the first time we were losing to teams we had been defeating. We lost our high caliber, I guess. He never psyched us up. He didn't show any interest in us. Not a big deal, like with the boys. The desire to win just wasn't there."

Then, last fall, it was senior year. Should she swim again, and what were chances for a college athletic scholarship?

Last September this typist called Jennifer, a girl I knew only by telephone, to help me prepare a pre-season story on the girls' team. Ken isn't talking, but how did she see it?

"I'm thinking about going into soccer, but I probably will swim. My friends are on the team and I love the competition. It's fun. I don't count on Ken helping me with the scholarship. I don't think anybody, boys or girls, counts on him for help, except maybe Chris Drew and the Fishes. I want to win. I think I can do it if I ignore him, but I certainly don't expect any coaching from him."

Jen finished her scholastic career with a mediocre (for her) season, never attaining the times her talent appeared to promise. The team had Fish, Mosley, Toms and Church, but lost four dual

meets and finished fourth in the Sectionals.

Small matter, perhaps, but Jen has the satisfaction of having her name still etched in the archives of the lofty state meet. As a wispy eighth grader she swam a leg in the girls' 4x100 relay with Sue Mallery, Lisa Ogawa and the late Lynn Apicelli in 1985 that is on the books as the fourth fastest ever in the state championships, and still stands as the Section 2 record.

How much damage does a freeze-out a la Baird-Mosley do to the psyche of a young athlete? Can such strained relations be attributed to the emotional immaturity of a disgruntled top-flight high school sports star under competitive pressure? Can a one-on-one personality clash between coach and player be dismissed in the light of what appears to be a growing list of discontents?

To those who know these youngsters well, such does not appear the case with Baird, Mosley, the Mallerys and others. Justin Baird is currently winding up a highly successful season as a freshman on the Colgate varsity, and passed up the Eastern intercollegiate because of academic commitments. Hartwick College is interested in Jen Mosley. The Mallery sisters are doing well in college.

These are well-adjusted youngsters, respected by their peers and teachers, kids who bring pride to their parents. But can it be that boys are better fortified emotionally than girls to sustain disdain from a coach?

Whatever the answers, there is no doubt that such put-downs have inhibited the performances of some top-flight BC athletes, which in some cases jeopardize chances for college scholarships.

In the wake of Bethlehem's triumphant season in boys' swimming, perhaps a pinnacle surpassing the glory years choreographed by the architect of the dynasty, Jack Whipple, it is dismaying to have a success story of this dimension blotted by bitterness and retribution on the part of a talented athlete-coach.

Some of Neff's peers, however, are wary of him. Swimming boosters in Bethlehem and neighboring communities, including coaches of opposing teams, respect him but keep their distance. Their admiration for his professional skills is tempered, inhibited by the vindictiveness he has shown on occasion to those who dare to exercise free-speech.

My role in reporting the progress of BC varsity swimmers places me in direct conflict with their coach. My credo is that the local newspaper has a commitment to the community-at-large to chronicle all school varsities, and that

high school athletes should be publicly credited for valorous deeds on the field, gym floor, track or pool. A basic box-score in agate type does not tell the story of a game or a meet.

And along with most other coaches, I don't buy the credo that press coverage mentioning top-echelon athletes inhibits the spirit and performance of less experienced but equally hard-working members of the team.

There is always hope that maturity and a broader perspective will mellow this fellow and help restore normal press and community relations in the future.

Anita Kaplan earns All-America honors

By Shannon Perkins

Anita Kaplan, Bethlehem's star center, received national recognition in last week's Parade magazine.

Kaplan, a junior, was named to the third team of the publication's high school All-America girls' basketball squad.

A top student, she appears virtually guaranteed scholarships from some of the top colleges and universities in the nation. Two of the leading talent scouts in girls basketball said that Kaplan deserved to be named to the first team of the Parade team.

This season, Kaplan set two Section 2 records. First, she set the record for the most points scored in a single game, averaging 37.2 points. She then went on to set the single-season scoring record with 818 points. Kaplan averaged 19.9 rebounds and 4.5 blocked shots per game, shooting 62.2 percent from the field and 76.4 percent from the foul line.

Kaplan's coach, Bill Warner, feels that Kaplan is one of the best players to come out of Bethlehem.

Warner believes it is within Bethlehem's capability to win the sectionals and even state competition, but the team can't count on Kaplan alone.

16 Dolphins win ribbons

Twenty-one Delmar Dolphins traveled to RPI's Robison Pool on Saturday, joining some 240 other swimmers in an Albany Starfish-sponsored B-C developmental meet.

Swimmers entered with C times who achieved a national B time were awarded certificates, but were not ranked as ribbon winners. Likewise, national B time entrants who swam A times were also certificate winners, but were ineligible for ribbon awards.

Among 8-and-under boys, Tim Corson, Todd McCoy, Christopher Shaffer and Brian Dowling were ribbon winners in each of their four individual events. Jimmy Veazey also won two ribbons, including first place in the 50 fly for 10-and-unders, as well as A time certificates in the 25 breast and 25 back. In the 10-and-under age group, Stephen Corson achieved a B time in the 50 free, and won three ribbons as a B entrant in his remaining events. Andrew Loomis was also a triple ribbon winner, while four ribbons each went to Becky Fay and Arianne Cohen. In the 200 mixed free relay for 10-and-unders, the Dolfin entry of Jimmy Veazey, Becky Fay, Arianne Cohen and Stephen Corson took second place, with a time of 2:25.52.

Three Dolfin 11 and 12 year-old boys swam at RPI, with Milt Orietas taking seventh in the C division of the 50 fly. Seth Finley won B time certificates in the 50 free and 50 breast, and two ribbons in his remaining events. Taking home an A time certificate for the 50 breast was Billy Leary, who also achieved B times in the 50 back and 200 free, and a first-place ribbon in the B division of the 50 fly.

Among 11 and 12 year-old girls, three ribbons each were won by Cailin Brennan and Melanie Veazey, while Brennan was awarded a B certificate for the 50 breast and Veazey a B certificate for the 50 free.

Brian Lenhardt and Jeffrey Rosenblum were both multiple ribbon winners among 13- and 14 year-old boys, while 15-year-old Stacey Rosenblum swam four events at RPI, taking four ribbons, including a third place in the 100 free.

Also swimming in Saturday's meet, the last before this weekend's Adirondack championships at Union College, were Dolphins Sean Boyle, Beth Scott, Kathryn Hall and Lucy Dunne.

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The Spring 1990 registration fee is \$22.00. First time players with the Bethlehem Soccer Club must bring a copy of their birth certificate for the club to keep. Parent participation in a club committee is part of each player's registration.

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VC to host volleyball playoffs March madness begins for BBC

The Voorheesville athletic program's best-kept secret — a boys' volleyball team that has gone 51-1 in games the past two years — will be showcased as it hosts the 1990 Quad-County Volleyball League tournament Wednesday (today).

Play begins at 4 p.m. among the four invited teams, mostly from the Colonial Council and Patroon Conference to the south.

Matches are best-two-of-three-game affairs. This year's volleyball Blackbirds ran up an 11-0 match record en route to another Central Hudson Valley Division title. The team was 22-0 in games, meaning they have yet to be forced to a third match this season; last year's squad was 29-1 in games. The 1989-90 season was shortened to accommodate the mid-March start of spring sports practices, according to coach Thomas Kurkjian.

Heading this year's roster are

seven seniors, Tom Kurkjian (son of the coach), Ryan Brennan, Jason Brown, Ben Schwartz, Brian Done, Chris Connell and Japanese exchange student Hiroshi Tomikawa. Matt Hladun and Jonathan

Bissell are the juniors on the roster and Dave Lancor the sophomore. Rounding out the group are freshmen Jim Schryver and Mike Walker.

Delmar student excels in academics, athletics

Delmar resident Sandra Shelmerdine has made the transformation from soldier to student with flying colors.

Shelmerdine first enrolled at Hudson Valley Community College in 1982 but left after one semester to join the Army. She has re-enrolled at HVCC and has distinguished herself as an academic and athletic stand-out.

She was initiated into the Phi Theta Kappa national honor society and is an HVCC president's list scholar in the engineering science

program. In addition, Shelmerdine plays an important role on the varsity women's basketball squad — a team which has been ranked as high as No. 2 in the 26-team Region III standings this season.

As a forward, Shelmerdine averaged close to 12 points per game. At 26, she apparently has had no trouble keeping up with her younger teammates and opponents, most of whom are between 18 and 20 years old.

"She's just as fast as the younger ones and is just as strong," said HVCC coach Paul Bishop. "She has been a tremendous help to our program. She hustles and gives 100 percent every time out there on the floor."

"We have a tight team," said Shelmerdine, "and we all seem able to get along with each other. The only difference I noticed in our age gap was our taste in music."

Shelmerdine was also an integral part of the HVCC women's volleyball team last fall. A middle hitter, she helped the team to a 19-6-1 record and a berth in the Region III playoffs where she was named to the tournament all-star team.

A graduate of Bethlehem Central where she was a three-sport all-star, she seems to have made the most of her decision to return to college.

Shelmerdine will graduate in May and hopes to be awarded an academic scholarship to Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

With the regular season now completed, Bethlehem Basketball Club Pro Division teams swing into their own version of March Madness this coming Sunday. In the first semifinal game at 2 p.m., the second-place Pistons will take on the third-place Bulls. In the second semifinal game at 3 p.m., the first-place Lakers will take on the fourth-place Warriors.

In Pro Division's action this week, the Pistons edged the Warriors, 45-43. Leading scorers for the Pistons were John Svare with 15 and Jason Gutman with 8. Gutman posted the play of the day when he connected on a pretty lefthanded layup from under the backboard. Chris Myer controlled the boards and Billy Soronen hit a key hook shot to cement the victory. The Warriors were led by Eric Wimer with 12, Aaron Thorpe with 9, and Erik Gill with 9.

In another close contest, the Bulls thwarted a late rally by the spunky Celtics to emerge victorious, 44-41. Using their best team effort to date, the Bulls scoring was led by Devin McRae with 18, Ethan Schoolman with 8, and Matt Padula with 6. Damian Sullivan's clutch 15-foot shot with only seconds remaining proved to be the winning points. The Celtics were led by Willie Sanchez with 12, Matt Wing with 9, and Mike Pressman with 8.

In a defensive struggle, the Lakers edged the feisty Knicks, 18-16. Matt Winterhoff led the Laker attack with 8 points and Scott Geis provided numerous assists. For the Knicks, Dan Zox and Jim Boyle led the scoring with 6 and 4 points. Boyle and Greg Sack combined defensively to hold the Laker's top scorers in check throughout the game.

In College Division play, Syracuse got back on the winning

track by defeating an intrepid St. John's club, 37-27. Ryan Murray and Ted Hartman led the Syracuse attack with 15 and 10 points. Joe D'Angelo collected 8 rebounds and Dan Burrell dished out 4 assists. For St. John's, the dynamic duo of Bill Robinson and Will Cushing led the scoring with 10 points each while Chris Bannigan played well defensively.

Georgetown upended a stubborn Seton Hall squad, 35-14. Sean Berry and Tim Wenger led the Georgetown scoring with 10 and 8 points while Nick Turner and Dave Martin ripped the nets for 8 and 6 points.

Star Bowlers

Bowling honors for the week of March 11, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — Gerald Richardson 245, 577 triple.

Sr. Cit. Women — Priscilla Roberts 208, 525 triple.

Men — Ken McKaig 279; Dale Mattott 253, 688 triple; Will Boughton 300.

Women — Alberta Southworth 256, Debbie Doran 208, 578.

Major Boys — A.J. Johnson 209, 601 triple; John Dievendorf 215, 585 triple.

Major Girls — Heidi Cornell 222, 535 triple.

Jr. Boys — Lee Aiezza 234, 614 triple.

Jr. Girls — Michelle Kaufman 197, 498 triple.

Prep Boys — Al Crewell 193, 543 triple.

Prep Girls — Lisa Morris 220, 579 triple.

Bantam Boys — Jim Corrigan 112, 322 triple.

Bantam Girls — Rachael Kessler 109, 280 triple.

Junior Classic League

Major Boys — Joe Bennett 224, 802 (4 game series); Matt Barkman 246, 792 (4 game series).

Major Girls — Suzanne Brown 203, 617 (4 game series); Tammy Smith 183, 674 (4 game series).

Jr. Boys — Lou Devoe 220, 789 (4 game series); Ben Comtois 232, 829 (4 game series).

School's Out names new directors

School's Out, Inc., which operates before and after school care programs for children of working parents, has named three new members of the board, according to president Stuart Leskovich of Delmar.

They are: Christine Chang of Delmar, a policy analyst for the State Council on Children and Families; Cindy Schaffhausen of Slingerlands, assistant director of the Bureau of Ambulatory Care in the State Department of Social Services; and Bob Smith of Delmar, who is with the State Division of Parole.

The not-for-profit corporation operates after-school programs at two sites, and before-school programs in four Bethlehem Central elementary schools. Children from some 150 families are cared for.

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Susan Robinson wed

Susan Rose Robinson, daughter of Doris and Alvin Robinson, Albany and granddaughter of Samuel and Hilda Ginsburg of Delmar, and Shmuel Halle, son of Batyah and Shalom Halle of Israel were married on Sept. 14.

Rabbi Yosef Halle performed the ceremony at the Tropiciana Shalom Halls in Israel.

Vicki Rachael Robinson, sister of the bride, Samuel and Hilda Ginsburg, Alvin and Doris Robinson, and Rabbi Martin Norden, currently living in Jerusalem, formerly of Temple Israel, Albany, attended the ceremony.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Russell Sage College and attended Mechina Upan for new immigrants in Yad Eliahu, Tel Aviv to prepare for work in Israel. She is employed in the Documentations Library at Telrad (Telecommuni-

cation and Electronic Industries, Ltd), Lod, Israel.

The groom is employed as a chef at Kibbutz Givat Ha-Shlusha and an assistant manager at Halle Brothers Blanket Factory, Rosh Ha'ayin, Israel.

The couple will reside in Israel.

Heldeberg to extend summer program

The Heldeberg Workshop has begun preparations for its 30th summer "adventure in learning" program. Board Chairman Bill Morrison has announced that the program will be extended to seven weeks this year, with the last week designed for both children and adults. More information will be available in the summer brochure. It was also announced that a search for instructors and volunteers is under way. For information or to be placed on the mailing list, call 765-2777.



Community Corner

Erin go bragh

Saturday is St. Patrick's Day, and several events are scheduled in the area.

In Bethlehem, a program of Gaelic Galore is planned at the Bethlehem Public Library for children eight years old and up starting at 10:30 a.m. For information, call 439-9314.

In New Scotland, a corned beef and cabbage supper is scheduled from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church. For information, call 768-2916.

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Boy, Andrew John, to Jeanne R. and Timothy J. Sullivan, Slingerlands, Feb. 21.

Girl, Kerry Elizabeth, to Patricia M. and Gabriel F. Deyo III, Delmar, Feb. 11.

Girl, Kelsey Marie, to Karen Marie and Paul William Taylor, Glenmont, Feb. 24.

Girl, Rebecca Marie, to Ginger and Brian Herrington, Selkirk, Feb. 5.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Alexander Devin, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Amirault, Glenmont, Nov. 27.

Boy, Brock Anthony, to Rosi and Gary Palmatier, Selkirk, Dec. 4.

Girl, Lindsey Dee, to Kimberly and Michael Ryan, Selkirk, Dec. 4.

Boy, Alexander Paul, to Meredith and Paul Mangan, Feura Bush, Dec. 5.

Girl, Debra Anne, to Claire and Ron Sheppard, Delmar, Dec. 6.

Boy, Justin David, to Lauren Robert and Josh Finkle, Delmar, Dec. 8.

Boy, Daniel Owen, to Elaine and Scott Roberts, Voorheesville, Dec. 9.

Boy, Joshua Taylor, to Linda Utter, Feura Bush, Dec. 11.

Girl, Jennifer Noel, to LeeAnn and Jim McCue, Glenmont, Dec. 11.

Girl, Brittany Anna, to Tammy and Jon Ryan, Feura Bush, Nov. 20.

Boy, John Francis, to Wanda and Donald Drazan, Delmar, Nov. 21.

Girls, Amanda Sarah, and Abigail Ruth, to Susan and Alan Belasen, Voorheesville, Dec. 4.

Girl, Claire Laura, to Gail and Joseph Sacco M.D., Glenmont, Dec. 13.

Boy, Evan James, to Patricia Callanan and Edmund Carloni, Glenmont, Dec. 15.

Boy, Samuel Joseph, to Deborah and James Reichler, Delmar, Dec. 25.

Beverly Hospital

Girls, Lydia Montague and Caroline Alby, to Alby and Andrew Waugh, Beverly, Ma., Feb. 8. Grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. Robert Waugh, Delmar.



Michele Kinsky Davitt and Daniel Davitt

Davitt-Kinsky nuptials

T. Daniel Davitt, son of J. Alan and Mary Davitt of Delmar, and Michele Kinsky, daughter of David and Judith Kinsky of Pittsford were married Oct. 21.

Richard C. Kinsky, C.S.B., uncle of the bride conducted the service at St. John's of Rochester.

Meg Kinsky was maid of honor, and Nicola Kehoe, Mary Davitt Tublin, and Anne Sperlazza were bridesmaids.

Mark Davitt was best man.

David Igoe, Joe Kinsky, and Zoltan Pozsonyi were ushers.

The groom is a graduate of Bishop Magin High School, and St. John's Fisher College. He is employed by Roadway Package Systems.

The bride is a graduate of Northeastern University. She is employed by General Foods.

The couple reside in Clifton Park.

Girl Scouts camping information offered

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council will hold informational meetings for prospective Camp Little Notch and Camp Is-Sho-Da campers and their families on

Wednesday, March 14, at the McKownville Methodist Church, Western Ave., Guilderland, from 7 to 9 p.m.

For information, call 439-4936.

Networks project scheduled

The Bethlehem Networks Project, a substance abuse prevention project, will hold a meeting on Monday, March 19, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School auditorium, 332 Kenwood Ave., Del-

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Mary Keeley: a saving grace in Selkirk

By Mike Larabee

The automatic garage door at Mary Keeley's Elm Estates home in Bethlehem rises slowly to reveal a hidden wall of boxes, furniture, and swollen plastic garbage bags. A narrow walkway winds through mountains of trash, or treasure — depending on your perspective — to her side basement door.

"I'd like to see this garage empty," she says. "Every time I get it empty I think I'm going to get my car in and somebody drops off another truckload of stuff."

The garage has been full since last October. That was when her garage sale ended and she found herself left with the items she couldn't sell. She knew she didn't want to just throw it out. She assumed someone would want them.

She was right. After making some phone calls, she learned that Mercy House in Albany, a temporary shelter for battered women, was interested in items like pots and pans and clothing for women starting over in new apartments. St. John's-St. Anne's Church in Albany told her they could use furniture, appliances, beds and mattresses.

Overall, she found that local charities are always in need of donations and goods, but that it's important to match the right items with the right organization.

Since then Keeley has become a "middleman," getting everything and anything into the hands of someone who can use it. She takes typical garage sale leftovers — the kinds of things that ordinarily would end up in the dump — and searches until she finds someone happy to have them. What's more, she does it free of charge, because she says she wants to help.

"I don't get anything for it and I don't expect anything for it," she said. "I know how it feels to be down and out."

Her home has been transformed. The boxes and bags in the garage and have spilled into an adjacent room in the basement and her family's belongings, formerly kept in the garage and basement room, have summarily been shifted to other parts of the house. She says she hasn't seen the surface of the kitchen table in weeks. There are bicycles, among heaps of boxes and bags, in the family room.

"At first it spread by word of mouth," she said. Then an article appeared in a local paper. "After that I started getting floods of calls from organizations requesting items and people looking to make donations. It began with garage sales, now people are cleaning out their closets." She said she still welcomes calls about donations at 439-7921.

Keeley has found the demand is greatest for beds, mattresses, dressers, and baby items. "That's what people need most," she said.



Much of Mary Keeley's Elm Estates home has been transformed into a holding station for recycleable goods. The items piled in her garage are half-way through a journey that began at area garage sales and will end at a variety of destinations across the Capital District from Albany to Delmar.

For example, Birthright, a crisis pregnancy service in Albany, picks up her baby clothes. Westmere Elementary School Library has taken books and stacks of *National Geographic* magazines. At Christmas, the Delmar Police Station took a six-foot stocking and the Police Athletic League in Albany took the ice-skates, bowling balls, and other athletic equipment routinely donated. Skis go to the Phoenix Ski Shop in Latham, where they are refurbished and donated to the Special Olympics. Her men's clothing — especially coats and shoes — is given to Albany's homeless men through area shelters.

Keeley has also worked closely with Delmar resident Marion Harwick, a grade school teacher at Public School 20 in Albany. Harwick and her students run a small school store, the proceeds from which are used to help fund field trips and other outings. Keeley said Harwick takes small objects, often toys, and the students sell them in the store for nickels, dimes, and quarters.

"She sent me a letter saying they could use anything," said Keeley. "It said 'send me your tired, your poor...'"

Just how much has passed through her hands since she began is hard to determine, Keeley only says "tons." Most of it is in and out of the house very

quickly, but she admits that sometimes the sheer volume of the material she takes in has created problems.

"In October, there was a flea market at the First Methodist Church (in Delmar) where I was going to get some baby clothes. I asked 'What are you going to do with the stuff you can't get rid of?' and they said, 'Oh, we're going to put it in the junk pile.'"

That was all she needed to hear. A little while later a loaded truck appeared and left a large mound on the driveway.

"The neighbors almost killed me!" Keeley said. "I admit it looked terrible."

She was reported to the Town of Bethlehem and says she received notice to move everything immediately or it would be moved for her.

"They were just going to take it off the driveway and drop it in the dump. I knew I could get rid of it, it just would take a long time. So that's why everything had to go inside the garage or the house."

Keeley lives with her mother, Catherine Grand, and her two teenage children, Mary and Joe. She said they have been for the most part tolerant, but there was period of adjustment to the overwhelming spatial demands of her new pursuit.

"I got in big trouble once," she said. "I took one of my mother's coats and gave it

away. Now she's more careful. If she's missing something she'll ask me right away if I know where it is."

Keeley says that since she retired from a position at Eden Park Nursing Home, she has been living off their combined savings.

Often she has purchased items she couldn't find free of charge, for example she bought two freezers from a second-hand appliance store for a group of operating a free kindergarten lunch program and food pantry in Albany. She has also occasionally donated some of her own belongings as she discovered a need for them.

Thus the other problematic aspect of all this altruism. Keeley says she has become worried about where the money to support herself and her family will come from in the future. An idea for a private business, called "At Your Service," running errands for elderly or busy people was slow to get off the ground and has since been pushed aside by her work donating to charity. Still, she says she has no plans to quit.

"I would donate everything. If it wasn't nailed to the ground it would go," she said, adding "Sometimes my family would like to kill me."



More than 150 exhibitors will be present for the fourth annual Wildlife Exhibition Friday through Sunday at the Empire State Plaza.

Wildlife Expo March 16-18

From environmental protection to serious hunting, there truly will be something for everybody this weekend as the fourth annual Northeastern Wildlife Exposition sets up camp at the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

At the heart of the exposition in the plaza's convention center will be the Sportsmen's Center, where exhibitors from New York to California will share their expertise on state-of-the-art fishing, hunting, camping and hiking equipment and services.

In addition to the sales and informational exhibits, a full slate of demonstrations and seminars is scheduled.

Linda England and Fredda Lee, perhaps America's best-known female fishing team will be present, as well as the star of TV's "Woods and Water," Peter Fiduccia, walleye fishing expert and author Dan Nelson, and predator specialist Andrew Simmons accompanied by live wild animals.

The exposition runs from 3 to 9 p.m. Friday night, from 9 a.m. to 7 p.m. Saturday, and from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Sunday. Admission is \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Children under 3 years of age will be admitted free of charge. Coupons good for a \$1 discount are available at all Price Chopper stores.

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For the contest hotline, call 438-6515.

Write it yourself

The Senior Adult Department of the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Albany, is sponsoring an autobiography writing workshop on Tuesday, March 20 and Wednesday, 21 from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. in the center's board room.

The program is open to the public. For information, call 438-6651.

Peter Matthiessen's nature

Peter Matthiessen, novelist and award-winning nature writer, is reading from his works on Thursday, March 15, at 8 p.m. in the Recital Hall of the Performing Arts Center, the University at Albany's up-town campus.

The reading, sponsored by the New York State Writers Institute, is free and open to the public.

For information, call 442-5620.

Developing self-esteem in children

"Tools and Rules: Ways to Raise Children with a Positive Self-Image", a workshop outlining skills in assisting children

develop their self esteem will be led by Margie Wook on March 14 from 1 to 4 p.m. in the Pastoral Center of the Albany Diocese on North Main Avenue. The course fee is \$20. For registration or information, call the Consultation Center at 489-4431.

Plays sought for competition at Siena

Siena College is now accepting entries for its third international playwriting competition sponsored by the Department of Fine Arts Theatre Program. A cash prize of \$2,000, plus expenses for a campus residency will be awarded to the winning playwright. Scripts will be accepted through June 30. For further information and an entry form, contact the Fine Arts Department at Siena College, Loudonville 12211

Breast health program

The division of women's and children's services at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany is sponsoring a program on breast health on Monday, March 19 from 7 to 8 p.m.

The program costs \$10, and registration is required by Friday, March 16.

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

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ALBANY COUNTY PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS featuring local 4-H clubs, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-3861.

LENTEN SERIES "Questions of Faith," led by Dr. Robert Hess, through April 4, Delmar Reformed Church, Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m. Information, 439-0509.

BETHLEHEM TOWN BOARD meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

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

Thursday March 15

BETHLEHEM

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.

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AMERICAN LEGION LUNCHEONS for members, guests and membership applicants, Sidewheeler Restaurant, Albany Motor Inn, third Thursday, noon.

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STUDENT BOOK WRITING WORKSHOP sponsored by the Capital Region Center, March 15 and 20, Clarksville Elementary. Information, 442-4240.

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AQUATIC PROJECT WILD WORKSHOP sponsored by the New York State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Five Rivers Educational Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6:30 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

GOVERNMENT COUNCIL OF THE DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB to meet, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1370.

Friday March 16

BETHLEHEM

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

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

Saturday March 17

BETHLEHEM

MAPLE SUGARING "OPEN HOUSE" demonstrations of maple sugaring, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1-3 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

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

GAELIC GALORE for children ages 8 and up, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

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

BETHLEHEM PUBLIC LIBRARY annual book sale, 451 Delaware Ave., March 17, 18, and 19. Information, 439-9314.

TRI-VILLAGE SQUARE DANCE to be held, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 861-6407.

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The annual auction is our only fund-raiser: obviously the greater our financial supports, the greater the variety of activities for teenagers and workshops for parents that we can offer. The auction is a real community event; a coming-together of many groups in the community. Parents, teachers, school administrators, town officials and business people have all donated services or items.

All are invited to the Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited Auction at 7 p.m. on Friday, March 23, at Bethlehem Central High School.

No admission will be charged, and free Ben & Jerry's ice cream will be offered to the first 100 people to attend. Gourmet desserts will be sold.

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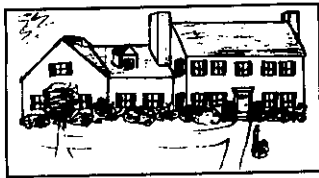
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Planners put off Dawson Rd. request

By Bob Hagyard

This time, Harry Gochee's latest plan to subdivide his wooded tract in the heart of Delmar didn't provoke a single citizen to anger.

Instead, the winged words at last week's Bethlehem Planning Board hearing flew between Martin Barr, the new board chairman, and project surveyor Lindsay Boutelle. The quarrel centered on the extent of the town's jurisdiction over future development.

Barr wanted to pin down the applicant on where homes will be sited on the park-like tract. Boutelle insisted that subdivision approval implied no such commitment.

The hearing was called in the first place, said Barr, so the board could decide whether to grant preliminary approval. Wrong, said Boutelle — the appropriate board decision would be a "conditional final" approval.

And on it went. Several years ago, Gochee's application for approval on apartment buildings drew an outcry. This time, the owner "will simply subdivide, then sell the lots," Boutelle said in response to an audience question from Richmond Young of Lansing Drive.

Three small lots would open north onto Dawson Road opposite the Preston Road intersection while a large keyhole lot would wrap around to the east and south. All would conform to A-Residential zoning, Boutelle said, with at least 85 feet of road frontage and 12,000 square feet in area. The

entire lot is "very heavily wooded, and it does not require a lot of grading or clearing," he said.

The large lot would include 35,000 square feet, about eight-tenths of an acre.

Boutelle filed for Gochee last Oct. 4. Then, after receiving notice of the town board's increase in lot size requirements for A-Residential parcels, Boutelle sent back a revised map on Jan. 17 showing the Gregory house adjoining the pond visible from Delaware Avenue, attached to new forms.

Back came a checklist with questions about drainage and exact home sites, questions Boutelle found "improper" in connection with a mere subdivision application.

"The planning board could be interested in what the intentions of the applicant are," said Barr. "If you could leave the area undisturbed, you could state so. I think you're making an issue that doesn't exist."

This is not the time for anyone to require that portions of the parcel remain undisturbed, said Boutelle, who added: "Undisturbed areas are hard to sell."

Barr said he would discuss with the board the procedures for subdivision applicants and the contents of the checklist.

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

Gun stolen

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a Model 70 Winchester bolt-action rifle from the gunroom of a home on Jericho Road, Selkirk, sometime between 9 a.m., Saturday and 3:30 p.m., Sunday.

Police said there was no sign of forced entry and nothing else was reported missing. The weapon, valued at \$500, was reportedly taken from a full gun rack. Police have no suspects in the burglary.

One hurt in crash

A man was hurt in a rear-end collision on Sunday, March 11, on Elsmere Avenue.

According to Bethlehem police, Sherry Lynn Walsh, 22, of Elsmere Avenue was traveling north at 4

p.m. when her vehicle hit a car driven by Michael Cirillo of Norge Road, Delmar. Cirillo was reportedly waiting to make a left turn onto Norge Road.

He was transported to Albany Medical Center, treated and released.

Florida woman stopped for DWI

Diane B. Agnew, 21, of Ocala, Fla., was arrested for driving while intoxicated in Bethlehem Sunday morning.

According to police, Agnew's 1987 Nissan Pulsar was stopped by officers at 4:49 a.m. for failure to keep right while traveling westbound on Route 85. Her blood alcohol content at the time of her

arrest was allegedly .24.

Agnew is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Tuesday, March 20, at 7 p.m.

Arrested for DWI

A 24-year-old Albany man was arrested early Sunday morning by Bethlehem police for misdemeanor driving while intoxicated.

Police said they detected alcohol on Benjamin J. Peck's breath after he was stopped for speeding at the intersection of Route 9W and Wemple Road at 4:14 a.m. Sunday morning. His blood-alcohol content allegedly was .12 at the time of his arrest.

Peck was ticketed for speeding and failure to keep right. He is scheduled to appear in Bethlehem Town Court next Tuesday at 7 p.m.

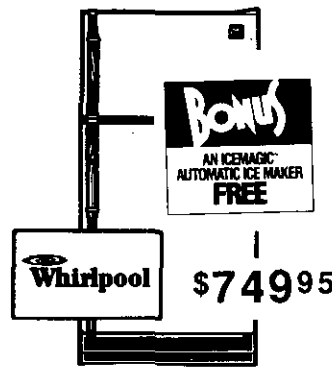
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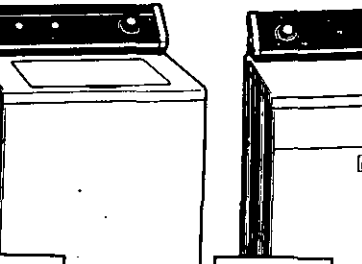
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March 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 2	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
March 3	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Car Fire
March 3	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical Emergency
March 3	Voorheesville Ambulance	Personal Injury
March 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 4	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
March 4	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 4	Bethlehem Ambulance	Standby
March 4	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
March 4	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
March 5	Bethlehem Ambulance	Unknown Illness
March 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 5	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
March 5	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
March 6	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure Fire
March 6	Delmar Rescue Squad	Standby
March 6	Voorheesville Ambulance	Auto Accident
March 6	Voorheesville Ambulance	Unknown Illness
March 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal Injury
March 7	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
March 7	Bethlehem Ambulance	Auto Accident
March 7	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Washdown

On March 5, the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post American Legion presented their Fireman of the Year Awards. This years winners were: Peter Schmidt, Delmar Fire Dept.; Entire Membership, Elsmere Fire Co.; George Mears, North Bethlehem Fire Dept.; Entire Department, Slingerlands Fire Dept.; Company 1; Company 2 and Company 3, Selkirk Fire Dept.

The recent membership drive for the Voorheesville Ambulance proved very productive. They gained 10 new members and 6 new drivers.

Fire Fighter's Corner/Isabel Glastetter 439-2627.