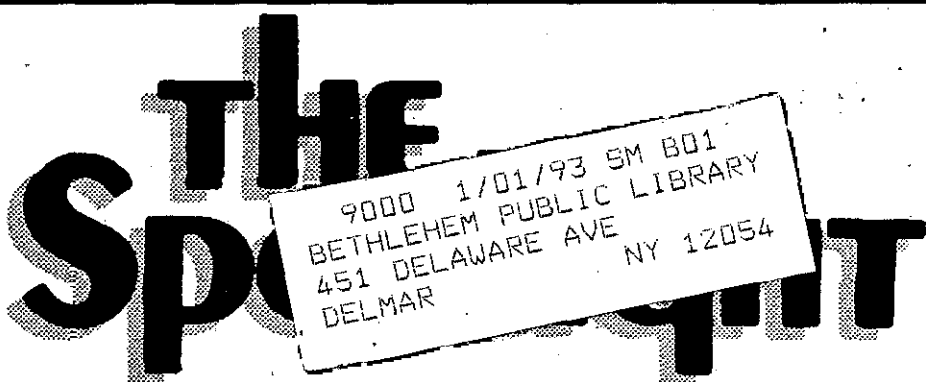


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## BEST WISHES, BETHLEHEM!

The nation was one year young when the town of Bethlehem was founded. The year 1793 seems like a long time ago but in the time span of nations it is but a short span.

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Come out Friday night and enjoy one of the best nights ever. And keep reading *The Spotlight* for announcements of months more of great Bicentennial activities.

Mary and Dick Ahlstrom

## Hoblock: Where's the cash?

### Counsel delves into loan fund labyrinth

By Dan Button

Millions of dollars in tax money that was supposed to be used to create industrial jobs for Albany County residents was instead diverted to other purposes over the past 10 years, *The Spotlight* has been told.

The money bred waste and ultimately a new pile of government debt that now must be borne by taxpayers. In short, instead of improving the life of local residents, it has made things tougher.

Nearly 10 years before he went to prison, James J. Coyne used the prestige of his office as Albany County executive to create an unauthorized pseudo-govern-

□ HOBLOCK/page 10



Hoblock

## Legacy a tangled web

By Mel Hyman

While former County Executive James J. Coyne Jr. resides in federal prison at the former Fort Dix army barracks in New Jersey, his legacy — for the Albany County taxpayer — lives on.

Through a series of economic development ventures in the late 1980s, Coyne allegedly helped to ravage the once plentiful Al Tech Trust Fund, which was the county's main vehicle for creating new jobs in the private sector.

Present and former county officials acknowledge virtually no restrictions were placed on Coyne's power to wheel

and deal during his political heyday in the mid- to late-1980s.

Besides his position as chairman of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, Coyne also served as president of the Albany County Local Development Corporation, which effectively gave him control over the \$6 million Al Tech revolving loan fund.

The consensus now is that Coyne

□ LEGACY/page 10



Coyne

## Bypasses slated for federal funding

By Dev Tobin

Route 85 commuters weary of waiting and Selkirk residents tired of trucks will see relief in the next five years, as two roads that have long been on Bethlehem's wish list were tentatively approved by a regional transportation planning agency for federal funding.

The proposed bypasses in Slingerlands and Selkirk will help reduce traffic congestion and increase highway safety, ac-

cording to Kristina Younger of the Capital District Transportation Committee, the official metropolitan planning organization which recommended the projects.

The committee's OK means that the bypasses will have 80 percent of their engineering, environmental study, right-of-way purchase, and construction costs

picked up by the federal government, with the state paying the other 20 percent.

The Slingerlands Bypass project will widen Route 85 from two to four lanes from Krumkill Road to Blessing Road (a stretch that has seen at least three fatal accidents in the last decade), then build a

□ BYPASSES/page 18

## NS reval sparks protests

By Dev Tobin

The first-ever revaluation of property in New Scotland has set off a firestorm of protest from the more than 800 residential property owners whose taxes would rise more than \$500 under the plan.

The town board "may need bullet-proof vests" for Wednesday's meeting, said Supervisor Herb Reilly, whose phone has been ringing steadily since the release of the new assessments last week.

Reilly noted that his own assessment was pretty close to the mark, but he had found some discrepancies in other assessments he had reviewed.

According to the state Division of Equalization and Assessment (E&A), taxes paid on farms and residences generally rose,

while taxes paid on commercial property generally went down under the new assessments.

In the residential class, the owners of 845 properties will see their taxes go up more than \$500, 264 would get a \$300 to \$500 tax increase, and 263 would see a \$100 to \$300 hike.

Some residential property owners will see drastic decreases in their taxes — 379 will save more than

\$500; 245 will save \$300 to \$500; and 315 will save \$100 to \$300.

"The ranges here are what you would expect when there has been benign neglect of the roll for many years," said William Lynam of E&A.

When assessments are not kept

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### The town board may need bullet-proof vests for Wednesday's meeting.

Herb Reilly

## Stamp of approval



Delmar Postmaster Tom Porcaro and postal clerk Dick Tanner will be stamping special bicentennial envelopes at the Delmar Post Office, this Friday, March 12.

## Seat belt safety show



Learning about seat belt safety from Bill Van Alstyne and two crash dummies during Monday's Buckle Up Helper Program at Delmar's St. Thomas School are kindergartners, from left, Laura Oddy, Lauren Strait, Tess McGrath, Matthew Turo and Stephen Dole.

Elaine McLain

## Local towns face more rabies cases

By Eric Bryant  
and Mel Hyman

While all of Albany County appears to be in the throes of a rabies outbreak, a particularly high concentration of cases has been reported in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland, according to Ward Stone, wildlife pathologist with the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Figures released by the state Department of Health on Monday show the verified cases of rabies in the county so far this year have already doubled the total number of cases confirmed in all of 1992. Stone said two factors appear to account for the problem locally.

Only a few municipalities in the county such as Bethlehem, have a full-time animal control officer who can respond to all complaints, Stone said. That makes reports of odd-acting wildlife as well as confirmed cases of infected animals more prevalent.

"Bethlehem has an outstanding animal control staff, and they're the ones who respond to most of these cases," Stone said. "If you get out into the hilltowns, it may just be a part-time position. A person has to work a full-time job and only has a certain amount of time. I'm not saying they're not doing their job, because I don't think there are any bad ACOs (animal control officers) out there. They just don't have the time."

Stone, whose wildlife pathology lab covers cases from around the state, said he and his staff have plotted a location map of all the reported cases that have been tested in the Five River's Environmental Center laboratory. Many of the positively tested animals have actually come from the state environmental education center property, where wildlife biologists

are more in tune with strange animal behavior.

A second reason the incidence may be so high in Bethlehem and New Scotland is because there are many places where infected foxes, skunks and raccoons can seek haven, he said. Both towns have an abundance of old barns, garages, porches and other spots rabid animals tend to hide. The general habitat of the area, which includes an abundant food supply, is also conducive to the area's large raccoon population. More raccoons means rabies will spread faster and to a wider population, he said.

Another reason for the recent late winter bulge in reported cases is the fact that this is the breeding season for raccoons. "You see a lot more movement and more aggressive behavior during this time of year," Stone said.

Stone cautioned residents of both towns not to feed raccoons or foxes and, as a precautionary measure, to vaccinate their farm animals as well as their pets. The most prominent symptoms of a rabid animal are confusion and aimless behavior, Stone said.

"They will act confused, they might run away or hesitate. We've seen them biting themselves or biting a stick ... We really should pity the raccoons, because they are really suffering out there," he said.

Bethlehem animal control officer Craig Sleurs said people should report all daytime sightings of strange acting raccoons to either himself or the Bethlehem Police Department. He added that a public informational session on the outbreak would be scheduled soon.

Stone said he expects the outbreak to continue to get larger.

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# Playground planners earn chamber award

By Susan Graves

Sisters-in-law Lauren and Lisa Finkle have a great deal in common, including more than family ties.

Both women attended Wheelock College, worked for the Kenwood school, married and settled in Delmar, and both have three children. They are also both high-powered when it comes to accomplishing something they believe in.

And now the Finkles, who spearheaded the effort behind the new Kids' Place playground at Elm Avenue Park, are being honored for their labors by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce.

They have been named citizens of the year and will be feted at a dinner on Saturday, March 13, at 6:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club.

The Finkles' herculean accomplishment began in the spring of 1990. "What we did is send a letter to Leathers (the Robert Leathers and Associates Architects in Massachusetts)," Lauren Finkle said.

After that, they made up a petition and "sat at the town park asking if we needed a safer playground."



Lisa Finkle, left, with son Ben, and Laura Finkle, with son Justin, will be honored as citizens of the year by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Saturday, March 13, at the chamber's annual dinner.

The responses supported that need, so the sisters-in-law moved their case to the town board "asking if we could do it. We said we'd raise the money ourselves," said Finkle.

The board gave the project its stamp of approval, and that's when the playground escalated to what Finkle said amounted to more than a full-time job. "It was worse than work."

At the first of two meetings, 11 committees were formed. The Finkles were named co-coordinators and other committee heads were chosen. "Without them, we never would have gotten done what we did."

Finkle said she spent a good portion of every day on the phone, and that her phone bill doubled during the all-volunteer project.

She occasionally thinks of the

times when workers got down in the dumps. "When we didn't have a lot, when it was looking grim — then it was our job to be head cheerleaders."

However, the mood of the volunteers brightened considerably when an anonymous donor tossed \$50,000 in to the playground fund-raising cookie jar.

"It was like a snowball effect," said Finkle, "It was incredible."

Marty Cornelius, chamber president, said there was no question about choice for the award this year. "The nominations for the Finkles were incredible," she said.

Cornelius said the chamber selected Doug Brownell of Brownell Insurance in Delmar as businessperson of the year. *The Spotlight* will profile Brownell in an upcoming edition.

## Metz has regrets

### Dump owner blasts state

By Mel Hyman

In hindsight, landfill owner Harlan W. Metz Jr. would probably have run the other way in 1988 if he knew what was in store for him.

"If I'd known it was going to turn out this way, I would never have gotten involved with it," he said. "The state has had trouble with every (construction debris landfill) they've permitted."

**If I'd known it was going to turn out this way, I would never have gotten involved with it.**

Harlan Metz

An excavating contractor by trade, Metz would probably like to dig up the entire three-acre site and deposit its contents somewhere in the Arctic tundra. That way the hot spots and the fumes would never be a problem again.

In lieu of that, the state Department of Environmental Conservation has ordered that an active gas collection and control system be installed at the Spawn Hollow Road dump in South Bethlehem. Recent inspections by EnCon engineers revealed elevated levels of hydrogen sulfide gas escaping into the environment.

A passive, charcoal filtration system, set up to dissipate the odors produced by decaying wood and tree stumps at the dump, has apparently not worked. South Bethlehem residents continue to complain about foul odors emanating from the dump.

Bethlehem Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor visited the site only three weeks ago and found highly noxious fumes emanating from cracks or fissures

in the clay cap after the dump was closed last March.

Metz predicts that the new odor control system will be installed in the next month or two. Whatever delay there's been is attributable to red tape, he said.

First, the upgraded gas collection system ordered by EnCon had to be designed by an engineer, Metz noted. "Then it goes back to EnCon for changes, and then the

changes have to be incorporated by the engineers, and then it goes back to EnCon. It just seems to go round and round."

"We will be in full compliance with what the state is asking for," Metz said. "All we have to do is finalize the design and order the materials."

In order to force compliance with an earlier consent order pertaining to odor and fire problems, EnCon fined Metz \$10,000. All the provisions of EnCon's original closure order have been carried out, Metz said, and the only thing that remains is for top soil and grass to be spread around in the spring.

All of the upcoming work will be paid for out of an escrow account established by Waste Management of Eastern New York.

EnCon wildlife pathologist Ward Stone has wondered out loud what on earth the state was thinking about when they approved licensing of the South Bethlehem dump site in the first place.

## BC budget cuts hard to come by

By Dev Tobin

About 200 parents and teachers turned out last Wednesday as the Bethlehem Central school board considered cuts in the instructional program.



Loomis

Superintendent Leslie Loomis emphasized that he was reluctant to recommend cuts, but "the alternative is to reduce classroom staffing."

The district's fundamental operating budget, which basically carries over programs from the current year, calls for spending \$33.6 million, an increase of almost \$2 million or 6.2 percent over this year.

Through the board's budget workshops to date, that spending

plan has been cut almost \$80,000. Most of the savings Wednesday came from a 10 percent cut in operations and maintenance (\$124,000), a net savings of \$105,900 from a new apprenticeship program replacing BOCES occupational education, \$43,204 from eliminating the Challenge Program for Gifted and Talented elementary students, a \$35,000 cut in contract painting and \$20,295 from eliminating driver's education (which will be available in the summer on a fee basis).

The major additions to the budget were \$169,669 for 3.8 new middle school teachers to deal with increasing enrollment, \$44,300 for a new resource room teacher, \$33,200 to pick up Chapter I remedial costs dropped by the federal government, and \$7,500 for the high school's new pre-engineering course.

Several parents spoke out against cutting the Challenge Program, which provides one full-time teacher to work with about 40 gifted and talented elementary pupils.

Assistant Superintendent Judith Wooster said the district would provide a program "that meets the needs of the top one or two percent" of elementary pupils with volunteer mentors.

Teacher John Piechnik warned that administering such a volunteer program would be difficult.

Deb Ward of Feura Bush Road argued that the district might receive more state aid than proposed by Gov. Mario Cuomo, and could use the additional aid to fund the Challenge Program.

But, in the end, the board voted

4-3 to cut the current program.

A proposal to reduce spending on language arts supervision by \$21,000 drew vocal opposition from teachers.

Kathy Bartley and Val Falco, who spend half their time supervising the elementary language arts program and the other half teaching, defended the job they were doing, pointing to their work with other teachers in the classroom and to the dozens of workshops they provide.

Bartley and Falco said it would be impossible to deliver the same level of services if the elementary supervisory position were reduced from 1.0 to .6.

"We would not split .6. We would no longer be viable in the classroom," Falco said.

The board decided not to reduce the elementary supervision position, but put off a decision on language arts supervision in the middle and high schools until tonight's budget workshop.

In other budget decisions, the district voted to eliminate its support of the summer music program at a savings of \$6,065.

Board member Happy Scherer pointed out that the program, which served more than 100 students last summer, would continue, charging higher fees but with corresponding scholarship support from the Bethlehem Music Association.

The board refused to cut the Step Up program to save \$5,600. Step Up is a two-week summer program that helps 25 fifth-graders identified as in need of special help with their impending transition to middle school.

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## Soil survey complete



Charles Houghtaling, second from left, secretary-treasurer of the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District, presents the first copy of the new county soil survey to County Executive Michael Hoblock (second from right) while Paul Dodd, state conservationist, and Mary Binder, district manager, look on.

## Bouton students score in state math contest

Seventh and eighth-graders at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville recently participated in the New York Math League Contest.

Seventh-grade high scorers for

the school included Madeleine Bonneville, first place; Cynthia Reed and Justin Rymanowski, second; Ben Battles, third; and Joseph Impicciatore and John Kazukenus, fourth.

Eighth-grade leaders were David Koltai, first; Ariel Belasen and Johann Manss, second; and Joshua Alvarez, Lisa Dunbar and Brian McKenna, third.

## Bethlehem police arrest nine for DWI

It was a busy week for Bethlehem police as they arrested nine drivers on driving while intoxicated charges.

Daniel Edward Murphy Jr., 40, of 102 Maple Ave., Selkirk, was stopped at 4:49 p.m. Monday, March 1, on Route 85 for not wearing a seatbelt, police said.

He was also charged with failure to comply and felony DWI. He was released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

Jerry Barnes, 53, of 210 Mount Hope Drive, Albany, was stopped at 12:08 p.m. Tuesday, March 2, on Route 9W for failure to keep right, police said.

He was also charged with DWI and released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

George Sroka, 31, of Potic Mountain, Earlton, was stopped at 5:30 a.m. Thursday, March 4, on Route 9W near Corning Hill Road for speeding, police said.

He was also charged with failure to keep right, following too closely, reckless driving and DWI. He was released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

Jeffrey Darcy, 20, of 23 Frederick Place, Delmar, was stopped at 12:37 a.m. Friday, March 5, on Delaware Avenue near Mason Road for failure to keep right, police said. He was also charged with

DWI and released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Stuart Morrison, 19, of 14 Miller Ave., Selkirk, was stopped at 4:04 a.m. Saturday, March 6, on Cherry Avenue for speeding, police said. He was also charged with DWI and released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

David Golding, 30, of 33 Whitehead St., Selkirk, was stopped at 11:29 p.m. Saturday, March 6, on Maple Avenue in Selkirk for driving onto the shoulder, police said.

He was also charged with driving at an imprudent speed and DWI. He was released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

Charles Adalian, 21, of Altamont, was stopped at 4:18 a.m. Sunday, March 7, on Krumkill Road for failure to keep right, police said. He was also charged with operating with a suspended license and DWI. He was released pending an April 6 appearance in town court.

Carol Stegville, 35, of 416 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was stopped at 12:07 a.m. Monday, March 8, on Carriage Road for making an unsafe turn, police said.

She was also charged with failure to dim her headlights and DWI. She was released pending a March 16 appearance in town court.

## Deputies charge two with DWI

Sheriff's deputies from the Voorheesville patrol arrested two people for driving while intoxicated last week.

Deputies stopped Michael McDonough of Voorheesville Thursday, March 4, at 12:10 a.m. for driving with one headlight on Route 85A in Voorheesville.

After failing several field sobriety tests, McDonough was charged with DWI. He is due to appear in village court March 15.

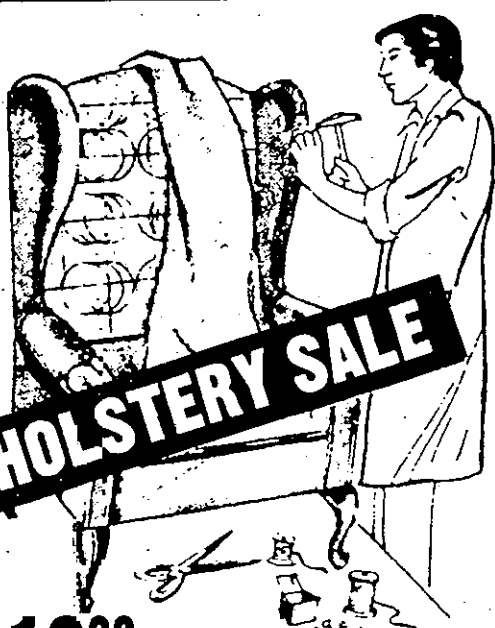
After receiving a complaint that an intoxicated woman attempted to buy beer from a store on Saturday, March 6, deputies stopped April Bauer, 66, of Feura Bush, for driving without a seatbelt on Route 443 in Clarksville around 2:10 p.m.

Bauer was also charged with DWI and is due in New Scotland town court March 18.

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## VOORHEESVILLE

# School board grapples with \$1.2 million gap

By Dev Tobin

The Voorheesville school board made some of the easy cuts in trying to plug a more than \$1 million budget gap, but more cuts are needed to bring the expected tax rate increase down from the double digits.

At Monday's board meeting, Superintendent Alan McCartney said that he needs direction from the board on class size and negotiations before he could go further in recommending cuts.

"The tax increase will be out of sight unless we do something," McCartney said.

The \$1.2 million budget gap is based on a worst-case scenario regarding state aid, which Gov. Cuomo has proposed cutting by \$222, 740, McCartney noted. In past years, the state Legislature has generally been more generous than the governor in providing school aid.

McCartney found more than \$200,000 in cuts by eliminating \$75,400 in planned computer hardware purchases, retiring \$60,000 in debt to the Teachers' Retirement System, arranging a trade of some old school buses for a new one to save \$45,584, and reducing the district's estimated health insurance premium by \$23,874.

The original budget called for an additional first-grade teacher and a half-time kindergarten teacher, and board members questioned McCartney and Voorheesville Elementary School Principal Edward Diegel about the need for those positions.

First-grade class sizes would be about 26 without hiring the new teacher, and about 21 with the new hire, McCartney said.

The board met in executive session to discuss negotiations and personnel following the regular meeting.

On another matter, McCartney reported that the electromagnetic field task force, formed out of concern that the Niagara Mohawk transmission lines behind the elementary school may cause adverse

health effects, had an "excellent" first meeting.

The utility agreed to take the 34.5 kilovolt line closest to the school out of service by Sept. 1, and to reconfigure the 155 kilovolt line to reduce the EMF it emits, McCartney said.

The task force and the utility will take readings throughout the school and grounds, with the goal of instituting "prudent avoidance" of EMFs, which have been linked to increased risks of childhood cancers in some scientific studies.

Also, board member Steven Schreiber announced that he would run for a third five-year term on the school board.

"I've learned a tremendous amount in the past 10 years, and feel I can contribute in the next few difficult years," he said.

Schreiber, 52, works in research and health administration for the state Division of Youth. He lives in Voorheesville with his wife Joyce, a teacher at Bethlehem Central Middle School, and his sons Daniel and Matt.

The deadline for petitions for anyone seeking to run for school board is Thursday, April 8. Twenty-five signatures of district residents are needed to secure a place on the ballot. Petitions may be picked up at the district offices in Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School during regular business hours.

## Bouton honor students collect canned goods

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School chapter of the National Honor Society is sponsoring a Students Against Hunger drive this month.

Students and parents can donate canned and dry foods to help feed hungry families in the community. Collection boxes are in the main office, the guidance office, the library and in rooms 108 and 151.

For information, call 765-3314.

## Special spaghetti



The fun is in the eating for, from left, Jennie Parker, Caleb Bonuello, Eli Bonuello, Carrie Besse, Gretchen Parker and Lindsey Caldwell, at Sunday's spaghetti dinner to benefit the First United Methodist Church of Delmar's mission in Mozambique.

Elaine McLain

## Public to comment on disabilities plan

There is a public hearing tonight, March 10, on the town of Bethlehem's plan for making its buildings and facilities handicapped accessible.

But that's only part of what needs to be done. The Americans with Disabilities Act, signed into law three years ago, also ensures equal access to public places such as restaurants, post offices, shopping centers, bus stations — wherever the public carries on its business.

A committee appointed by Supervisor Ken Ringler has already recommended numerous changes in town facilities, such as a \$40,000 chairlift to make the second floor of town hall handicapped accessible. The total price tag for bringing town facilities into compliance is estimated at about \$62,000.

It would be nice if the private sector embraced the provisions of the ADA, but town Parks Commissioner Dave Austin doesn't expect overnight changes. Austin chaired the town's ADA committee.

The wording of the law is somewhat vague, Austin noted, so that if companies find it financially or administratively difficult to make their facilities handicapped accessible, they are not required to do so.

"It's mainly a matter of interpretation," Austin said. "You wouldn't expect a fourth floor business with two employees to install an elevator."

The town's ADA Committee "can't really control what businesses do," Austin explained. "I did speak to the Chamber of Commerce a few weeks ago, but the initiative will probably rest with the business people themselves."

A lot of businesses may not be aware of the law, because there "hasn't been a lot of publicity about it," he added. "As far as I know, I think the Town of Bethlehem is

the first in Albany County to complete its self-evaluation plan."

It would definitely benefit the seniors in town if local businesses could take even small steps to increase accessibility, says Joyce Becker, assistant director of senior services for Bethlehem.

Some establishments such as the Slingerlands Post Office, have already done a nice job complying with the law, Becker said. "In some cases a simple improvement can go a long way" in aiding the disabled.

"I would like to see as much compliance with the law as possible," she said. "It's easier to take a group of elderly people out to restaurants and meetings where the entrances and bathrooms are accessible. It would be nice if the public could step back and see what could be done. Sometimes simple changes can be great."

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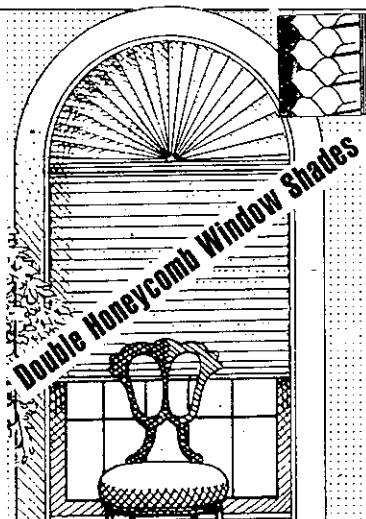
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## Matters of Opinion

## Jim's last legacy?

Perhaps the underlying lesson to be taken from the latest disclosure of Jim Coyne's manipulation of public agencies and money, as reported in this issue of *The Spotlight*, is the foolhardy danger in perpetuating a monolithic government system.

The story of the Albany County Local Development Corporation is a twisted, complex tale that is important for another reason. It illustrates how government's good intentions can turn sour if not watched closely by taxpayers. It also shows how the use of overlapping pseudo-governmental agencies and corporations can lead to problems, and open the door to poor management and possible

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corruption.

The entire episode can remind us of how such well-intentioned government spending (in this case, economic development tools) can be abused if it lacks proper structure and oversight.

And, hopefully it may be the last chapter in our long and expensive lesson as to the price of secret government—namely a lack of public accountability by public officers and employees.

## The way we were; how we are

President George Washington had taken the oath of office for his second term eight days earlier, but this information probably would not have reached the crossroads hamlet of Adamsville and its outlying environs by the time the township of Bethlehem was officially established.

On that particular day in our ancestral history, March 12, 1793, the New York State Legislature approved the legislation that created Bethlehem. On that date, too, the Legislature adjourned its sixteenth session, so it is not difficult to imagine the occurrence of what has become the annual tradition of Senators and Assemblymen hurriedly voting for a parcel of bills and resolutions about which few members cared enough to oppose. The familiar names of Schuyler, Van Rensselaer, Ten Broeck, Van Slyck, Douw, Fonda, and Gansevoort were among the dozen members from the Albany County area who undoubtedly proposed and pushed for giving new legitimacy to our area. George Clinton, the state's first governor, shortly got around to signing the legislation requiring his endorsement.

This momentous event did not take place on Capitol Hill across the Normanskill; New York City was still the capital, and that is where the legislators met.

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The two-hundredth anniversary observance, being marked at numerous special

events over the next six months, begins Friday, on precisely the date of that legislative action.

The three-dozen performances and events presented all over town that evening (highlighted by a reenactment of the first Town Meeting—which took place a year later) are celebrations worthy of a notable niche in our collective past.

The special section of *The Spotlight*, included as part of this issue, is devoted to memorializing the occasion in permanent keepsake form. Its contents provide not only reminders of our noteworthy past but also of the town's status and prospect on the threshold of the 21st century as well as at the outset of the town's third.

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The extraordinarily wide range of special events—from exhibits and lectures to plays and barbecues—continue from this month through September. Highlights, of course, are the mammoth Family Day on July 4 and the Labor Day parade.

There's something—plenty of something—for everyone in the coming half-year. The planning carried out by a Bicentennial Commission of some 16 members and headed by former Supervisor Bob Hendrick deserves commendation as encompassing as the humdinger of a program they have arranged.

## Also in 1793

Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette were guillotined. Marat was assassinated by Charlotte Corday. France, in the midst of the Reign of Terror, went to war with England. George III

suffered one of his attacks of "flying gout," which rendered him insane. In an epidemic of yellow fever in the U. S., Alexander Hamilton was quarantined by the Mayor of Albany.

## The 'fiscally challenged'

It may be the current emphasis on the deficit, accumulated debt, the budget and taxes which has given rise to a frankness that is categorizing American citizenry a certain unsuitable manner.

Great importance is placed on class—the "rich," the "middle class," and "the poor." We refer blandly to "the poverty level," which seems to keep shifting. The President seeks to recognize what might be called the fiscally challenged by donating a new tax break for those in its ranks.

Millions of Americans come to the competitiveness of capitalist society with little to offer except their hands. They will never attain those "six-figure incomes"—except for

the isolated few who have successfully grasped the bait dangled by the lottery. Their ranks are legion, and the fencing dividing "them" from "us" is fragile indeed.

Not only the ill-prepared are to be penned within that fencing, it seems. Only recently a news story quoted New York State's commissioner of social services (soon to be leaving us for a sub-cabinet office in the Clinton administration) about the uncounted residents "who are too poor to pay costly nursing-home bills but not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid." Who are these too-poor but not-poor-enough? They are, said the commissioner, "middle-income New Yorkers."

As Marc Antony might have said to Cleopatra: We are not alone.

## Grocery market study divides town, village

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Town of New Scotland has opted to participate in the costs of a market study by the Scrivner Corporation regarding the feasibility of locating a modern retail grocery facility in the former Grand Union building at Voorheesville Plaza.

We applaud the foresight and leadership shown in this instance by Supervisor Herb Reilly and the Town Board, as they were able to recognize the value, both in increased employment for the local population, and the tax revenues that accompany a viable, successful commercial establishment within the town.

Although, regrettably, the Village of Voorheesville decided ultimately not to participate in this

## Vox Pop

market study, we would like to acknowledge and thank Mayor Ed Clark and the Village Board for their consideration of this request. We must respect their decision, especially their attempts to keep spending in the village under control, subsequently saving all taxpayers in the long run.

We do hope, however, that the potential tenant, who is interested in a building so long vacant, will not be discouraged by this decision.

Robert J. Wiggand

President,

Vagand Enterprises, Inc.

## 'Andrew' relief group and leader win praise

Editor, The Spotlight:

Hats off to Debbie Besse and the 23 young people who went to Florida to help the Hurricane Andrew relief effort during their February break. (Debbie Besse is the director of the "RPM"—Reformed-Presbyterian-Methodist—high school group of three area churches.)

These young people painted three buildings, sorted food, packed relief packages for nearby residents, and shoveled debris. Their enthusiasm was contagious and they gained greatly from their experience.

Debbie had a two-month-old infant on her hip, a sick child at her side most of the week, dozens of questions coming her way at all

times—but always a smile on her face (even when hanging diapers to dry in the dining room of our lodging at midnight!).

Despite vehicle fires and breakdowns, sick children, lost adults, and the stress of 31 people living together for a week, Debbie never lost her genuine love and giving to the young people from this area.

All of them are willing to give up their break next year to go to Florida to work again.

Thank you, Debbie, and the First United Methodist Church for making this experience possible for my sons and me, among so many others. We all grew greatly from it.

Pat Bush

Glenmont

## Words for the week

**Weasel words:** Words or remarks that are equivocal or deliberately ambiguous or misleading. Probably an allusion to the weasel's habit of sucking out the contents of an egg without destroying the shell.

**Accoutrements:** Personal outfit; clothes. Also, a soldier's equipment except clothes and arms.

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## A few lines that find the truth

Ordinarily, I am far from an admirer of Mr. Rex Babin's rough-hewn cartoon on the editorial page of The Times Union. His style is so vastly different from the meticulous and thoughtful work of Hy Rosen—which I do admire greatly—that I seldom bother to spend the twenty seconds that would be needed to view and comprehend a Babin commentary.

A week ago, though, he produced a cartoon that really hit home. Exceedingly sketchy his few lines were, as usual, but his point came across without difficulty. In fact, the point was so well made that I found it additionally surprising that a newcomer to this area could have understood the background history well enough to depict it as Mr. Babin did.

You may recall the cartoon labelled "Evolution": It was in three panels, each with a single figure. The first was captioned "Ne(Dan)derthal: circa B.C. 300 to A.D. 1976"; the figure was in what might be called a primitive pose but wearing a large fedora and with a butt protruding from its mouth. Some people would find it reminiscent.

The second figure was more upright, though in semi-stooped posture and with a rather grotesque expression. It was captioned "Homo Erastus: A.D. 1941 to A.D. 1983"—basically unkind, as the first figure certainly was. The suggestions are sure to annoy or infuriate certain readers.

Be that as it may, the theme does lead effectively into the third panel.

This one was labelled "Albany Man: A.D. 1983 to present."

### Uncle Dudley

The figure is a stocky male, hardly more recognizable as Tom Whalen than the others were as Dan O'Connell and Erastus Corn-ing.

But this figure is bolt upright, spine clearly "ramrod straight," as a trite expression might put it. Albany Man is striding along; the viewer gets the sense of a determined progress. In mere terms of caricature, the likeness is no more flattering to Mayor Whalen than the other figures are to those dominant people of Albany's past.

It is the posture shown and the attitude conveyed in the third figure that gives the whole commentary its punch that I appreciate (and some will abhor). I herewith congratulate Mr. Babin on his incisive observation. And it is pleasing to find that someone at The Times Union is capable of presenting an unalloyed positive view of Mayor Whalen as a public official and, implicitly, as a person.

Is this worth a column? you may be asking. I think the cartoon warrants these few words of criti-

cal commendation. But in another sense this little column is also in reaction to a column published in The Times Union that same day filled with snide (and, to my mind, inaccurate and undeserved) expressions, weasel words and faint praise.

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For the past decade, Albany has been unpredictably fortunate enough to have at the helm of its government a man clear-headed enough to comprehend the dire shape the city was in, strong enough to tackle the problem head-on, and capable enough to determine the policies that would salvage a solution. Plus broad enough to extend the horizons of the municipality and its people. But most of all wise enough to initiate and carry out his policies in ways that at long last created an atmosphere of openness—not merely in governmental procedures but also in broad attitudes that successfully combatted defeatism and cynicism (despite the old-line nay-sayers).

"Without fear or favor" is a time-honored description of a decent way of dealing. (It was, for example, Adolph Ochs' motto when he set out to establish The New York Times as a model of journalistic greatness.)

That is the kind of governing and of civic awareness that Mayor Tom Whalen brought to the capital city. And I think that's what Rex Babin was declaring in his simple but expressive depiction.

## If it's Wednesday, it must be 'Diary'

Today's Wednesday, and if you are anything like members of my family it's one of the highlights of the week. If that hint doesn't mean much to you, let me clue you in.

On Wednesdays, The New York Times offers a regular feature, "Metropolitan Diary." It occupies about one-third of a full page (page 2 of the third section). The Diary is a collection of little anecdotes—a half-dozen or perhaps seven or eight on occasion. All are contributed by readers who relate incidents that they have observed (or participated in) within the metropolitan area—mostly in Manhattan. Each of these can be read (or read aloud) in a minute or a minute and a half... except for chuckling time, which is extra. Most are passing events noticed by sharp eyes or ears on the street, in stores, or the subway, and of course a few other locales. Mixed in with them on occasion are small fragments of original verse.

The editor is Ron Alexander, and while I don't know who he is, he does a marvellous job, and his substitutes rarely are up to his keen sense of the ironic or silly or bittersweet. I'd be quite confident that the little yarns don't arrive at his desk in the warmly poignant or understatedly comic form in

which you read them. Undoubtedly, the finishing touches are his, but there's no stereotyped format to their telling, as you always find

### Constant Reader

in human-interest collections such as the Reader's Digest's.

Equalling, though in quite a different manner, "Metropolitan Diary" is a Sunday feature done perfectly by Michael Winerip. You find this on the first page of the paper's Metro section. He invariably touches exactly the right keys to interpret the human condition.

These are my particular favorites in The Times, along with the Sunday puzzle, William Safire's language column also on Sunday, and his Monday and Thursday commentaries (usually).

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Let me take a paragraph or two to remark on some recent developments in a very small aspect of magazine publishing. A considerable variety of magazines have devoted their back page to an essay or editorial. But now this is a little conceit that has become a trend if not an avalanche.

Newsweek and U.S. News, for example, have employed the page for comments on current events

by people such as Meg Greenfield, George Will, David Gergen, and Mortimer Zuckerman. The latter has established his credibility as a seer by owning the crystal ball. Other periodicals ranging from Sports Illustrated to World Monitor have adopted the backpage editorial statement.

Within the last few weeks, I've spotted this kind of thing newly in The New Yorker (where it's a flip essay even less consequential than most of the rest of the contents) and somewhat more surprisingly in The New York Times Sunday Magazine.

Frank Rich, the newspaper's principal drama critic, has appeared there twice within the last three issues (as I write). In the Feb. 28 issue, he came out with a sharp criticism of the Clintons, "The Chelsea Show." It was sympathetic though also rather plain-spoken about the daughter but less than kind to the parents. Mr. Rich considers that they have been manipulating her for political advantage. "Their actions suggest that they will sacrifice their daughter on the altar of political ambition if the big bad wolf of negative public opinion is banging at the door."

That's what the world is coming to, I guess.

## 'A magnificent choice'— Chief Judge Judith Kaye

The contributor of this Point of View, a professor at Albany Law School and a former law clerk at the Court of Appeals, has written about the court for The Spotlight previously, most recently after former Chief Judge Wachtler's resignation. He is a resident of Delmar.

### Point of View

By Vincent Martin Bonventre

This is a time for New York to be proud. Governor Cuomo's selection of Judith Smith Kaye to head the Court of Appeals, the state's highest court, is good reason for New Yorkers to cheer, and to be confident again in the officials who head the judicial system. With all that is dismal in the news—including the fall of Sol Wachtler—the nomination of Judge Kaye to be Chief Judge should be a source of pride and joy for those who call the Empire State home.



Here is a classic New York success story: Judith Smith was born in the Catskill mountain town of Monticello of immigrant parents—her father from Russia, mother from Poland. She spent her first years outside a town on a family farm and later in town when her parents opened a clothing store. She left after high school for Barnard College in New York City. Following a stint in journalism, she attended law school at New York University, working by day, studying by night.

One of a few women in the law school, she finished with honors near the very top of the class. Still, there was little room for her in the best firms of a (then) decidedly male profession. Despite the barriers—and despite her absence from full-time work while she and her lawyer-husband Stephen Kaye brought three children into the world—the future Judge became the first female associate at a notable New York City firm. Six years later, she became the firm's first female partner.

### Judge Kaye's career in the law and the judiciary is 'the stuff of dreams and of what is best about the State of New York'

Judith Kaye's success story has continued to be one of "firsts." In 1983, she left her lucrative commercial law practice to accept her historic appointment by Governor Cuomo to be the first woman to sit on the Court of Appeals. Now, ten years later, she is again part of history, being selected to be New York's first woman Chief Judge.

An immigrant's daughter, from small-town America, overcomes the barriers to excel in a male-dominated law profession and, ultimately, to head the largest judicial system in the western world—this is the stuff of dreams, and of what is best about New York.

Let me confess: I have a special regard and affection for Judge Kaye. For six of her years on the court, I served as a law clerk. Though I did not work directly for her, I came to know her professionally and personally.

Professionally, she is a very bright, very capable, very hard-working jurist. She is an able problem-solver, a consensus builder, and perhaps the court's most elegant writer. She is devoted to the law and to doing justice, almost to the point of anguish in difficult cases. A Judge Kaye decision, whether or not one agrees on the merits, is sure to be the product of an open mind, serious reflection, and exquisite judgment—and not ideology, popularity, or self-ambition. She is thoroughly judicial, not political.

Personally, she is as gracious and generous as she is dignified. Publicly, she carries herself with confidence and decorum; she is an image of professionalism, discretion, and class. Privately, she is warm and caring, a good friend. Over the years, she has been kind to me and my family. She has extended herself, providing support and assistance, without any solicitation, and without any chance that I could reciprocate. And she has done the same for countless others. Indeed, she is beloved by members of the Court of Appeals' staff for her selfless generosity.

It should come as no surprise then, that Judge Kaye is virtually idolized by women lawyers who know her, and by so many of the men as well.

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## Judge

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But all the citizens of New York, not just the lawyers, have a great stake in Judge Kaye. As the new Chief Judge, she will be the chief executive officer of the state's judicial branch, responsible for the operation of all New York's courts and the leader of the judges and non-judicial personnel who staff them.

Moreover, she will be the presiding judge of our highest court. As such, she succeeds some of the nation's foremost jurists who also served as New York's Chief Judge: Benjamin Cardozo, Irving Lehman, Stanley Fuld, Charles Breitler, and Lawrence Cooke, to name a few. Like them, she will undoubtedly use her talents, as well as the prestige and accoutrements of her office, to set the tone, choose the agenda, and ultimately determine the direction of the court. This means nothing less than placing her imprint on the fundamental law of New York.

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As the state's highest judicial tribunal, the Court of Appeals has the final word in New York on the rights and liberties of New Yorkers and on the powers and responsibilities of our state and local governments.

In fact, whenever the court protects individual freedoms or restricts government interference, and does so as a matter of New York's own fundamental or constitutional law, even the United States Supreme Court has no power to review its decisions. Hence, these state constitutional law decisions are, perhaps, the Court of Appeals' most important work. They are not only final, but also in a large sense they define what we are as New Yorkers, what we stand for, and how much power we permit our government over private lives.

Traditionally, the Court of Appeals has been quite protective of rights and liberties. The court, relying on New York's own laws, customs, traditions, history, policies, and principles, has often taken independent positions on fundamental issues and, thereby, differed with the Supreme Court's decisions based on federal law. These differences have sometimes been substantial over the past, quarter-century during

### The Appeals Court can be expected to take a course less dependent on the Supreme Court's.

which the Supreme Court has become increasingly pro-government or "conservative." By relying on New York's independent state constitutional law, the Court of Appeals has been able, when it chose, to insulate citizens of this state from the ebb and flow of Supreme Court ideology.

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In the last several years of former Chief Judge Wachtler's tenure, however, the court became less inclined to take an independent stance, more apt to follow the Supreme Court's lead. The court too was backpedalling: overruling or cutting back on its own prior decisions that protected constitutional freedom. The court's direction coincided with Wachtler's voting. He became more pro-government and prosecution, and so did the court.

Judge Kaye, however, frequently complained of the court's retrenchment. Her voting record has been significantly more pro-individual rights than Wachtler's. Some of her most important opinions have been dissents in which she criticized the court for "break(ing) with its proud tradi-

tion." In the areas of right to counsel, privacy, freedom of expression, and familial rights—to name a few—she has taken the court to task for abandoning its prior more protective positions.

This is not to say that Judge Kaye has always, or even typically, been in dissent. In fact, she has written for the court's majority in some of its most notable decisions; for example, on issues of prosecutorial fairness, religious freedom, free press, and state court independence. Moreover, Judge Kaye's voting record is hardly one-sided. Studies of Court of Appeals' decisions in difficult constitutional cases in recent years show that she has cast her votes in nearly equal numbers for the government and the individual (54 percent government, 46 percent individual). By comparison, former Chief Judge Wachtler, and the court itself under his leadership, sided much more frequently with the government, about 80 percent of the time. Among the judges who remain on the court, Kaye is neither the most consistent ally of the individual (Judge Titone, with an 82 percent pro-individual voting record, holds that distinction), nor the staunchest defender of the government (compare Judge Bellacosa's 96 percent pro-government/pro-prosecution record).

Judge Kaye has established herself as a balanced, moderately liberal voice on the court. Under her leadership, the recent direction of the court can be expected to change. Not radically and not leftward, but toward a heightened sympathy for claims of individual rights.

*Likewise, under Judge Kaye, the court can be expected to proceed on a more independent course, tying itself less to the current ideological swing of the Supreme Court.*

In her judicial opinions, scholarly writings, and public presenta-

tions, Judge Kaye has established a national reputation for advocating state constitutional independence. She is thus already part of a rich tradition carried on by a long line of predecessors.

### Laurence Cooke, an earlier Chief Judge from Monticello led the Court in safeguarding freedoms

In that regard, Lawrence H. Cooke, the Chief Judge who immediately preceded Wachtler, was perhaps the most notable in recent times. As chairman of the nation's Chief Judges, as president of the National Center for State Courts, and in so many other leadership capacities, Judge Cooke worked tirelessly to im-

prove state courts throughout the nation, as well as in New York. He exhorted them to be leaders, not merely followers of the Supreme Court. At home in New York, he led the Court of Appeals to national prominence in safeguarding constitutional freedoms, even while the federal courts were moving in the opposite direction.

The torch is now passed to Judge Kaye. By all indications, she will be a Chief Judge in whom New Yorkers can take great pride—utterly honorable, committed to the law and justice and not to partisan ideology or political ambition, and faithful to New York's tradition of national leadership and independence in the protection of fundamental freedoms.

Lawrence Cooke was that. He was also from the Catskill Mountain town of Monticello. That is indeed a good omen.

## Split New Scotland's top job, is proposal

Editor, The Spotlight:

Recently I've read articles (Times Union and Enterprise) entitled: "State Auditors Criticize New Scotland Finances" and "Comptroller Faults Overspending and Incomplete Records." At first, I became angry, thinking "What's going on at Town Hall?" Then I became conscious of how things have changed and how complex things are these days. Consider the compounding of complexities when running a town like New Scotland. For example:

- Developing a water district like Clarksville.
- Grappling with complex engineering reports.
- Condemnation of properties for the benefit of the town.
- Negotiating with bordering towns on matters affecting the future of New Scotland
- Upgrading areas within the town currently zoned industrial for the purposes of attracting new business

When one couples the complexities of these administrative tasks with the discipline required for sound financial management, it's a "full plate" for any one person. In New Scotland, the Supervisor, who is also the town's chief

financial officer, is accountable for both administration and sound financial management.

In order to eliminate continued damaging audits in the future, I propose a division of responsibilities between administrative functions and managing the town's finances. In short, I propose that a town of our size (under 10,000) could employ a part-time Supervisor supported by a part-time financial specialist.

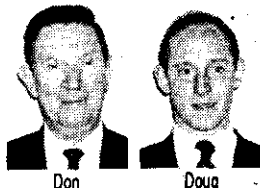
Currently, our Supervisor's salary is approximately \$36,000. I further propose that this figure be equitably split between the two positions. Under this arrangement, the Supervisor is still fiscally accountable, but would have the support of a financial professional. The Supervisor could then concentrate on running the town and not be bogged down with time-consuming budgetary considerations of which he may not be greatly knowledgeable. Therefore, the town receives a two-for-one benefit: the financial expertise that it appears to need, as well as a supervisor who's free to run the town—all for exactly the same money.

I think it's worth considering.

James R. Carroll

Feura Bush

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# Bouton names honor students

Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School recently announced the names of high honor, honor and merit role students for the school's second marking period.

High honor roll names are marked with an asterisk.

On the honor roll from the seventh-grade are:

Sarah Abbott, Joseph Arena\*, Matthew Baron\*, Benjamin Battles\*, Ariel Belasen\*, Michael Blackman, Madeleine Bonnevill\*, Brian Buchanan, Regan Burns\*, Justin Carrier, David Clarke, Rebecca Cooper, Blair Debes\*, Ryan Devine and Joesph Dougherty.

Also, Bethany Douglas, Patrick Fidell, Brett Fortran, Justin Fuld, Sharyn Getnick\*, Amanda Grieco, Kevin Griffin\*, Julia Guastella, Colleen Hotaling, Christine Hubert, Eerik Ilves\*, John Kazukensu\*, Beth Korolewicz, Joseph Lindner\*, Zachery Malloch and Katie Markham.

Also, Jane Meade\*, Jill Nagengast, Matthew Odell, Michael Oliver, Katherine Primiano\*, Cynthia Reed\*, Justin Rymanowski\*, Robert Samson, Christina Schachne\*, Matthew Schreiber\*, Stephen Stark, Christopher Stehr and Courtney Tedesco\*.

Eighth-graders on the honor roll are:

Jennifer Adams\*, Shawn Alberry, Joshua Alvarez, Kathryn Basal\*, Brian Case, Michelle Cavaleri, Nicole Daigle, Rita Demo, Todd Dombrowski\*, Lisa Dunbar\*, Lisa Filkins, Kristen Frederick\*, Kyla Frohlich, Mia Gibson, Katherine Gleason, Sarah Greenberg, Michael Halpin\* and Brandon Holcomb\*.

Also, Laura Hood, Christopher Horan, Christopher Horn\*, Erikka Jasckstadt\*, Emily Kohler, David Koltai\*, Erinn Langford, Robert Long\*, Megan Longworth\*, Britta Lukomski\*, Johann Manss\*, Brian McKenna, Matthew McKenna\*, Albert Miller, Janelle Murray\*, Thomas Oravsky, Kristin Person\*, Stephen Pilatzke, Gregory Rivers, Sara Saddlemire and Nicole Schllehn\*.

Also, Ann Schryver\*, Magdalena Spencer\*, Tia Sullivan, Jennifer Taglione\*, Autumn Tambasco\*, Cindy Tate\*, Denise Throop\*, Kathleen Tyrrell\*, Jamie Ulion and Jessica Veeder\*.

In the ninth-grade, honor roll students are:

William Baltis\*, Simone Bonnevill\*, Alison Bradley\*, Deah Burnham, Kevin Burns, Christopher Clarke\*, Jess Clement, Adam Cole Jr., James Cooper\*, Chantel Crisafulli, Jennifer Delaney\*, Sean Devine\*, Brandon Emerick, Emily Geery\*, Chris Hackel\*, Eric Huang\* and Thomas Iarossi\*.

Also, Katrina Ilves\*, Robert Johnson\*, Jennifer Kern\*, Jyll Klebeck\*, Brian Lancor\*, Laren Leonard, Sean Manning, Maria Mazzeo\*, John McGinty\*, Shane Mullen\*, Robert Nadratowski, Tobias Oliver and Deborah O'Malley.

Also, Jennifer Patashnick\*, Daniel Rissacher, Joseph Robichaud\*, Jeffrey Ruby, Elicia Schachne, Larina Suker\*, Nicole Tracy\*, Adrean Vinson\*, Allison Walter\*, Amy Welker\*, Kristin Wilson and Eric Wuttke.

On the honor roll from the 10th-grade are:

Dawn Appleby, Christie Arena\*, Robert Baron\*, Ariana Breisch, Melissa Campbell\*, Jamie Conklin, Eliot Cresswell, Kristin Dougherty\*, Adams Fairbain, Jason Flesch\*, Christina Gaudio, Jonathan Getnick\*, Samuel Gold\* and Kelly Griffin\*.

Also, Jessica Knouse\*, Darcey Langford\*, Chandra Luczak\*, Matthew Malark, Mary Murphy\*, Cara Nolan\*, Jennifer Oates\*, Andrew Pakenas, Jennifer Person\*, Jessica Reed\*, Kim Relyea, Cheryl Renker, Denise Siver, Jacob Van Ryn\*, Mary Vrinotis\*, Joshua White\* and Anne Wojewoda\*.

In the 11th-grade, the honor roll includes:

Rebecca Bryden\*, Rebecca Coffin\*, Melissa Cooper, Timothy Derenzo, Shawn Doyle, Victoria Feck\*, Laura Genovesi\*, Meghan Horan\*, Nicholas Iarossi, Megan McCartney\*, Sheri Mein, Kurt Pahl\* and Craig Panthen.

Also, Jerry Parmenter\*, Bonnie Polzin\*, Jill Price\*, Richard Reilly\*, Kara Relyea\*, Nicole Ryan, Jessica Schedlbauer\*, Daniel Schreiber\*, Jamie Seh\*, Brian Smith and Mara Steinkamp\*.

In the 12th-grade, on the honor roll are:

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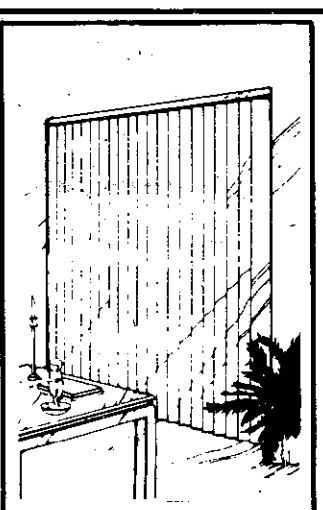
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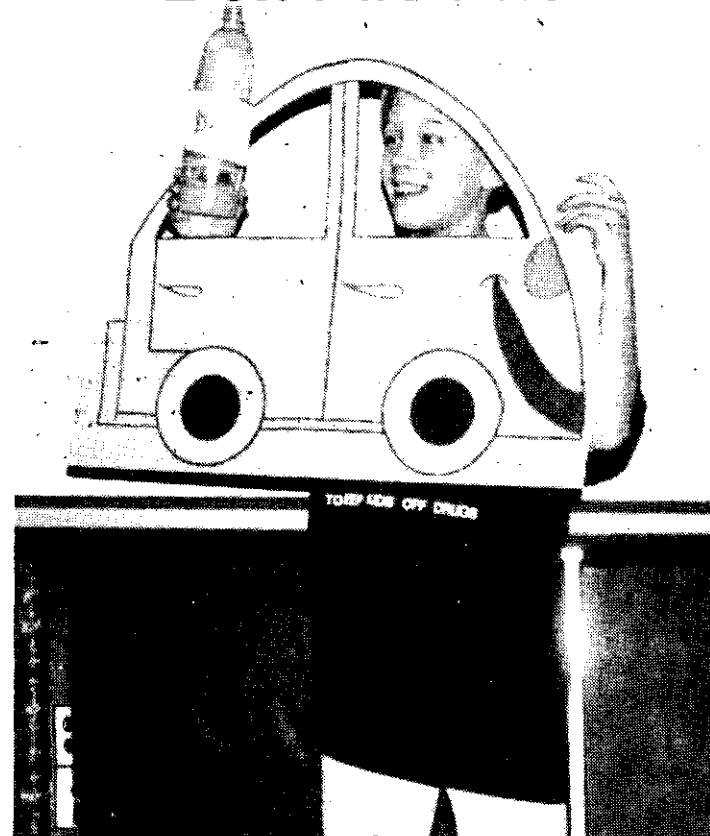
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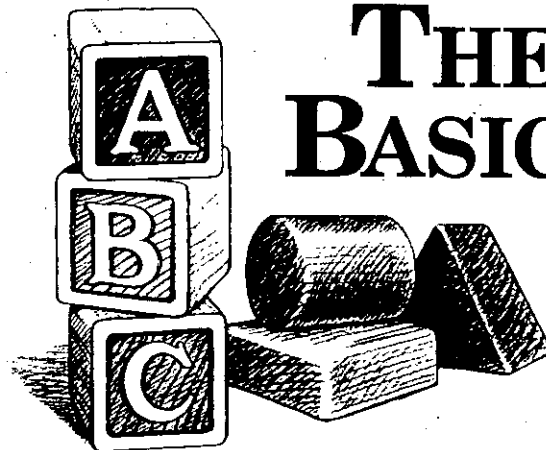
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# Hoblock

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mental corporation. Through it, millions of dollars were funneled to make large loans to dozens of people, to support many of his own activities, and to build an ice rink that left the county deep in new debt.

These actions, which involve two organizations he headed—the now-defunct Albany County Local Development Corporation (LDC) and also the county's Industrial Development Agency (IDA)—were never brought out in the investigation and prosecution of the former county executive which ended in his conviction for extortion and other criminal acts last year. The information has been developed through documents found and interviews held in an inquiry conducted by Patrick K. Greene, an Albany attorney who is counsel to the present County Executive, Michael J. Hoblock Jr.

Hoblock noted that an audit by the U.S. Commerce Department is currently under way, but stated that he feels that the new information uncovered may merit a review by the state Attorney General and the county to determine whether improprieties may have occurred on a massive scale after the audit by the U.S. Commerce Department is completed.

Hoblock is planning to appoint a new five-member committee, that meets all legal requirements. It is to be known as the Al Tech Loan Committee. It will replace Coyne's LDC.

Information made available to *The Spotlight* following inquiries made to the Hoblock office details the procedures through which Coyne superseded an existing body by creating a new one in 1982 with himself as its president. He thereby effectively gained control of dispensing a revolving fund of \$6 million that was established with U.S. Government funds to help struggling industries within the county and thus to make new jobs.

His Albany County Local Development Corporation (LDC) presumably was supervised by the state's Job Development Authority (JDA), but this overview obviously was lacking in actual practice. Loans of \$100,000 and more were made to numerous people whose business was not remotely related to the industrial development purposes assumed to be

basic to all such loans, Greene said.

The money had a circuitous route from the federal Treasury to those borrowers. In the mid-1970s, Congress had directed the U.S. Department of Commerce and its Economic Development Administration (EDA) to aid the nation's steel industry by a series of strategic grants.

One of these, amounting to \$10 million, went to Allegheny Ludlum Steel, which had plants in Watervliet and in Dunkirk, Chautauqua County. As these plants (which became known as Al Tech Steel) revived and became profitable, they were directed to return the grant money to an Al Tech Trust Fund. That fund was to be divided between the two counties (40 percent to Albany County) to encourage development of other manufacturing industries that could demonstrate potential for protection or creation of jobs through use of loans from the fund.

In 1976, an "Overall Economic Development Committee" (OEDC) was established here with, as its directors, a large group of prominent citizens skilled in financial or business matters. The OEDC was to work with the fund's trustee, the JDA, which was done for several years.

In late 1982, Coyne and Joseph V. Zumbo, an Albany attorney who figured in some of the problems which led to the County Executive's downfall, incorporated the LDC. (In the next decade, it appears that none of the legally necessary filings, record-keeping, and other fiduciary responsibilities were carried out, according to Greene.)

That failure to perform rendered LDC as a powerless shell legally, he said. In effect, LDC never was properly organized as a corporation and, as time went on, failed to file the required financial statements with the state Law Department's Charities Bureau. Legally, such a corporation which does nothing more than obtain a corporate seal is regarded as an alter ego for the incorporating individual. Under New York law, Greene added, such a not-for-profit corporation is regarded as a public trust and its officers and directors bear the highest of fiduciary responsibilities.

Soon after incorporating, in early 1983, records show that

Coyne wrote to the Job Development Authority (as trustee for the local fund) seeking its assent in changing the Overall EDC to the Albany County Local Development Corporation. The answer received was that, if the federal EDA concurred, the change was agreeable to the JDA. But, said Greene, no record of such a further inquiry to the EDA can be found.

In any event, with JDA's tacit OK, Coyne proceeded to establish his LDC as the local arm for reviewing applications and recommending loans, with himself as its principal officer. The LDC was in business by March 1983, according to the available minutes of its proceedings.

Proper records for operation and organization of the Albany County Local Development Corporation under Coyne's presidency from 1982 to 1991 cannot be located, and may not have been kept. It is unlikely that any maintained will ever become com-

pletely available, according to Greene.

However, a status report of the Al Tech Trust Fund's loans receivable as of the end of 1992 offers an insight into the nature of the loan recipients, the kinds of businesses they presumably were in, and the status of their accounts.

All these had applied to the Coyne LDC for a loan that ostensibly would enhance employment in manufacturing industry. Upon obtaining the LDC's approval, that recommendation was forwarded to the Job Development Authority, which also was obligated to review the credentials.

Of 51 loans listed in the status report, more than a dozen businesses could not be located in the current New York Telephone Company directory. Their existence as of the present time, or in the recent past, could not be determined readily. This is especially true of 15 loans that were at least 30 days in arrears as of last Dec. 31, with more than \$800,000 ow-

ing to the Al Tech Trust Fund. Thirteen of the loan payments were more than 90 days delinquent, with nearly \$700,000 outstanding.

On the other hand, 33 other organizations had been making monthly payments on loan balances that ranged up to \$212,000 and totaled slightly over \$2.4 million. Of these only a few—including loans to McKinney Steel and the Comfortex Corporation—could meet the manufacturing or industrial criteria essential to obtaining an Al Tech loan.

The bulk of the low-interest loans were to businesses far afield from manufacturing or industrial purposes. It was far more common to find loans to retail or service businesses. These included pharmacies, office supply and paint stores, a coffee service establishment, other food suppliers and brokers, as well as a surveying company, a garage repair shop, a greeting-card concern, and a public relations business.

## Legacy

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accumulated too much power over the lending of funds from the Al Tech Loan Fund and that while a sour economy during the late 1980s was a major contributor, several of the loans made by Al Tech during that time were unsound and possibly foolish.

In particular, officials cite the \$5.5 million grant made by Al Tech for construction of the Albany County ice hockey rink.

Reached through a prison spokeswoman last week at Fort Dix, Coyne declined comment, but said he might reconsider in a few weeks. He has only been at his new quarters a matter of days, having just been transferred from the Allenwood federal prison camp in Montgomery, Pa. He is serving a 46-month sentence for bribery and extortion.

Republican County Executive Michael J. Hoblock's office, which was caught by surprise when it discovered the depth of the revolving loan fund debt, has been conducting an investigation into how things went awry.

Patrick K. Greene, an Albany attorney and part-time counsel to Hoblock, has been heading up the research. The hockey rink money should never have been disbursed as a grant, Greene said.

"That's what makes the whole thing ridiculous. For all effective purposes, unless we can work something out with the Commerce Department, the money is lost."

Democratic County Legislator Robert P. Reilly, a longtime member of the county Industrial Development Agency, considers Hoblock's investigation "very counterproductive."

"We have the Knick Arena," he said. "We may not like it or the way it was built, but we have it. The fact is that we have the hockey rink, so let's make it work."

The Al Tech Fund is pretty much "kaput," Reilly said, "in the

sense that its funds are obligated to paying off the debt service on the hockey rink. These monies are not available now to support other loans."

Hoblock said he was shocked to find out from the state JDA early last year that the Al Tech Fund was being used to pay the debt service on the hockey rink. As a result there is little left in the original \$6 million kitty to lend out.

The Republican chief executives said he finds it "extremely irritating" that people who were in charge of things when the hockey rink deal was arranged would criticize his attempts to get to the bottom of the mess.

"It's easy for them to say 'let bygones be bygones.' If Mr. Reilly had paid attention to his fiduciary duties then this might never have happened." The Albany County ice hockey rink "totally emasculated a loan portfolio that in these days could be used to create jobs," he said.

While agreeing that the AL Tech fund is pretty much defunct at this point in time, Hoblock said he considers it salvageable and said that's the whole point of his investigation.

"I'm going to do whatever it takes" to get it back on its feet. And that may entail trying to track down some of the smaller loans to companies that seem to have vanished.



McEneny



Reilly

"The state JDA, which gave its tacit OK to the hockey rink deal, may also have to bear some responsibility," he added.

Kenneth McLaughlin, general counsel for the state Job Development Authority, was unavailable for comment.

Hoblock noted that an audit by the U.S. Commerce Department is currently under way, but feels that the information his office has uncovered merits a review by the state Attorney General and the county to determine whether improprieties may have occurred on a massive scale.

"I think the problem arose when you have the same person controlling both the IDA and the LDC," Reilly said. "That was the root of the problem. If you had a more independent group running both entities," then some of the bad deals might not have occurred.

"I think there was some wheeling and dealing," he continued. "Was there some kind of open process where we knew the full story of Team USA? No."

"Let's not dwell on the past," he added.

Assemblyman Jack McEneny, who served as assistant county executive under Coyne at the tail-end of his administration, recalled that there was a groundswell of support for hockey in the mid-1980s and that Coyne thought he could put Albany on the map by possibly attracting the Winter Olympics someday.

"He thought he had a deal with Team USA where they'd be practicing and playing here all the time," McEneny said. "He went out on a limb with the hockey rink and it ended up crippling Al Tech by gobbling up all the money."

The idea was probably "indefensible" from the start, he added, especially since it only purported to create five jobs. "Jim ran everything when he was here. Some of his ideas were successful. Others simply just didn't work out."



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# Agencies doubly stuck in doubledecker deal

By Dan Button

In 1987, James J. Coyne, on behalf of the Albany County Industrial Development Agency, which he headed, applied for a loan to be made by the Al Tech Trust Fund to the Albany County Local Development Corporation, which he also headed as its president. The amount, which his IDA had no problem in recommending to the Job Development Authority, was duly approved by the JDA as trustee of the fund.

## The stated purpose of the loan?

To carry out the purchase of four doubledeck buses for use in transporting people between the

Albany County Airport and downtown Albany.

The amount needed to purchase the buses?

\$90,000.

Did the buses operate on routes from the airport?

No; they were warehoused for two years (with storage charges paid by the IDA). Eventually, Coyne's IDA decided to sell them. To date, no payments have been made by the buyer.

## Where did the idea originate?

Apparently, Jim Coyne noticed some in service in Los Angeles, and he became an enthusiast for

the idea they would be a tourist attraction here.

Were other uses found for some of the Al Tech funds?

Apparently so, because according to statements he made to his successor upon leaving office, the Al Tech Fund also was used to pay some of what he called his administrative expenses at the LDC, to pay his secretary and to cover some personal insurance costs. Also, LDC funds were used for some of his travels to Las Vegas, Colorado Springs, Orlando, Scottsdale, Beverly Hills, Phoenix and Saskatoon (among other places).

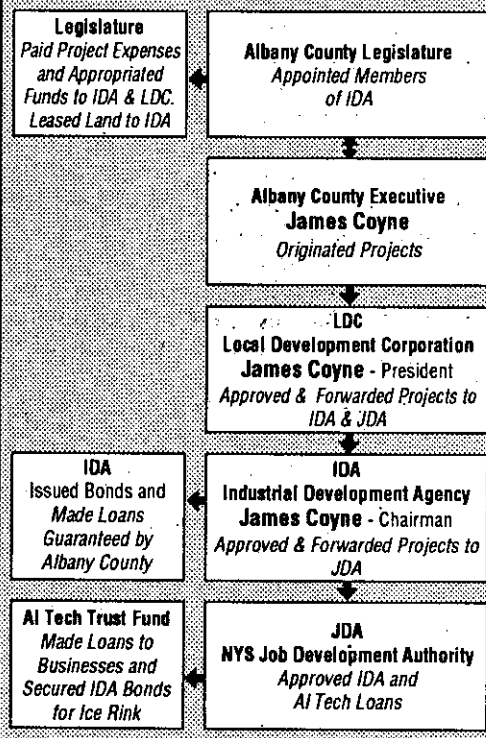
Whether or not any of these

expenditures were actually necessary or justifiable, they were not what the loan application had described.

The guarantor on the loan was the Albany County IDA — as pledged by Jim Coyne, who served as the agency's chairman.

Records found in the Albany County Hall of Records by the IDA say that Exchange Street Associates bought the buses in 1989 for \$108,000. Under the provisions of the sale, Exchange Street Associates was supposed to start payments for the buses on Jan. 1, 1990. The monthly payments on the interest-free loan were set at \$1,000. In the 38 months that have passed, no payments have been received, and Exchange Street Associates is \$38,000 behind in its obligation to the Al Tech Trust Fund. In the absence of the payments from the

## Coyne's Complex Trail of County Financing



buyer, the IDA has been paying \$750 to the Loan Fund out of its own general fund. The IDA currently is attempting to get the money back from the buyers of the buses.

# IDA ice rink ruinous for fund

By Dan Button

In addition to his elected position as Albany County Executive and the one he assumed as president of the Albany County Local Development Corporation, James J. Coyne was for several years the chairman of the county's Industrial Development Agency (IDA).

The other two members of that board were county legislators: the late Charles Cahill of Albany and Robert P. Reilly of Newtonville, who still is a member of the Legislature and also of a reconstituted five-member IDA.

Through Coyne's multiple roles in related agencies with key responsibilities for an area's economic development — and with access to large amounts of money for discretionary uses — the IDA took on a major function in carrying out his ideas.

The chronology of events, as developed by Patrick K. Greene as counsel to County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr., is as follows:

Timing of the opening of the Knickerbocker Arena in 1990 fitted in with Coyne's belief that a center wholly devoted to sports would be a desirable element in his goal of creating the Capital Region as a center for athletic competition. He then focused on hockey as a prime sport for the area and began to develop the concept of a rink for the game, and specifically for the USA Olympic team to train here.

Late in 1989 and early 1990 the idea began to advance, al-

though no money was on hand to finance it. In December 1989 Coyne traveled to Colorado Springs to meet with USA hockey officials — with a set of blueprints for the rink. No such work had been authorized, but the plans already had been drawn by J. Gregory Crozier, the architect later convicted along with Coyne in a case connected with the Knickerbocker Arena.

The response Coyne apparently received in Colorado Springs was to the effect that: "If you build it, we'll come." Back home, this was translated into an assurance that the USA team would indeed do its training here. (In fact, the team practiced at the new rink on no more than four occasions.)

February and March of 1990 were significantly active months for advancing the rink — predicated on the presumed promise of the prestigious Olympic hockey involvement.

Leaders of the county Legislature were approached to donate county-owned land so that the facility could be built there. After private discussions, the Legislature leased the extremely valuable property to the IDA for 40 years at an annual fee of \$1. There were no publicly expressed questions about the arrangement.

In March, an advertisement seeking bids from construction firms was placed in The Evangelist, weekly newspaper of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany. One bid was received, from Barry Bette & Led Duke, Inc., and in early April (approximately two

weeks after the ad appeared) the contract was awarded with Crozier, who had already drawn the plans, as the architect.

Most significantly, Coyne — authorizing himself as IDA chairman and LDC president to enter into negotiations for funds — approached the state Job Development Authority for approval of a grant of Al Tech Trust Fund money to be used for security and payment of \$4.1 million in bonds to build the rink. The grant was made for \$6 million by JDA in a communication to the effect that inasmuch as the LDC had approved the expenditure, the JDA would have no objection. In effect: "We rely on your judgment that you should receive these funds."

The original bid had placed the presumed cost of construction at \$3.1 million, but "change orders" raised this to \$3.8 million. Part of this was caused by a visit of the USA coach, who demanded a much larger locker area than had been planned. A \$450,000 bill came in for landscaping — chiefly earthmoving. Changing the building site after work had been started, necessitated because it proved to be in an airport flight pattern, cost another \$20,000.

As for use of the rink, USA hockey demanded unlimited time to be available at its own scheduling whim — though at no time was a binding agreement reached on its commitment to come here. The outcome was compressed into the few hours of three or four practice sessions.

## New committee will tackle cleanup

Appointment of a five-member committee to take over administration of further "Al Tech" loans to Albany County industries has been announced by County Executive Michael J. Hoblock, Jr.

The committee replaces the now-defunct Albany County Local Development Corporation, of which former County Executive James J. Coyne was the president.

The new committee includes:

- Paul L. Gioia of Loudonville, a senior vice-president of the First Albany Corporation, who chaired a Hoblock commission last year and reported recommendations for more efficient county government. He is a former chairman of the state Public Service Commission.
- Erland Kailbourne of Voorheesville, president of the Fleet Bank of New York. He has recently come to the Capital District.
- Robert Smyth, also newly in this area as senior executive vice-president of Key Bank of New York.
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## Grinning grads



Officers Chris Bowdish and Ray Linstruth pose with Slingerlands Elementary School DARE graduates Lindsay Piechnick, left, poster contest winner; Molly Spooner, poetry award winner; Lyndsay Holley, poster contest winner; and Jessica Class, poetry award winner.

Elaine McLain

## Embroiderers to meet at Delmar church

The New York Capital District Chapter of the Embroiderers' Guild of America will meet Wednesday, March 17, at the Delmar United Methodist Church on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar at 10 a.m.

For information, call 393-7347.

## Driving course slated at RCS High School

A driver training associates insurance and point reduction program will be offered at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Route 9W in Ravena on Monday and Thursday, March 22 and 25, from 5:45 to 8:45 p.m.

For information, call 756-2155.

## Voorheesville parents plan reading program

The Voorheesville Central School District has scheduled a meeting for parents on the "I Have a Parent Who Reads to Me" program on Monday, March 15, at 7 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria.

For information, call 765-2382.

## Bethlehem Recycling Corner

By Sharon Fisher, town recycling coordinator

In the town of Bethlehem, voluntary recycling for glass bottles, magazines and newspaper began at a garage on Adams Street years before recycling bins were first placed at the Rupert Road Transfer Station in November 1989.

Now that recycling is mandatory, the number of items collected has grown every year.

In 1991, the amount of corrugated cardboard voluntarily recycled was 38 tons. Now that it is a mandatory item, and businesses are required to participate, 481 tons of corrugated cardboard were recovered in 1992. (Remember: cardboard must be flattened.)

Commingle container recycling of glass bottles, metal cans and plastic bottles approached 922 tons in 1992, an increase of 224 tons from the 1991 total.

Magazines and catalogs collected at the Bethlehem Community Day in May and from the voluntary recycling bin at the Rupert Road Transfer Station totalled 19.5 tons. In the last three months of 1992, when magazine recycling

became mandatory, 56 more tons were collected.

Even though town residents have been recycling newspaper for a long time, the amount collected this year was 100 tons higher than last year's total.

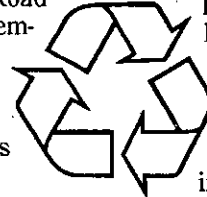
Besides the items that are recycled curbside, there have been increases in the number of appliances and tires and the amount of scrap metal collected at the town's transfer station.

In the past two years, five tons of household batteries have been kept out of the waste stream. This past year, more than six tons of books were either given to charities, schools and institutions, or recycled into other paper goods.

More than 15 charities received clothing from items donated in a drive last September.

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## Voters give nod to RCS plan

Voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District recently voted by a 4-to-1 margin to pass the elementary building additions proposal.

In a report to the board of education, School Administrator Roger Lewis said, "The State Education Department will complete its review of the preliminary design stage within a few weeks, and the district's architectural firm will then begin work on the final plans and specifications over the next four to six weeks."

Once the plans are finalized, a building permit will be issued, and bids will be solicited and contracts awarded, he said.

Groundbreaking is expected to take place in the fall of 1993. Construction is anticipated to last about 12 to 15 months with occupancy in the fall of '94 or early '95, Lewis added.

### RCS board to meet

The RCS Board of Education will meet Monday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena.

### Students show skills as business leaders

Recently, 28 members of the high school's Future Business Leaders of America club attended the District IV spring meeting for Capital District schools.

The RCS district sent more students than any other area school.

The regional competition tested students' abilities in areas related to success in business. Students who placed first or second will travel to state competitions later this year.

RCS students who placed in the regional competitions include: John Volker, Dan Gallagher, Kira Wallie, Aaron Flach, Jonah Marshall, Larry Tune, Seth Roe, Rene Rauche, Joe Gallagher, Shelly O'Leary, Lenny Watford, Shelly Boehlke and Jeff Hoffman.

### PIE plans meeting

The RCS Parents In Education (PIE) group will meet Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school on Route 9W in Ravena.

### Church plans trip to Disney On Ice

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willow-

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brook Avenue and Rev's Tours of South Bethlehem will sponsor a trip to the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany to see Walt Disney's World On Ice on Friday, March 26.

Cost of the transportation and reserved seat at the show is \$18 per person. For information, call 767-2281 or 767-9953.

### Selkirk auxiliary slates Friday fish fry

The Selkirk No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary will serve a Lenten fish fry on Friday, March 12, from 4 to 7 p.m. at the Maple Avenue firehouse.

The menu will include fish fry, french fries, cole slaw and beverage. Takeouts will be available. The meal will cost \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 6.

For information, call 767-9545.

### Elks to serve Sunday breakfast buffet

The Bethlehem Elks' final all-you-can-eat breakfast buffet of the winter will be served Sunday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk.

The menu includes: scrambled eggs, sausage, bacon, home fries, waffles, toast, french toast, juice, coffee and milk. The cost is \$5 for adults, \$4 for senior citizens, and \$3 for children under 12.

For information, call 767-2886 or 767-9959.

### AARP to provide tax help for seniors

Senior Projects of Ravena will offer free tax assistance to seniors at its Bruno Boulevard location.

Trained counselors from the American Association of Retired Persons (AARP) will be available on two Wednesdays, March 10 and 24. For an appointment, call 756-8593.

### Exhibit to celebrate grange's 119th anniversary

The Bethlehem Grange of Beckers Corners in Selkirk will sponsor a display of historical grange momentos and information during March at the Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar.

This exhibit coincides with the grange's 119th anniversary and the Bethlehem Bicentennial Celebration.

### Library to spin yarns about St. Patrick's Day

The Ravena Free Library at 106 Main St. will feature St. Patrick's Day stories during its preschool story hour on Thursday and Saturday, March 11 and 14, at 10:30 a.m.

In another program, storyteller Carol Connolly will tell "Tales To Tickle Your Funnybone" to kids of all ages on Saturday, March 20, at 10:30 a.m.

For information, call 756-2053.

### Area flower designer to speak at library

Local flower designer Colette Csiza will introduce the art of drying flowers on Monday, March 22, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

For information, call 439-9314.

## Wooster watercolors on view at library

Watercolors by Delmar artist Susan Wooster are on display at the Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, this month.

Wooster won the Bethlehem Public Library Juried Show in 1991 and also received the Henry Mal-

lory Award in the Cooperstown Juried Show, a national exhibition.

The library is open Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m., and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m.

For information, call 765-2791.

## Kindergarten parents meet Thursday

Voorheesville Central School District will sponsor an informational meeting for parents whose children will enter kindergarten in the fall on Thursday, March 11, at 7:30 p.m.

Packets will be distributed for kindergarten screenings, which are scheduled for March 30 and 31 and April 1.

For information or set up a screening appointment, call 765-2382.

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# Bouton strikes up the band

The music department of Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will celebrate National Music Month with a pops concert on Wednesday, March 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school gym.

The high school band will play under the direction of Michael Tebbano, and the stage band and the vocal ensemble will also perform.

## Community center to host exercise class

The Wyman Osterhout Community Center on Route 85 in New Salem will host an aerobic exercise class on Mondays and Fridays from 9:30 to 10:30 a.m. through May 7.

Each class will cost \$3, and a playgroup will be available for children at a charge of \$1 per child.

For information, call Kathy Massaroni at 765-4921.

## Auxiliary sets fish fries on three Fridays

The New Salem Fire Department Auxiliary will sponsor fish fry dinners on three Fridays, March 12, March 26 and April 9.

The meal will be served from 4:30 to 7 p.m. each night at the firehouse on Route 85A in New Salem.

Dinner includes a fish fry, salad, chowder, dessert and beverage. The price is \$5.50 for adults, \$5 for senior citizens and \$3 for children. The cost of a fish fry without dinner will be \$2.50.

## PTA earns cold cash by collecting Coke caps

The Voorheesville PTA collected 2,000 Coca-Cola caps, which earned \$99 for the school.

The group's next meeting will be in the elementary school li-

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Susan Casler  
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brary on Tuesday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m.

## Area winners announced in PTA Reflections Contest

The Voorheesville winners of the PTA Reflections Contest were announced recently. They are: William Denn and Marlanna Ghovanloo, music; Alison Curreri, Jason Halpin, Brian Kern, Colleen Lanahan and Kristen Banderwarker, literature; and Sarah Foster, Mike Halpin, Tom Oravsky, Megan Finn and Joey Guastella, visual arts.

The winning entries will advance to the Capital District competition.

## Garden club to meet in New Scotland

The Helderview Garden Club will have its monthly meeting at the New Scotland Community Center on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Garden club member Colette Csiza, will give guidelines for creating floral arrangements for the June flower show.

For information, call 765-4583.

## Voorheesville students to go on trial

Students at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School will have a mock trial competition on two Thursdays, March 11 and 18.

Under the direction of teacher

Mark Diefendorf, students will research, prepare and design the courtroom competition, and represent the attorneys and the witnesses.

Eight area schools will participate in mock trials, and the winner will advance to the statewide competition.

Voorheesville students participating in the trial include: Stacey Barber, Darrell Hazen, Nick Iarossi, Cortney Langford, Aaron Luczak, Mike Welker, Rebecca Coffin, Kara Relyea, Brad Rockmore, Nicole Ryan, Jessica Schedelbauer, Dan Schreiber and James Schryver.

John Mazzeo, Kurt Pahl, Rich Reilly and Jamie Seh were in charge of research for the trial.

## Key Club dance to benefit MD association

The Voorheesville Key Club will sponsor a dance at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior Senior High School on Friday, March 12, from 7 to 11 p.m.

The fund-raiser will benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association. For information, contact Renee Parmelee at 765-3027.

## Library to celebrate National Poetry Month

In celebration of March as National Poetry Month, Dr. Charles Rossiter will present "The Beat Goes On: Beat Poetry and the 1990s" on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m.

Funded by a grant from the New York Council for the Humanities, the event is open to the public.

The library's second annual poetry performance day is scheduled on Saturday, March 13, from 10:30 a.m. to 4 p.m. To register for a reading time, call Barbara Vink at 765-2791.

## The Spotlight remembers

This week in 1983, these stories were making headlines in *The Spotlight*.

- Bethlehem's newest crime-fighter, a bloodhound named Belker owned by Det. Colin Clark, sniffed out a suspected arsonist two miles away from the scene of a Rockefeller Road barn fire.

- The Voorheesville school district planned to spend \$25,000 in the 1983-84 budget for computers, software and related materials. The plan called for three new Commodore computers and 10 new Radio Shack computers.

- Joni Petre, 14, daughter of Jeannie and Gary Petre of Voorheesville, danced her first major role with the Berkshire Ballet in a *pas de deux* from "An Afternoon of Sundays" at Proctor's Theatre.

- Several Girls Scouts from Troop 51 in Selkirk — Candi Drobner, Christin Long, Celia Schubert, Mary Prime, Tina McDonald, Wendy Hobb, Lisa Mayo, Michelle Layman, Rebecca Schacht and Cheri Van Alstyn — were serving as junior aides with local Brownie troops.

- The undefeated Voorheesville boys basketball team won the Section II Class C title, beating Hoosick Falls 66-56. John Zongrone led the Blackbirds with 18 points and seven rebounds.

## AARP slates tax help sessions

The Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons offers tax assistance for senior citizens (60 years of age and older) at two sites this year.

In Delmar, assistance is available by appointment Tuesdays through April 13 at town hall, 445 Delaware Ave. For an appointment, call 439-4955.

In Ravena, assistance is available on Wednesdays, March 10 and 24. For an appointment, call 765-8593.

## Firefighters complete course

A number of area firefighters completed 12 hours of instruction in the Incident Command System, a nationally-recognized method of controlling emergency incidents.

The method is used in all types of emergencies, from small fires to large-scale operations such as the recent bombing of the World Trade Center in New York City.

Students received classroom training and were then assigned to a group. Each group received a scenario, planned a command structure for that incident and

presented their plan to the class for critique.

Thomas Cellery, a state fire instructor, taught the class.

Those completing the class included:

From the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company: Seth Bathrick, John Bintz, James Cable, Burl Cable, Daniel Cole, Kristen Denkers, Elise Felter, Gerald Gavin, Judy Grose-Johnson, Donald Hendrickson, Adam Hornick, Jeff Houck, Dan LaDuke, Dennis LaDuke, Nelson LaDuke, Anthony Latham, Earl Miller and Jeff Mudge.

Also, Stephen Myers, Walter Myers III, Donald Palmatier, Lynne Petraska, Larry Powers, Lynne Powers, Michael J. Rutnik, Karen A. Rutnik, Debra M. Shute, Fred Spaulding, James V. VanBuren, Richard Voorhaar, Don Weller and Teddy Whitbeck.

From the Coeymans Hollow Volunteer Fire Company: John Stammel.

From the Slingerlands Fire Department: James Daly.

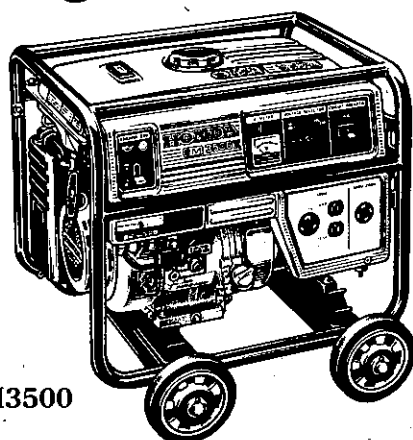
From the Voorheesville Fire Department: Richard Berger and Rich Blackman.

## Five Rivers slates sugar demonstration

Maple sugaring will be demonstrated on Saturdays and Sundays, March 13, 14, 20 and 21, from 1 to 3 p.m. at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road in Delmar.

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## Snuggle up at story hour

The Story Hour at the library tonight, March 10, will feature some yarns about snuggling in and getting cozy. Night's Nice, Scheduled for 7 p.m. will include a craft, film and snacks in addition to some bedtime stories. The whole family is welcome.

Poet Charles Rossiter will be on hand on Thursday, March 11, at 7 p.m. to present a program entitled *The Beat Goes On: Beat Poetry and the 1990's*.

### Voorheesville Public Library



Dealing with some of the literary lights of the '50's; the discussion will touch on Kerouac, Ginsberg, and Burroughs, among others; and their continuing influence on today's emerging poetry scene.

Funding for the program is provided by the NYS Council for the Humanities.

The poetry will continue on Saturday, March 13, with a Poetry Performance Day sponsored by the library's active Writers' Group.

Aspiring poets of all ages are invited to read, sing, recite or perform their own or favorite works for the enjoyment of friends, neighbors and relatives.

The day-long program, sched-

uled from 10:30 a.m. until 4 p.m., is the perfect way to celebrate National Poetry Month. If you write, have a favorite poet you'd like to share or just enjoy listening, call the reference desk at 765-2791 to sign up for a time slot. Library staffer Barbara Vink will get back to you once scheduling is completed.

Computer User's Group will hold its monthly meeting on Wednesday, March 17, at 7 p.m. New members are always welcome to join this sharing of information and hands-on tips. Coordinator Barbara Flindt can be reached at 765-4997.

Be sure to stop by the library this month to see a colorful and informative display of Korean objects on loan from four local families.

Included in the exhibit are traditional costumes of Korea as well as dolls, games, kites and books that will be of interest to patrons of all ages. Many thanks to Alissa Jun Parsons, Jenna Massaroni, Jessica Baugh, and Chaemee Rose Colfer for sharing their culture.

Also on exhibit are watercolors and oils by Delmar artist Susan Wooster. The paintings can be seen Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. until 9 p.m. and on Saturdays from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m.

Christine Shields

## Residents read up a storm

Last year, a record 562,000 books and other materials were borrowed from the library. The number underscores what every parent, every teacher in our schools, every bookstore owner, and the folks at *The Spotlight* already know: Bethlehem is a community of readers.

To celebrate this community's love of books and reading during Bethlehem's bicentennial, and the



library's 80th anniversary year, the library will present "Bethlehem Reads."

This special program combines the time-honored art of reading aloud with up-to-date technology. Community members are invited to be videotaped as they read aloud in TV31/Bethlehem's studio.

The readings will be cablecast on the station during National Library Week, April 18 to 24. Readers will be honored with a reception and preview of their taped readings on Tuesday, April 20.

The library will retain the readings as a historical record of this memorable year and for future citizens to enjoy. "Bethlehem Reads" demonstrates the library's continued commitment to the book and the spoken word, even as we fully utilize the many advantages new technologies offer.

Readers can select a reading of their choice, with a suggested length of five to eight minutes.

Selections can be amusing or serious, or educational or something of personal interest. Library staff will be glad to advise readers who need help in choosing a selection. TV31 staff can individualize readings to create an interesting and varied image on the screen.

To emphasize the growing diversity of our community, the Children's Room is creating a special segment, "Bethlehem Reads: One + One," featuring tandem readings by foreign speaking adults.

Tandem storytelling and reading is great fun for both reader and audience. Foreign speaking adults will share a bilingual picture book with a child or other adult, one reading in English and

the other the foreign language counterpart. Children's Room staff can assist readers with book selection and coaching.

For information, contact Beverly Provost.

Videotapings for "Bethlehem Reads" are being done on an ongoing basis until April 7 in TV31's library studio. Call the library at 439-9314 to schedule a time that is convenient for you. Tapings can be arranged from 9:30 a.m. until 7 p.m. Join us in documenting this community of readers during this very special year.

Anna Jane Abaray

### BCHS to host class in money management

A three-part money management workshop will be offered at Bethlehem Central High School on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Wednesday evenings from March 24 through April 7, from 6:30 to 9:30.

The workshop is designed to help individuals learn how to manage money, reduce taxes, structure savings and lower insurance costs. Cost of the course will be \$50.

For information, call 439-4921.

## BC plans music festival

Bethlehem Central Music Department has slated its annual Music Festival for Thursday, March 11, culminating in a public performance at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The concert will feature high school and middle school vocal groups as well as combined choruses from the district's five elementary schools.

This annual festival features choral, band or orchestral performances on a rotating triennial basis, and in the past has featured specially commissioned works. This

### Talk by Hodges slated at Lenten Bible study

The Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study Series will continue on Wednesday, March 17, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Delmar Presbyterian Church on Delaware Avenue.

The Rev. Dawkins Hodges will speak on "Reflections on our Mystical Heritage."

For information, call 439-8415.

### Quilters to meet at Methodist church

Quilters United In Learning Together will meet on Friday, March 12, at 9:30 a.m. at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

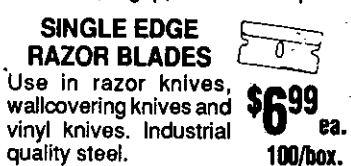
Shirley Hedman will lecture on "Making a Scene."

For information, call 283-4848.

year's finale will be "America the Beautiful" arranged and performed by Hawley Ades and performed by the combined choruses in honor of Bethlehem's bicentennial.

The festival is sponsored in part by the Bethlehem Music Association, a consortium of parents, faculty and community residents who support a strong music program in the schools.

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**SPORTS****Diver makes a name for himself**

By Emily Church

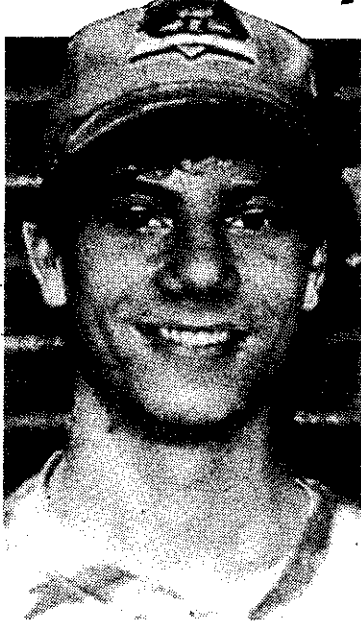
In the world of Bethlehem swimming, diving rarely gets the recognition it deserves. In the case of senior diver Joe Schneider, the list of achievements can hardly be ignored.

Schneider's resume includes a bronze medal on the three-meter

**Schneider's finished first in the last two Section II diving meets.**

boards, sixth place on the one-meter boards at the Empire State Games last summer and top 12 at the Cleveland Regional Junior Olympics, which qualified him for one of the four Zone Championships in the U.S.

At the high school level, he placed fifth at the Section II Championships his first year diving as a freshman, second as a sophomore and for the last two years he has placed first, which qualified him for the State Championships. This season, he dove exceptionally well at Sectionals, breaking 400 points and allowing him to be considered for All-American status.

**Joe Schneider**

Schneider's success in diving grew from a sporadic interest in gymnastics as a kid. "The only thing I really liked was jumping up and down on the trampoline and doing flips," he said.

Since he began diving as a freshman, Schneider has come a long way. He attributes his success to the diving camps he has attended, especially his experience last summer at the Great Lakes International Diving Camp, held at the University at Buffalo.

"I learned an incredible amount at Buffalo," Schneider said. "The Chinese national coach was there, as well as English coaches. I didn't know anything about U.S. diving or the U.S. diving team before I went."

Schneider's first coach, Mike Crandall, was the one who fueled his interest in diving. "He got me into it," Schneider said. "He taught me the confidence to do harder stuff. Now I can really concentrate on form."

Despite a bad experience at the state meet last season, Schneider is hoping to do well this year. After his performance at Sectionals, he should be one of the top divers at the meet, which will be held in Rochester, March 11-13.

Schneider intends to continue diving in college, and has applied to Colgate, Dartmouth, Amherst, Brandeis and Wesleyan. If Schneider's achievements in the last four years reflect his potential, his college career should be even more impressive.

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**Cambridge too strong for Voorheesville girls**

By Greg Sullivan

After battling its way through the first two rounds of the Class C Sectional tournament, the Voorheesville girls varsity basketball team finished its season on Tuesday, March 2, with a semifinal loss to first-seed and defending state champion Cambridge.

a little more evenly played, but the Ladybirds still couldn't manage to chip away at Cambridge's large lead.

When the final buzzer sounded, Voorheesville was on the short end of a 54-35 score. Becky Bailey, one of three graduating seniors for Voorheesville, finished with 10

**They played tremendous full court defense ... before we knew it we were down 8-0.**

Nadine Bassler

The Ladybirds appeared to have their work cut out for them. Cambridge, previously unbeaten and top seed in the section, came out very strongly, showing how they had gone through their season undefeated.

"They played tremendous full court defense," said Voorheesville coach Nadine Bassler. "They got a couple of steals, and before we knew it we were down 8-0."

The pressure continued throughout the remainder of the first half as Voorheesville headed into the locker room at halftime trailing 31-13. The second half was

points and was later named to the Section II Class C All-Star team. Seniors Lea Foster and Cortney Langford also ended their careers last week.

Despite the loss, Bassler was happy with the play of her team throughout the season. "Reaching the semifinals of the section tournament was a great accomplishment, and we also have a lot of young kids coming back next year."

Voorheesville finished the season 13-10 overall with a 9-9 record in the Colonial Council.

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## Shen KOs BC girls en route to title

By Jamie Sommerville

On Wednesday, Mar. 3, the Bethlehem girls basketball team took on Shenendehowa at Colonie in a semifinal Class A sectional game.

It was not a happy ending to what has generally been an upbeat season.

The game was tough from beginning to end. Shen was full of

power and tough on defense as the Eagles tried to squeeze in a few points throughout the game. Sheila McCaughin finally was able to put BC on the board with a 3-pointer with 4:56 left in the first quarter.

In the end, McCaughin tallied 15 while Karena Zornow added eight points in the 84-37 win for Shenendehowa.

Shen shot 70 percent for the game, which is rarely heard of,"

said coach Bill Warner. "We played hard and in my opinion very well. Shen is just an incredible team.

"This was an excellent season," he added, "and in my opinion we really are the top team in the (Gold) division. I have no complaints."

Warner expects a good season next year with many of the same players returning.

## The week's top bowlers at Del Lanes

Bowling honors for this week, at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

Sr. Cit. Men — singles: Stan Montaque 223; triples: Harold Singer 543; four game series: Harold Eck 851.

Sr. Cit. Women — singles: Cora Kubisch 180; triples: Betty Dascher 494.

Men — singles: Chuck Franze 299; triples: Gordon Beach 697; four game series: Rob Burns 1028.

Women — singles: Dee Baldwin 237; triples: Cricket Readdon 638.

### Jr. Classic

Maj. Boys — triples: Bob Geurtze 507; four game series: Lee Devoe 807.

Maj. Girls — four game series: Heather Selig 738 and Beth Matthews 706.

Jr. Boys — triples: Chris Brown 766.

Jr. Girls — triples: Andrea Kachidurian 708.

Junior Boys — triples: Kevin Fournier 543.

Junior Girls — triples: Amanda Crewell 445.

Prep Boys — triples: Michael Westphal 480.

Prep Girls — triples: Kim Brown 414.

Bantam Boys — triples: Ian Grovenenger 398.

Bantam Girls — triples: Katherine Duncan 333.

### Adult-Junior

Men — singles: Roy Raybine 265; triples: Ed Leno 581.

Women — triples: Linda Watt 512.

Boys — triples: Tom Preska 558.

Girls — triples: Jennifer Preska 465.

### Free Jiminy ski passes for ACS donations

The Rensselaer County chapter of the American Cancer Society is offering a deal for skiers that will help raise money for ACS.

In cooperation with radio station WGNA and Jiminy Peak, the ACS is offering a free ski pass to the Berkshire ski resort for anyone who can bring \$50 or more in donations to the American Cancer Society. The pass is good for any full day until the end of the season.

## Playoffs start in BBC

Quarterfinal action started in the All-Star Division of the Bethlehem Basketball Club this past week.

On the strength of David Levine's eight points and strong inside play, the first-seeded Bucks just got past the eighth-seeded Spurs 39-34. Matt Melcher kept the Spurs close by pulling down 10 rebounds and scoring 10 points.

Up by as much as 20 points in the third quarter, the second-seeded Hawks eventually overcame an upset-minded, seventh-seeded Sixers squad 60-56. Marc Borzykowski (18) and Leo Bresnahan (26) paced the Hawks, while Luke Willey (12 points and 11 rebounds) inspired the Sixers.

In spite of Andy Karins' 32 points and six assists, the fifth-seeded Magic lost 60-53 as they could not overcome the balanced scoring attack of the third-seeded Heat. The Heat was paced by Kevin Mastriano with 19 points.

Tim Staniels and Dan Burrell each scored 21 points as the fourth-seeded Rockets outdueled the fifth-seeded Mavs 61-58. For the Mavs, Rory McNerney and Seth Carr played outstanding defense.

In the Pro Division, the Lakers thumped the Knicks 44-30 as Peter Wagle and Chris Durant combined for 26 points for the winners. Micah Pernell (9) and Matt Hill (10) played strong all-around games for the Knicks.

The Nuggets stayed on track with a 33-21 victory over the Pistons. For the winners, Jayson Feliciano and Mark Gilmore led the scoring. Kris Darlington and Chris Eberhardt were outstanding for the Pistons.

Lead by Tariq Sheikh's 14 points, the Celtics outlasted the Bulls 41-32. Keith Campbell played a steady game to help the Bulls stay close.

In College Division action, Syracuse stayed on top with a 44-39 victory over Pitt. Josh Myer and Ryan Venter combined for 26 points to lead Syracuse to its ninth victory of the season. Dan Rosenthal paced Pitt with 19 points.

Brian Hahn (12) and Mike Pascone (10) helped Miami to a 37-25 win over Georgetown.

Inspired by Steve Rucinski's 12 points, St. John's edged Providence 33-28. Kevin Carroll scored six points and dished out four.

In a key contest that could decide the championship of the division, Seton Hall takes on Syracuse this Sunday.

## Stillwater stops Blackbirds in OT

By Kelly Griffin

In a stunning last-second decision, the Voorheesville boys basketball team's season ended last Tuesday in the Class C semifinals.

Stillwater, the section's Cinderella team, had luck on its side and was victorious in overtime, 40-39.

Sophomore David Burch hit a shot in overtime to put Voorheesville up by two with just one second left on the clock. Then Stillwater called two timeouts and Vville one to formulate their respective strategies.

While the Stillwater fans were silent and dejected, Vville's crowd was absolutely wild. To everyone in the Glens Falls Civic Center during those moments, Voorheesville had the win.

But as play resumed, Stillwater's Tom Tanner sent a long pass to Larry Goodreau at the top of their key. Goodreau turned around and launched a three-pointer as the buzzer sounded. Amazingly, the shot went in.

All at once, the gym was silent. Then the Civic Center underwent a massive, emotional shift. The Vville crowd was motionless in disbelief. Stillwater's crowd went berserk. Out on the court, the Stillwater players were ecstatic, while the Voorheesville players were standing in shocked amazement.

"That has to be the hardest loss a team can experience," said Coach Skip Caark. "I wouldn't wish it on anybody. We had the taste of the win in our mouths, and had it

snatched away at the last second. The most impossible thing that ever could have happened, did happen."

Vville was two for 16 in the first quarter and one for 15 in the third. This poor percentage is reflected in the box score as not a single Blackbird reached double figures. Brad Rockmore and Tom

Dutkiewicz led the team with eight points each.

"Regardless of what people might say, this season was a success, not a failure," said Carrk. "This is one of the strongest-willed teams I have ever coached. When they could have given up, they hung in there and took the lead. These boys deserve a lot of credit for all their hard work."

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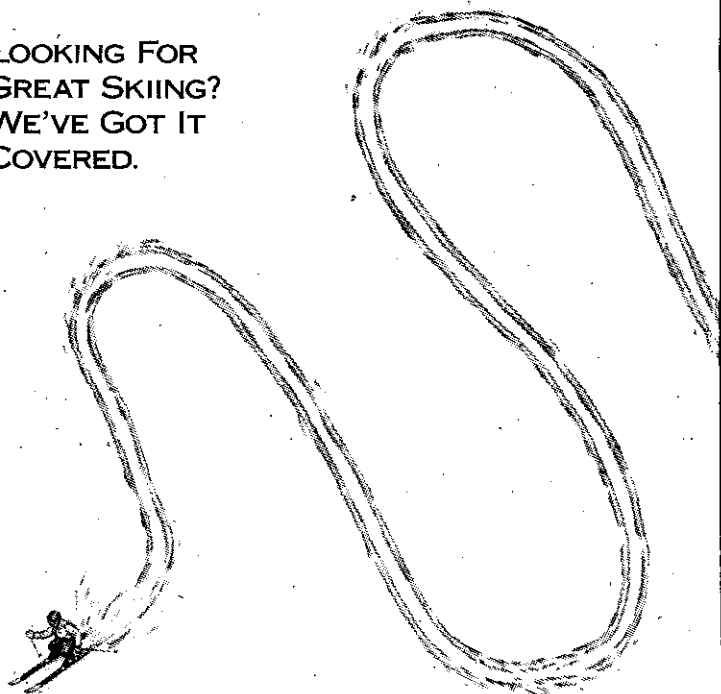
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## □ NS reval

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current, longtime property-owners often end up paying taxes based on the value of their property 10, 20 or even 30 years ago, while people who recently bought houses pay taxes based on 1990s values, Lynam explained.

"Inequity creeps in over the years, and revaluation brings equity to all parcels," he added.

In the commercial class, taxes on 21 properties will rise \$500, while taxes on 75 properties will decrease more than \$500. Overall, taxes on commercial properties as a class declined from 7.24 percent to 5.41 percent of the town's total assessed value, while residential properties as a class increased from 67.94 percent to 73.68 percent of the total assessed value.

Reilly said it was "interesting that commercial property dropped," noting that one company had its tax bill almost cut in half.

"The board is going to have to look at these numbers," he said.

The town's assessor, Richard Law, will also have to review the new assessments, Reilly said, but he is currently in the hospital for surgery on an infected foot.

Overall, the total taxable prop-

erty value in the town is \$489,216,371. Because of the increase in assessed value, the town's tax rate will drop from the current \$51.49 per thousand of assessed value to an estimated \$1.61 per thousand. Town officials stressed that the revaluation is revenue-neutral, that is, it will not increase the town's total tax levy.

Property owners who believe they have been over-assessed should contact Cole, Layer Trumble, the firm that did the revaluation, to set up an informal hearing on the value of their property. Hearings are by appointment only, and can be scheduled by calling 765-4940. A CLT representative said that more than 400 hearings had been scheduled as of Friday.

CLT may adjust the assessment based on the hearing, and property owners who still think their assessments are too high can grieve, or appeal, the assessment to the town's Board of Assessment Review on Tuesday, May 25.

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## Chamber to meet for March breakfast

The March breakfast of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will be on Thursday, March 25, from 7:30 to 9 a.m. at the Day's Inn on Route 9W in Glenmont.

The topic will be "Preserving Your Business While You're Gone," presented by Richard Swanson, financial consultant for Marine Midland Bank.

Admission is \$8 at the door. The reservation deadline is March 23.

For information, call 439-0512.

## Albany seeks queen for 45th Tulip Festival

The city of Albany is seeking nominations for the 1993 Tulip Queen, to be crowned during the 45th annual Albany Tulip Festival, May 8 through 9.

The Tulip Queen will represent the mayor and the city of Albany at festivals and civic events throughout the year, and will receive a \$1,500 scholarship.

Nominees must be between 18 and 23 years of age, never married and residents of Albany County.

The deadline for nominations is Monday, March 15. For information, call 434-2032.

## □ Bypasses

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new four-lane road from Blessing Road to the intersection of New Scotland Road and Cherry Avenue (Route 140).

The road will have a new alignment northwest of New Scotland Road from the point where Route 85 takes a 90 degree turn around the Blue Cross building to its intersection with Cherry Avenue.

Traffic congestion on Route 85 from the city line to Cherry Avenue at peak hours has caused the road to be rated at levels of service E and F, worst on the state's congestion ranking hierarchy, Younger pointed out.

The approximately three-mile project is expected to cost \$21 million in 1993 dollars, and will likely be built in 1997 or 1998.

Although the bypass proposal has been around for more than a decade, "This is the first time that money has been committed to building the project," Younger said.

"This is a step that will eliminate a major traffic bottleneck, but the best thing would be to bring Route 85 all the way around the hamlet of Slingerlands," commented Supervisor Ken Ringler.

Heavy truck traffic to and from the Selkirk Thruway exit and the Conrail railroad yards is now a daily feature of life in the residential hamlet of Selkirk, but will be history in five years.

"We're in favor of anything that gets the tractor-trailers off 396,"

said Harold Williams of Selkirk Association For Every Resident (SAFER). "This is a good step forward for the future."

"I've been fighting for this for years. It's frightening to walk along that road — it's an accident waiting to happen," Ringler said.

The two-lane Selkirk bypass will cut south of the hamlet, from the vicinity of the Texas Eastern Transmission Co. on Route 396 to Route 9W just north of Old Ravena Road.

The approximately one-mile project includes a new bridge over the Conrail tracks and will cost about \$7.7 million in 1993 dollars. It is scheduled for construction in 1997, Younger said.

"A side benefit of this project is that it will open up vacant, but industrially-zoned, land for development," she added.

Ringler said that one project for a distribution center was shelved because of the town's reluctance to consider anything that would increase truck traffic on Route 396.

"This bypass creates a missing link in a very valuable economic development area for the whole Capital District, and with the new road, town officials can encourage new development there," he noted.

The committee will receive comments on the proposed bypasses and other projects it has tentatively approved until March 22. Its policy committee is scheduled to give the final local approval on March 25.

## Chapter to award scholarship

The State Street Chapter of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women's Clubs is accepting applications for a \$1,000 scholarship for the 1993-94 academic year.

Applicants must be 25 years of age or older and enrolled or accepted for full or part-time study in

a program leading to an academic, technical or vocational degree.

Applications must be received by March 31.

For information, contact the Scholarship Committee, State Street BPW Club, c/o Lois Staugaitis, P.O. Box 505, West Sand Lake 12196.

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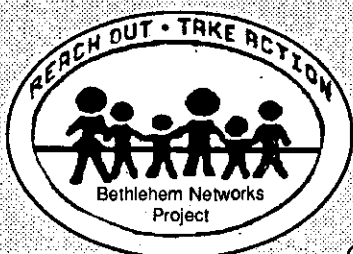
## Pupil's poem talks about drug abuse problem

This poem was written by a pupil in this year's fifth-grade Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) class.

### Help Make the World Drug Free

*If you think life's as beautiful as you want it to be,  
There's a lot of problems you're neglecting to see;  
Now that you know what drugs can do,  
Don't think it can't happen to someone like you;  
It may start out small and not seem so bad,  
But sooner or later you will have been had;  
So come on everybody old and young,  
If we're going to make a difference there's work to be done;  
If we all stick together and pull our own weight,  
We can all make a difference and the world will think straight;  
Some people may think it's the thing to do,  
but believe me it's not cool;  
All this junk goes straight to your head,  
And before you know it, your brain cells are dead;  
So listen everybody and stick with me,  
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Janet and David Rathjens

## Hasbrouck, Rathjens wed

Janet Lea Hasbrouck, daughter of Marilyn and Douglas Hasbrouck of Glenmont, and David Jon Rathjens, son of Emily and John Rathjens of Delmar, were married Feb. 13.

The Rev. Gary Gelfenbein performed the ceremony in the chapel of Emma Willard School in Troy. A reception followed at The Desmond in Colonie.

The maid of honor was Dana Francis and the matron of honor was Beth Berkun. Bridesmaids were Laurie Mortensen, Kristine Strada, Suzanne Hasbrouck, Jane Lang, and Suzanne Palitsch.

The best man was Victor Nerses

and ushers were Patrick Kendrick, Scott James, Kurt Hasbrouck, John Lang, James Mortensen and Dominic Strada.

The bride is a graduate of Troy High School and earned her bachelor's and master's degrees from Springfield College in Springfield, Mass. She is a health and physical education teacher at Scotia-Glenville High School.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Albany. He is a senior telecommunications specialist for Key Services in Albany.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple lives in Delmar.

## Auditions scheduled for Village Stage plays

The Village Stage will sponsor auditions for three one-act plays on Tuesday, March 16, from 7 to 10 p.m., Thursday, March 18, from 7 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, March 20, from 1 to 4 p.m. at the VFW Post at 404 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

The plays, which will be performed in May, are *P is for Perfect* by Fred Carmichael, which requires a cast of five women; *Lord Byron's Love Letters* by Tennessee Williams, with a cast of four men and one woman; and *Never No Third Degree* by John Ward Bayly, which has openings for five men and one woman.

For information, call 439-0536.

## V'ville pupils to sing in televised concert

Fourth through sixth grade pupils from Voorheesville Elementary School will participate in the World's Largest Concert Thursday, March 11 from 1 to 1:30 p.m.

Hosted by Cynthia Gibb, the concert will air on approximately 345 PBS stations. The annual sing-along event celebrates and focuses attention on school music programs, and is broadcast in March, which is Music in our Schools Month.

The Voorheesville pupils have been rehearsing under the direction of Margaret Chisholm for the half-hour program they will share with an estimated audience of more than 8 million.

## Tax help for seniors available at library

The Voorheesville Public Library at 51 School Road in Voorheesville will provide free tax assistance for seniors on Wednesday, March 24, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Appointments are required. The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons.

Taxpayers of all ages may use the Volunteer Income Tax Assistance program staffed by IRS volunteers on Fridays, from 10 a.m. to 12:45 p.m., through April 9.

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Timothy Shavers and Joyce Shen

## Shen, Shavers to marry

Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Shen of Delmar announce the engagement of their daughter, Joyce Euwhei Shen, to Timothy Brian Shavers, son of Mr. and Mrs. Granville Shavers of Petersburg, Tenn.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Yale College, and will graduate this spring from Yale Law School. She will begin work in the fall at the law firm of Simpson, Thatcher

& Bartlett in New York City.

The future groom is a graduate of Harvard College, and will also graduate from Yale Law School this spring. He will begin work in the fall for the New York firm of Winthrop, Stimson, Putnam & Roberts.

The couple plans a May wedding.

## Mail weddings, engagements

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## Elks Lodge to host Sunday breakfast buffet

Bethlehem Elks Lodge on Route 144 in Selkirk will host a breakfast buffet on Sunday, March 14, from 9 a.m. to noon.

The menu will include pancakes, eggs, sausage, bacon, waffles, french toast, "elk gravy," juice and coffee.

The price is \$5 for adults, \$3 for children under 12, and \$4 for senior citizens.

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# Obituaries

## Herbert Jones Sr.

Herbert A. Jones Sr., 89, of North Helderberg Boulevard in Slingerlands, died Tuesday, March 3, at the Daughters of Sarah Nursing Home in Albany.

Born in Schenectady, Otsego County, he was a longtime resident of Slingerlands. He was a graduate of Schenectady High School and attended the Institute of Management at Northwestern University in Evanston, Ill.

Mr. Jones worked for the former National Commercial Bank in Albany from 1924 to 1973, when he retired as a senior vice president-consultant.

He was a former member and past president of the Estate Planning Council of Eastern New York State, director of the Albany Red Cross, director and president of the Albany Institute of History & Art and treasurer of the Albany chapter of the United Nations Association.

Mr. Jones was a member of the Albany Rotary Club, Fort Orange Club, the University Club, a trustee emeritus of Home Savings Bank, past chairman and member of the organizing committee of the Trust Division of New York State Bankers Association, former board member of the Bethlehem Central School District and a former board member and officer of the Family and Children's Services of Albany.

He was husband of the late Annette Nusbaum Jones.

Survivors include two daughters, Patricia Ann Repp of New Hartford, Conn., and Pamela Lawrence of Delmar; a son, Herbert A. Jones Jr. of Slingerlands; a brother, Alan Jones of Cobleskill; and four grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

Contributions may be made to the Albany Institute of History & Art or to St. Peter's Hospice.

## Ann Vagianelis

Ann S. Vagianelis, 64, of Somerset Drive in Slingerlands, and Palm Beach Gardens, Fla., died Sunday, Feb. 28 at her home in Florida.

Born in Philadelphia, she had lived in the Albany area for the last 30 years.

Mrs. Vagianelis was a communicant of St. Boniface Episcopal Church in Guilderland.

She was the widow of Paul Vagianelis.

Survivors include four daughters, Ann Collazo of Needham, N.H., Lisa Fones of Pelham, N.H., and Diane Kessler and Donna Austin, both of Slingerlands; a son, Jay Roehner of Henniker, N.H.; and six grandchildren.

Services were from Tebbutt Funeral Home, Albany, and St. Boniface Episcopal Church.

Contributions may be made to the American Heart Association, Northeastern New York Chapter, 440 New Karner Road, Albany, 12205, or the American Cancer Society, 1450 Western Ave., Albany 12203.

## DeGloris 'Dee' Dawson

DeGloris 'Dee' A. Dawson, 69, a native of Slingerlands, died Tuesday, March 2, at Mary McClellan Hospital, Cambridge, after a brief illness.

A resident of Sushan, she was a graduate of Philip Schuyler High School. She was a former underwriter for Royal Globe and the Utica Mutual insurance companies. She lived in Sushan for 21 years, and operated "The Glass Shop" there for the past eight years.

She was a member of the Ladies Auxiliary of the Bucci McTague American Legion Post in Albany and a former volunteer at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital.

Survivors include two daughters, Kathleen Mengel of Albany and Joanne Majkut of Guilderland; a son, Michael Dawson of Voorheesville; nine grandchildren; a great-grandchild; and her longtime companion, Harold Campbell Jr. of Sushan.

Services were from McClellan Funeral Home, East Broadway, Salem, and the Salem United Methodist Church, with burial in Woodlands Cemetery, Cambridge.

Contributions may be made to the American Cancer Society.

## William Cronin

William J. Cronin, 86, of Kilmer Court in Delmar, died Tuesday, March 2, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

He was born Albany.

He had been an Albany fireman for 25 years before joining his brothers in the operation of a market on Central Avenue until he retired.

Mr. Cronin was an Army veteran of World War II, a member of the Albany Elks Lodge 49, South End Immediate Relief and the Second Avenue Senior Citizens.

He was a communicant of Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Survivors include his wife, Katherine Vogelsand Cronin; five sons, William J. Cronin Jr. of Ravena, Robert Cronin of Delmar, Kenneth Cronin of Schodack, Michael Cronin of Saratoga and Richard Cronin of Albany; eight grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Services were from Dreis Funeral Home and Our Lady Help of Christians Church.

Contributions may be made to Our Lady Help of Christians Building Fund.

## Mary Daggett

Mary Forbes Daggett, 101, of the Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany, formerly of Voorheesville, died Wednesday, March 3, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Daggett was born in Albany, where she spent most of her life. She lived in Voorheesville for 15 years and at the Eden Park Nursing Home for the past five years.

Mrs. Daggett worked as a housekeeper for 25 years at the state Department of Motor Vehicles and then at Orange Motors in Albany before retiring at the age of 80.

She was the widow of Charles Daggett.

Survivors include a daughter, Joan Dedrick of Voorheesville; eight grandchildren; 15 great-grandchildren; and four great-great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Arrangements

were by Reilly & Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Voorheesville 12186.

## Marguerite Lewis

Marguerite Murphy Lewis, 89, of Fernbank Avenue in Delmar, died Wednesday, March 3, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime city resident. She moved to Delmar 22 years ago.

At the age of 7, she performed in "Bohemian Girl" on a national tour with the Aborn Opera Company. She attended St. Patrick's School and a local business school.

Mrs. Lewis was a member of the Secular Order of Discalced Carmelites. She was a communicant of St. James Church in Albany for 60 years, and a member of its Altar Rosary Society and St. Veronica's Guild.

She was the widow of Arthur Lewis.

Survivors include four daughters, Faith Egan of Pinellas Park, Fla., Sister Marguerite S.B.S. of St. Borromeo's of Harlem, Sister Carmel Jean O'Carroll of the Teresian House in Albany and Jean Hartigan of Delmar; a brother, Joseph Murphy of Montana; five grandchildren; and four great-grandchildren.

Services were from Daniel Keenan Funeral Home in Albany and St. James Church. Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

## Peter Mortensen

Peter Mortensen, 95, of Selkirk, died Thursday, March 6, at his home.

Born in Troy, he was a lifetime resident of the Capital District.

A veteran of World War I, he joined Army Company C, 102nd Field Signal Battalion in 1917 and served in France and Belgium, as well as on the Hindenburg Line in Germany. Mr. Mortensen received an honorable discharge in 1919.

He was the proprietor of Park Garage Corporation on Hudson Avenue in Albany in the 1930s and 1940s and worked as an International Harvester dealer in Selkirk in the 1950s.

He was a member of St. Matthew's Lutheran Church in Albany. He was also a member of the Ravena Rescue Squad, the Veterans of Foreign Wars and the Capital City Rescue Mission.

He was husband of the late of Alma Dascher Mortensen.

Survivors include a daughter, Lois Gresen of Selkirk; two sons, Kenneth P. Mortensen Sr. and Warren D. Mortensen, both of Selkirk; a sister, Dorothy Kemner of Schenectady; three grandchil-

dren; and three great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Matthew's Lutheran Church. Spring burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery, Glenmont. Arrangements were by the Fred L. Dascher Jr. Funeral Home in Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Ravena Rescue Squad, Box 144, Ravena 12143; the Sickroom Supply Fund of the Veterans of Foreign Wars, Box 9594, Ravena 12143; or the Capital City Rescue Mission, 50 Hudson Ave., Albany 12214.

## Dewitt R. Rasmuson

Dewitt R. Rasmuson, 69, of Danbury Court in Voorheesville, died Saturday, March 6, at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Albany, he lived in Voorheesville for the past 25 years.

He had worked as a railroad conductor from 1941 until his retirement in 1987. He worked for New York Central, Penn Central and Conrail.

He was a Marine Corps veteran of World War II.

Mr. Rasmuson was a member of the Albany Elks Lodge 49, the Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 and the United Transportation Union.

Survivors include his wife, Lorraine Riley Rasmuson; a daughter, Gail Ferracane of Scotia; two sons, James Rasmuson of Guilderland and Thomas Rasmuson of East Nassau; a sister, Alice Hill Ward of Tucson, Ariz.; a brother, Roy C. Rasmuson of League City, Texas; and five grandchildren.

Services were from Reilly & Son Funeral Home on Voorheesville Avenue.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Area Ambulance, Voorheesville 12186.

## Library chooses titles for discussion group

The Bethlehem Public Library's book discussion group recently chose titles for its next four sessions.

On Tuesday, March 16, *Animal Dreams* by Barbara Kingsolver will be the topic, and *A Yellow Raft In Blue Water* by Michael Dorris will be discussed on April 20.

*This Boy's Life* by Tobias Wolff will be featured on May 18, and *The Risk Pool* by Richard Russo will be the topic on Sept. 21.

The group meets at 7:30 p.m. in the adult lounge. Copies of each book are available for a week's loan from the reference desk during the month before the discussion.

For information, call 439-9314.

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# Family Entertainment

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## Spring makes early debut

*Annual flower show takes root at Knick Arena*

By Eric Bryant

A blanket of snow may still be covering the ground, but inside the Knickerbocker Arena this weekend, the sixth annual Capital District Garden and Flower Show will give area green thumbs a taste — and a whiff — of spring blooms.

The show, which this year will occupy more than 52,000 square feet of the arena floor and concourse, will run from 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13; and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Sunday, March 14.

"We are especially looking forward to this year's show," said the show's executive director, Virginia Rossuck. "It promises to be bigger and better than ever."

The show has seen significant growth since its inception in 1988. Last year, more than 18,000 horticultural enthusiasts visited the three-day event. The 1991 show drew over 20,000. Weather permitting, event coordinators expect even larger crowds this year and have expanded the garden layouts as well as the number of vendors, booths, exhibits and demonstrations.

According to event promoters, the show's centerpiece this year will be 22 miniature gardens created by area landscaping professionals. Located throughout the main arena floor, the gardens will range from simple backyard layouts and traditional Japanese gardens to a scaled-down replica of the Albany city parks system.

Gardeners looking forward to their first spring planting and amateur landscapers with an eye toward jazzing up their backyards, can choose from dozens of lectures and demonstrations which will run throughout the event. Demonstrations will cover a full range of horticultural topics, including "Growing Specialty Vegetables," "Composting Food and Yard Waste at Home," "Culinary Herbs and Edible Flowers," and "No Fuss Lawn Care," to name just a few.

The garden show will also include a juried flower arrangement competition, coordinated by area garden clubs and florists, and more than 100 retail booths, featuring everything from fresh cut flowers and plants to books, gardening equipment and patio furniture.

In addition to planting the seeds for creative gardening and landscaping, the Capital District Garden and Flower Show will also benefit the programs of Wildwood, a locally-based school for children with neurological impairments and related learning disabilities.

REFLECTIONS  
OF SPRING



It was the Wildwood School, in fact, which created the garden and flower show back in 1988 as a way to give something back to the community. Wildwood's Kathleen Lein said the show also serves as a major fund-raiser for the school, which serves more than 550 children from a 13-county area.

Tickets for the Capital District Garden and Flower Show will be \$5 at the door. Children 10 and under will be admitted free. Senior citizens receive \$1 off admission, as do groups of 15 or more.

## Albany Symphony Orchestra waltzes into spring



Stephen Hartke



Michelle Makarski

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will perform its sixth concert of the season on Friday, March 12, at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall and Saturday, March 13, at the Palace Theatre in Albany. Both performances start at 8 p.m.

The concert, sponsored by the Capital District Physicians Health Plan, consists of waltzes by Josef Strauss, Johann Strauss Jr. and Maurice Ravel. The concert will also feature the world premiere of the Violin Concerto by the American composer, Stephen Hartke. Violin soloist Michelle Makarski will be featured.

Hartke, 1991 winner of the Rome Prize in Musical Composition, is composer in residence with the Los Angeles Chamber Orchestra and associate professor of theory and composition at

the University of Southern California.

Schubert's Symphony No. 8 "Unfinished" will begin the program.

The Vanguard will present a preview of the concert on Thursday, March 11, at noon at the Albany Public Library. All are welcome.

In addition, classical conversations will be at 7 p.m. before the weekend concerts.

Conductor David Alan Miller and Hartke will answer questions and share their thoughts on the programs. The conversations will be at Cafe Capriccio in Troy on Friday and the Salvation Army across from the Palace on Saturday.

For tickets, call the box office at 465-4663 or ticketmaster at 476-1000. For information, call the ASO office at 465-4755.

# SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

## Signs of summer with auditions for Park Playhouse musical

Auditions for roles in this season's Park Playhouse production in Albany's Washington Park will be held this Friday and Saturday (March 12 and 13) at the Washington Park Lakehouse. Cole Porter's *Kiss Me Kate* has been selected as this season's show.

Producing Artistic Director Venustiano Borromeo will audition dancers at 6 p.m. Friday. Character actors for non-singing roles and principal singer-actors will be held at 8 p.m.

Dancers will be asked to bring music and tap shoes while non-singing actors must be prepared to read from the script. Principal singers are also asked to bring music.

Auditions will also be conducted from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Saturday (March 13). Dancers will be seen at 10 a.m., character actors at 12 p.m. and principal singers at 1 p.m.

Production dates for this show, presented free to the public, will be July 7 through August 15, Tuesdays through Sundays. Rehearsals begin June 14.

Pay is available for all roles. The principal female role has been cast.

Further information is available at 434-2035.

## Monte Carlo cruise finds port at Proctor's fund-raiser Saturday

Proctor's Theatre Guild and the Friends of the Empire State Youth Orchestra are jointly sponsoring a *Monte Carlo Cruise Night* Saturday (March 13) at 7:30 p.m. to raise funds for both group's activities.

Television personalities Liz Bishop (WRGB), Benita Zahn (WNYT) and Jim Brennan (WTEN) are serving as "cruise captains."

Following a champagne reception, there will be games of chance and music for dancing provided by the Youth Orchestra's Jazz Ensemble and the Paul Mastriani Trio.

A silent auction will be featured with items donated by businesses in the Capital Region. All will be on display in Proctor's Gift Shop prior to the event.

More information is available at 399-0631.

## Webber's *Evita* returns to Proctor's for three performances

A new national touring company of *Evita*, the Andrew Lloyd Webber musical about Argentina's charismatic Eva Peron, plays three performances at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady Tuesday and Wednesday, March 16 and 17. The evening performances are at 8 p.m. and the Wednesday matinee is at 2 p.m.

The original production of *Evita* opened in London in 1978 and hit Broadway in 1979 where it had a long run and several national tours.

Productions have played at Proctor's Theater on two separate occasions in the past.

This touring company's production has been staged by the original Tony Award-winning choreographer, Larry Fuller. Reservations at 346-6204.

## Howie Mandel brings one-man show to Proctor's March 18

The eccentric comic, Howie Mandel, who earned acting honors on the television show, *St. Elsewhere*, will bring his comedy concert to Proctor's Theater Thursday, March 18, for one performance.

Now the executive director of two Saturday morning children's shows, Mandel has gained honors for his *Bobby's World*, based on a character in his show where he creates a squeaky-voiced five-year old.

His comedy has been seen also on two Showtime specials and four half-hour variety show specials, entitled *Howie*, for CBS. Reservations are available at 346-6204.

## Around Theaters!

*Pajama Tops*, famed old farce at Albany Civic Theater through March 28, (462-1297)... *To Kill A Mockingbird*, popular novel adapted as play about Southern rape trial, at the NYSTheater Institute at Russell Sage College through March 19 (270-6888)



Martin P. Kelly

WEDNESDAY  
MARCH 10

## ALBANY COUNTY

## CAPITAL AREA SKI TOURING ASSOCIATION

pot luck dinner, German American Club, Cherry Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2710.

## JOB CENTER ON WHEELS

for seniors, Whitney M. Young Center, Lark and Arbor drives, Albany, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 459-5622.

## TRADE AND THE GLOBAL ECONOMY

Great Decisions '93 lecture series, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, noon to 1 p.m.

## BABYSITTING

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## SQUARE DANCE

St. Michael's Community Center, Linden Street, Cohoes, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

## EATING DISORDERS SUPPORT GROUP MEETING

Russell Sage College, Sage Hall Counseling Center, Troy, 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 465-9550.

## CHORUS REHEARSAL

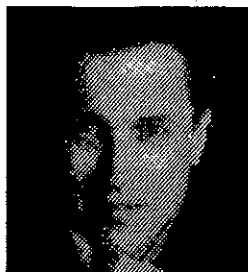
sponsored by Capitland Chorus, Trinity Episcopal Church, 11th Street and 4th Avenue, North Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

## RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

Glen Warden School, 34 Warden Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4264.

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slide presentation by Alice and Howard Kessler, Schenectady Photographic Society, First United Methodist Church, State and Lafayette Streets, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-1674.

THURSDAY  
MARCH 11

## ALBANY COUNTY

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP  
Capital District Alzheimer's Association, St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

## ALBANY ACADEMY OPEN HOUSE

for parents with kindergarten and pre-kindergarten children, Academy Road, Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 465-1461, ext. 37.

PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP  
Center for the Disabled, 314 South Manning Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-5872.

INDOOR GOLF TOURNAMENT  
sponsored by Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 80 State Street, 5 to 8 p.m. Information, 489-2677.

## "SURVIVING SEXUAL ABUSE TOGETHER"

workshop for friends, family, spouses, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$18. Information, 489-4431.

RHYTHMICAL MASSAGE  
free program, Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilford, noon to 1 p.m. Information, 452-3455.

SENIOR CHORALE  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 1 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

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Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 5:30 to 8 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

CONCERNED FRIENDS OF HOPE HOUSE  
meeting, support group for families of substance abusers, Child's Nursing Home auditorium, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

FRIDAY  
MARCH 12

## ALBANY COUNTY

MOTHER'S DROP IN  
sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 482-4508.

SENIORS LUNCHEONS  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

## "INVITING JEWISH CHOICES"

Dru Greenwood, director of Commission of Reform Jewish Outreach, lecture during Friday evening services, Congregation Beth Emeth, Academy Road, Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 436-9761.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

RECOVERY, INC.  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Salvation Army, 222 Lafayette St., Hillard Room, Schenectady, 10 a.m. Information, 346-8595.

SATURDAY  
MARCH 13

## ALBANY COUNTY

INTERFATH MARRIAGE  
breakfast and discussion, led by Dru Greenwood, director of Commission on Reform Jewish Outreach, Congregation Beth Emeth, Academy Road, Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information, 436-9761.

## "BEING A GERMAN JEW AFTER THE HOLOCAUST"

Rabbi Pinchas Lapide of Frankfurt, Germany, lecture during Shabbat morning services, Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Road, Albany.

OLDIES DANCE  
Christ the King School, Sumter Avenue, Guilford, 8 p.m. to midnight. Cost, \$12.

CELEBRATION OF MINIATURES  
show and sale, Empire State Plaza, Meeting Rooms 1 through 6, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

PARENTING SEMINAR  
The Rev. Richard Patterson, St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Boulevard, Albany, 9 a.m. to noon. Cost, \$10. Information, 463-2257.

OLD FASHIONED AUCTION  
to benefit Saint Rose Scholarship and Awards Fund, College of Saint Rose Alumni Association, St. Joseph's Hall, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$5.

ENTRANCE EXAMINATION  
Academy of the Holy Names, grades 2-12, 1073 New Scotland Road, Albany, 8:30 a.m. Information, 489-2559.

## RENSSELAER COUNTY

LEONARD ROBERT ABRAMS  
opening reception for "The Cross of Culture and Conception: A Photographic Essay," Cultural Center, Trustees Administrative Center Building, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 283-1100.

SUNDAY  
MARCH 14

## ALBANY COUNTY

"STORE IT"  
March Family Art Program, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 2-4 p.m. Cost, \$4. Information, 463-4478.

CELEBRATION OF MINIATURES  
show and sale, Empire State Plaza, Meeting Rooms 1 through 6, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 438-7841.

SCOTTISH DANCING  
Unitarian Church, Washington Ave., Albany, 7 to 10 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

MONDAY  
MARCH 15

## ALBANY COUNTY

THE NINE FACES OF GOD  
three-session workshop examining nine basic personality types, March 15, 22 and 29, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$40. Information, 489-4431.

CROHN'S AND COLITIS FOUNDATION  
support group, Albany Memorial Hospital Conklin Conference Room, 600 Northern Boulevard, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0252.

SENIORS LUNCHEONS  
Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 4:45 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

RECOVERY, INC.  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian Church, of Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

## SCHENECTADY COUNTY

SCOTTISH DANCING  
Salvation Army, Smith Street, Schenectady, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 783-6477.

RECOVERY, INC.  
self-help group for former mental and nervous patients, Unitarian House, 1248 Wendall Ave., Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 346-8595.

TUESDAY  
MARCH 16

## ALBANY COUNTY

COMPASSIONATE FRIENDS  
self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut Street, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

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### AGNES OF GOD

Family Players of Northeastern New York, Loudonville Elementary School, Osborne and Old Niskayuna roads, Colonie. Friday and Saturday, March 12 and 13, 8 p.m. Information, 869-0303.

### JERRY'S GIRLS

Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, through March 21. Information, 377-5101.

### PAJAMA TOPS

"French" farce, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany. Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 through March 28. Information, 462-1297.

### EVITA

musical, Proctor's Theater, 432 State St., Schenectady. Tuesday, March 16, 8 p.m.; Wednesday, March 17, 2 and 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### UNIDENTIFIED REMAINS AND THE TRUE NATURE OF LOVE

dramatic theater from Canadian Brad Fraser. QE2, 13 Central Ave., Albany. Friday and Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday, 3 p.m., March 12 through April 4. Information, 462-2905.

### ANOTHER SUNRISE

dinner theater. Hilltowns Players, Maple Inn, Route 443, East Berne. Thursday, March 11, 18 and 25, 6:30 p.m. Information, 872-2569.

## MUSIC

### NOONTIME ORGAN CONCERTS

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### ONE HEART

Ken Shea and Maureen DeLuxe, Monaco's Village Inn, Thursdays, 9:30 p.m. to 12:30 a.m. Information, 899-5780 or 393-5282.

### HOOTS NIGHT

open stage, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Sign up every Wednesday, 7:30 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

### SKIP PARSONS DIXIELAND

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### WINTER'S AWAY CABARET

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### ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 88 Fourth St., Troy. Friday, March 12, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

### THE CHIEFTAINS

traditional Irish music, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Friday, March 12, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### PASADENA ROOF ORCHESTRA

with the Dancers of London, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady. Thursday, March 11, 8 p.m. Information, 346-6204.

### MUSIC FACULTY RECITAL

saxophonist Paul Evaskevich and pianist Lee Shaw, College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany. Friday, March 12, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5195.

### AILEEN VANCE

singer/songwriter, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Friday, March 12, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

## UPSTATE RHYTHM SECTION WORKSHOP

College of Saint Rose, Patricia Brady-Danzig Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany. Saturday, March 13, 11 a.m. to 5 p.m. Information, 732-7265.

### ALBANY PIANO TEACHERS ASSOCIATION RECITAL

College of Saint Rose, Patricia Brady-Danzig Recital Hall, Music Building, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany. Sunday, March 14, 2 p.m. Information, 454-5286.

### ODETTA IN CONCERT

folk concert, College of Saint Rose, Saint Joseph Hall Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany. Wednesday, March 17, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-5141.

### CHERISH THE LADIES

traditional Irish music and dance troupe, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, 88 Fourth St., Troy. Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m. Information, 273-0038.

### STUDENT UNDERGROUND

new generation of folk performers, The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany. Saturday, March 13, 7 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

### MAYNARD FERGUSON

and his Big Bop Nouveau Band, Empire Center at the Egg, Kitty Carlisle Hart Theatre, Albany. Saturday, March 13, 8 p.m. Information, 473-1845.

### AUDITIONS

#### KISS ME KATE

Park Playhouse's summer production of the Cole Porter classic, Washington Park Playhouse, 60 Orange St., Albany. Friday, March 12, 6 p.m. for dancers who sing, 8 p.m. for non-singing roles; Saturday, March 13, 10 a.m. for dancers who sing, noon for non-singing roles, and 1 p.m. for principal actors/singers. Information, 434-2035.

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### FAMILY PLAYERS OF NORTHEAST NEW YORK

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## MUSICAL GROUPS

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### SURVEY OF CONTEMPORARY LANDSCAPE ART

open to all artists, using any medium, whose work comments on the current state of the land, Greene County Council On the Arts, 398 Main St., Catskill. Submission deadline, April 9. Information, 943-3400.

### HILLTOWNS PLAYERS

accepting applications for stage director, musical director and choreographer for fall production of *South Pacific*. Through April 3. Information, 872-2068.

## CLASSES

### BALLET AND CHARACTER DANCE

eba Center for Dance and Movement, Lark Street and Hudson Avenue, Albany. Through March 20. Information, 465-9916.

## READINGS

### MARTIN NAKELL AND DENNIS PHILLIPS

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**BC SCHOOL BOARD**  
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Place, 8 p.m. Information, 439-  
7098.

**BETHLEHEM BUSINESS  
WOMEN'S CLUB**  
program on "Magic with  
Herbs," by Jean Argus,  
Normanside Country Club,  
cocktails, 6 p.m., dinner, 6:30  
p.m., tickets: \$10. Information,  
462-1761.

**THE PRICE OF PEACE**  
Lenten Bible Study, the Rev.  
Mark Brattud, Delmar  
Presbyterian Church, 585  
Delaware Ave., 10 to 11 a.m.  
Information, 439-8415

**TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,  
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**BINGO**  
American Legion Post 1040, 16  
Poplar Drive, 8 p.m. Information,  
439-9819.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office,  
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to  
noon. Information, 439-0503.

**WELCOME WAGON**  
newcomers, engaged women  
and new mothers, call for a  
Welcome Wagon visit, Monday  
to Saturday, 8:30 a.m. to 6 p.m.  
Information, 785-9640.

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

**NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY  
CHURCH**  
Bible study and prayer meeting,  
10 Rockefeller Road.  
Information, 439-7864.

**SOLID ROCK CHURCH**  
1 Kenwood Ave., evening  
prayer and Bible study, 7 to 9  
p.m. Information, 439-4314.

**BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY  
GROUP**  
excavation and laboratory  
experience for volunteers,  
archaeology lab, Route 32  
South. Information, 439-6391.

**RED MEN**  
St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere,  
7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3265.

**SECOND MILER'S LUNCHEON  
MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church,  
428 Kenwood Ave., noon.  
Information, 439-6003.

**DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT  
COMMISSIONERS**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30  
p.m. Information, 439-3851.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**TOWN BOARD**  
town hall, Route 85, 8 p.m.  
Information, 439-4889.

**NEW SCOTLAND SENIOR  
CITIZENS**  
Wyman Osterhout Community  
Center, New Salem, call for  
time. Information, 765-2109.

**NEW SCOTLAND ELKS LODGE**  
22 South Main St., Voorheesville,  
8 p.m. Information, 765-2313.

**AA MEETING**  
First Methodist Church of  
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8  
p.m. Information, 489-6779.

**AL-ANON MEETING**  
First United Methodist Church of  
Voorheesville, 68 Maple St., 8  
p.m. Information, 477-4476.

**MOUNTAINVIEW  
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**  
evening service, Bible study and  
prayer, Route 155,  
Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 765-3390.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30  
p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**FREE TAX HELP FOR SENIORS**  
Voorheesville Public Library, 51  
School Rd., Voorheesville, 10  
a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 765-  
2791.

**THURSDAY  
MARCH 11**
**BETHLEHEM**

**CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP**  
Church of St. Thomas the  
Apostle, 35 Adams Place, 7  
p.m. Information, 439-7387.

**YOUTH EMPLOYMENT  
SERVICES**  
Parks and Recreation Office,  
Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to  
noon. Information, 439-0503.

**CHP DELMAR HEALTH CENTER**  
open house, 250 Delaware  
Ave., 6 and 8 p.m. Information,  
783-1864.

**BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS**  
town hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,  
12:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955

**CLASS IN JEWISH MYSTICISM**  
Delmar Chabad Center, 109  
Elsmere Ave., 8 p.m.  
Information, 439-8280.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN  
CHURCH**  
Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's  
Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; senior  
choir, 7:30 p.m., 85 Elm Ave.  
Information, 439-4328.

**DELMAR FIRE DEPARTMENT  
LADIES AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Adams Place, 8 p.m.  
**BETHLEHEM MEMORIAL VFW  
POST 3185**  
404 Delaware Ave., 8 p.m.  
Information, 439-9836.

**ELSMERE FIRE COMPANY  
AUXILIARY**  
firehouse, Poplar Drive, 8 p.m.

**AA MEETINGS**  
Slingerlands Community  
Church, 1499 New Scotland  
Road, noon, and Delmar  
Reformed Church, 386  
Delaware Ave., 8:30 p.m.  
Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

**FEURA BUSH FUNSTERS**  
4-H group for ages 8 to 19,  
Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush,  
7 to 8 p.m.

**FAITH TEMPLE**  
Bible study, New Salem, 7:30  
p.m. Information, 765-2870.

**KINDERGARTEN INFORMATION  
MEETING**  
Voorheesville Elementary  
School, Route 85A, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 765-2382.

**WORLD'S LARGEST CONCERT**  
fourth and sixth graders to sing  
on nationally televised show,  
Voorheesville Elementary  
School, Route 85A, 1 to 1:30  
p.m. Information, 765-2382.

**FRIDAY  
MARCH 12**
**BETHLEHEM**

**QUILTERS UNITED IN LEARNING  
TOGETHER**  
United Methodist Church, 428  
Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.  
Information, 283-4848.

**CELEBRATE BETHLEHEM**  
bicentennial celebration, town  
hall and several other sites  
around town, 6 to 11 p.m.  
Information, 439-0512.

**FISH FRY**  
sponsored by Selkirk Fire  
Company No. 1 Ladies Auxiliary,  
fire house, Maple Avenue, 4:30  
to 7 p.m., \$4.50 adults, \$2  
children under 6.

**FLAP YOUR WINGS**  
children's program for toddlers  
ages 22 months to three years,  
Bethlehem Public Library, 451  
Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m.  
Information, 439-9314.

**RECOVERY, INC.**  
self-help for chronic nervous  
symptoms, First United  
Methodist Church, 428  
Kenwood Ave., 12:30 p.m.  
Information, 439-9976.

**AA MEETING**  
First Reformed Church of Selkirk,  
Route 9W, 7:30 p.m.  
Information, 489-6779.

**NEW SCOTLAND**

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

**SUPERDANCE TO BENEFIT MDA**  
Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior  
High School, Route 85A,  
Voorheesville, 7 to 11 p.m., \$10.  
Information, 765-3314.

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SEASONED CURLY FRIES (Small)	1.59
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CAJUN STYLE - UPON REQUEST TOPPED WITH MELTED CHEESE - ADD 49¢	
WACKY WALLY'S FRIES	3.29
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POTATO SKINS (choice of 1 of 4 toppings)	4.29
A. Cheese & Bacon Strips	
B. Cheese & Jalapeno Peppers	
C. Chili & Onion	
D. Sour Cream & Chives	
MOZZARELLA CHEESE STIX	3.99
BREADED RAVIOLI	2.99

BREADED ONION RINGS	2.49
BREADED MUSHROOMS	2.89
BREADED VEGGIE STIX	2.79

CHILI	Cup 2.19	Bowl 2.99
SUICIDE CHILI "AWARD WINNING"		1.99
WACKY CHILI		3.49
TOPPED WITH SPICES, CHEESE & TORTILLA CHIPS		
TORTILLA CHIPS With Salsa		2.19
TORTILLA CHIPS With Cheese & Jalapeno Peppers		2.49
WACKY NACHO GRANDE		4.99

WINGS (8) AND SKINS (2) COMBO	5.99
CHOICE OF SAUCE & TOPPING	
SNACK AND STARTER COMBO	5.99
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HOME MADE SOUP	CUP .99	BOWL 1.49
NEW ENGLAND CLAM CHOWDER	1.49	2.09
MACARONI SALAD		1.29
COLE SLAW		1.29
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CHEF SALAD		5.49
CHARBROILED CHICKEN BREAST SALAD		5.99

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Served with Celery, Carrots and Bleu Cheese		
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SIDE OF VEGGIES & BLEU CHEESE	85	
SIDE OF BLEU CHEESE	50	
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### From Our Smoker

We spice, cure and smoke the finest  
Baby Back Ribs on premises.

LG. RACK HICKORY SMOKED RIBS	9.99
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Served With Cole Slaw & Curly Fries

### Rib & Wing Combo's

LG. COMBO RIBS and 10 WINGS	8.99
SM. COMBO RIBS and 6 WINGS	6.59

### 1/2 Chicken

1/2 CHAR GRILLED CHICKEN	5.29
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Served With Cole Slaw & Curly Fries

### Seafood Platters

CLAM ROLL	4.29
FISH & CHIPS	4.99
BREADED FISH SANDWICH	4.99
PLENTY OF SHRIMP IN A BASKET	6.69

Above Served With Curly Fries and Slaw

CHICKEN TENDERS AND CHEDDAR SANDWICH	2.99
CHICKEN TENDERS OR NUGGETS	3.99

(with Curly Fries or Onion Rings add \$1.39)

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**WACKY WINGS**

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CHICKEN KABOBS	5.99
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Served with Curly Fries

### Chicken Breast Sandwiches

The NEW YORKER - BBQ Sauce	5.49
The AMERICAN - BBQ & American Cheese	5.79
The ITALIAN - Marinara Sauce	5.79
The MEXICAN - Cheddar Cheese & Jalapeno Peppers	5.99
THE GOURMET - Your Choice of 2 Toppings	5.99

6 oz Skinless Breast  
Served with Fries

### Burgers & Foot Long Hot Dogs

CHARBROILED TO PERFECTION

FOOT LONG HOT DOG	2.99
TWIN MINI BURGERS	3.99
HAMBURGER (8 oz.)	4.29
DOUBLE HAMBURGER	5.79

Served with Curly Fries and Pickle Spear - Lettuce & Tomato Upon Request

### Toppings

YOUR CHOICE - 39¢ EACH

AMERICAN CHEESE		SOUR CREAM
BLEU CHEESE		COLE SLAW
CHEDDAR CHEESE		CHILI
JALAPENO PEPPERS		BACON
SAUERKRAUT		MARINARA SAUCE

### Sandwiches

TUNA SALAD SANDWICH	3.99
TURKEY SANDWICH	3.99
HAM & CHEESE SANDWICH	3.99
COMBO (Ham, Turkey, Cheese)	3.99

Served with Chips and Pickle Spear  
Curly Fries Substitute add 49¢

### Dessert

CHOCOLATE PUDDING	.99
VANILLA ICE CREAM	1.39

ELIMINATE FRIES FROM ANY ENTREE - DEDUCT 1.00 - ELIMINATE BLEU CHEESE AND CELERY - DEDUCT .75  
ELIMINATE CHIPS - DEDUCT .50

**ST. PATRICK'S DINNER AND DANCE**  
St. Matthew's Mens Association, Mountainview Terrace, Voorheesville, 7 p.m., \$15. Information, 765-2451.

## SATURDAY MARCH 13

### BETHLEHEM

#### MAPLE SUGARING DEMONSTRATION

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### POETRY PERFORMANCE DAY

sponsored by Voorheesville Writers Group, Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

## SUNDAY MARCH 14

### BETHLEHEM

#### MAPLE SUGARING DEMONSTRATION

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, 1 to 3 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

## MONDAY MARCH 15

### BETHLEHEM

**SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT MEETING**  
board of commissioners, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

#### DELMAR COMMUNITY ORCHESTRA

rehearsal, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**DELMAR KIWANIS**  
Days Inn, Route 9W, 6:15 p.m. Information, 439-5560.

#### AA MEETING

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 489-6779.

#### AL-ANON GROUP

support for relatives of alcoholics, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8:30 to 9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

#### MOTHER'S TIME OUT

father/mother/child relationships, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., nursery care provided, 10 to 11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

#### BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

excavation and laboratory experience for volunteers, archaeology lab, Route 32 South, Information, 439-6391.

#### TEMPLE CHAPTER 5 RAM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### 4-H CLUB

home of Marilyn Miles, Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2186.

#### QUARTET REHEARSAL

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

#### STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10:30 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

## TUESDAY MARCH 16

### BETHLEHEM

#### BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

"Animal Dreams" by Barbara Kingsolver, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

#### GROWING PLANTS HYDROPONICALLY

teacher workshop, sponsored by Cornell Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 4 to 5:30 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

#### MS SELF-HELP GROUP

meeting, Mangia Restaurant, Route 85, Slingerlands, 2 p.m. Information, 439-2146.

#### HEARING SCREENING

Bethlehem Senior Services, for Bethlehem residents over 60, call for appointments. Information, 439-4955.

#### PLANNING BOARD

town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

#### TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 1 to 6 p.m.

#### YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES

Parks and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue Park, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 439-0503.

#### DELMAR ROTARY

Days Inn, Route 9W, Information, 482-8824.

#### ONESQUETHAU LODGE 1096 F&AM

Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave.

#### MEDICARE FORM AID

sponsored by AARP, town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

#### BECOMING A WOMAN OF FREEDOM

women's bible study, Emanuel Christian Church, Retreat House Road, Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m. and 7:30 to 9 p.m. Information, 439-3873.

### NEW SCOTLAND

#### VOORHEESVILLE PLANNING BOARD

village hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave., 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-2692.

#### STORY HOUR

Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, 10 a.m. Information, 765-2791.

# THE SPOTLIGHT GUIDE TO RELIGIOUS SERVICES

## CHURCHES

### Baptist

#### BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH

worship service, Sun. 10:15 a.m., and Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., Auberge Suisse Restaurant, New Scotland Road. Info, 475-9086.

### Christian Fellowship

#### UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sun. school and worship, Sun. 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Info, 438-7740.

### Christian Scientist

#### FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST SCIENTIST

service and Sun. school, Sun. 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-2512.

### Community

#### BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

worship service, Sun. 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9 a.m.; evening fellowship, 6 p.m.; 201 Elm Ave. Info 439-3135.

#### CLARKSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; worship, Sun. 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, nursery care provided. Info, 768-2916.

#### NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sun. school, 9:45 a.m., Sun. service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Info, 439-7864.

#### SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service, church school, Sun. 10 a.m.; fellowship hour, adult education programs, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Info, 439-1766.

### Episcopal

#### ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Info, 439-3265.

### Evangelical

#### MOUNTAINVIEW EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH

bible hour for children and adults, Sun. 9:15 a.m.; worship service, 10:30 a.m.; evening service, 6:30 p.m., nursery care provided, Route 155, Voorheesville. Info, 765-3390.

### Greek Orthodox

#### ST. SOPHIA CHURCH

Orthos Sun. 9 a.m.; service 10 a.m., 440 Whitehall Rd., Albany. Info, 489-4442.

### Lutheran

#### BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship services, Sun. 8 and 10:30 a.m.; Sun. school, 9:15 a.m.; nursery care, 8 a.m. to noon, 85 Elm Ave. Info, 439-4328.

### LORD OF LIFE LUTHERAN CHURCH

worship meeting, Sun. 11 a.m., Bethlehem Grange Hall 137, Route 396, Beckers Corners. Info, 235-1298.

### Methodist

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF DELMAR

worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m. and 11 a.m.; church school, 9:45 a.m.; youth and adult classes, 11 a.m.; nursery care, 9 a.m. to noon, 428 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-9976.

#### FIRST UNITED METHODIST CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE

worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 10:30 a.m. Info, 765-2895.

#### GRACE UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun. school, 9 a.m.; morning worship, 10:30 a.m.; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m.; 16 Hillcrest Drive, Ravena. Info, 756-6688.

#### SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sun. school, 9:30 a.m., worship, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Info, 767-9953.

### Pentecostal

#### UNITED PENTECOSTAL CHURCH

Sun. school and worship, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m., Route 85, New Salem. Info, 765-4410.

### Presbyterian

#### DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship, church school, nursery care, Sun. 10 a.m.; coffee hour and fellowship, 11 a.m.; adult education programs, 11:15 a.m.; family communion service, first Sun., 585 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9252.

#### PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN NEW SCOTLAND

worship, Sun. 10 a.m., church school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care provided, Route 85. Info, 439-6454.

### Reformed

#### DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

worship and Sun. school, nursery care provided, 9 and 11 a.m., 386 Delaware Ave. Info, 439-9929.

#### FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, Sun. 9:30 a.m.; worship, 11 a.m.; youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Info, 767-2243.

#### GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

worship, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided; Sun. school, 11 a.m., 1 Chapel Lane. Info, 436-7710.

#### JERUSALEM REFORMED CHURCH

Sun. school, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Route 32, Feura Bush. Info, 732-7047.

### NEW SALEM REFORMED CHURCH

worship service, Sun. 11 a.m., nursery care provided, corner Route 85 and Route 85A, New Salem. Info, 439-6179.

### ONESQUETHAU REFORMED CHURCH

worship, Sun. 9:30 a.m., Sun. school, 10:45 a.m., Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush. Info, 768-2133.

### UNIONVILLE REFORMED CHURCH

Sun. school, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., followed by fellowship time, Delaware Turnpike. Info, 439-5001.

### Roman Catholic

#### CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS

Masses, Sat. at 5 p.m., and Sun. at 7:30, 9, 10:30 a.m. and noon, 35 Adams Place. Info, 439-4951.

#### ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN CATHOLIC CHURCH

Masses, Sat. at 5 p.m., and Sun. at 8:30, 10 and 11:30 a.m., Mountainview St., Voorheesville. Info, 765-2805.

### Other

**FAITH TEMPLE** Sun. school, 10 a.m.; worship, 7 p.m., New Salem. Info, 765-2870.

#### SOLID ROCK CHURCH

morning worship, Sun. 11 a.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Info, 439-4314.

#### UNITED CHURCH IN ALBANY

worship service and Sunday school, 11 a.m.; meditation, Thurs., 7 p.m.; Bible class, Thurs., 7:45 p.m., 725 Madison Ave., Albany. The Rev. Arthur Wells. Info., 465-2159.

### SYNAGOGUES

#### Reform

**B'NAI SHOLOM** Fri. services, 8 p.m., 420 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 482-5283.

#### CONGREGATION BETH EMETH

100 Academy Road, Albany. Info, 436-9761.

#### Conservative

#### CONGREGATION OHAV SHALOM

New Krumkill Road, Albany. Info, 438-7858.

#### TEMPLE ISRAEL

Fri. services, 6 p.m., Sat. 9 a.m. and sundown, 600 New Scotland Ave. Info, 468-7858.

#### Orthodox

#### CONGREGATION BETH ABRAHAM JACOB

Sat. services, 8 a.m., Sun. 9 a.m., 380 Whitehall Road, Albany. Info, 489-5819.

### Other

#### CHABAD CENTER

Fri. services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, Sat. services and kiddush, 9:30 a.m., 109 Elsmere Ave. Info, 439-8280.

## Weekend health fair to focus on fitness, nutrition, drugs

By Elaine Jackson Cape

"Shopping can be good for your health," said Patricia Levenson, chairman of the third annual Health and Fitness Fair, scheduled this Friday, Saturday and Sunday, March 12 through 14, at Colonie Center.

Sponsored by the Capital District Chapters of Hadassah and Colonie Center, the fair will feature more than 80 booths providing literature, information and screening for a variety of medical conditions.

The idea for the fair was first raised in 1991, Levenson said. "Hadassah members in the Capital District decided to perform a community service related to health. We approached several area malls, and Colonie Center welcomed us with open arms."

One of the more important features of this year's fair, Levenson said, will be a mobile unit from the Glens Falls Hospital, which will offer mammograms on Friday from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The charge will be \$60, and appointments are available by calling 1-800-882-0121.

Also on Friday, the American Red Cross will sponsor a Bloodmobile from 12:30 to 6:30 p.m. Walk-ins will be welcomed, but appointments are available by calling 783-7083 after 7 p.m.

A major emphasis of the event will be on fitness, Levenson said. "Many of the larger fitness studios will have exhibits

and demonstrations of aerobics, karate, tai chi — you name it. A large variety of fitness equipment will also be on display, so come in comfortable clothes and try it out!"

According to Levenson, more than 150,000 people passed through Colonie Center during last year's fair, "and this year, with more exhibitors and more services, booths are expected to fill both levels of the mall."

Scheduled services will include blood pressure, lung capacity, cholesterol and hearing tests, and screenings for chiropractic problems and oral cancer.

The Colonie Police will offer security fingerprinting of children on Friday from 3 to 6 p.m., Saturday from 12 to 4 p.m. and Sunday from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m. The department's Drug Abuse Resistance Education (DARE) van will also be there to provide information on preventing chemical abuse.

"It should be a very exciting place to be," Levenson said. "There will be something for everybody, and lots of information on nutrition and fitness. Bring your children and set a good example."

The fair's primary sponsor, Hadassah, is an international women's organization which raises funds to support Hadassah Medical Center in Jerusalem and other worldwide health programs. Other corporate sponsors of the event include Channel 10, The Jewish World, the Mohawk Valley Physicians Health Plan and Berns Camera.

To add or update a listing of your place of worship, call the Colonie Spotlight at 439-4949.

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## Library plans program on magic

The Voorheesville Public Library has scheduled a series of hands-on workshops for children in third-grade and above.

Nationally-known magician Jim Snack will conduct a workshop on Saturday, March 20, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Snack will teach participants how to perform feats of magic.

Local artist Holly Desmond Debes will show kids how to use their imagination to create sculpture on Saturday, March 27, from 2 to 3:30 p.m. Participants are asked to bring large pieces of Styrofoam, if possible.

A two-session jewelry-making workshop is scheduled on Wednesday, March

31, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. and Saturday, April 3, from 2 to 3:30 p.m.

Local artisan and jeweler Lesley Keeble will demonstrate how to make alternative jewelry using ordinary items. Participants are asked to bring materials such as fabric, foil, rice paper, bamboo, beads, shells, cork, pebbles or other items with interesting textures.

The workshops are made possible in part with funds from the decentralization program of the state Council on the Arts.

Registration is required, and enrollment is limited. For information, call 765-2791.

## Mickey and pals to skate at Knick

Walt Disney's World On Ice will perform at the Knickerbocker Arena on Tuesday through Friday, March 23 through 26.

The two-hour show will feature traditional Disney characters, plus performers from *The Little Mermaid* and *Who*

*Framed Roger Rabbit?*

Tickets for all performances are on sale at the Knickerbocker Arena box office and all Ticketmaster outlets for \$13.50, \$10.50 and \$8.50.

For information, call 487-2100.

## Workshop to focus on garden design

The New York State Museum will offer a workshop entitled "The American Perennial Garden — Culture and Design" on two Saturdays, March 20 and 27, from 10:30 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The workshop will be led by Paul and Mardell Steinkamp of Helderledge Farm. The discussion will focus on plants native to New York State.

## Weekly Crossword

"Crayola"

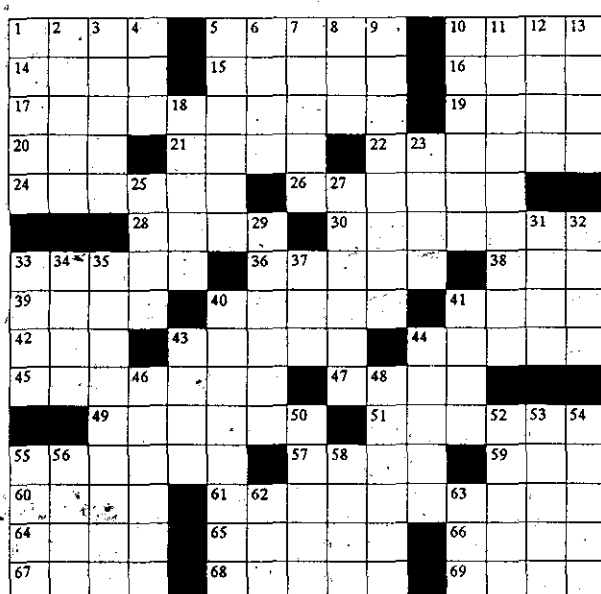
By Gerry Frey

### ACROSS

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- 5 Rome's river
- 10 Baseball stats
- 14 \_\_\_\_\_ mater
- 15 Worship
- 16 Glee club member
- 17 Colorful pirate
- 19 Burr & Hamilton contest
- 20 \_\_\_\_\_ Paul
- 21 Pub offerings
- 22 Movie theater
- 24 Guarantee
- 26 Doc Sevenson, eg
- 28 Loch \_\_\_\_\_ monster
- 30 Wedding
- 33 Start
- 36 Bards
- 38 God: latin
- 39 Thanks \_\_\_\_\_
- 40 Toothed wheels
- 41 Mild expletive
- 42 Building extension
- 43 Ms. Garbo
- 44 Root vegetables
- 45 Put it through the Maytag again?
- 47 California problem
- 49 Most sensible
- 51 Mad
- 55 Robin's pal
- 57 Norway's Capital
- 59 Breach
- 60 Woe is me
- 61 Colorful building
- 64 Traditional knowledge
- 65 Eagle's nest
- 66 Sea eagle
- 67 Army meal
- 68 William Butler \_\_\_\_\_
- 69 Doris & Dennis

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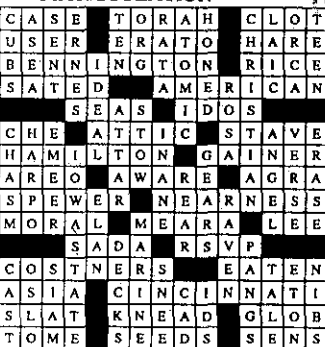
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- 4 IBM competitor



- 5 Follows multiplication
- 6 A French idea
- 7 Brag
- 8 Be wrong
- 9 Colorful soldiers
- 10 Gilda \_\_\_\_\_
- 11 Colorful mountains
- 12 Piece of news
- 13 By oneself: Latin
- 18 Ms. Black
- 23 Inflammatory suffix
- 25 Smallest whole number
- 27 Musical dramas
- 29 Velocities
- 31 Uncluttered
- 32 Supreme beings
- 33 Former heavyweight Max \_\_\_\_\_
- 34 Little girl in Paris
- 35 Colorful awards
- 37 Cereal grain
- 40 Colorful Wisconsin City
- 41 Brain tests

- 43 Ms. Lollobrigida
- 44 Sonny & Chastity
- 46 Ancient Egyptian king
- 48 Pooh's creator & family
- 50 \_\_\_\_\_ loora, loora
- 52 Greek marketplace
- 53 Female goat
- 54 Fencing swords
- 55 Soothing preparation
- 56 Medicinal plant
- 58 Loretta \_\_\_\_\_
- 62 Dakota Indian
- 63 Mr. Danson

### "MATRICULATION"



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## What the butler saw



Jacques (Randall Mix) reacts to the report that Babette (Jill Rafferty) and Leonard (Michael Fitzgerald) spent the night together in the Albany Civic Theater production of "Pajama Tops." The farce will be presented Fridays, Saturdays and Sundays through the end of March at the theater at 235 Second Ave. in Albany.

## Teens can travel to Japan with YMCA

Camp Chingachgook is now accepting applications for a three-week tour of Japan for teens ages 14 to 18.

The tour, which will run from July 18 to Aug. 23, is part of the YMCA International Exchange Program.

Kyoto YMCA, which has sent campers to the regional YMCA Camp Chingachgook for the last three summers, will host the American group in Japan.

The program is open to approximately eight boys and girls and one adult leader. The cost is \$3,450 per camper, which includes air fare, lodging and food. The application process includes an interview and orientation sessions.

To receive an application, write to YMCA Regional Camping Office, 4 Old Route 146, Clifton Park 12065.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, March 17, 1993, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of L. William and Gale Sharron, 32 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar, New York for property at 211 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. The applicant requests a Use Variance under Article VI, Section 123-16, Permitted Uses in the "CCC" Commercial Service District of the Code of the Town of Bethlehem. The applicant under contract of sale to Glen Durlacher wishes to convert from an office operation to a Retail Delicatessen Store (Take-out).

Charles B. Frits  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals

March 4, 1993  
(March 10, 1993)

### LEGAL NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem on the 24th day of March, 1993 at 7:30 p.m. to consider Local Law No. 3 of 1993. Amending the Code of the Town of Bethlehem as follows:  
AMEND VEHICLE AND TRAFFIC SECTION 119, Article VI, Section 119-28, Schedule II as follows:  
Delmar By-Pass Ext., 45 m.p.h. between Elm Avenue and Van Dyke Road.

All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at said hearing.  
BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK  
TOWN CLERK

Dated: February 24, 1993  
(March 10, 1993)

### BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District hereby invites the submission of sealed bids in accordance with Section 103 of the General Municipal Law for the following:  
MAGAZINES & PERIODICALS

### LEGAL NOTICE

March 31, 1993  
PRINTING  
March 31, 1993  
ARTS & CRAFTS  
April 7, 1993  
OFFICE & INSTRUCTIONAL SUPPLIES  
April 7, 1993  
PHYSICAL EDUCATION SUPPLIES  
April 21, 1993  
SCIENCE SUPPLIES  
April 28, 1993  
TECHNOLOGY SUPPLIES  
April 28, 1993

Bids will be received until 2 PM on the date specified above at the office of the Business Administrator at Bethlehem Central School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, at which time and place all bids will be publicly opened. Specifications and bid forms may be obtained at the same office.

The Board of Education reserves the right to reject any or all bids. Any bids submitted will be binding for 90 days subsequent to the date of bid opening.

Board of Education  
FRANZ K. ZWICKLBAUER  
District Clerk

Date: 3/3/93  
(March 10, 1993)



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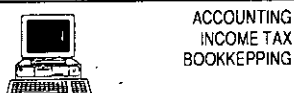
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# AAA reports drop in driving cost

Despite an average \$270 jump in the price of a new American car, motorists won't have to pay more to own and operate that vehicle in 1993, according to a report issued by the American Automobile Association.

The 1993 edition of AAA's "Your Driving Costs" reports that motorists who drive 15,000 miles a year will pay an average of \$5,804 in ownership and operating expenses — down \$16 from 1992. The average cost per mile dipped one cent to 38.7 cents.

AAA's driving cost estimates are based on computations made by Runzheimer International of Rochester, Wis., a management consulting firm specializing in transportation, travel and living costs.

Two factors contributed to the decrease in 1993 driving costs: higher insurance deductibles and lower fi-

nance charges.

To help control expenses, motorists are raising their comprehensive insurance deductible from \$100 to \$250 and their collision insurance deductible from \$250 to \$500, the AAA report said.

The last time driving costs decreased was in 1984, when they dropped \$120 to \$3,450. The cost per mile that year fell .8 cent to 23 cents.

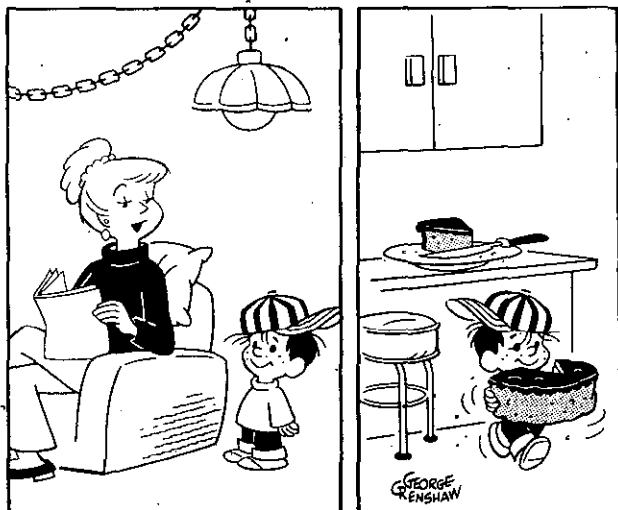
The average per mile cost of gas, oil, maintenance and tires is up .2 cent from 1992, to an average 9.2 cents this year.

AAA's driving costs are based on a composite national average for operating three domestically-built passenger cars: a subcompact Ford Escort LX, a mid-size Ford Taurus GL and a full-size Chevrolet Caprice.

According to "Your Driving Costs," 1993 average driving expenses varied from a year ago as follows:

- Vehicle maintenance costs rose .2 cent per mile to 2.4 cents in 1992.
- Tire costs have remained unchanged at .9 cent per mile since 1989.
- Taxes, license and registration costs were up \$4 to \$178.
- Total insurance costs, including collision, comprehensive and property damage/liability fell \$43 to \$744 in 1993.
- Finance rates dropped from 12 percent to 10 percent over four years with a 20 percent down payment. This reduced the annual cost of a loan from \$796 in 1992 to \$670 in 1993.

The report "Your Driving Costs" is available at a local AAA office.



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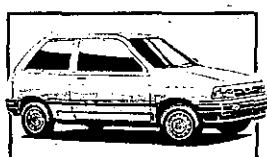
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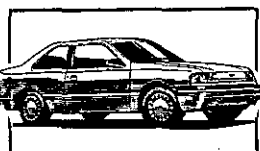


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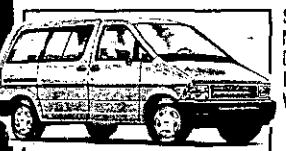
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For information, call 272-7232.

### Christian music group to perform at church

Carmen Christi, a Christian folk/rock group, will perform on Saturday, March 20, at 7 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elsmere Avenue in Delmar.

The group will perform pieces by Don Francisco and Michael Card, as well as original work.

For information, call 439-3265 or 439-9491.

### Mothers plan meeting at Reformed church

Mothers' Time Out, a women's discussion group, will meet on Monday, March 15, from 10 a.m. to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church at the corner of Delaware and Kenwood avenues in Delmar.

The topic will be "Problems with Children." Child care will be available for \$1.

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### Extension sets lecture on special gardens

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will sponsor a free lecture on "Specialty Gardens" on Thursday, March 18, from 12:30 to 3:30 p.m. at the center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

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For information, call 765-3500.

### High school Key Club slates benefit dance

The Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School Key Club will sponsor a dance to benefit the Muscular Dystrophy Association on Friday, March 12, from 7 to 11 p.m. at the school.

Dan Schrieber will serve as master of ceremonies, and tickets will be \$10 at the door.

For information, call Mark Diefendorf at 765-3314.

## Cooperative Extension schedules science courses

The Cornell Cooperative Extension of Albany County will offer a series of science-oriented teacher workshops through March.

Workshops offered include:

- Incubation and embryology on Wednesday, March 10, from 3:45 to 5:45 p.m. at Child's Nursing Home, 25 Hackett Blvd. in Albany, and also on Thursday, March 11,

from 4 to 6 and 7 to 9 p.m., at the William Rice Extension Center on Martin Road in Voorheesville.

- Growing plants hydroponically on Tuesday, March 16, from 4 to 5:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar, and also on Wednesday, March 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the center.

- Growing plants for the classroom on Tuesday, March 23, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the center, and also on Wednesday, March 24, from 3:45 to 5:15 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

- Recycling on Wednesday, March 31, from 3:35 to 5:15 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

For information, call 765-3500.

### Guilderland school sets 'Oldies Dance'

Christ The King School on Sumter Avenue in Guilderland will sponsor its third annual "Oldies Dance" on Saturday, March 13, from 8 p.m. to midnight.

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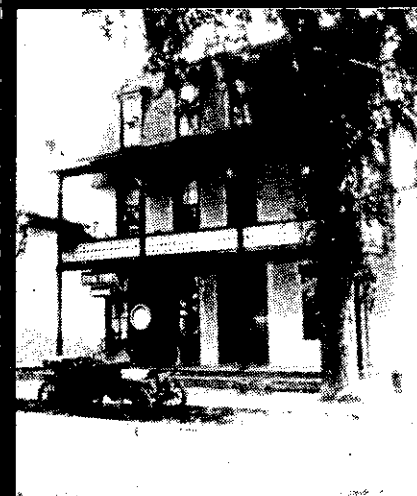


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# BETHLEHEM 200th ANNIVERSARY

## BICENTENNIAL EDITION



The Adams House (top), once a popular 19th-century hotel on the Delaware Turnpike, now is home to the Association for Retarded Children. The Kenwood tollgate (bottom), like the trolley, is no more.

Toasting Bethlehem's 200th birthday with official bicentennial coffee cups are the volunteers of the Bicentennial Commission. Seated, from left, are Robert Hendrick (commission chairman), Lana Romano, Marty Cornelius and Pieter Vanderzee. Standing, from left, are Bob Kerker, Steve Wright, John Zboray, John Wideman, Bob Johnson, Dave Austin, Ken Ringler, Bernie Kaplowitz, Joe Allgaier and Linda Leuallen. Absent are Floyd Brewer, Barb Muhlfelder, Sue Zick, Dom DeCecco and Lori Platel.

*Elaine McLain*

The Masonic Temple on Kenwood Avenue (top) was once a school, and the former Adams Hardware Store at the Four Corners (bottom) most recently housed Village Furniture.

# 1993

Bethlehem Bicentennial

# A night on the town ...

## Star-studded celebration marks Bethlehem birthday

By Kathleen Shapiro

Bethlehem residents will ring in the town's 200th birthday this Friday with music, dancing and entertainment provided by more than two dozen local groups and performers.

Postal authorities will kick off the "Celebrate Bethlehem 200" festivities during the day at town hall, where residents can purchase special hand-cancelled envelopes with a 1793 logo commemorating the bicentennial. Friday evening activities will begin at 6 p.m. at town hall on Delaware Avenue with commencement ceremonies and a re-enactment of the first Bethlehem town meeting (repeated at 7 p.m.), complete with costumed performers and historically-inspired dialogue.

"I did the research last summer and formed a timeline of what was happening in the country," explained Pat DeCecco, who wrote the script and has spent the past nine months coordinating the

performance. "I examined the original records, which was quite exciting," she said.

Minutes of the first town meeting and other documents available at town hall provided a base for what performers are hoping will be an accurate rendition of what went on 200 hundred years ago. Even with that information, however, today's performers will still have to wing some of their lines, said DeCecco.

"Since no one is here to tell us (exactly what was said), we have full poetic license," she said.

The re-enactment will set the stage for five hours of festivities, beginning at 7 p.m. with the Electric City Chorus at town hall. Hailing from Schenectady, the chorus includes 70 members performing the four-part harmonies that make up "barbershop" singing. Members perform regularly at Proctors in Schenectady, and have won several awards over the years. The chorus will perform all



The sounds of Ireland will echo from the rafters of the Delmar Reformed Church Friday evening, courtesy of The Porters. The four-man group, made up of John Haggerty, Mike Dunigan, Jimmy Ryan and Mike McLean, specialize in Irish folk songs with a dash of American oldies thrown in for a change of pace. They will perform from 8 to 11 p.m.

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evening until 11 p.m.

Piano soloist and Delmar resident Findlay Cockrell will perform from 7 to 8 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m. in the Delmar Reformed Church sanctuary, while The Porters will stir things up with their own brand of Irish folk music from 8 to 11 p.m. in the church hall.

The Friendship Singers will perform at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. and 9 to 10 p.m., while the town library will echo from 7 to 11 p.m. with the jazz sounds of Blueswing and the acoustic folk and blues of Selkirk singer/songwriter Peggy Eyres. Known for her "Bio Songs" program aimed at teaching children about the environment through music, Eyres also has a second album of roadhouse blues on the market. She has been working on a special bicentennial song which she hopes

will be finished in time for Friday's celebration. "I'm hoping to get people to sing along a bit," she said.

Down the road at the Normanside Country Club, the swing sounds of the 1940s will continue from 7 to 11 p.m. with Phil Foote and his orchestra. The group has appeared at a variety of notable events over the years, including the Albany Tulip Ball, the Champagne Ball, the Cerebral Palsy WTEN Telethon and the premier of the movie "Ironweed" at the Albany Hilton. Foote has also appeared as a pianist and orchestra leader at the Sagamore Hotel on Lake George.

The Elsmere School is the place for children to be from 7 to 10 p.m., when the Poppy Doodle Puppets and magician Vinnie Grosso make an appearance. In

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## "Celebrate Bethlehem 200"

MARCH 12, 1993 • EVENT SCHEDULE

### Town Hall • 445 Delaware Ave.

Historical "Bethlehem 200" Commencement Ceremonies  
Re-enactment (Play)—6:00 & 7:00 pm

### Delmar Reformed Church Sanctuary

Findlay Cockrell-Piano Soloist—7:00-8:00 pm, 9:00-10:00 pm

### Delmar Reformed Church Hall • 386 Delaware Ave.

The Porters (Irish Songs)—8:00-11:00 pm

### Bethlehem Lutheran Church • 85 Elm Ave.

The Friendship Singers—7:30-8:30 pm, 9:00-10:00 pm

### Elsmere School (Children's entertainment) • 347 Delaware Ave.

Poppy Doodle (Puppets)—7:00 pm, 8:10 pm

### Bethlehem Library • 451 Delaware Ave.

Blueswing (Jazz)—7:00-7:45 pm, 8:05-8:50 pm

Peggy Eyres (Acoustic Folk)—9:10-9:55 pm, 10:15-11:00 pm

### Normanside Country Club • Salisbury Road

Phil Foote (Dance & Swing Band)—7:00-7:45 pm, 8:05-8:50 pm

### Trustco Bank • 167 Delaware Ave.

Cranberry The Clown (Children's Entertainment)

—7:00-7:20 pm, 7:40-8:00 pm, 8:20-8:40 pm, 9:00-9:20 pm, 9:40-10:00 pm

### Masonic Temple • 421 Kenwood Ave.

Skip Parsons Dixieland Band (Burnt Hills Bluegrass Group)

—7:00-9:00 pm, 9:15-10:00 pm, 10:15-11:00 pm

### First United Methodist Church • 428 Kenwood Ave.

Delmar Full Gospel Choir—7:30-8:15 pm, 8:30-9:15 pm, 9:30-10:15 pm

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Hall • Corner of Poplar & Elsmere

Crosswind 50's to 90's (Oldies & Contemporary Music)

—7:40-8:25 pm, 9:10-9:55 pm, 10:40-11:00 pm

### St. Stephen's Episcopal Church Sanctuary • Corner of Poplar & Elsmere

A'Vent Garde Woodwind Quartet (Classical Ensemble)

—7:00-7:40 pm, 8:25-9:10 pm, 9:55-10:40 pm

### St. Thomas Church Sanctuary • Corner of Kenwood & Adams Place

Jonathan Moak (Organist)—7:20 pm, 8:20 pm, 9:20 pm, 10:20 pm

B.C.H.S. Sound System (Singers)—7:40 pm, 8:40 pm, 9:40 pm, 10:40 pm

St. Thomas Choir (Vocal Ensemble)—7:00 pm, 8:00 pm, 9:00 pm, 10:00 pm

### Key Bank • 343 Delaware Ave.

Lucy McCaffrey (Harpist)—7:00-11:00 pm

### Bethlehem Central Middle School • 332 Kenwood Ave.

Not Necessarily The Blues—7:30-8:15 pm, 8:45-9:30 pm, 10:00-10:45 pm

### Bethlehem Central High School, Small Gym • 700 Delaware Ave.

"Celebrate Bethlehem 200 Rock-A-Thon" featuring Teknochik'n plus

Games & Activities—7:00-11:00 pm

### American Legion Hall • Poplar Drive

The Bavarian Barons (German Band)—7:10-8:00 pm, 8:40-9:30 pm, 10:00-10:50 pm

### St. Thomas Church Hall • Corner of Kenwood & Adams Place

Tri-Village Squares (Square Dancing) featuring caller, Ken Down also Nancy Karins & Rich

Mendick (Country & Western Dance Instruction & "TEXAS TWO STEP")

—7:00-11:00 pm



Singing, dancing and clowning around will mark Bethlehem's 200th birthday bash. Among the two dozen performers slated to appear around town Friday evening are Selkirk folk and blues singer Peggy Eyres, top, the Not Necessarily the Blues Band, below, and the award-winning Cranberry the Clown, who has delighted three governors, as well as countless audiences around the Capital District over the years. Bicentennial buttons are \$5 in advance, \$6 on Friday at town hall.

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# Celebration



The Poppy Doodle Puppets will be on hand at the Elsmere Elementary School from 7 to 10 p.m. to keep children entertained with fun and stories. Also performing at the school will be magician Vinnie Grosso.

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between performances, families can swing down to the Trustco Bank on Delaware Avenue to see Cranberry the Clown perform a routine that has delighted three governors and earned her appearances on television and radio.

Restless feet will find a home at the St. Thomas Church Hall between 7 and 11 p.m., when the Tri-Village Squares and Texas Two-Step enthusiasts Barbara Karins and Rich Mendick take turns teaching audiences a thing or two about dancing.

For a change of pace, harpist Lucy McCaffrey, a Bethlehem native, will be performing at the Key Bank on Delaware Avenue from 7 to 11 p.m. The Delmar Full Gospel Choir will spend the evening at the Delmar United Methodist Church, while the A Vente Guard woodwind quartet entertains listeners at St. Stephens Episcopal Church sanctuary and the Bavarian Barons oom-pah for the crowds at the American Legion Hall.

The Masonic Temple is home for the evening to the Skip Parsons Dixieland Jazz Band and Burnt Hills Blue Grass, an acoustic quartet. A Bethlehem resident and owner of Skippy's Music on Delaware Avenue, Parsons, who has played for years throughout the Capital District, said he is looking forward to the opportunity to perform for his neighbors. "We'll be playing the

old stuff, like Dixieland and swing," he said.

For those who prefer contemporary music, Crosswind will be offering up hits from the '50s to the '90s at St. Stephens Episcopal Church hall from 7:40 to 11 p.m., while Teknochik'n, Cool Water and Not Necessarily the Blues will perform at Bethlehem High School.

"Celebrate Bethlehem 200" buttons are available through tomorrow for \$5 at town hall, Trustco Bank and Key Bank in Delmar, the Toll Gate restaurant in Slingerlands, Delmar Convenient Express, Leeder's Video in Delmar, Waddingham Footwear in Glenmont, Wacky Wings in Delmar, Ben & Jerry's in Delmar, Bethlehem Central High School, Deli Plus in Selkirk and Albany Savings Bank in Delaware Plaza. On Friday, buttons will be sold for \$6 at town hall only.

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# Retired BC teacher has seen half century of changes

By Michael Kagan

According to Al Restifo, a native of Elsmere who attended local schools and then taught in the district for 40 years, things have really changed in schools since "the old days."

"You didn't wear jeans," Restifo said, and, "if you were sent to the principal's office, there was talk of a rubber hose, although I never heard of one actually being used."

Also, students "were expected to walk to school." Before the district purchased its own transportation fleet, there was a time when students received subsidized fares on public buses. It also wasn't unusual for students to take the train to school, especially Voorheesville residents, who attended BC schools for a time.

"Most went home for lunch. Even when there was a cafeteria, most people left," Restifo said. "You had to be back on time, though."

Students were hired as cafeteria workers, he said, recalling his two years as a cashier in high school.

The curriculum has also undergone changes. The May 1, 1959, issue of *The Star*, then the BCHS student newspaper, included an article on Gladys Hosey's all-girl secretarial practice class entitled "Girls Try Jobs in Study-Work Plan." Agricultural studies were also a mainstay in the early days of Bethlehem Central Junior-Senior High School.

It wasn't until 1975 that Elsmere, Glenmont and Hamagrael elementary schools provided separate classrooms for kindergarten classes. When he was in kindergarten at the old Elsmere School, Restifo's class was in the gymnasium.

Restifo graduated from the junior-senior high school in 1945, when it was in the building that now serves as the middle school. He was hired by the BC district in 1951, and stayed with the district until his retirement in 1991.

During his 40 years of teaching, he saw the rise and fall of innumerable educational trends, from the Dewey philosophy of discipline to the more lenient days of progressive education.

"If I had taught three or four more years, I would have taught my third generation," he said. "I was on the crest of the movement



Pupils and their teachers pose for their class portrait at the Normansville School, circa 1910. The brick school house was replaced with a wooden one in 1913.

to the suburbs."

The first public schools in the town were common schools, neighborhood schoolhouses which usually took students from first grade into the middle school grades. The earliest Bethlehem schoolhouse was the Cedar Hill School, in District No. 1. The school's original log structure was built in the early 1800s and replaced in 1859 by the "Little Red Schoolhouse," which is still standing.

Eventually, 15 districts were established in Bethlehem. After completing the last grade level offered by their neighborhood schoolhouses, students would attend a public high school outside town or a parochial school, Restifo said.

The Delmar School was located on Kenwood Avenue in what is now the Masonic Temple, until it

moved to the current town hall building in 1926 and added high school grades. The Elsmere School was located at the corner of Elsmere Avenue and Poplar Drive, where the American Legion Hall now stands.

The first Bethlehem public school graduation ceremony was in 1929, when 13 students received diplomas from the Delmar High School.

On Dec. 4, 1929, an agricultural education supervisor named W. Jack Weaver suggested at a meeting at Delmar High School that several neighborhood school districts merge. On April 25, 1930, seven of the 15 districts — Delmar, Slingerlands, Elsmere, Houcks Corners, Bethlehem Center, Glenmont-Normansville and Van Wies Point — voted to form Bethlehem Central School District No. 6.

In 1931, Olin Bouck, who had been principal of Delmar High School, became district superintendent of Bethlehem Central, Guilderland and two districts in Colonie. His first BC salary totaled \$3,300.

The Delmar High School became an elementary school again when the first central junior-sen-

nior high school was moved to the high school, and the junior high school became the current middle school, including grades six through eight.

"I think the middle school was one of the best things that ever happened to the district," Restifo said. "It combines the intimacy of elementary school with diversity from having more classes and

**You didn't wear jeans. If you were sent to the principal's office, there was talk of a rubber hose, although I never heard of one actually being used.**

Al Restifo

ior high school opened at 332 Kenwood Ave., on the site of the Henry C. Greb Poultry Farm, in 1932. The first Bethlehem Central High School class, totalling 38 students, graduated in 1934.

Overcrowding at the junior senior high school in the early 1950s caused the construction of the current high school, which opened in 1954 at 700 Delaware Ave.

In 1969, at the peak of the baby boom enrollment growth, the

teachers."

The demographics of the school population have changed, he said, towards a more professional, somewhat more ethnically diverse population. "There were only two or three Jewish families when I was in school," he said. "It was very prejudiced. That's changed, thank God, for the better."

The people in the schools are no different, though, he said. "Human beings are human beings. That hasn't changed a bit."

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# Brewer's diary reflects thoughtful view of life

By Susan Graves

With the publication of Bethlehem's 400-plus page bicentennial history just about a month away, you'd expect Floyd Brewer, who was chief editor and authored several chapters of *Bethlehem Revisited*, to be resting on his literary laurels. Not even close.

Brewer's already immersed in readying the second bicentennial publication for print. Although most of the groundwork is complete — Brewer's diary from the last 10 years — a committee is culling through his work preparing it for publication.

And, although Brewer is leaving the job of entry choices to the editors, he admits he has his particular favorites — including observations on a number of diverse topics.

"A lot (of the entries) are an effort to give a little picture of what life is like today," he said. Brewer's observations span global to national to local to personal matters

of interest and concern.

Daily entries are titled and sometimes even subtitled, and usually give a good indication of the diarist's feelings on the topic of the day.

Brewer, for example, is the first to admit that he's not a fan of modern art.

In the July 6, 1989, entry, "The final chapter on the Tilted Arc," he tries to vindicate his position.

He writes: "The public controversy over Richard Serra's 'Tilted Arc,' referred to in this diary in other years, was written on March 17, 1989, when the work was removed from the Federal Plaza in Lower Manhattan. Federal employees and numerous citizens forced its removal.

"I have gone on record time and again against meaningless art and for the public's right to reject art if it finds it without redeeming value or meaning.

"The artist's work was replaced



Floyd Brewer's diaries will provide the basis for a second bicentennial book now in production. The former psychology instructor and amateur archaeologist's diaries record his ruminations on a wide range of topics.

Elaine McLain

with a new art form — open space — and 15 benches with planters and trees for the public to enjoy.

"I say hooray! The public won again and a desirable precedent has been established."

Brewer underscores his victory in the next day's entry: "My taste in art vindicated."

"I wrote about my enjoyment of Andrew Wyeth's Helga paintings in this diary on March 4-5, 1987, and said, in part, 'It is hard for me to understand all the furor over the Helga collection now on display at the National Gallery in Washington. ... Coleen (Brewer's wife) and I both like Wyeth's works.'

"Now I understand that the 240 watercolors, paintings and drawings in the Helga collection have been sold to an international group of collectors for more than \$40 million.

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"Whatever his relationship with Helga Testorf, he has turned out some art which rates a staggering price paid by discriminating art connoisseurs on the international scene. My faith (and taste) in good art has been vindicated."

Brewer also uses his diary to illustrate important concerns in his life. "I get in these moods to talk about the things in life that are most meaningful to me — my family is highest on the list," he said.

That importance is made clear in many entries, including one on

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## Father's Day 1985:

"I still like the attention and would never call for eliminating the focus on fathers at least one day each year if for no other reason than to reinforce the importance of families in our society."

"But the role of fathers has changed subtly over the past 35 years. In a sense, descriptions of modern fathers come closer to what I've always thought they should be — just the opposite of the stern, macho, boss-like figure of the past to a partner in the child-nurturing process, a helpmate for mothers, a planner and a problem solver, yes, but in consultation with wives and children when they reach the age of reason. ...

"There is absolutely no good reason why dads can't be in control of their own destiny, do the things which give them pleasure

in life as well as help mom raise the children — especially if mom is working! Today, so many moms are working that a new philosophy is almost a must.

"My son, Jeffrey, comes close to the ideal; he works hard but he also helps out at home. But he interferes now and then (as mine did); however, he has found a good balance."

Brewer believes fathers' changing roles are changes "whose time

ings. "I don't shy away from topics because they are controversial."

He enjoys looking at a problem and trying to figure out why it is a problem. "I like to look at both sides," and, in terms of homosexuality, he said that it really bothers him to see gays discriminated against. "People have to sit up and listen and try to understand."

In a 1992 entry, titled "Sign of the Times," he writes: "Other entries in this diary over a period of

uncomfortable and said 'The policy is under review.' I said, 'Well, when you change your policy, I'll be back as a customer.' Gays should not be discriminated against in the workplace."

Another type of entry shows Brewer's love for the local landscape and its inhabitants. After an excursion to the Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary in South Bethlehem he wrote:

"It was a pleasant drive on a beautifully sunny day along parts of Routes 32 and 102 South and deep into the woods on Rarick Road.

"Robert and Laura Rienow owned Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary from 1940 through the 1970s, if memory serves, but both are dead now. They deeded the property to the Audubon Society of New York before their deaths.

"Dr. Rienow and I worked at SUNY Albany together. I remember well his success with a book called *The Lonely Quest* (for presidential leadership) when it first arrived on campus in 1966. However, it seemed to me that his book

*Moment in the Sun* (or something close to this title) the following year was even more of a hit. I was among a small group of faculty invited to Bob and Laura's home on Rarick Road to celebrate the release of the new book.

"It was peaceful and relaxed at the Sanctuary last Monday. Oddly, few birds could be seen or heard. The rubble from the couple's home has been removed — the aftermath of a fire, which took Dr. Rienow's life in the 1980s. Laura had passed away well before the fire.

"A new Audubon Society building was closed, but we could examine it from the outside.

"Wildflowers so admired by the Rienows could still be seen around the outbuildings and along the various trails."

Today, Brewer said, the relationship with the Rienows helped make the outing more meaningful to him and his wife. "A personal connection — that's what makes it important to me. We have a fondness for Bob and Laura — they did a lot with their lives."

## I don't shy away from topics because they are controversial.

Floyd Brewer

has come."

The Father's Day entry typifies many in the diary where he attempts to describe some problem, but places the entry against the backdrop of the state or the nation.

Brewer also tackles many controversial subjects, including homosexuality, in his daily mus-

years have chronicled the trials of gays who are trying to gain acceptance by society in the workplace and in the home. ...

"The owners of 'Cracker Barrel' restaurants announced that the chain does not employ gays. On a recent trip to Florida, I confronted the manager of one of their restaurants and asked why? He seemed

## By-Pass connection nixed by Slingerlanders

Perhaps the most contentious issue involving highways occurred in 1964, and left in its wake an oddity in the town, namely two modern state highways that end "nowhere."

Known as the Slingerlands By-Pass project, the idea was to form a "loop" around the Tri-Village area by connecting Route 85 (the Albany By-Pass) to Route 32 (the Delmar By-Pass).

The problem arose when the state highway department contended the only feasible manner of accomplishing the objective was to construct the road through the hamlet of Slingerlands. Citizens of the Slingerlands area and other individuals organized and forced abandonment of the project.

"Will of the People"  
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## Dutch fort in 1637 is unimpressive

The fort where the settlers disembarked (in 1637) consisted of a few small buildings within a rather unsturdy palisade. Among the personnel stationed there were West India Company officials, soldiers, laborers and slaves; regular visitors included free traders, smugglers and Indians. Outside the fort was Rensselaerwyck, which for the most part was still wilderness, the total working personnel consisting of one official, three farm managers, six common laborers, and a wheelwright, together with some families.

"Colonial Beginnings"  
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## Indian hunters enter area after Ice Age

Toward the end of the Ice Age in the Northeast, the land and climate became more hospitable for human life. Ice Age hunters were the first people to inhabit New York about 11,000 years ago, and roamed this area in search of edible wild plants, fish and game.

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# Bicentennial book traces town history

By Dev Tobin

A "people-centered" history of the town of Bethlehem that will be published in April as part of the town's bicentennial is the culmination of 12 years of work by volunteer historians, according to senior editor Floyd Brewer.

*Bethlehem Revisited: A Bicentennial Story 1793-1993* includes 14 chapters by nine authors recounting town history from pre-Columbian times to the present, as well as abundant illustrations, extensive notes, maps, a bibliography, a full index, and lists of town war veterans, teachers and political leaders.

"The chapters are important, but so is the end-section, which is more than 100 pages long," Brewer said.

The \$29 book will be available for sale sometime in April at the town clerk's office in town hall, he

said. Of the 2,200 print run, almost 700 of the books have already been sold.

The book begins with a thorough examination of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group's discoveries of Indian artifacts on the Goes farm in Cedar Hill, at the confluence of the Vroman Kill and the Hudson River.

In Chapter One, "Buried Secrets," Brewer and Chuck McKinney describe the thousands of stone projectile points and other artifacts found there, some dating to 6500 B.C., which identify the various Indian cultures of the Hudson Valley.

Brewer and McKinney recount how the amateur archaeologists were able to identify and date artifacts by consulting with experts like former state archaeologist William Ritchie and current state archaeologist Robert Funk, both of Delmar.

Chapter Two, "Colonial Beginnings" by Peter Christoph, traces the history of the Dutch settlement of the Hudson Valley, beginning with Henry Hudson's sail up the river past Albany.

Christoph describes the patroon system, whereby Kiliaen van Rensselaer acquired most of present-day Albany and Rensselaer counties by pledging to settle 50 adults there within four years.

Bethlehem's first permanent European resident, Brant Peelen, set up a farm on Westerlo Island for the patroon in 1634. The island had such high quality soil that Peelen wrote in a letter he "raised fine wheat on one and the same piece of land 11 years successively

without breaking it up or letting it lie fallow."

According to Christoph, the first mention of Bethlehem occurred in a court ruling in 1649, and the term referred at that time to farms around the Vroman Kill.

Christoph notes that the names

of the major streams in town—the Normanskill and the Vroman Kill—derive from early settlers Albert Bratt, who was Norwegian, and Pieter Winne, who was Flemish (Vlamingh in Dutch), respectively.

Christoph continues the history of Bethlehem in Chapter Three, "Life in an English Colony," deal-



During a Bethlehem Archaeology Group dig, Martha Shattuck uncovers a 5,000-year-old Indian tool-making station as Bernard Lamica, Virginia French and Roy Dietert look on.

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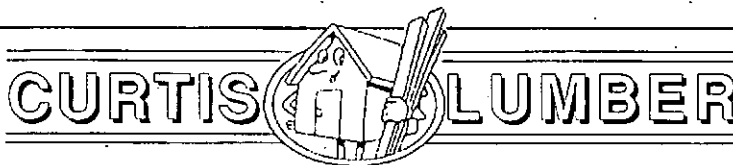
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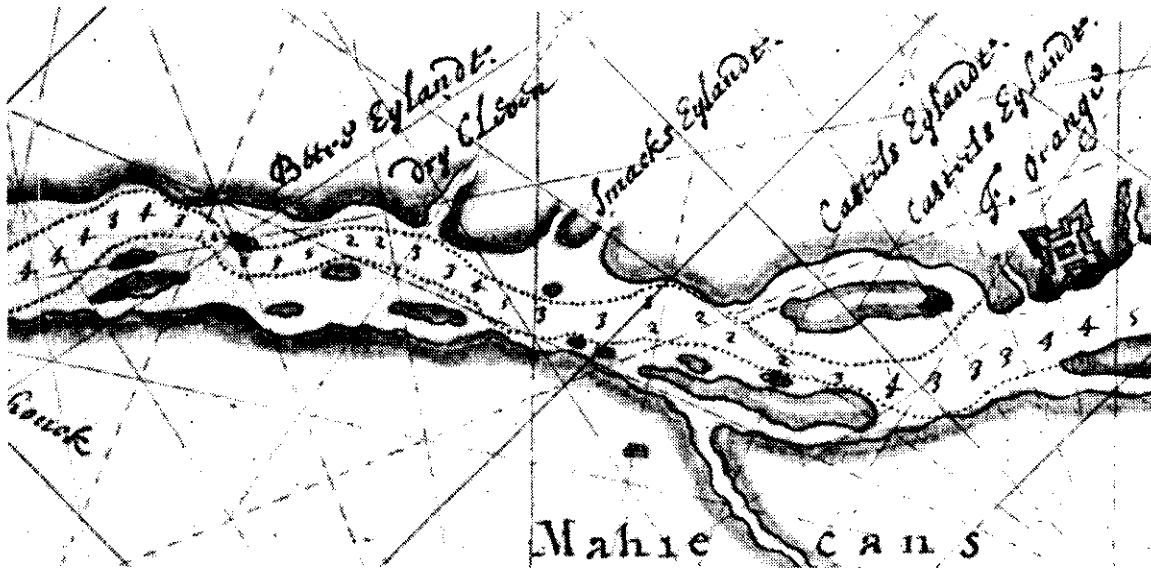


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The earliest known map of Bethlehem, "Noort Rivier in Nieu Neerlandt," circa 1630, shows the area south of Fort Orange mostly in terms of offshore islands, from left, Barren Island, Three Clovers, Smacks (Shad) Island and Castle (Westerlo) Island.

ing with the period from 1664 to 1776.

Drawing from the journals of Peter Kalm and Dr. Alexander Hamilton, Christoph creates a portrait of 18th-century life in Bethlehem and the surrounding area.

"The Dutch here keep their houses very clean, both without and within. ... They affect pictures much, particularly scripture history, with which they adorn their rooms. ... (They) are a civil and hospitable people in their way, but at best rustic and unpolished," wrote the worldly Dr. Hamilton.

"In their homes and between themselves, they always speak Dutch, so that rarely is an English word heard. Nearly all the books found in the homes are Dutch and it is seldom that an English book is seen. ... (They) were permeated with a hatred toward the English, who they ridicule and slander at every opportunity," Kalm wrote.

Christoph also tells the story of Rensselaer Nicoll, a prominent descendant of the first patroon who inherited 1,300 acres of farmland and a sawmill in Bethlehem.

A county judge for 40 years, Nicoll built Bethlehem House on his estate in Cedar Hill, and the house is still standing.

Christoph concludes his review of overall town history in Chapter Four, "Bethlehem in the New Nation," which covers the period from the Revolutionary War to the beginning of the 20th century.

Highlights of this chapter include the official formation of the town on March 12, 1793, the development of toll roads and railroads, the splitting off of New Scotland in 1832, the end of the patroon system, a steady growth in population, and the evolution of small manufacturing businesses to supplement the town's agricultural base.

The rest of *Bethlehem Revisited* deals with specific aspects of the town's history since 1793.

Chapter Five, "Business and Industry," by Joseph Allgaier, recounts Bethlehem's evolution from a 17th-century farming and milling community to a 20th-century suburb with many small, family-owned businesses and a few major industrial firms.

The town's religious history,

from the domination of the Dutch Reformed to the more than 20 diverse houses of worship in the town today, is told in Chapter Six, "Houses of Faith," by Ryland Hugh Hewitt.

Brewer's history of "Community Organizations" in Chapter Seven is rich in names. From fire companies to fraternal lodges, and from youth sports leagues to senior citizens groups, Brewer recounts the essential background of the many volunteer organizations in town.

Brewer also tells the stories of "Changing Families" in Chapter Eight, focusing on the Slingerlands, the Sills, the Blackmores, the Babcocks, the Vanderzees, the

Winnes and the Glenns, among others.

In Chapter Nine, "From Oxen to Diesel," Carol Zdziebloski Northrup recalls her own family's farm, and interviews eight other local farmers, in an agricultural history of the town.

The town's political history is recalled by Allgaier in Chapter Ten, "Will of the People."

Allgaier also provides a solid background of town services like highways, police, animal control, justice court, water and sewer, parks and recreation and historian (a post Allgaier currently holds).

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Chapter Eleven, "The Hamlets: A Bicentennial Tour," by Hewitt takes a slightly different tack. Recalling the late-19th and early-20th-century penchant for country drives, Hewitt traces several routes through Bethlehem, highlighting the history of its hamlets.

The five tours are along the Hudson from Cherry Hill to Cedar Hill, over the old plank road from Albany to New Scotland, along the old Delaware Turnpike, and over Route 396 through the southern hamlets, and north to Feura Bush Road.

In Chapter Twelve, "Schools and Library," Thomas Collins outlines the evolution of public education from one-room schoolhouses to the central school districts of today. He also recounts the origin of the Bethlehem Public Library as a project of the Delmar Progress Club.

The participation of town residents in the nation's wars from the Revolution to Vietnam is summarized by William Howard in Chapter Thirteen, "Military Heritage."

Through diaries, letters and regimental histories, Howard

reconstructs what it was like for the hundreds of Bethlehem men who served in the U.S. armed forces during wartime. He also notes that the Haswell farm at the junction of routes 32 and 9W was a military training ground in the 19th century, and that the "Battle of Slingerlands," a militia training exercise, was staged in August 1895.

In the final chapter of the book proper, "Chronology," Marie Carlson places Bethlehem's history in context with world and national history.

For example, 1883 witnessed the founding of the Callanan Road Improvement Co. and the opening of the Selkirk post office locally, while on the national scene Buffalo Bill Cody presented his first Wild West show the Brooklyn Bridge opened.

In addition to maps, footnotes, a bibliography and an index, the end-sections list the town's war veterans, political leaders and educators.

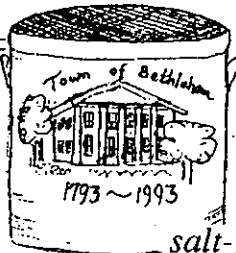
For those who wish to learn more about the history of Bethlehem and its residents, *Bethlehem Revisited* is a valuable resource.



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The Nicoll-Sill House on the banks of the Vroman Kill, circa 1770

This historically-accurate painting of the Nicoll-Sill House in Cedar Hill by area artist Len Tantillo graces the cover of *Bethlehem Revisited: A Bicentennial Story 1793-1973*. Signed and numbered prints of Tantillo's work, which depicts a summer day in the late-18th century, are available at the South Street Framers & Gallery in Delmar.



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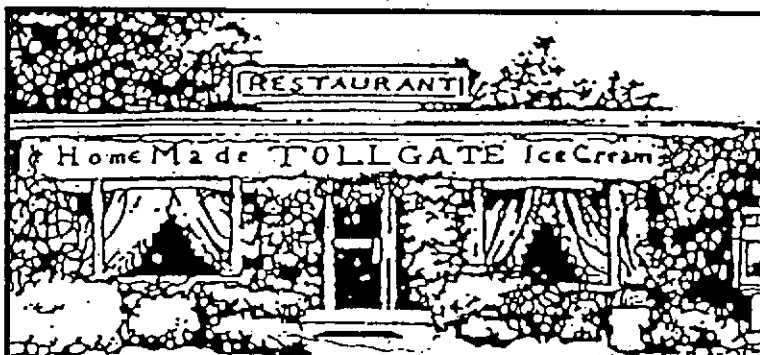
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By 1700, almost 100,000 Europeans had settled in the Hudson Valley and fewer than 3,000 Indians remained. ... Their numbers grew smaller with each passing year, and by 1800, Mahicans in Bethlehem were few and far between.

"Buried Secrets"  
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## Vloman Kill is still a perfect summer spot

On cool days, the (Bethlehem Archaeology Group) crew often sat in the middle of the cornfield having lunch and contemplating the beauty of the setting. We were working on a low-lying glacial terrace overlooking a large floodplain, near the point where the Vloman Kill flows into the Hudson River. For Indians dependent on foot and canoe travel, it was a perfect spot to spend the summers over the centuries.

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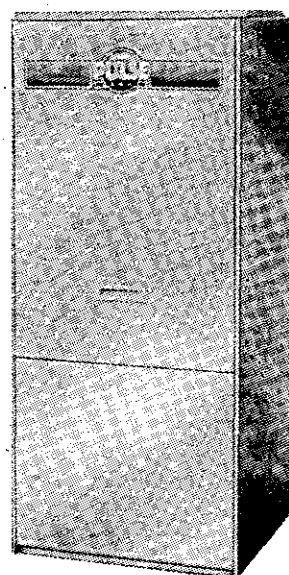
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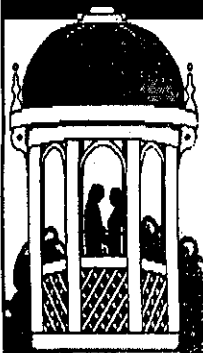
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## Exhibit highlights center's history

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As part of the Bethlehem Bicentennial festivities, members of Five Rivers Limited, the citizens support group, are working with center staff on an exhibit of histori-

cal pictures, news clips and artifacts. In addition to a nostalgic trip into the past, visitors will learn, among other things, why the building at the end of the parking lot is called the Bear Pen, and how the CCC helped to open the game farm.

Under the guidance of Alan Mapes, Five Rivers director, and George Baker, who lived on the property as a child, the committee is seeking material for the exhibit. Also involved in the effort are Joe Dell and Chuck Mason, former employees of the state Department of Environmental Conservation.

Frances Bishop of Slingerlands donated a collection of articles and pictures for the display.

The exhibit will open officially

on July 10 and remain on display through the end of August. Also featured will be a continuous slide show of photographs taken by board of directors member Doug Morse, showing the different areas of the center property.

During the summer, a bicentennial oak tree will be dedicated, and staff members Nancy Payne and Anita Sanchez will conduct special tours giving information about the game farm days.

The trails at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center are free, and the interpretive building has exhibits which are both entertaining and educational. The grounds are open from dawn to dusk and the building from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Monday through Saturday, and from 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

*The writer of this article, Santa Ganey, is a member of the board of directors of Five Rivers Limited.*

### Itinerant preachers start many churches

A pattern emerges as we survey the development of most of the town's religious organizations. First, an itinerant or circuit minister, sometimes a missionary, visited the groups of his denomination. Because there were no church buildings, services were held out-of-doors, in the houses of one of the members, or in some other available location—an abandoned blacksmith shop in one instance, a hotel's summer kitchen in another.

Later, after the number of members increased, it was financially possible for groups to construct their own churches. This pattern continued even into the second half of the 20th century.

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Harvesting ice was a welcome source of supplemental income during the winter months for the farmers in the area. Several of the old houses at Van Wies Point and Cedar Hill were built by men who made fortunes in the ice business.

"The Hamlets:

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### Town farmers make excellent butter

At its formation, Bethlehem was very much an agricultural town. A gazetteer of 1797 describes it as "Bethlehem, a town in Albany co., New York, very fruitful in pastures and has large quantities of excellent butter."

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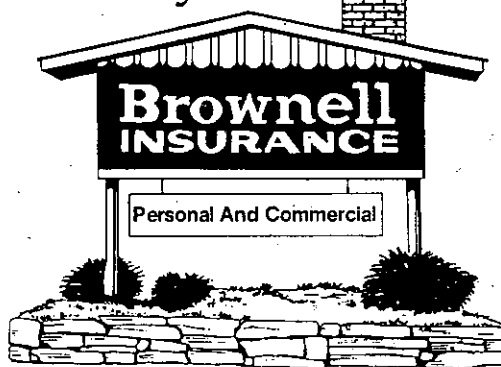
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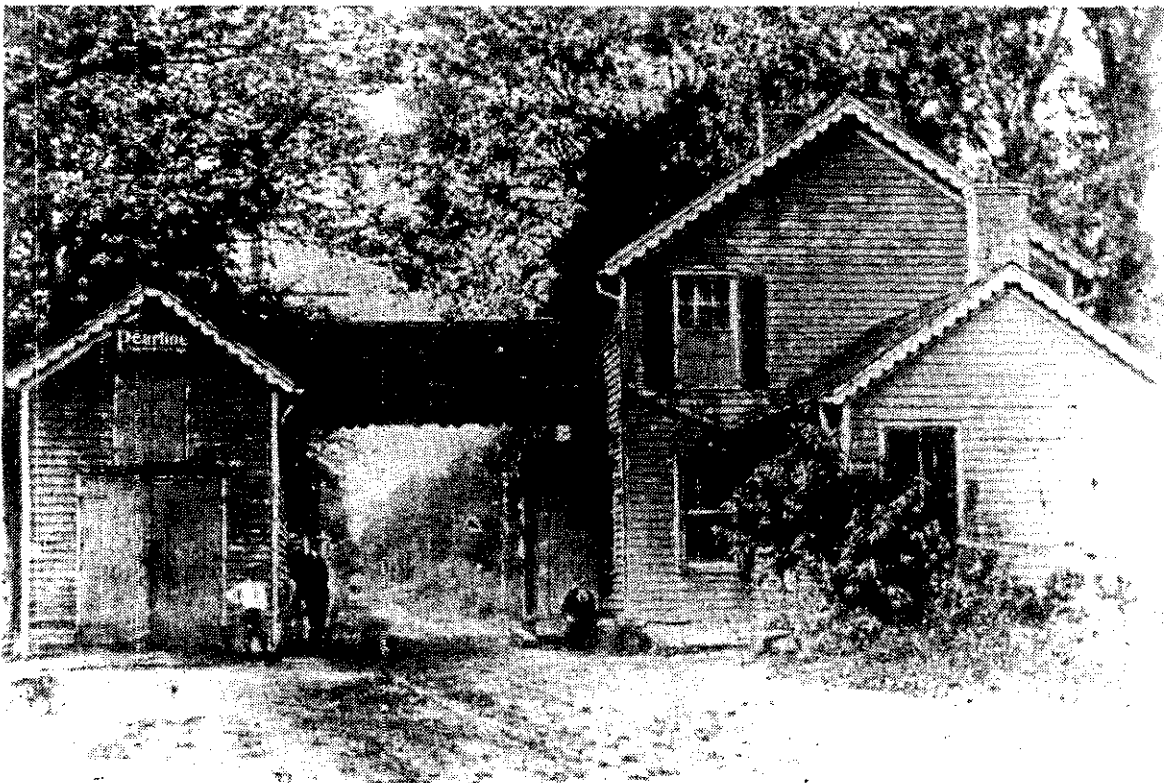
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# Hamlets' history linked to railroad growth

By Mike Larabee

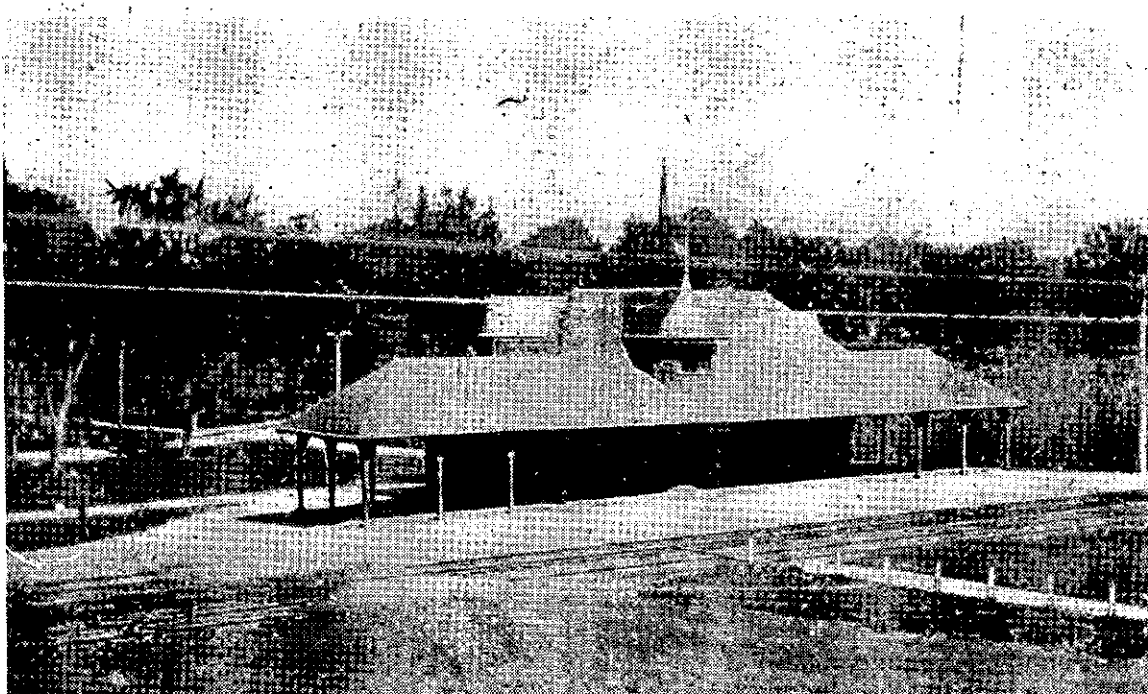
No examination of the history of Bethlehem would be complete without a closer look at the D&H railroad, which linked the burgeoning hamlets of Elsmere, Delmar and Slingerlands with the city of Albany and points beyond.

In fact, a trip from Slingerlands to Albany, courtesy of Delaware and Hudson locomotives, took less time more than 100 years ago than the same commute today. If it came to a race, D&H passengers leaving Slingerlands or Adamsville (now Delmar) in 1869 would arrive in downtown Albany about 8 minutes before their counterparts on a 1993 CDTA bus, according to compari-

sons made in *Bethlehem Revisited*, a history prepared for the town's 1993 bicentennial celebration.

The hamlet of Slingerlands boasted by far the nicest station on a local commuter line that ran regularly from Altamont to Albany during the first half of the century, according to sisters Evelyn and Helen Frazier, lifelong community residents.

The station was the center of activity in the hamlet, which in the early part of the century was larger than Delmar and Elsmere. The trains provided prompt mail delivery and shipment of local goods such as fruit from the famed Bender melon farm in New Scot-



The Slingerlands D&H rail station, pictured above in an early 20th century postcard print, far outstripped its Delmar and Elsmere counterparts in both size and design. It was located across the street from the home of D&H Superintendent C. D. Hammond.

land, said Evelyn Frazier. The D&H offered an easy commute to and from Albany for students — both Evelyn and Helen took the train to high school in the city — and workers, she said.

"I remember seeing the end of the platform filled with bushels and baskets of fruit being shipped out," said Frazier. "The station, I think, was oak inside, and it had an

archway in the back. You could drive under the arch and not get wet and come into the station.

"It was the best station along the line," she said.

D&H Superintendent Charles Darius Hammond was the first occupant of what many know now as the Dillenback House in Slingerlands, featured in the film *Iron-*

*weed*. That simple fact explains the location of the hamlet station — directly across the street — and its superior size and design, said Bethlehem Town Historian Joseph Allgaier.

The career of Hammond, who was prominent in both Albany and Bethlehem, at one point brought him to the center of events that drew the attention of the entire nation, according to *Bethlehem Revisited*. Following the 1901 shooting of President William McKinley, Hammond took charge of a special train sent to collect Vice President Theodore Roosevelt from a campsite in the Adirondacks, personally handing Roosevelt the telegram that told of McKinley's death.

"He was a fine gentleman," Frazier said of Hammond, recalling his involvement in the Slingerlands Methodist Church and his enthusiasm for the hamlet's baseball team.

According to *Bethlehem Revisited*, train service first arrived in



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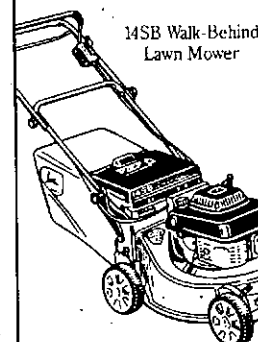
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Bethlehem when a portion of the Albany & Susquehanna Railroad opened through Adamsville (Delmar) and Slingerlands as lines were built toward Binghamton. The Delaware and Hudson Canal Company acquired the Albany & Susquehanna in 1886, as well as other railroads in northern New York, and established an Albany headquarters.

Locally, there were station stops in Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, Font Grove, Voorheesville, Meadowdale and Altamont, said Allgaier. The Elsmere station was

located on property directly behind the CVS pharmacy on Delaware Avenue (a set of steps that led to the platform still exists), while the Delmar station was built at what is now the intersection of Adams Street and Hudson Avenue, said Allgaier. "As they constructed the track going to Binghamton, they opened up the stations along the way," he said.

Slingerlands resident Dorothy Knox remembers worrying about the possibility of an accident at the Font Grove Road crossing a short distance southeast of the platform

at the intersection of Font Grove and Oliver Lane. A Font Grove Road resident since 1932, she remembers calling D&H officials to suggest the installation of a signal at the crossing. But, she said, the company decided traffic on the road wasn't heavy enough.

Soon after the call, Knox said, several people were killed when an automobile, full of passengers just picked up at the Font Grove station, collided with a train at the crossing.

"Shortly thereafter, they installed the traffic light," she said.

According to Allgaier, local train service wound down in-town following the end of World War II, as gas rationing restrictions were lifted and railroad companies faced dwindling profits on passenger service.

"That was generally the pattern around the country," he said. "When people were able to get gas again, the auto traffic picked up, and passenger traffic generally went on a downslide after the second world war."

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## Tavern brawling was deadly Dutch habit 1970 Vietnam Christmas recalled in *The Spotlight*

The van Voorhout sons (of Westerlo Island) had tempers to match their father's. Cornelis Cornelissen was something of a tavern brawler, charged with fighting in 1649 and 1650 with Jan van Bremen, Thomas Chambers and Jan Labatie and drawing a knife on Christoffel Davids.

Another son, Claes Cornelissen, was in Hendrick Jochimsen's inn on August 31, 1658, when he began a heated argument with Daniel

Nonvou, a soldier. A fight ensued with the two combatants wrestling each other to the floor several times. Nonvou drew his rapier and tried to stab Claes, but bystander Jan Eeraerts took the sword from him. Claes tried again to punch Nonvou, who drew a knife and stabbed Claes in the chest, killing him.

On June 23, 1662, Claes's brother Seger became involved in a tavern dispute with Andries

Constapel, a former ship's gunner. Seger struck Constapel in the head with a pool cue, severely injuring him. Then, according to a witness, Andries stabbed Seger "in his left side, below the short ribs. After having stabbed him, Andries dealt him five blows on the head, so that they claim his skull is cracked."...

Such tumultuous behavior was not a peculiarity of life on the colonial frontier. Records throughout Europe reveal a general turbulence. The seventeenth century was a violent age.

"Colonial Beginnings"  
Bethlehem Revisited

The Jan. 28, 1971, issue of *The Spotlight* carried a lengthy story about Private Peter F. Rossman, a 1969 graduate of Bethlehem Central serving with the First Air Cavalry Division in Vietnam.

The article described the young man's celebration of Christmas at a jungle fire base some 60 miles north of Saigon. Private Rossman observed that Christmas consisted of an incredible proliferation of Christmas trees atop the bunkers and gun pits.

Presents from home were distributed, and one soldier received an assortment of musical instruments and sheet music while

another opened up a package containing a female mannequin's leg, complete with nylon stocking and baby blue garter.

The men enjoyed an evening worship service among the ammunition boxes and later cooked a holiday feast consisting of shrimp, roast turkey, stuffing and apple pies.

Private Rossman ended the article with a Christmas wish from one of his companions, "All I want for Christmas is my life, my wife and my home. Something I'll have next year, God willing."

"Military Heritage"  
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### 19th-century railroad beats 20th-century bus

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The fare in July 1864 was 20 cents from the ride from Albany to Adamsville and 25 cents to Slingerlands. The railroad offered the advantage of a scheduled trip to and from Albany, establishing a pattern for a future Bethlehem commuter town.

An 1869 timetable shows a 9 a.m. arrival in Albany for passengers boarding in Slingerlands at 8:37 and in Adamsville at 8:42. The 5:30 p.m. train out of Albany would arrive in Adamsville in 5:50 and in Slingerlands at 5:55. A century later, the same trip by modern bus takes about eight minutes longer.

"Business and Industry"  
Bethlehem Revisited

### Town exports crops, butter and lumber

By the end of the 17th century, Bethlehem was concentrating on the exporting of grain and lumber. ... Winne's dock near Van Wies Point became a focal point of trade. Albany, once a place to take one's furs, became for Bethlehem a place to buy supplies or go to church.

There were several cash crops (including peas, wheat, corn, apples and potatoes). By the end of the century, Bethlehem would be noted for its butter.

"Life in an English Colony"  
Bethlehem Revisited

### Teachers handled 38 pupils each

In 1883, the combined districts in Bethlehem then had 20 teachers educating 769 pupils. This would result in a teacher load of 38 pupils per teacher, with ages varying from six to 13. For this demanding and exhaustive work, teachers' salaries ranged from \$290 to \$520 per year.

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# The impossible dream: To regain land lost to city

By Mel Hyman

Because he's a lame duck, Bethlehem Town Supervisor Ken Ringler wants to try something bold during his remaining 10 months in office.

"Since the city has taken over sections of Bethlehem over the years, perhaps we should think about getting some of that land back," Ringler quipped.

After all, when Albany annexed certain sections of the town of Bethlehem—the most recent land grab coming in 1967—the reason given was that people in the Kenwood and Karlsfeld sections were desperate for municipal water and sewer.

So, now that the town is building a new water treatment plant along the Hudson, and Bethlehem can supply those services, perhaps the citizens of these areas will want to come back to where the grass is greener and people are friendly.

Kenwood, located on both banks of the Normanskill close to where it empties into the Hudson, was a thriving manufacturing hamlet during the 18th and 19th centuries.

Around 1870, the residents of Kenwood and surrounding areas like Groesbeckville opted for annexation into the growing metropolitan area of Albany. The land that was annexed was bounded roughly by First Avenue in what is now Albany, the Hudson River, Route 9W and Corning Hill Road.

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"Buried Secrets"  
*Bethlehem Revisited*

## Local sand exported for industrial use

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"Business and Industry"  
*Bethlehem Revisited*



This 100-year-old stereograph shows a hotel called the Kenwood House, which was once part of the bustling hamlet of Kenwood in the Town of Bethlehem. The Kenwood House, as well as the hamlet, are now part of history.

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early days because the old Albany-Bethlehem Turnpike ran through the middle of the hamlet. When the turnpike was re-routed around the village in later years to connect with the current Route 144, the population began to shrink.

The buildings on the south side of the Normanskill were torn down, according to the historical resource *Bethlehem Revisited*, and with most of the mills abandoned or destroyed by fire, there was really no reason for the hamlet's existence.

If the embarrassment of losing the oldest part of Bethlehem wasn't enough, Albany came back nearly a century later to snatch the Karlsfeld section of town.

It was the same old story, said Albany historian Virginia Bowers. Residents of the area, which is north of the Normanskill between New Scotland Avenue and the Albany Municipal Golf Course,

wanted municipal water and sewer and they looked to Albany to provide these services.

Never one to pass up a deal, the late Mayor Erastus Corning II promised Karlsfeld residents the city would not raise their taxes for five years. So the people living between the Normanskill and the golf course opted for a change and Corning reportedly lived up to his word.

A lot has happened over the past 100 years, Ringler said, that could change people's minds about being part of the big city. At the time, Bethlehem was mainly undeveloped pasture land and did not have the resources to provide municipal services.

But, "now that so many people are moving from Albany to Bethlehem," he noted, maybe the quality of life in Bethlehem might persuade people to demand reannexation.



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# Quilters tie Bethlehem history to project

By Eric Bryant

Emblazoned with the Seal of Bethlehem at its center and a dozen pictorial appliques, a seven-foot-square quilt celebrating the town's 200-year history will be ready for display in late April.

"Well, we missed the deadline for First Night, but hopefully it will have its grand opening, so to speak, at the QUILT show in late April," said Barbara Boynton, one of 13 women involved in the project,

which was commissioned by the town's Bicentennial Committee.

Boynton, the quilt's designer and driving force, has been working for more than two years on the project, gathering information, taking photos and creating drawings to serve as the basis for each of a dozen panels.

With friends and members of the local QUILT (Quilters United In Learning Together) group, she



Quilters Barbara Boynton, left, and Eleanor Adams, work on a quilt commissioned by the bicentennial committee. Elaine McLain

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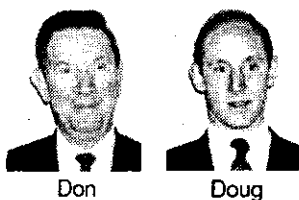
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has spent the last year and a half working through the painstaking process of designing and hand-stitching what she calls a piece of Bethlehem "folk art."

Most of the work is done in applique, a process in which cut patterns are stitched on fabric. Boynton said embroidery is used for more delicate detail work.

Boynton started the project by brainstorming design ideas. Trying to incorporate all of the town's locales and preserve the historic integrity of the final project was an admittedly tough task. With that in mind, she travelled to historic homes and sites in town to take pictures and then attempted to convert them to draw-

ings.

Each of the 12 scenes designed by Boynton were given to a separate quilter, who was then given the job of creating the panel. Quilters involved in the project include: Joyce Strand, Eleanor Adams, Veva Bangert, Sally Brownell, Sally Jennings, Ann Jacobs, Bertha Mays, Doris Kirk, Sue Gillespie, Margaret Tubbs, Melody Brennan and Betty Guard.

The quilt is designed with the town seal at its center and eight flames reaching outward from the seal's edge. Each of the flames contains a scene depicting a historic event or locale within the town. The corners of the quilt are occupied by four separate panels using the Hudson River as their theme.

The panels span the history of Bethlehem, from its founding to the industrial development in the Selkirk railroad yards.

Panels also include representations of the Nicoll-Sill House in Cedar Hill — the oldest standing homestead in Bethlehem and once the home of a Van Rensselaer relative, Robert Fulton's steamboat "Clermont," a Normanskill farm, the Slingerlands train station and the Slingerlands toll-gate, the historic 1910 flight of aviation pioneer Glenn Curtiss from a Bethlehem airfield to New York City, the Adams House and old town hall on Delaware Avenue, the Dutch Reformed Church on Clapper Road, the Bethlehem Public Library and the old schoolhouse at Cedar Hill, which now serves as the headquarters of the Bethlehem Historical Association.

With each of the panels being completed by hand and the time-consuming work of stitching them together still ahead, Boynton and the quilters admit they have a fair amount of work before them. Much of the quilt's progress now depends on how soon Boynton can get away from babysitting an expectant daughter and imminent grandchild in Middlebury, Vt.

"We're just waiting for her to get back," said quilter Ann Jacobs last Friday. "Things kind of slow down without her around."

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# Teacher managed 3 Rs in 4 grades at once

By Michael Kagan

Having two grade levels of elementary school pupils in one classroom, a concern in many schools today, wouldn't be a problem for Marie Wiedeman of Glenmont. She used to teach four grades at once.

One of the last teachers to work in the Cedar Hill School on River Road, she taught first through fourth-grade classes for 10 years, until the school was absorbed into the newly formed Ravena-Coeymans School District in 1944.

"I liked it very much," she said. "It was a two-room school at the time I entered there, and I had the first four grades. There was no kindergarten then. The other teacher had the fifth through eighth."

Teaching multiple grade levels at once wasn't a problem, she said. "The children understood. While I was teaching math or written material to the third-graders for instance, each one of the other groups had an assignment on the board or I'd announce it to them, and they knew that they were to keep busy during that time," she said.

She was helped by the fact that first and second-graders went home earlier than third and fourth-grade pupils, so she could con-

centrate on the older children at the end of each day.

"One part of the day that they all looked forward to was recesses and noon hours."

According to the "Schools and Library" chapter by Thomas R. Collins in *Bethlehem Revisited*, the Cedar Hill School was the first of 15 schoolhouses established in the Town of Bethlehem before centralization took effect in 1930. The Cedar Hill School was built sometime in the early 1800s. The "Little Red Schoolhouse," which now is a museum operated by the Bethlehem Historical Association, was built as a one-room schoolhouse in 1859. A second room was added in 1907.

A. Miller was Cedar Hill's first schoolmaster and taught an entering class of 24 pupils.

"I had graduated from the Teachers' College in Albany during the Depression years," Wiedeman, herself once a pupil at the school, said. "I decided after I'd done my practice teaching, I liked teaching younger children better. I came without any experience to the Cedar Hill School."

Besides the three "R's", the school emphasized American history, along with patriotic celebrations and civics, geography, poetry and nature.

"The class population was rather small. I think the largest number I ever had was 24," Wiedeman said.

After the Cedar Hill School



Marie Wiedeman is shown at right with her 1938-39 class at the Cedar Hill School and co-teacher Frank Card. With them in row four are Albert Gifford, left, Vera Peck, Stanley Westervelt, Eleanor Miller, Jean Stephany, Francis Myers, who was killed in World War II, Fred Hammond and Howard Miller. In the third row are Fred Schubert, former Bethlehem Highway Superintendent Martin Cross, Emile Therrien, Robert Hammond, William Hillmann, Kenneth Schielding, Donald Dahl and John Crocker. In the second row are Betty Therrien, Virginia Catalano, Ellen Gregory, Betty Gifford, Sue Crocker, Mildred Gifford, Mary Kiernan and Elizabeth Kiernan. In the first row are Harold O'Brien, Donald Hammond, George Pyle, Robert Dahl, Bertram Westervelt, Robert Hillmann and Roger DeFano.

closed, she went on to work as a substitute teacher in the Bethlehem Central School District at the Van Wies Point School and the Glenmont School.

## Hamagrael derived from farmer's family

Have you ever wondered where the name of Hamagrael School came from?

In the Bethlehem Public Library files is a letter from Barbara Somers, who used to live in Delmar. According to Mrs. Somers, the name comes from the beginnings of four names: Ha from Harry, Ma from Marian, Gra from Grace, and El from Eleanor. These were the names of Mr. and Mrs. Goddard and their two daughters, who were related to Mrs. Somers' mother.

Mrs. Somers' parents bought a 104-acre farm which they named Hamagrael, in the area where the school is located. While this is not the only explanation of the name's derivation, it is perhaps the most logical.

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## Local vets support Vietnam soldiers

Like many communities across the nation, Bethlehem was sharply divided in its support for the war in Vietnam. In 1966, a group of concerned veterans, under the leadership of Alexander Woehrle, formed an organization called "The Committee that Cares" to provide support for local men and women serving in the armed forces. The organization sent monthly packages to Bethlehem soldiers serving in Vietnam and helped provide assistance to the families left behind.

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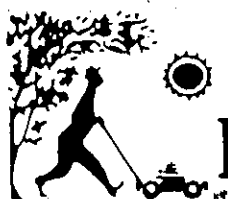
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# Committee's five-year effort a labor of love

By Robert Webster Jr.

Planning a party where everyone will have a good time and then talks about it for years takes a lot of work.

But five years?

Of course, few of us will ever have to stage a celebration on the scale of the one commemorating the 200th birthday of the town of Bethlehem, a task that fell the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commit-

tee.

But like any good host, the committee feels it is ready to deliver a party Bethlehem will not soon forget.

"We've been meeting every month for about three years now," said Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce President Marty Cornelius, who served as co-chair on the committee with Robert Hendrick, the former town supervi-

sor. "It was a really huge undertaking."

"It certainly was a lot of work," Hendrick added. "But we have had a lot of support, and I think it will come off very nicely."

The 15-member committee was originally chaired by Sue Ann Ritchko, the former deputy town supervisor, said Cornelius, but when she moved out of the area, Hendrick was tapped for the position by Supervisor Ken Ringler.

In those three years, the committee has worked hard to create a schedule of activities that includes all the community organizations that make Bethlehem "a

really special town," said town historian and committee member Joseph Allgaier.

Appointed the town historian in November 1990, Allgaier said his primary contribution was serving as an associate editor alongside Floyd Brewer of the bicentennial book, *Bethlehem Revisited*.

Once in the thick of things, however, Allgaier found his involvement began to cover not only the book, but "all things bicentennial."

"I enjoyed the group's company and found we were extremely compatible," said Allgaier. "I guess they liked my work enough to ask me to stay on."

The committee currently has Allgaier looking into developing a time capsule to be buried and dug up another 100 years from now "for a whole new generation of Bethlehem residents," said Allgaier.

Praising his fellow committee members for their hard work, Allgaier said a lot of credit for the success of the events lies with the community itself, whose participation to this point has been "terrific."

"The people have been very dedicated, very positive," he said. "The overall attitude has been one of 'Let's make it fun and something people want to participate in.'"

Promoting that community involvement is where the committee's community liaison, Ann Patton, found her focus over the past five years.

"I contacted nearly every group or organization in Bethlehem and encouraged them to develop an activity of their own to celebrate the bicentennial with us over the next six months," said Patton.

The focus on the community aspect of the celebration is deliberate, said Patton, as "Community-group activities are what town life is all about."

"Living in Bethlehem is all about being a part of a community where people get together and form their own activities," she said. "This is as much a celebration of the groups that make up Bethlehem as it is Bethlehem itself."

One of the major undertakings of the committee was its attempt to have the records of the town, which where all hand-written until the 1930s, converted onto microfilm, said Patton.

"Now the town and the library both have copies of the records," said Patton. "It was just one of the first steps we took to start preparing for the big celebration."

Another large stepping-stone in the early stages of the development of the celebration was how to finance the extravaganza, said Hendrick.

"We didn't feel it was right to use the town's money," he said. "So we mailed out 12,000 letters for donations from businesses and the community."

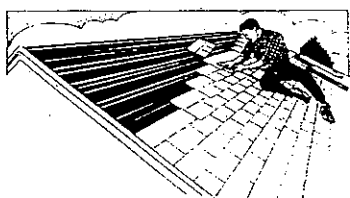
Although money is still coming in, Hendrick said the committee has raised more than \$39,000 in donations to "put together the best celebration this town has ever seen."

But even before finances were a concern, the committee's largest problem was coming up with ideas for a celebration befitting a 200-year-old guest of honor.

"At our earliest meetings, it was very difficult to get started," said Hendrick. "We kicked around a lot of ideas, some of them downright weird, until we finally sorted them out and had the idea of sponsoring three major events."

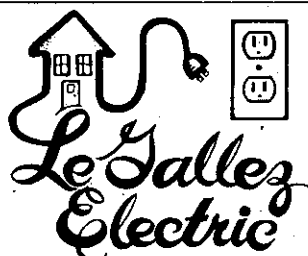
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Ann Patton

treasurer Robert Johnson, Lori Platel and Dave Austin.

Although many families look to go away during long vacations, Hendrick said he would ask that families stay in Bethlehem this year for the once-in-a-lifetime chance to celebrate a bicentennial anniversary.

"I know I won't be around for the next one, or at least I would be 168 years old, so I figure I should make the best of this one," Hendrick joked. "I hope people will stay in town and celebrate with us, because it looks to be a fantastic party."

include a Family Day on Sunday, July 4, and a Labor Day Parade and fireworks display on Monday, Sept. 6, he said, there will be "activities every month the rest of this year."

Like Allgaier, Hendrick praised his fellow committee members for their dedication, noting they had

### Civil War effects were long-lasting

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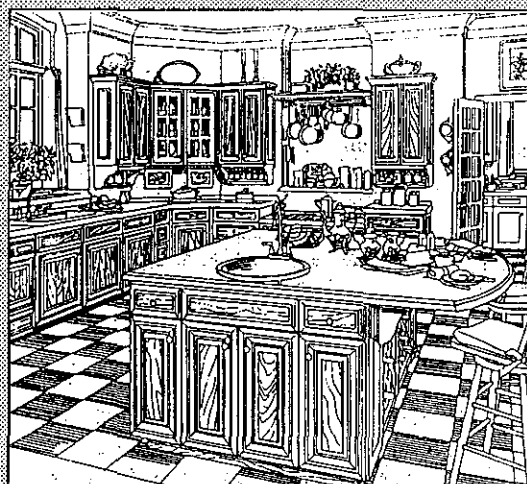
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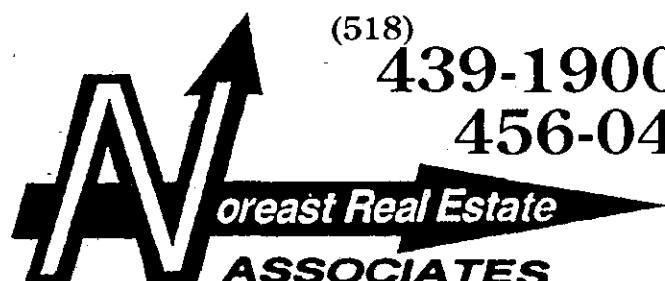
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