

Bearing up



Glenmont residents Andrea Larsen and her brother, Tommy, flank the eight and a half foot tall bear in front of their home.

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BC gives thumbs up for 6 new teachers

By Dev Tobin

An overflow crowd of more than 120 people jammed into the Bethlehem Central School District offices last week for a budget workshop focusing on the elementary and middle school instructional program.

At the meeting, the board tentatively approved a plan to hire six new teachers at the middle school to prepare for the current fifth-grade (at more than 400 pupils, the largest class in BC schools in many years).

At a cost of approximately \$44,000 each,

hiring the teachers will be the biggest change in next year's budget. Overall, the middle school will have an estimated 105 more pupils next year, mostly because of the 100-pupil difference in size between the current fifth and eighth grades.

Several middle school teachers and parents spoke

in favor of hiring the six teachers now, and against an earlier plan to hire 2.8 full-time-equivalent (FTE) teachers this year and 3.2 FTE teachers next year.

The previous plan would have resulted

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BC's Camelot won't be like any other version

By Dev Tobin

Stage 700, the musical theater troupe at Bethlehem Central High School, presents a fresh and unique production of *Camelot*, the Arthurian legend retold in the words and music of Lerner and Loewe, this weekend at the high school.

Aware that many are familiar with the movie and Broadway versions of the play, director James Yeara noted that the BCHS version "won't look like any other *Camelot*. It's usually done as a clunky set piece, but there's a wonderful story here, and our version will look at the ideas and play to them."



Dan Levine (King Arthur) and Liz Karam (Guenevere) star in the Stage 700 production of *Camelot*.

The play's themes are still relevant 30 years after it opened on Broadway, Yeara said.

"It's a very moving story about a man who has to make a choice between the personal and the universal, between his wife and his people," Yeara said. "And the music is great."

For musical director Joseph Farrell, *Camelot* is attractive because "It's tuneful and well-known and acquaints students with one of the classics of the Broadway stage."

Camelot gives students "the opportunity to sing songs that are challenging, but within the range of high school vocalists," Farrell noted.

Many of the play's familiar solo songs, such as "Camelot," "If Ever I Would Leave You" and "How to Succeed in a Business Without Really Knowing," are

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Trees at issue in Krumkill Manor plan

By Mel Hyman

A developer's plan to build 27 single family homes in the vicinity of Krumkill and Blessing roads may be running afoul of nature.

Charlew Construction Co. Inc. of Schenectady, the developers of Krumkill Manor sections 1 and 2, want to build a third phase of the project just south of the ARC (Association for Retarded Children) building off Blessing Road.

The stumbling block that they face concerns a wooded knoll in the middle of the 16-acre parcel. "The only way we can build a road from the back to the front is to remove the hill," said Robert E. Walsh, Charlew director of land acquisition and development.

"They're (the Bethlehem Planning Board) concerned about the loss of vegetation, which would involve removing about three acres of trees."



This tree-covered knoll near Blessing Road may be history. Hugh Hewitt

Without leveling the hill, which is adjacent to a ravine, it's doubtful the land would be developable, Walsh said. A road through the property is necessary to provide the homes access to Blessing Road.

The developers propose to plant some vegetation on the property to make up for

the loss of trees, said town planner Janine Saatman, but whether that will satisfy the board remains to be seen.

The board reviewed the plan for Krumkill Manor Extension 1 last week, and board chairman Martin Bari put the

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Police 'sweep up' burglary suspect

Bethlehem Police have arrested a Glenmont man they believe was responsible for a recent burglary spree.

Mark E. Jaubrey, 18, of Patterson Road, Glenmont, was arrested on Tuesday, March 1, and charged with petty larceny and fifth-degree criminal possession of stolen property. He allegedly kicked in the door of a house on Glenmont Road and removed a heavy duty vacuum cleaner.

The burglary occurred on the morning of Wednesday, Feb. 16, according to Cox, when no one was home. When the owner returned home around lunchtime, she discovered the vacuum was missing.

When she returned to work at Kmart, her manager mentioned

that a vacuum cleaner had just been brought back for a refund.

The woman later confirmed that the vacuum was hers, Cox said, by going back to her original sales receipt. Police then tracked down the person who returned the vacuum by means of the refund slip, Cox said, and the arrest was made.

All of the burglaries occurred during the early morning hours and were in the same vicinity of Glenmont Road, Cox said. The other two break-ins occurred on Retreat House Road and Halter Road. Nothing was reported stolen from the Retreat House Road house, while a quantity of jewelry was removed from the Halter Road residence, police said.

"It was the same scenario in

each one," Cox said. "We think they were all related. Additional charges are pending" against Jaubrey, who was released on bail pending a future appearance in Bethlehem Town Court.

Mel Hyman

Correction

A caption accompanying a photograph that appeared in last week's Spotlight misidentified the person surveying the home of the new Cohoes Savings Bank on Delaware Avenue. The person pictured in the photo is Robert Monell.

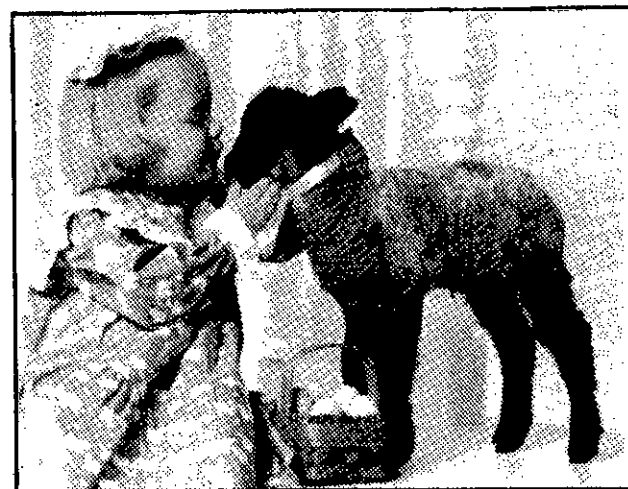
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The Delmar Community Orchestra, led by Conductor Mildred Stahl, performed at the library recently. Orchestra member John Collier played the Sousaphone.

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Supermarkets help area schools compute

By Dev Tobin

Every school wants to do more with computers, but nowadays the money to upgrade, or catch up, in instructional technology is often not there.

For several years, two local supermarket chains, Grand Union and Price Chopper, have been lending a hand by redeeming cash register tapes for computer hardware, software and other school supplies.

It takes a lot of work and coordination, mostly by PTA members, to collect and forward the tapes (several million dollars worth locally), but the payoff is in thousands of dollars of equipment that would otherwise not come into the schools.

The area school that collected the most tapes, St. Thomas in Delmar, got a lot of support from parishioners of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle, said Sheila Valenti, the school's secretary and computer coordinator.

St. Thomas' Grand Union total of almost \$620,000 was second out of the nearly 1,000 schools who participated in the program, Valenti noted.

The school received two computers, a Macintosh LC III and a Macintosh LC 520, along with an Apple One Scanner, Monday from Grand Union.

In the Bethlehem Central School District, the supermarket programs this year will provide more than \$20,000 worth of equipment in a year when the district plans to spend \$45,000 on instructional technology.

The supermarket programs are "a really valuable contribution to the community," said Clarksville Elementary School Principal Cheryl MacCullough.

The Clarksville effort, coordinated by Linda Drinkwine and Wendy Keyser, amassed \$261,000 in Grand Union tapes and \$121,000 in Price Chopper tapes.

Clarksville will get a Macintosh LC II 480 with a color monitor, a Stylewriter II printer, a Panasonic printer and a cart for the computer and printer, "so the computer can be used in any room," MacCullough noted.

At Glenmont Elementary School, approximately \$540,000 in Grand Union receipts will go

toward two Macintosh Classic computers with color monitors and two Imagewriter printers, according to Principal Don Robillard.

"This is really good equipment; we're very happy with it," said Robillard, noting that Joyce Jowett coordinated this year's PTA effort.

Price Chopper tapes, about \$85,000 worth, were used to buy audio-visual equipment, like film-strip projectors, Robillard added.

For Slingerlands Elementary School, the \$396,000 from the Grand Union program helped outfit four new Macintosh computers that the PTA donated on its own last year, according to Principal David Murphy.

"We bought a CD-ROM player, and spent the rest of it on software" for the new machines, Murphy said.

Librarian Pat Grimwood and parent Pat Jukins coordinated the Slingerlands program, Murphy added.

Elsmere Elementary School has been "very much blessed" by the Grand Union program, said Principal Dorothy Whitney.

Previously, the school acquired five Macintosh and Apple machines, along with peripherals and software, and this year the school's \$330,000 in receipts were applied to a Macintosh Notebook computer, a VCR and more software and CD-ROMs, Whitney said.

The Elsmere program was coordinated by Nancy Eson, she added.

Whitney noted that Elsmere also benefits from a Grand Union program that rebates 5 percent of purchases made through gift certificates to the PTA.

Hamagrael Elementary School picked up a Macintosh LC 520 computer with CD-ROM and an Apple Stylewriter printer, along with another CD-ROM and assorted software, for its \$440,000 in Grand Union receipts, reported Principal Joseph Schaefer.

Hamagrael's effort was coordinated by Barbara Cox's fifth grade and Cheryl Brown's first grade, Schaefer said.

Parents and community members contributed \$455,000 in Grand Union tapes to Bethlehem Central Middle School, reported Assistant Principal David Crandall.

The school will receive a Macintosh LC computer with printer and CD-ROM, along with a VCR and television on a cart and some software through the Grand Union program.

In addition, the school will receive a 35mm camera and a spell-check program from its collection of Price Chopper tapes, Crandall noted.

The supermarkets' programs "are terrific in these very tight times," Crandall said. "It was really nice to have community members with no kids send in



St. Thomas School in Delmar, represented by pupils (from left) Laura Salhoff, Jessica Murphy and Julianna Visconti, receives computers and sporting equipment from Nancy Friess and Roxanne Benoit of Grand Union.

Hugh Hewitt

receipts."

The middle school program was coordinated by Christine Prudente, Crandall added.

At Bethlehem Central High School, the tapes collection program took the form of a contest, with the junior class winning, said Assistant Principal Alida Smith.

Overall, more than \$160,000 in Grand Union tapes were collected, enough to purchase needed software, but not enough for a computer, Smith noted.

The local school that is perhaps best equipped with comput-

ers because of a partnership with IBM, Voorheesville Elementary, finds the register tape program provides "some mid-year purchasing power," according to its principal Edward Diegel.

The school's PTA collected more than \$515,000 worth of Price Chopper tapes, which will enable the purchase of a laserdisk player, a laser printer, cassette tape recorders, a xylophone, a globe, gym mats and assorted computer programs and software, Diegel said.

"We try to spread it around to as many departments and grade levels as possible," Diegel said.

The PTA effort was spearheaded by Linda Pasquali, he added.

At Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, the collected tapes (approximately \$200,000 for Price Chopper and \$50,000 for Grand Union) were exchanged for a VCR, two electronic pianos, 18 calculators, a spell-checker, software and updated maps, according to Frank Faber, a technology teacher at the school.

Parents Debbie Baron and Pam Lupien and teacher Jane Willey coordinated the collection for the school, Faber said.

Challenger charges mayor misleads

By Dev Tobin

In the last week of the campaign, candidates in the first contested Voorheesville mayoral race in 10 years argued over an item in the village newsletter about a possible re-opening of the former Grand Union supermarket on Maple Avenue.

Challenger Robert Boyle questioned the timing and content of a recent village newsletter, in which Mayor Edward Clark reported that a prospective operator of the market, which has been closed for 10 years, "expected to open this spring."

"The timing was absolutely political," Boyle said of the newsletter that was delivered to all village residents last week, two weeks before Election Day.

"It's also misleading; he makes us believe that it's set in stone," Boyle said.

But Clark said that the village puts out a newsletter "this time of

year every year, just before the budget process, to invite people to get involved."

Clark said that he called James Nichols, the downstate independent grocer who wants to operate a full-service supermarket at the site, in February specifically "to update residents in the newsletter."

Nichols "was very optimistic when he spoke with me, but I had no way of verifying his optimism" Clark said. "That's why I ended the story with, 'Let's keep our fingers crossed.'"

Nichols said that a deal with one wholesaler had fallen through and he was now "back to square one" with a second wholesaler, Super-Value of Keene, N.H., and he "didn't really have a timetable" for reopening the market.

Nichols said that he was more optimistic about the market's prospects when he spoke with Clark.

Since Clark was appointed to replace Richard Lennon in 1985, he has not faced a challenger. The mayor's office has a four-year term and an annual salary of \$8,697.74.

Both candidates were positive about their chances on Tuesday.

Clark said he thinks "things are going well," based on his door-to-door contact with residents.

"I ask them what their reservations are about the village, and so far haven't found any," Clark said.

Boyle also said he found a lot of support in his canvassing.

"It's going very well," he said. "I'm meeting a lot of nice people and getting a lot of positive feedback."

In uncontested races, Trustees Daniel Reh and Susan Rockmore are running for re-election, as is Village Justice Kenneth Connolly.

Voting will be from noon to 9 p.m. Tuesday, March 15, at the Voorheesville firehouse on Route 156.

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A bit of Italy moves to Main Square

By Mel Hyman

It was a dubious beginning for Delmar's newest restaurant last week when chef and co-owner Dennis Woodgate lopped off part of a finger while out on a snowblowing job.

Then some hot grease spilled on his injured hand a few days later, which only goes to show that bad luck comes in spurts.

But opening day for Del Mare Restaurant was Wednesday, March 1, and so Dennis and wife Lila stuck to their game plan and hoped for the best.

On their second day of business—they were closed on Thursday because of the snowstorm—all of the anxiety and frustration of opening week vanished as they did a tremendous lunch business.

And judging by their reception thus far, Lila Woodgate says, they are off and running.

There's no mistaking the cuisine at the new eatery. It's northern Italian from top to bottom. Northern as opposed to southern, Lila says, because the emphasis is on cream sauces rather than red.

Located in the rear of the Main Square Shoppes on Delaware Avenue, the restaurant is open Monday through Saturday from 11:30 a.m. to 9:30 or 10 p.m., depending on the night. The Woodgates anticipate a sizable take-out business and said that orders will be filled promptly.

Embarking on your own business venture can be a heady, but risky proposition. Lila Woodgate



Dennis Woodgate, left, his wife Lila, and manager Paul Engel, take a break at the new Del Mare Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in the Main Square Shoppes. *Hugh Hewitt*

has no qualms about the future, however, mainly because her husband has been in the restaurant business for 17 years.

Besides a long stint as chef at the Italian American Center in Albany, Dennis developed the menu at Nicole's Restaurant on Delaware Avenue in Albany.

Moving to Bethlehem has been on their minds for some time. "At first we were looking at the space where Village Furniture is," she recalled, but it would have cost too much to renovate into a restaurant.

Soon after the former Arma-

dillo Cafe went out of business last fall, Woodgate said she heard about the vacancy from the physician who performed heart surgery on her son. "I always thought this would be a great place to be," she said, so the family wasted little time in trying to arrange a lease.

And Woodgate did her homework before launching the business. "I went up and down the street (Delaware Avenue) and talked to everyone I could to see what they wanted out of a good restaurant."

The consensus was, first off, a place where children could come

and "not feel inhibited." Second, that smoking not be allowed, and third, that it be clean and hospitable.

People seem to relish a friendly atmosphere in this town, Lila said, and that's what the Woodgates are trying to provide.

Should Italian cuisine be your cup of tea, there is a wide variety of entrees to choose from. The emphasis here will be on seafood dishes, pastas, sauteed items and shrimp dishes.

Beer and wine will be available. The seating capacity is 55.

TV-31 to air arts feature

TV-31/Bethlehem will air a program on the NYS Theatre Institute on Wednesday, March 31, at 6:30 p.m. The internationally honored company and its unique approach to arts-in-education is the focus of a special segment of "Arts Along the Hudson," produced by Troy NewChannels.

The 22-minute video invites viewers to "Discover a Great Adventure on the Banks of the Hudson River." For the past two

seasons, since leaving the Egg in Albany, the Theatre Institute has performed on the Troy side of the river at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College at the foot of the Congress Street Bridge. The new location is easily reached and offers ample free parking.

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Euclid Ave. trees get reprieve

Plans by the Cohoes Savings Bank to open a branch office in Delmar now involve the razing of existing structures at both 195 and 197 Delaware Ave. and construction of a new building.

But more important, to the neighbors at least, the proposed development will not affect the row of trees along Euclid Avenue that neighbors have come to cherish.

Milton Kaplan, a resident of Euclid Avenue, said as soon as neighbors heard about the project they were concerned whether the trees would be removed.

"We welcome Cohoes Savings, but we wouldn't want to see the property denuded."

Several years ago, Union National Bank decided to locate a branch at the corner of Delaware and Euclid and initial plans called for removal of the shade-producing row of maples.

"They were going to remove the trees," Kaplan recalled. "and the neighborhood was opposed. We made our wishes known to Union National and they agreed to leave them intact."

No such prodding was needed for Cohoes Savings.

"One of the first things they said at our getting-acquainted meeting was that they were going to save those trees," said planning board member Gary Swan.

"Retaining as much vegetation as possible has been a tradition for this board for as long as I've been involved."

The proposal is still in the very early stages and Swan said additional changes and details are expected when the bank makes a formal presentation of its site plan at a future meeting.

The bank's revised blueprint was presented to the Bethlehem Planning Board last week. The new structure would be built where 195 now stands and the lot at the corner of Euclid and Delaware avenues (197) would be used for parking.

The board was presented with a traffic study done for the bank and Swan noted that board members still need to determine whether it addresses all their concerns.

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RCS concerts slated

The music department at RCS has scheduled concerts in celebration of Music In Our Schools Month.

The fifth through 12th-grade instrumental program will be on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the senior high school.

The fifth through 12th-grade vocal program is scheduled on following Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. also at the senior high school.

For information, call 756-2155.

Historical association to hear speaker

The Town Of Bethlehem Historical Association on Route 144 and Clapper Road will hold its next meeting on Thursday, March 17, at 8 p.m.

Aviation historian Janz VanderVeer will present "Aviation in the Days of Lindbergh" with the use of slides and displays. The meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be served.

For information, call Edna Strumpf at 767-3052.

Friday dinner set at Methodist church

The South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue will serve dinner on Friday, March 11, from 4:30 to 7 p.m. at the church.

In addition to homemade soups and desserts, the special of the week will be baked meatloaf. Specials are \$4. The next dinner is planned for March 25, featuring baked chicken. For information, call 767-9953.

Elsmere volunteers finish training

Several Elsmere firefighters recently completed training courses.

Rick Baldwin, Wayne Johnson, Richard Watt, Paul Millhausen, William Krell Jr., Frank Wickham and Ralf Wiegand completed the 18-hour ladder company operations course.

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South Bethlehem Players seek new members

The South Bethlehem Players, an active drama group housed at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, is currently reviewing several plays to be presented during the year.

The group is also seeking new members to perform and to work as part of the crew. For information, call 767-9953.

RCS special ed group to present speaker

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Special Ed Parents Support Group has scheduled its next meeting for Wednesday, March 9, at 7 p.m. at the Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School. A presentation by guest speaker Dr. Frank Archangelo on attention deficit disorder is planned.

Babysitting is available. For information, call 756-2214.

RCS seeks volunteers

Volunteers are needed to help coordinate summer employment opportunities for RCS high school students.

Anyone who would like help to provide meaningful work opportunities for students this summer should call high school Principal Andrew DeFeo at 756-2155.

Morrell and Frank Wickham completed the day-long safety officer training seminar.

John Brennan, Edward Costigan, Anthony Granito, Robert Irish, Dan McMahon, Jay Pregent, Jerome Smith, Simon VanRyn and Kris Wright completed the State Association of Fire Chiefs' fire ground leadership seminar.

Chamber talk

The Bethlehem, Guiderland, Latham and Southern Saratoga County chambers of commerce will co-sponsor a lecture by nationally-recognized speaker Jay Rifenburg on Wednesday, March 23.

The talk will take place from 7 to 9 p.m. at The Desmond on Albany-Shaker Road in Colonie.

Rifenburg offers strategies for self-motivation, improving leadership skills and finding success in today's marketplace.

The cost is \$15 per person and must be pre-paid by March 22.

For information, contact the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce at 439-0512.

Selkirk firefighter completes course

Third Assistant Chief George Morehouse of the Selkirk Fire Department recently completed a course on commanding the initial response conducted by the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control at the state Academy of Fire Science.

The course was designed to give the participant the information and skill necessary to establish command, perform size-up, develop and implement an action plan, transfer command and organize an incident using an effective command system.

Fashion plates



Liz Drew (left), Kelly Shea and Megan Baldwin sport the latest in local fashions at the Elsmere PTA Fashion Show held on Friday, March 4, at the Elsmere Elementary School.

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Matters of Opinion

The human quotient

The letters from residents that are published in these pages seem to reflect a wide range of concerns about the impact that development inevitably means for a community.

The environment, broadly speaking, is one manifestation of the complicated issue; public safety clearly is another—one that is not always fully appreciated. But it is the long-range effect (often unintended) on the human quotient that truly carries the greatest significance.

It is impossible to add large numbers of residential areas without being certain to impact many facets of life for people in the pre-existing community. School enrollments and public service are obvious areas of costly change.

Currently, the emphasis has been placed on the traveling public's convenience. More people, more autos, more tie-ups and delays, more frustration and anger.

The old briar patch again

Could it be that Show and Tell time is approaching for governments in Albany County's cities and towns?

The proposal, out of the blue, by an Albany Democrat in the County Legislature to peel back the eight percent sales tax by one penny on the dollar has fueled a new controversy outside the customary taxation-time debates.

This would be possible, he theorizes, if the local governments' forty percent share of sales tax income were reduced or eliminated. The cost for a town or city to retain this income would be to demonstrate expenditure reductions justifying their posture as models of efficiency.

The first screams of pain and terror were heard from the mayor of Albany, but it is certain that every other mayor and every supervisor will resist such economy as unconstitutional and probably un-American.

Maybe the terms are too long?

The concept that is stirring some members of the County Legislature to promote limitations on the terms that can be served in that body seems to be on target with national sentiment on the subject.

The terms are for four years. The current movement to restrict their duration proposes a maximum of two terms, though some voices can be heard in favor of three.

One objector says that the county legislators' tasks are so complicated that—especially because of the small amount of time actually required to serve—years must pass before a new legislator is up to speed in this onerous responsibility. This seems preposterous on the face of it.

The recent example of Senator George Mitchell in stepping down from a seat that he could have held as long as he wished, could be taken to heart by many in public office. The Senator made the point that he felt he had served a desirable length of time and should move on. As contrasted to the tendency of some to make lifetime careers out of holding elective office, he has the right idea.

Locally, the term-limit move is sparked by

Editorials

The solution for many, it appears, is to be found in more highways. And this is a source of additional public vexation—as reflected in today's letters and numerous others published in recent weeks.

Not very many generations ago, it seemed inconceivable that Bethlehem and New Scotland would be thinking in terms of more wider roads—so rail lines were constructed, allowing for only narrow two-lane streets between the ramparts. Now we all live with that shortsightedness.

It will be very important, as time goes on, to ask the questions about future impact on the human factor which can prevent such silly mistakes.

As of now, using outdated data to project dream-like routes for traffic movement hardly seems a healthy look toward that future.

The Spotlight Newspapers have consistently opposed the higher sales tax that was voted in 1992 "for a year" but extended for a longer period in 1993, perhaps into infinity.

(We note that now even the Albany paper has decided a high sales tax is not a desirable instrument.)

Reducing a tax that supposedly is more painless than a property tax cannot be regarded as easy. But if taxpayers residents were to recognize that they are really footing the bill for comfortable laxity rather than prudent stringency in their local government, sense could be brought into the picture.

If New York State is to resume its reputation as a good place to do business, all levels of government must reduce their tax-and-spend policies. This is a good place to start.

Republican members in the Legislature, led by Colonie's Bob Prentiss. So far, George Kansas of Bethlehem, a Democrat, has joined in.

Legislator Jim Ross of Bethlehem notes that he tried, unsuccessfully, to have term limits incorporated in the newly revised county charter.

Any change probably will be resisted most sharply in the city of Albany, where extended service over many years has been a tradition in some of the wards (though turnover has become somewhat more pronounced lately).

Why the terms of county legislators are for four years is not clear. State legislators must face the voters every two years, as do members of the U.S. House of Representatives. (Senators of course, in keeping with their august dignity, have six-year terms.)

Perhaps the issue for the County Legislature in confronting the question of how long they should be permitted to serve, is not how many terms, but how many years. Why not consider putting them on a shorter leash, bring them to the ballot twice as often, and still keep the concept of a maximum length of service, such as eight years.

Focus for planners—residents, not roads

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Feb. 22, my husband and I attended a public meeting at Town Hall to discuss and comment on several options for relieving traffic stress in the town. Specifically, residents from the Groesbeck Place/Herrick Avenue/Park

'Relief route' plan is at congested site

Editor, The Spotlight:

Thank you for the thoughtful Feb. 23 editorial on moving traffic in Bethlehem. At the Feb. 22 meeting (which had to be moved to the auditorium to accommodate the seventy people who came), the latest concept maps showed the "highway option" coming into Delaware Avenue behind Rural Place somewhere in the vicinity of Tool's Restaurant. They said it was not politically feasible to run a road down an existing street. The maps showed two possible routes: one from Delaware to New Scotland and the other from Delaware to Cherry Avenue Extension. The planner said his preference still would be along the railroad tracks.

Your editorial's central point remains valid: It's all taking place at the scene of the congestion.

Carol Schlageter

Delmar

Vox Pop

Place/Sunset Drive neighborhood in Elsmere wanted to know if a proposal for a four-lane road in back of Groesbeck Place which would connect Delaware Avenue to New Scotland Road was being considered as a viable option for the future. This meeting, which should have been positive and informative, deteriorated into a most unpleasant experience, and we finally left at 9 o'clock.

My observations about this not very enlightening evening follow:

1—Since the meeting was set to address public concerns, Jeff Lipnicky and David Jukins should have done just that. Instead, they displayed maps of various traffic options that for the most part would draw more traffic into the town and they insisted on talking about ways to move traffic along, i.e., roads, arterials, more roads.

They continued, even when it became crystal clear that their audience had had enough discussion about this issue and wanted to move on to other alternatives for improving our town's traffic problems.

In my opinion, the town representatives demonstrated insensi-

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Blowing snow, mishaps blamed on tree cutting

Editor, The Spotlight:

A few weeks ago, *The Spotlight* published an article on the increase in accidents this winter. While I realize that this has been a very harsh winter, I wonder just how many of these accidents have occurred on Route 9W near the site of the proposed shopping mall, Southgate Commons.

I have lived on 9W for thirteen years and never have I seen the snow blowing the way it has this year. This very dangerous situ-

ation has been caused by all the clearing of trees and brush that was done this fall by the developers of the mall for their environmental impact study.

This week alone, I have witnessed two cars overturned and sitting on top of the snow banks.

We should really think of this impact on our environment when deciding whether or not the mall should be built.

Terri Smith

Glenmont

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Your Opinion Matters

Fate blights a budding career

All's right with the world. Spring and baseball can arrive as they please now that Phil Rizzuto has been named to the Baseball Hall of Fame.

Each year for what appeared an eternity, the ballots to elect former players to the Hall had fallen short for this ex-Yankee who would pretend the snub didn't hurt. Hey! It hurt us who had seen him perform, so why wouldn't it hurt him?

I'll confess in case you don't already know. I've been a Yankee fan for almost sixty years. I saw my first game in 1936 and had a tryout with the team in 1942.... but that's another story.

While Lou Gehrig, Joe DiMaggio, Red Rolfe and Bill Dickey were the kingpins, it wasn't until small, scrappy Rizzuto took over in '42 for Frankie Crosetti at shortstop that I realized baseball is more than home runs.

In his thirteen years with the Yankees, Rizzuto made bunting an art form. He continually fooled and frustrated pitchers and third basemen as he'd poke a bunt down the base line without telegraphing it by squaring away in the box. There hasn't been a player like him to provide that quick burst of excitement. He would keep rallies going and always seemed to be on base when one of the sluggers slammed the ball into the seats.

What makes you so sure?

Whenever I see or hear a far-seeing quote attributed to Abraham Lincoln, I hold it at arm's length because of the fishy smell. That is, unless it is from the Gettysburg Address or his Second Inaugural, which are well established as being his own thoughts and words. Plus, of course, a variety of state papers and perhaps a line or two from the great debates.

But there are hundreds of "rules" laid down—supposedly—by Lincoln when he was a railsplitter or a circuit lawyer or even as a one-term Congressman.

All this came to mind as I read an article, "The History of a Hoax," in the March 6 issue of "The New York Times Magazine." It is worth reading (if you missed it), and you may want to look it up at a library if you don't have access to a copy otherwise.

A curious man named Barry O'Neill, who is a professor at Yale's "School of Organization and Management," became annoyed by the ubiquity of a list (which you probably have encountered somewhere, too) of "top problems of public schools" in the 1940s and 1980s.

As he notes, "In the '40s the problems were (in order): talking, chewing gum, making noise, running in the halls, getting out turn in line, wearing improper clothing, and not putting paper in wastebaskets."

On the other hand, "The top

As happened to so many other players, he had his career shortened by the three years he spent in World War II service but he

Commentary

Martin P. Kelly

returned in 1946 and picked up where he left off. He gave lessons on how to play shortstop well into the 1950s.

Wisely, when he retired, the Yankees kept him around as a broadcaster. Certainly not a polished announcer—he drives you crazy with his "Holy Cow!"—in the broadcast booth he does what he did on the field. He drops the "quick bunt" in the form of an outlandish statement containing a large grain of truth or good judgment.

Playing alongside him for a good part of his career was my favorite player—Red Rolfe, a smooth third baseman. Like him, I was redhaired at that time and played third base on a sandlot team. Why couldn't I be the one to replace Rolfe when he retired?

I was able to talk my way into a tryout with the Yankees in the late summer of 1942 and with about 30 other hopefuls strode early in the

morning on the hallowed Yankee Stadium field.

Let's face it! The Yankees were looking for home run hitters and I was a singles hitter. But, my contribution to the Yankees did turn out to be meaningful, I'm convinced.

While taking infield drill at third base, I played beside the bag as you did in sandlot games so the ball couldn't take too many bounces. Now, Chief Bender—a Hall of Fame pitcher who won 200 games for Connie Mack's Athletics—was hitting the practice grounders and almost killing me as I knocked down the ball in self defense.

A wise old groundskeeper called to me: "Back up about 10 feet, kid, or he'll kill you."

I did and was fielding the ball cleanly. But now the problem was the throw to first base. It had become ten feet longer and I kept throwing the ball into the dirt in front of the base.

The guy trying out there scooped up my errant throws with marvelous agility, so much so that coaches began to gather around him and give him extra work.

I got a "Thank you, kid," a sandwich, a piece of pie, and a carton of milk after the tryout.

I think the first baseman got the contract.

Constant Reader

Professor O'Neill was bothered by the impression that "The old-time problems seemed too trivial, the contrast between then and now too tidy."

He recalled, for example, that in 1991 a statistical group asked educators about discipline and safety issues, and found the prime complaints to be tardiness, absenteeism, and fighting; drugs were near the bottom of the list. He was puzzled by inconsistencies such as this, so he started a long trial of researching where the two contrasting lists came from.

The trail took him into many byways; it turned out that the entire thing had been started by a Texas scamp named T. Cullen Davis, who formulated the 1940 and 1980 comparisons for his own right-wing purposes and then circulated his handiwork.

Subsequently, his material got picked up by such publicists as Phyllis Schlafly, printed in something called the Presidential Biblical Scoreboard—and then it all took off.

It got a mention in Harper's Magazine, referred to by Governor Deukmajian of California, then

by a California police department, and thence to the California Department of Education—all of which tended to give Mr. Davis's creation a patina of credibility. Then it was quoted by or attributed to, variously, CBS News, the Heritage Foundation, George Will, the Wall Street Journal, the International Herald Tribune, Time Magazine. The earlier uses in California gave it what Professor O'Neill calls "pseudo-credentials." Other users took it on faith, though some were employing it to push their own purposes, such as in the anti-drug movement, "which became another crucial conduit from the religious right to the mainstream."

Ultimately, the O'Neill conclusion is that "the list is an emotional expression, not a logical assertion." He sees them as "a collective moan of anxiety over the gap between ideals and reality... not facts, but a fundamental expression of attitudes and emotions." Finally, he warns, "They should not guide our choices on education policy."

His cautionary word is well taken. But I found the recounting of the trip that this mythology took between Texas and national publications (and the national mind) to be more vital than the conclusion itself. How easily we can be taken in by presumed "fact."

And that's the reason I pay no attention to any Lincolnian strictures that are passed my way.

Winter pits wildlife against cold, snow

The contributor of this Point of View is director of the Five Rivers Education Center of the Department of Environmental Conservation in the Town of New Scotland near Delmar.

By Alan Mapes

The snow bunnies on the ski slopes may be enjoying it, but this winter has been hard on the cottontail bunnies—and many of our other wildlife. Deep snow cover causes problems for some animals and the cold temperatures certainly add stress to the lives of most of our local creatures. Can we help? Sometimes—but we often do more harm than good.

Point of View

The cottontail rabbits can actually get around on the snow quite well with their furry "snowshoe" feet. The tall drifts of snow boost them up to reach tender apple branches that they couldn't reach otherwise. Along the Old Field Trail at Five Rivers, the crab apple trees show the marks where rabbits have striped the bark.



Other animals are not so fortunate this season. We have noticed that white-tailed deer are moving around much less than usual. With snow up to their bellies, walking takes a lot of effort. Their small hoofs have little "snowshoe" effect and it takes a strong crust to support them. Plants that the deer browse for winter food are being heavily hit. The white cedars by my porch are looking bare. (It was not too smart of me to use the deer's favorite winter food for landscaping).

Backyard bird feeders can be important to maintain in such a hard winter—but providing food for some larger birds and certain wild animals can be harmful

It is tempting to put out hay or corn for the deer, but their stomachs won't be able to digest new types of food until they eat it for several weeks. The bacteria that do the work in their stomachs take time to adapt. The food that we supply just doesn't do the deer much good unless we commit to feeding regularly all winter long. In this area, we rarely find deer starvation problems like they have in the Catskills and Adirondacks.

We are finding some starvation among the wild turkey population. Last year was a banner one for turkeys and the population has been way up. Flocks of 50 to 100 birds were commonly reported last fall. Deep snow has limited their food supply and the turkeys have been seen feeding on sumac fruits, rose hips and tree buds. Some of these big fellows are visiting bird feeding stations. Some cracked corn placed on the ground will help them through the winter. Be sure that the grain is not allowed to get moldy, since the birds can contract diseases from eating molds.

Many of the ducks and geese that normally winter in the Capital District are now in New Jersey and Maryland. Waste corn in the fields is covered up and the reservoirs where the birds spend their nights are frozen over. In the Finger Lakes, wintering ducks are now tightly concentrated. Duck Virus has broken out, killing over 700 birds so far. We discourage people from feeding waterfowl because of the increased disease potential.

How about your backyard bird feeders? They are probably important to some species during a hard winter like this. Make sure the feeders are clean and that spilled seed is not left to spoil. Continue feeding until early May, when the leaves are well out and insect food is once more available.

Matters of Opinion

16 BC freshman girls tops in their division

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central freshman girls' basketball team won the Gold Division championship of the Suburban Council with a record of 14 victories against two defeats.

This is the fourth consecutive championship for BC at the freshman level.

This year's team featured strong depth, with sixteen different players contributing throughout the season. Co-captain Laura Dicker scored 94 points, including eight 3-point field goals. Co-captain Leigh Stevens led the team with 41 assists and was second in steals with 55.

Eighth-grader Karly Decker led all scorers with 119 points, was the top rebounder with 104, and had the most steals with 63.

Seventh-grade point guard Kim Comtois added 113 points for the season. Kathryn Lubber and Johanna VanGendt scored 89 and

65 points respectively. Becky Fredette, Beth Gecewicz, Carrie Stanies, Lauren Moshier, Amy Tierney, and Winnie Corrigan provided depth in the back court.

Melissa Nuttall, Jen Gould, Liz Waniewski, and Meghan Dalton were all strong front court players.

The team was coached by Jesse Braverman, with help from Jeff Pesnel, Mike Jackson, and Karen Weatherwax.

Jesse Braverman

Glenmont

New R-C-S instruction director asks 'input'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to address this, through *The Spotlight*, to the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School community:

One of the benefits of being new to the district has been meeting many of you. In the process of getting oriented to R-C-S and my new role, I've enjoyed visiting programs and talking with new colleagues, parents, and children. It is encouraging and exciting to learn of, and see, the many innovative and progressive instructional support services which exist throughout the district.

In order that I may most effectively support on-going program delivery, development, and enhancement, I am requesting your input. Please contact me, at your convenience, to talk on the phone, meet to share perspectives, or invite me for a program visit. Communication and collaboration will prove to be our best assets, as we address the challenges and opportunities before us.

Thank you for your many kind-

Roads

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tivity towards their audience and poor public relations skills, thereby causing anger and frustration. They offered no good solutions.

2—It is always a wonder to me that residents must fight to keep our town from being overdeveloped and overpaved. One would think it in the best interests of us all to keep traffic at a minimum, to maximize green space (trees in addition to the shrubs and annuals already planted along Delaware Avenue), parks, clean air, peace and quiet.

I understand from oldtimers

nesses in welcoming me to R-C-S. I look forward to working with you, on behalf of our children.

John W. McGuire, Jr.

Director of instruction

Selkirk

New bank is asked to save environment

Editor, The Spotlight:

We welcome the Cohoes Savings Bank to Delmar. Our concern is to protect our neighborhood from any conversion activities so that the environment (trees, etc.) on the corner of Delaware Avenue and Euclid Avenue remain intact and not destroyed, removed, or disturbed in any way.

The Union National Bank, the original owner, had planned to destroy the corner until the neighborhood protested. We hope the Cohoes Savings Bank will continue to respect the wishes of its neighbors to ensure their continuing good will.

Milton Kaplan

Delmar

that large and beautiful trees used to line lower Delaware Avenue much as they still do on the upper part. How lovely, cool and dust-free it must have been then and how sad it is now that our children, who are becoming so environmentally conscious, have missed the beauty of those majestic trees.

I understand how "progress" in earlier days could have been equated with bigger and better roads, more shops and parking, etc. Now we must be progressive for these times so we can protect what is left.

I did not see a progressive attitude demonstrated by our planners at the Feb. 22 meeting.

3—What will be the outcome, what are the implications of building more roads? Do our planners think our traffic problems will be improved by building more "efficient" roads? History would indicate otherwise. More roads will justify more development, which will justify more stores, malls, fast-food restaurants, etc., which will justify more roads.

"Build it and they will come" could be as relevant to our town's development as it was to Kevin Costner in the movie "Field of Dreams." Our planners must become more progressive, creative and sensitive to the quality of our environment and the safety of our streets;

4—I suggest that we have another public meeting to discuss the ways in which we could improve traffic conditions without building more highways. I would like to see town officials spend as much time on those alternatives as they obviously spent on their maps and their plans for more pavement. Is it possible that at another meeting they could truly involve and elicit ideas from the audience?

Evidently, other ideas are being

considered by the town and transportation officials, but it was pretty clear that the focus was on more road construction. These ideas include:

- Giving residents incentives to car pool by contributing towards fuel. For example, each commuter in the car pool would receive a certain monetary allotment; individual commuters would not. In theory, at least, this would encourage more people to car pool;

- Providing a number of shuttle buses to transport people from their neighborhoods to CDTA bus stops or park-and-ride lots. There would be a sufficient number of shuttle buses at the other end to transport workers to their various job locations. If public transportation could become as convenient, reliable, and fast as private vehicles, perhaps the public would be more inclined to use it.

Our planners should be advocating for town residents. What I saw at last week's meeting was an adversarial process, in which public officials were the antagonists. I don't think local government was designed to work this way.

On a personal note, prior to moving to Delmar 26 years ago, I had lived almost all my life on Long Island, an area composed of suburbs quite similar to the Triville area. "Progress" (i.e., too much growth and not much planning foresight) has transformed Long Island into a large rotary, with superhighways end to end, surrounded by arterials. The air, noise, and water pollution; the traffic congestion and the driving hazards from fast, overloaded roads have turned what was once beautiful into an ugly, smelly sprawl of pavement, malls, and wall-to-wall development. Let's not repeat Long Island's mistakes here.

Karin Henrikson

Elsmere

Wildlife

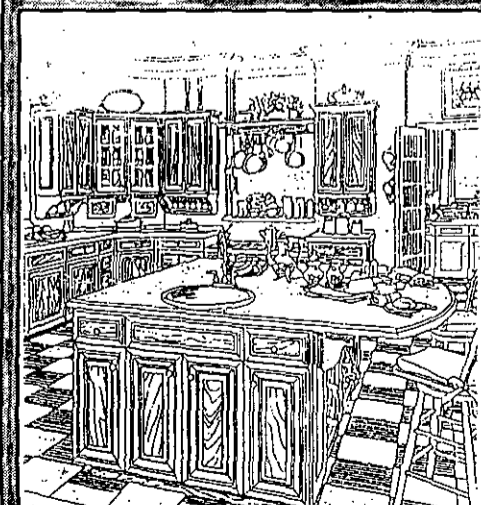
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Most of the down-sides in nature are complemented by up-sides. Rodents like meadow voles are staying under the deep snow, moving around in their tunnels where they are protected from the hawks and owls that hunt them. A tough time for the birds of prey, but good for the voles. We have a report of a red-tailed hawk tearing apart gray squirrel nests to get an alternative meal.

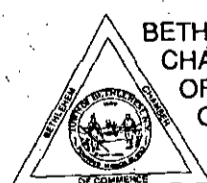
The long winter makes for some interesting drama in the world of nature. Enjoy watching the drama, but don't be too quick to try rewriting the script.

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School reform needs adequate preparation

Editor, The Spotlight:

A recent headline highlights special-ed costs as the reason for an unexpected increase in the Bethlehem School District's developing budget for next year.

The reason given for the increase was the decision to place 37 instead of 27 students in segregated classes run by B.O.C.E.S.

When you add the cost of tuition and the cost of busing students out of the district, the fiscal cost is significant.

Equally significant is the social and economic cost to students who are isolated from their community and are stigmatized by being so publicly removed from the local school system.

Two obvious factors are at work here. The first is the growing demand by parents of children labeled "gifted and talented" to have their children removed from regular classrooms and placed in special classes in institutions dedicated only to education of the gifted. The parents' prime justification is the success of special education in providing an education for children with disabilities.

Unfortunately, it has escaped the notice of these parents that the special education system has created a group of graduates who are subject to some of the worst discrimination of any group in our society.

For example, the unemployment rate for adults with disabilities is more than 66 percent. It has also escaped these parents' attention that the institutions created by the State to provide the ultimate in special education are being rapidly closed down and demolished rather than being praised as shining examples.

The second factor is a growing division in the education community. The National Association of State Boards of Education has endorsed the concept of inclusion and issued a well researched report clearly demonstrating the educational effectiveness of inclusion of all students. In contrast, Albert Shanker, president of the American Federation of Teachers, calls for an end to inclusion in words and images strongly reminiscent of Nazi philosophy and educational practices.

While these two factors are readily apparent, a number of other factors are at work. Are parents:

—being provided with meaningful alternatives to B.O.C.E.S. placements?

—being given messages about the correctness of certain placements in certain settings?

—given information about the long- and short-term educational outcomes of students who attended these classes?

—given reliable and accurate information about their rights under the Individual Education Plan (I.E.P.) process by a recognized source independent of the school district?

—provided with information about how their children can be included in regular classrooms with an appropriate level of supportive services and teacher preparation?

During the debate on this section of the budget proposal, some members of the Board of Education expressed concern about how long services should be provided and whether services should be

concentrated in the preschool and elementary years. The value of intensive help at the preschool level has been clearly demonstrated. The I.E.P. process and education law provide for periodic evaluations of students to determine if changes need to be made.

One side-effect of the debate over including or excluding one group or another is to distract everyone's attention from what should be major concerns; the quality and effectiveness of educational practices in the district

Focusing on the cost of educating one group versus another only creates divisions which prevent us from asking: Should we continue to do what we are doing, and isn't there a more effective practice we should adopt?

The problems created for gifted and talented students clearly indicate that educational reform should not be taken without adequate planning and preparation. The district's budget process is not an appropriate forum for creating and implementing change after a few meetings and discussions.

The support services provided children with disabilities are intended to enable these children to learn and gain the information they need to develop their abilities to the highest possible level. These services are intended to enable students. The services are not intended to remove their disabilities so that they can become just like everyone else.

The most appropriate course for the district is to conduct a year-long study involving all members of the community to identify the means to educate all children to their potential. That effort should begin now.

Clarksville

Marcia Roth

Include special-needs pupils in local school

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am disappointed that *The Spotlight* failed to provide greater balance to the recent front page story in the Feb. 23 issue regarding, "Special ED Costs Spiral in Overall BC Budget." Your article left the impression that there is fat in the programming for students with special needs and that indeed this largesse is taking away from others. Only two paragraphs gave the parents' perspective.

Your readers need to understand that there is "another side to the coin." Bethlehem needs to look at newer, more innovative ways of conducting the business of special education. This is an opportunity, not a problem.

Students with special needs run the gamut of the child who needs some remedial help to the severely impaired student who requires full-time and even residential placement. There are over 400 such children in the district. But the one thing they all have in common is that they all want to be included. *Inclusion* is the opportunity.

As the father of a severely impaired traumatically brain-injured son, I have witnessed firsthand what can be done when parents, administrators, and teachers work together, as they

have done at Glenmont to educate our child in his neighborhood school. Not only has Kevin benefited, but (as one parent at a PTA meeting said) all of the pupils are better off. Beyond that the services he receives are shared with other pupils in his class such as the full-time aide, the computer, and even the social worker. His entire class reaps the rewards of collaboration between the "special educators" and the "regular educators."

Further, the roughly \$24,000 used to transport Kevin to BOCES programs was eliminated because now he doesn't need to be carted off to Altamont or Colonie, away from his community, to be in a segregated and isolated setting.

Districts around the country and within our own state have established *inclusion* as the preferred method for educating all children. However, with the exception of a few success stories like Kevin's, Bethlehem lags far behind. This is what both *The Spotlight* and the District should be emphasizing, providing greater choices for parents of special-needs children while more effectively utilizing its resources.

T. Brendan Mooney

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New Scotland Kiwanis to honor coaches

The New Scotland Kiwanis Club will hold a coaches night on Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church on 2010 New Scotland Road.

In appreciation of the coaches who donate their time and effort to the spring baseball and soccer teams, the Kiwanis will cook and serve dinner. Wrestler Shawn Sheldon will speak about his hopes of reaching the 1996 Olympics.

For information, call Kyle Schlappi at 765-9337.

V'ville slates meeting for parents

An informational meeting for parents of children who will be enrolling in kindergarten in September is set for Thursday, March 10, at 7:30 p.m. in the large gym at the elementary school.

Registration and the screening process will be discussed, and current forms will be distributed. Kindergarten teachers Anne Lennox and Judy Douglas will be on hand to answer questions.

Appointments can be scheduled for the screening process.

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School board slates March 14 meeting

The Voorheesville board of education will hold its regular business meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria of the high school.

For information, call 765-3313.

Come to the cabaret

Come to the Cabaret on Wednesday, March 16, in the high school cafeteria at 7 p.m.

The Friends of Music have enlisted students, faculty and community members to entertain, and refreshments will be offered. Tickets are \$3 for adults and \$2 for students and senior citizens.

Proceeds will be donated to the Music Student Scholarship Fund.

For information, call the school at 765 3314.

Garden Club to show flower arranging video

The Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, March 17, at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library on 51 School Road. A video on flower arranging will be shown and discussed.

The public is invited. For information, call Ivy Brockley at 765-2108.

PTA to meet

Voorheesville PTA will meet this month on Monday, March 14, at 6:30 p.m. at the high school.

For information, call Jan Kurposka at 765-3644.

Openings in continuing-ed spring classes

The Voorheesville Continuing Education Program has openings in the spring courses at the high school.

Courses include: Folksy Fancies on March 21 and 28, Country Style Wooden Baskets on April 4 and 11, Breast Health Awareness

on March 15, The Breast Cancer Prevention Trial on March 22, Overcoming Compulsive Eating/Dieting on April 11 and 25 and Let's Hold a Garage Sale on March 24.

To register, call Jim Hladun, director, at 765-3314.

New Scotland teen chosen for 4-H event

Dan Rissacher of New Scotland will represent Albany County during the 59th annual Capital Days on Monday and Tuesday, March 7 and 8, in Albany.

Rissacher is one of 120 4-H teen representatives attending the event. The teens will meet with state government leaders, members of the court system and officials for several state bureaucracies. They will also observe a working session of the state Legislature.

PTA council to present AIDS panel March 15

The Bethlehem Central PTA Council will present an AIDS panel on Tuesday, March 15, at 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Central Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Free class offers kids home alone training

A family education program called "Home and On Your Own" will be offered on Thursday, March 10, and Tuesday, March 15, at the First United Methodist Church at 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, from 7 to 9 p.m.

The workshops, sponsored by Bethlehem Networks Project, School's Out Inc., Bethlehem Central schools and the Bethlehem Police Department, will help prepare fourth- and fifth-grade children and their parents for times when youngsters must manage on their own.

Participants can select one two-hour session to attend. The program is free. For information, call 439-7740.

Quilt group to meet

Quilters United In Learning Together (QUILT) will meet Friday, March 11, at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, at 9:30 a.m.

This will be a general meeting celebrating QUILT's 10th anniversary. Gladys Grace will speak on fabric stenciling.

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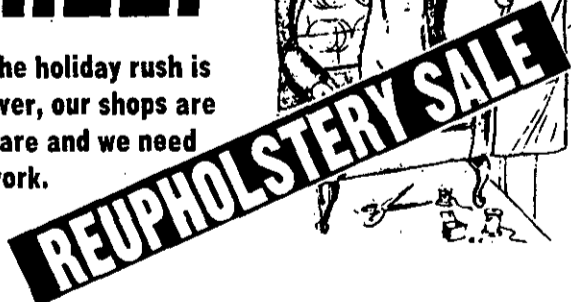
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Local works on view

Area artists Raymond Decker and Dick Graham are exhibiting their works in the library foyer this month.

A Slingerlands resident, Decker calls his show of 21 oils and watercolors "More Flowers." "I always name the shows I have at the library," says Decker who has exhibited here since 1984. Though always interested in art, he only began painting 15 years ago after winding up a long busi-



ness career. "I knew when I retired I had to have something to do. I took a couple of brush up art courses and workshops. Now I paint full time," he said.

All his works are florals or include flowers in the scene. "I always enjoyed flowers and know them. March is a great time for flowers," He says, "They give a touch of spring when everyone is sick of winter." He works in both oils and watercolor, favoring oils. "Watercolors are faster. You see something that catches your eye and can finish it in a couple of days. An oil painting takes me about eight weeks," he said.

Decker has ongoing exhibits at two local banks and at Child's Hospital. He is a member of the Bethlehem Art Association, Albany Artists Group, and the Colonie Art League and is president of the Niskayuna Brush and Pallet Group.

Midwest native Dick Graham

took immediately to New York's north woods after moving to the Capital District from Michigan six years ago. He is exhibiting 19 landscapes he's captured in acrylic, including scenes from the Helderbergs, Hudson River, and the Adirondacks.

An active outdoorsman, his paintings are an outgrowth of his interest in the land. "The more you know or like a subject, the better you can paint it," He says. He paints mostly from photographs he takes himself. "I usually do four or five paintings a year out of doors. This keeps me and the work I do indoors freer, by observing natural light." He paints primarily spring and fall scenes, finding the summer and winter "too intense."

Though he's never had a painting course, he studied art in high school and through two years of college. A third generation artist, his grandfather painted in watercolors, and he learned art as a teenager along with his father as the elder Graham took an art correspondence course. He credits the encouragement he received from both his parents for his lasting interest in art.

Graham has exhibited locally including the library's "Bizarre Bazaar" spring art show and just completed a show, "Sojourn in Eastern New York," at the Gallery at Hunter Mountain.

Both exhibits continue through March 31. The library is open 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. Mondays through Fridays, 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturdays and 1 to 5 p.m. on Sundays.

Anna Jane Abaray

Mother's group to hear speaker

Mother's Time Out will feature Detective Supervisor Jim Corbett of the Bethlehem Police Department on Monday, March 14, at 10 a.m.

Corbett will speak about the Neighborhood Watch and home security. The program will be at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Avenue. Childcare is available.

Registration under way at town park

Registration for spring recreation programs is now in progress for all Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department programs. Programs include tiny tot swim, step aerobics, early aqua fitness, and other youth and adult fitness classes.

For information and to register call 439-4131. Brochures are available at the park office, town hall and the library.

Applications for summer employment with the Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department are available at the Parks and Recreation office and the Town Hall.

Applications must be submitted by April 1.

Dr. Seuss on loose

The library will celebrate the 90th anniversary of the birth of Theodore Geisel, better known to millions of American children as Dr. Seuss, tonight, March 9, in a special evening story hour for families.

Seuss on the Loose! set to begin at 7 p.m., will honor the beloved "tongue twister" with a medley of his stories and a craft activity. The public is welcome.

To find out more about any of these free services, call the library at 765-2791.

Those who are willing and able to struggle through tax time on their own may find the help they need at the library as well. A tax table has been set up with most forms and instructions plus books and a video that should be able to answer many of those perplexing questions that seem to crop up this time of year. Stop by soon, April 15 is rapidly approaching.

On display for the rest of this month are examples of needlework and quilting done by members of Nimblefingers and the Library Quilters and oils by Yota Lindroth.

Christine Shields

V'ville library plans St. Patrick's event

The Voorheesville Public Library, 51 School Road, Voorheesville, will host a St. Patrick's Day celebration on Thursday, March 17, at 4 p.m.

Aimed at children ages 5 and older, "Wearin' O' The Green" will celebrate the holiday with crafts and stories.



Regular story hours for children are also held during the day each week and are open to all ages. The sessions feature crafts and a movie in addition to stories centered on a different theme each week.

Adults will also have plenty to choose from over the next few weeks with a meeting of the Writers Group scheduled for Thursday, March 10, at 7 p.m. and job counseling and tax assistance for those over 60 available by appointment.

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Bethlehem girls' tournament bid falls short

Karena Zornow hampered by breathing problem

By Joshua Kagan

The Bethlehem girls basketball season came to a close in a 58-46 loss to Columbia on Wednesday, March 2, in the semifinals of the Section II Class A tournament.

Columbia jumped out to a 31-24 lead at halftime and the Eagles never came within seven points in the second half.

"They (Columbia) must be a very good team—they beat us three times this year," BC coach Kim Zornow said. "I don't think that player-for-player they're any better than us. But right now, they're more consistent."

Kristan Pelletier led Columbia with 22 points, but she was topped by Eagles' co-captain Sheila McCaughin, who scored 23 points. The two guards defended each other.

"I think Sheila McCaughin did an excellent job on Kristan Pelletier," Zornow said. "It may not show by her scoring—she had



Unfortunately for us, Sheila was the only one scoring.

coach Kim Zornow

22 points—but she did a very good job of controlling her. Unfortunately for us, Sheila was the only

one scoring. We needed some other people to pick up the slack."

Pelletier's sister Becky added 12 points for Columbia, but Bethlehem had no other players in double figures. Kiley Shortell had eight points and Karena Zornow added six.

"Karena was having difficulty breathing. She has asthma," Zornow said. "She definitely was not playing up to her potential, which hurt us a great deal."

"I think that our offense was the problem. We had one scorer in double figures. You can't win games with one scorer in double figures, not against a good team."

"Sheila did her job, but we didn't have anyone else who could pick up the slack. I felt we did a nice job on defense."

In Zornow's first season at BC, Bethlehem finished with a 16-6 record. Columbia went on to win the sectional with a victory in the finals over Bishop Maginn.

"It's been a good season and I think they worked hard," Zornow said. "I think that it should only get better as we go along."

Of Bethlehem's four seniors, McCaughin and co-captain Sarah Mineau plan on playing basketball in college. They have not decided on which schools they will attend.



BC center Karena Zornow struggles to get free for a shot during last week's semifinal game against Columbia.

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decay. The baby teeth are very important for chewing and for preserving space for the permanent teeth that will replace.

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RCS boys end memorable season

Bow in second round of hoop sectionals

By Mandi Morabito

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk boys' basketball team capped a terrific season with their first appearance in the Section II Class B basketball tournament in 10 years.

Coach Bruce Stott's team won their first round game against Ichabod Crane, 67-58, but dropped their quarterfinal match against Mohonasen, 62-41. Their season record was 16 wins and six losses.

Senior Noah Smith led the way against Ichabod Crane, scoring 27 points. Right behind was junior

Jim Dolan with 18 points and 12 rebounds, and sophomore Ryan Manning with 10 points and 11 rebounds.

Senior Chris Romano chipped in with six points and 15 assists.

"We played tough the whole game," Romano said, "but we turned up the defense during the second half. Everyone was excited that we won because this is the first time we have made it to sectionals."

Mohonasen, a Suburban Council power that faces schools like Shenendehowa and Bethlehem

during the regular season, was a little too tough for RCS, Stott said.

"I'm proud of the boys," Stott said. "They worked very hard to earn their spot in the tournament. They had a great work ethic in practice and it showed on the court when they played. We had great team chemistry this year and that is important for a team to have."

Besides losing Smith and Romano, Bill Phillips is also graduating.

Returning players for next year should include Dolan, Manning, Tim Van Dorn, Mike Nieves, Scott Bullock and Dan Le Blanc.

Greenwich girls too much for V'ville

Blackbirds post a 12-10 season record

By Jacob Van Ryn

The Voorheesville girls basketball team ended its season last week, suffering a 20-point loss to Greenwich, the top-seeded team in the Section II Class C tournament.

Although the girls were disappointed with the outcome, coach Nadine Bassler was pleased with the way they played.

"We played very respectably against Greenwich," she said. "They are just an excellent team."

Jen Person led the 'Birds offensive attack, scoring 19 points. She was also named to the all tournament team for her play throughout the sectionals. Kristin Person added 13, while Kristin Dougherty contributed nine.

Starter Kelly Griffin hurt her knee in the first quarter, and was not able to return to the game. "When Kelly got hurt, it hurt us a

Basketball

great deal mentally," said Bassler.

The girls basketball team ended their season with a 12-10 record, a solid mark for such a young team competing in the highly competitive Colonial Council.

The 'Birds will return all but one player next year, and will aim toward advancing a little further in the sectionals. The 'Birds will also try to contend for the league title, as many of this year's top teams were led by seniors.

The 'Birds had an excellent year all around. They did not rely on just one person to score and over the course of their season became one of the better defensive teams

in the league.

The one graduating player is senior Megan McCartney, who concluded an outstanding basketball career at Voorheesville.

Soccer seminars set

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is holding free seminars this weekend for all intracub, travel and assistant coaches as well anyone who might coach in the future.

Nick Zlater will present three sessions of "coaches training" at the Bethlehem Middle School on Saturday, March 12, and Sunday, March 13.

The seminars will cover age appropriate strategies, concepts and applied lessons to improve coaching skills and understanding. Call Maureen Geis at 439-6465 to register. Soccer fans and parents are invited as well.

BBC playoffs begin

March Madness in the Bethlehem Basketball Club (BBC) started with quarterfinal action this past Sunday at the Middle School.

In the All-Star Division, the number one seeded Mavs breezed past the number eight seeded Bucks 67-47. A balanced Mavs scoring attack was paced by 13 points poured in by Erik Hjeltnes. For the Bucks, Tom Carroll scored four points and dished out five assists.

The Hawks put away a spunky Sixers squad as the former prevailed 44-41. For the winners, Nicole Conway sank a key 15-foot jump shot down the stretch and Sean Boyle played stubborn defense. For the Sixers, Brad Colacino grabbed seven rebounds.

The number six seeded Magic team used a 26-2 run in the first quarter to upset the number three seeded Heat 62-44. Justin Riccio scored 14 points and played stingy defense for the winners. Matt Tulloch scored 24 points for the Heat.

The number four seeded Spurs just got past the number five seeded Rockets 37-32. Tim Moshier pulled down 11 rebounds for the Spurs, while Will Reagan scored four for the Rockets.

In the Pro Division, the Hornets scared the number one seeded Nuggets, who eked out a 28-27 win. Brian Hahn posted nine points for the winners while Josh Myer contributed 10 for the losers.

The Lakers overpowered the Celtics 52-24 as Brendan Bannigan scored 10 points for the winners. Dan Rosenthal scored 14 points to help the Celtics' cause.

Brendan Griffin dominated both boards and scored 15 points as a rapidly improving Bulls squad downed the Knicks 35-25. Mike Pascone led the Knicks with eight points and five assists.

The number four seeded Nets throttled the Pistons 42-36. Ryan Venter scored 18 points for the Nets, while Jon Burroughs kept the Pistons close with a 14-point performance.

In College Division play, Dan Macarin's tough defense helped Syracuse to a 32-25 victory over Pitt. Nathaniel Silver grabbed six rebounds for Pitt.

League-leading Providence outlasted St. John's 24-16 as Alex Voetch scored 13 points for the winners. Chris Shaffer played excellent trapping defense for St. John's.

Seton Hall got past Villanova 41-33 as Mike Campbell and Greg Ciprioni combined for 24 points. Mitchell Lane and Tim Haverly controlled the backboards for the winners.

Finally, Lauren and Bridget Murray (30 points combined) were unstoppable as a fired-up Miami team dumped Georgetown 47-27. Andrew Rodgers played tough defense for Georgetown.

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St. Thomas teams shine *Bethlehem Under-14 girls take 2nd*

The St. Thomas girls' CYO basketball program capped off its regular season in fine fashion.

The fifth and sixth grade team won the Albany CYO league title with a thrilling, one-point, come-from-behind victory over previously undefeated St. Teresa's.

The team was 9-0 in the league and 15-1 overall with one championship and a third-place finish in outside tournaments.

The players were Amanda Ahlemeyer, Angela Caruso, Alix Czajka, Kelly Cheeseman, Eileen Dunn, Megan Fish, Jenna Grant, Becky Haghe, Alison Kuta, Ellen Lowery, Bridget Murray, Lauren Murray, Kate Noonan, Carley St. Lucia and Emily Waniewski.

The seventh and eighth grade girls' team placed second in the Albany CYO League with an 8-1 record. Their only loss came at the hands of league champion St. Teresa's.

Overall, the St. Thomas seventh and eighth grade girls had a 12-4 record with one tournament championship in the St. James Invitational.

The players were Kate Bresnahan, Denise Chisholm, Jen DiLillo, Alexis Grant, Melissa

Kanuk, Amanda Kelly and Jessica March, Bridget McCaughin, Erin McDonald, Colleen Murray, Kate Pellettier, Erica St. Lucia, Megan Sellnow and Kate Strait.

Both teams will be seeded in the Diocesan Playoff Tournament in mid-March. Opponents will come from CYO leagues in Saratoga, Schenectady and Troy.

The St. Thomas girls teams are coached by John Hooper, Jim Murray and Chuck St. Lucia.

Burtis wins title

Six Delmar Tennis Academy students traveled to Syracuse recently to compete in the Central New York Open and one came home with the gold.

Sarah Burtis, playing in her first tournament, won the girls' 16's singles title. Burtis won a see-saw battle in the semifinals and then defeated Julie Bonner of Endicot 6-3, 4-6, 6-1 in the finals.

Brian Dowd, Dave Piper, Sarah Neumin and Jennifer Piorkowski also played in this Level II event.

The Delmar Tennis Academy's newest project is to expose more of their students to sanctioned tournaments, which can lead to college scholarships.

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's third week of the "Mostly Off The Wall" tournament featured the Under-14 girls and the Under-10B boys.

The Bethlehem girls continued their terrific indoor season taking second place after their only loss in a rematch with Oneonta in the finals. Highlights of the tournament included a hat trick by Emily Haskins and an outstanding header across the goal from the right by Kerry Van Riper that was finished off with a volley shot by Corrigan on the left post.

Soccer Club

Goalkeeper Nicole Conway, who has been outstanding the entire season, won both the shoot-out and goalie trophies during the shoot-out competition.

Other top scorers for Bethlehem were Addie Blabey, Katie Smith, Katie Fireovid, Lisa Engelstein, Katie Mahar, Winnie Corrigan, Karly Decker, Jennifer MacDowell, Lauren Moshier, Melissa Kanuk, Lauren Rice, Diana Woodworth and Jessica Perazzelli.



Nicole Conway won two trophies for her stellar play.

Outstanding efforts were also contributed by Jessa Engelstein, Sarah Farley, Dorothy Fibiger, Ellen Gallagher, Kristen Green, Beth Jukins, Melissa Rifkin, Lucy Hermans and Emma Samelson-Jones. The teams play under head coaches Frank Rice and Dave Jukins and assistant coaches Stan Smith, Dave Blabey and Pete Corrigan.

Bethlehem's Under-10 boys team, coached by Mike Thibdeau, played Rotterdam in the quarterfinals and won with a penalty kick by John Thibdeau. They lost to

Clifton Park 2-0 in the semifinals and to Guiderland 2-1 in the consolation game with the goal by Tom Stewart. Excellent goalkeeping by Andrew Blickensderfer and aggressive support by Ben Salovitz, Nick Criscione, Matt Curtin and Evan Romanoff helped their cause.

The second Bethlehem Under-10 boys team, coached by Ken Gall, lost to Guiderland in the playoffs. Leading scorers for the team were Bob Barrowman, Matt Glannon, Matt Swiatowicz and Evan Gall.

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of all voice ranges for concerts, recitals and stage revues, he added.

Yeara said that the play's singers have "great voices, especially Rob McKenna as Lancelot, who is one of the best singers I've seen here."

The play stars Dan Levine as Arthur, Nick Sattinger as Merlin and Pelinore, Liz Karam as Guinevere, McKenna as Lancelot, Adam Sharron as Mordred, Julia Donnaruma as Morgan Le Fay, and Brad Einhorn as Tom of Warwick.

Muriel Welch and Fran Cozza are the choreographers; Matt Kinney is the lighting director; Bill Morrison is the technical advisor; Joyce Laiosa and Margot Downs coordinate costumes; and the orchestra conductor is David Beck.

Performances are Thursday, Friday and Saturday, March 10, 11 and 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Tickets, at \$7 for adults and \$5 for students and children, are available at the high school, Ben & Jerry's in Main Square, the Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza, and at the door. For senior citizens, admission to Thursday's performance is free.

VOORHEESVILLE

Special ed chief gives report on program

By Dev Tobin

One week after several members expressed concern about rising costs for special education, the Voorheesville school board received a report on the district's program from its coordinator, Robin Trencher-Cresap.

While spending for special ed is estimated to rise about 10 percent next year, Trencher-Cresap said that out-of-district placements, which are the most expensive programs, have declined over the past five years.

"The total number of students receiving services is growing, but we have 50 percent less kids in BOCES than four years ago," she said.

"A very high percentage of our students graduate from our program, and some get Regents diplomas and go on to college," Trencher-Cresap said. "They become productive citizens when

they leave here."

The district provides the most effective and least restrictive education for its special ed stu-

We don't see it as a choice between money and service; we do both.

Janice White

dents, she said. "We try to control costs, but face a very strong advocacy group pushing for more services."

"We don't see it as a choice between money and service; we do both," added Janice White, assistant principal at Voorheesville Elementary School.

Another measure of the

program's success is that the district has not been sued by a parent asking for more services in the eight years Trencher-Cresap has run the program.

The district expects to provide services to six more students next year, and anticipates spending \$48,000 more for staff (one full-time high school teacher and two part-time elementary teaching assistants).

Board President John Cole, who raised questions about the growth in special ed costs, said, "We will pay what has to be paid to get the job done, but they have to reassure us that what they're doing is cost-effective."

Cole said "there is a potential for taxpayer backlash" given the increasing costs of special ed.

The board also heard a report on compensatory, or remedial, education by Linda Wolkenbreit.

While federal aid for compen-

satory ed will decline \$17,000 next year, the need for the elementary Learning Lab and the junior-senior high school Success Center remains strong, with more than 150 students involved district-wide, Wolkenbreit said.

The board also received reports on guidance services and the district's music program.

In another matter, Superintendent Alan McCartney said that he will recommend moving the district budget vote from May 11 to June.

"We'll have a better handle on enrollment and state aid and other revenues in June," McCartney said.

Changing the date of the budget vote will be on the agenda of the school board's regular monthly meeting on Monday, March 14, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school cafeteria.

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Tinamarie Bonanno and Sean Sheehan
Bonanno, Sheehan
plan spring wedding

Tinamarie Bonanno, daughter of John Bonanno of Slingerlands and Constance VanSoest of Raleigh, N.C., and Sean J. Sheehan, son of J. Robert and Anne Sheehan of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Russell Sage College. She is

employed as a physical therapist at Berkshire Medical Center in Pittsfield, Mass.

The future groom, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Boston College, attends Albany Medical College.

The couple plans a May 28 wedding in the Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Albany.

Downing receives
service commendation

Marine Sgt. Rodger T. Downing, a 1986 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, recently received a Meritorious Mast award and a certificate of commendation while serving with the Marine Corps recruiting station in Columbia, S.C.

Downing was cited for outstanding performance of duty. A Meritorious Mast is an official recognition from a marine's commanding officer for superior individual performance. Downing joined the Marine Corps in August of 1986.

Students to perform
in Saint Rose play

Three local College of Saint Rose students will perform in the college's production of "Of Thee I Sing," to be staged March 18 through 20 at the St. Joseph Hall auditorium, 985 Madison Ave. in Albany.

Sarah Hinman of Delmar will play the part of the White House guide, Ralph Carhart of South Bethlehem will take on the role of Louis Lippman, and the part of Senator Clark will be portrayed by Lauren Adlowitz of Voorheesville.

Admission is \$3 for the general public. For information, contact Kenneth Krauss at 454-5242.



Laura and Jeffery Ritz
Pompeo, Ritz marry

Laura Ann Pompeo, daughter of Dr. Roger and Ann Pompeo of Cohasset, Mass., and Jeffery Scott Ritz, son of Frederick Ritz of Albany and Diane White of Selkirk, were married on April 3, 1993.

The Rev. Gary Ritts performed the ceremony in the Second Congregational Church, Cohasset, with a reception following at the Barker Tavern, Scituate, Mass.

The maid of honor was Holly Pompeo and bridesmaids were Karen Pompeo, Krissy Pompeo and Paula Howe.

The bestman was Jeffrey Jensen and ushers were David Ritz, Gary Riemer and Dennis Poyer.

The bride is a graduate of Cohasset High School and the University of New Hampshire.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson University. He is employed as an engineer by General Electric/Martin Marietta.

After a wedding trip to St. Thomas, the couple lives in Munich, Germany.

Kidney group honors Delmar doctor

The Annual Research Testimonial of the National Kidney Foundation is planned for Saturday, March 12, at the Omni Hotel on State and Lodge streets in Albany. The event will honor Dr. Robert V. Milora of Delmar.

Milora will receive the Roger E. Coene Research Award for his dedication to renal patients and his commitment to the foundation's causes and programs.

A practicing nephrologist at Capital District Renal Physicians,

Milora is a professor of medicine at Albany Medical College and past chair of the kidney foundation medical advisory board.

Proceeds from the event will fund work conducted by local researchers seeking a cure and treatments for kidney and urological diseases.

The event will include dinner, guest speakers and Dixieland jazz by the Phil Restifo Quintet. Reservations can be made by calling the kidney foundation at 458-9697.

Self-help group
to meet at library

The Multiple Sclerosis Self-Help Group of Albany County will meet on Tuesday, March 15, at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar at 2 p.m.

The group, sponsored by the Capital District Chapter of the National Multiple Sclerosis Society, provides an opportunity for education, sharing and socialization for those with MS, their families and friends.

For information, call the chapter office at 427-0421.

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Stress program for eighth-graders set

Eighth-graders at Bethlehem Central Middle School are invited to a free lunch and a program on "How Teens Can Beat Stress" Friday, March 25, at the Bethlehem Public Library. (March 25 is a half-day at the middle school.)

A lunch of pizza and soda will be provided, and after lunch, students will have the chance to learn stress reduction and time management skills.

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Anne and Richard Burda

Grabowski, Burda wed

Anne Julia Grabowski, daughter of Thomas and Jane Grabowski of Voorhees, N.J., and Richard Gerard Burda, son of Robert and Rosemarie Burda of Glenmont, were married Sept. 11.

The Rev. Glen Robertson performed the ceremony in St. Andrew the Apostle Church, Gibbsboro, N.J., with a reception following in the church's parish center.

The maid of honor was Mary Grabowski, the bride's sister, and bridesmaids were Jane Francis and Carol Mossing, cousins of the bride, Kristin Burda, the groom's sister, Stephanie Sullivan, Eileen Brown, Lisa DelConte, Maria O'Hara and Kathy Rietzke.

The best man was Robert Burda Jr., the groom's brother, and ushers were John Burda, the groom's brother, Joseph Aiello, the groom's cousin, Chris Grabowski, the bride's brother, Steve Rietzke, Sean Sheehan, Jeremy Manning, Dennis Chiapetta and Brian Varga.

The bride is a graduate of Villanova University and is attending graduate school at Drexel University.

The groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Villanova University. He is employed as an engineer by Crown Cork & Seal Co., Philadelphia.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple lives in Philadelphia.

Local students make dean's lists

The following local college students were named to the dean's lists at their respective schools for the fall semester.

Bates College — Aaron Hart and James Hogan, both of Delmar.

Boston University — Tammy Smith of Delmar.

Hudson Valley Community College — Paula Mueller of Glenmont (president's list).

The College of Saint Rose — James Cary of Selkirk, and Cathy McEneny, Mary Moriarity, Barbara Shields and Ralf Wiegand, all of Delmar.

Wells College — Shannon VonRonne of Unionville.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, John Rogers Baynes, to Eileen and Peter Baynes, Glenmont, Feb. 6.

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Girl, Camlynne Paige Corbett, to Stephanie and John Corbett, Glenmont, Dec. 3.

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Gretel Lyn Belke

Belke, Koryn to marry

Gretel Lyn Belke, daughter of former Delmar residents Carl and Lysanne Belke of Sand Lake, Rensselaer County, and Erich Koryn, son of Robert Koryn of Castleton, Rensselaer County, and Christina Hibbs of Beverly, Mass., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. She is employed as an orthodontist's assistant by Dr. Gary Puccio, Castleton.

The groom is a graduate of Maple Hill High School and the Naval Aviation Tactical Training School. He is employed as an auditor by Hannaford Bros., Schodack, Rensselaer County.

The couple plans a Nov. 4 wedding.

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Obituaries

Lewis Muhlfelder

Lewis Muhlfelder, 79, of Hickey Drive in Slingerlands, died Friday, March 4, at his home.

Born in Albany, he was a graduate of Albany High School and Colgate University. An Army veteran of World War II, he attained the rank of major.

He was president of Albany Woolen Mills in Rensselaer for more than 50 years before he retired.

Mr. Muhlfelder was a former member of the board of trustees of the National Savings Bank and a past president of the Albany Jewish Community Center and Jewish Family Services.

He was a past chairman of the Jewish Welfare Fund and a former board member of the Jewish Community Council and the Albany Chapter of the Red Cross.

He was a member of Temple Beth Emeth and received the B'nai B'rith Covenant Award.

Survivors include his wife, Adelaide de Beer Muhlfelder; two sons, James L. Muhlfelder of Slingerlands and Lewis Muhlfelder Jr. of Newton Center, Mass.; a daughter, Mary M. Harowski of Ormond Beach, Fla.; a sister, Margaret M. Wessler of Rye; and nine grandchildren.

Services were from Temple Beth Emeth, Albany.

Arrangements were by the Levine Memorial Chapel, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Jewish Family Services, Albany.

Albert Lee Johnson Jr.

Albert Lee Johnson Jr., 36, of Maple Avenue in Selkirk, died Monday, Feb. 27, after walking into the path of a truck on I-90 in Albany.

Johnson, a Mont Pleasant High School basketball star, was born in Albany and worked as a clerk at the Shop 'n Save market in Albany.

Mr. Johnson was a graduate of Mont Pleasant and received a three-year basketball scholarship from the University of Connecticut, where he majored in business.

He was a member of the Metropolitan New Testament Baptist Church, Albany.

Survivors include his mother, Ella Mae Johnson of Selkirk; his father, Albert Lee Johnson Sr. of Columbia, S.C.; his stepmother, Phosia Mae Johnson of Columbia; a sister, Veronica Lee Johnson of Schenectady; a brother, Jerome Lee Johnson of Bloomfield, Conn.; his grandfather, James Barnes of Schenectady; and his step-grandmother, Caroline Snead of Selkirk.

Services were from the Metropolitan New Testament Baptist Church. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Garland Brothers Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to St. Joseph's Rehabilitation Center, P.O. Box 470, Saranac Lake 12983.

Ann Brown Patton

Ann Brown Patton, 64, of Tamarack Drive in Delmar died Thursday, March 10, at her home.

She grew up in Thompson, Pa., and earned a bachelor's degree with honors from the former Harpur College in Binghamton. She earned a master's degree in public administration from Maxwell School at Syracuse University and was awarded the Albany Thesis Prize.

Mrs. Patton moved to Delmar

in 1955 and was a personnel administrator for the state Department of Health for a number of years.

She was an active volunteer in the schools for many years and a founding member and early president of the Bethlehem Schools Volunteers. She also served on the board of education for eight years, including three years as vice president and three years as president.

She was also active with the Legislative Network of the New York State School Boards Association and was invited to speak at one of the group's conventions.

Mrs. Patton was director and vice president of the Vanguard-Albany Symphony.

She was also director and co-editor of the New York State Legislative Forum and director and board secretary of the Albany County Mental Health Association. She was a member of the Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission.

She was a member of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar and serving as its treasurer of the board of trustees and was a member of the Endowment Committee.

Survivors include her husband, Robert E. Patton; a daughter, Susan Patton Bloom of Kenilworth, England; a son, Duncan Patton of New York City; a brother Alan Brown of Springfield, Pa.; and a grandson.

Services were from the First United Methodist Church.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Albany United Methodist Society, Albany, or the Vanguard's 30th Anniversary Fund, Albany Symphony Orchestra, Albany.

George Whitbeck

George Whitbeck, 93, of Delmar, died Tuesday, March 2, at the Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born and educated in Albany, he worked for the state Department of Public Works for 50 years, retiring in 1970.

He was a member of the Hornell Elks and the Byrne Club in Albany.

Survivors include a daughter, Margery Hoffman of Delmar; two sons, Ronald Whitbeck of Oneida and Richard Whitbeck of Delmar; a sister, Frances Whitbeck of Delmar; 12 grandchildren; and 16 great-grandchildren.

Services were from St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the church memorial fund.

Nancy Ann Rice

Nancy Ann Rice, 48, of Latham Village Lane in Latham and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, Feb. 27, in Colonie as a result of injuries sustained in an automobile accident that day.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended Long Island University.

Miss Rice was employed by the state Department of Social Services as a keyboard specialist at the time of her death. From 1986 to 1991, she worked in the Executive Chamber at the state Capitol.

She was a member of St. Ambrose Church, Latham.

Survivors include her stepmother, Jane Fielding Hoar Rice of Fort Meyers, Fla.; a brother, Howard L. Rice Jr. of Raleigh, N.C.; a sister, Joan Nash Reitzel of Latham; a stepbrother, Daniel Rice of San Antonio, Texas; and a step-sister, Marilyn Kessler of Fort Meyers.

Services were from St. Ambrose Church.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the American Diabetes Association or to the American Cancer Society.

Harold Skinner

Harold C. Skinner, 86, of Kenwood Avenue in Delmar, died Saturday, March 5, at the Veterans Affairs Medical Center Hospital in Albany.

Born in Berne, he had lived in Delmar since 1941.

He was employed as a refrigeration repair specialist for RTA in Albany. He retired in 1968.

He worked part-time for Drew's Appliance Co. in Albany after he retired.

A Navy veteran of World War II, he served with the Seabees in the Pacific Theater. He was a licensed light aircraft pilot.

He was husband of the late Margaret Rose Shutter Skinner.

Survivors include a sister, Minnie Strevell of Scotia and a brother, Earl Skinner of Ravena.

Services were from Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar. Burial was in Bethlehem Cemetery.

Elizabeth Portanova

Elizabeth A. Portanova, 36, of Enfield, Conn., and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, March 6, at Johnson Memorial Hospital in Stafford Springs, Conn.

Born in Albany, she lived most of her life in Delmar. She was a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1980 graduate of Russell Sage College in Troy.

She worked for the Pioneer Valley Girl Scout Council in Springfield, Mass., and also taught physical education in the Enfield school system.

Mrs. Enfield was a former member of the Enfield Arts Commission, past president of the Enfield Republican's Club and leader of Girl Scout Troop 797. She was unit manager of Enfield Shaker Pines Girl Scouts, Enfield soccer coach and executive board member of the Nathan Hale PTA.

Survivors include her husband, Gregory A. Portanova Sr.; two sons, Gregory A. Portanova Jr. and John W. Portanova, both of Enfield; a daughter, Patricia A. Portanova of Enfield; her parents, John W. and Catherine Cox Mantica of Delmar; and a sister, Paula M. Mantica of Menands.

Services will be at 8:15 a.m. Thursday, March 10, from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany, and at 9 a.m. at St. Mary's Church, Pine and Lodge streets, Albany.

Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. today, March 9, at the funeral home.

Contributions may be made to Community Maternity Services, 27 North Main Ave., Albany 12203.

Joseph J. Disonell

Joseph J. Disonell of Fort Orange, Fla., and formerly of Glenmont, died Thursday, March 3, at Halifax Medical Center in Daytona Beach.

Born in Watervliet, he moved to Port Orange from Glenmont in 1975.

He was the former owner and operator of Glen-Vee Auto Sales in Glenmont.

Mr. Disonell was a Navy veteran of World War II.

He was a member of Our Lady of Mount Carmel Roman Catholic Church in Watervliet, a 30-year member of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, a charter member of the Port Orange Elks Lodge 2723, and a past member of the Port Orange volunteer police unit.

Survivors include two sons, John Disonell of Clifton Park and Joseph Disonell Jr. of Selkirk; a daughter, Mary A. Berry of Decatur, Ala.; a brother, Patrick DelSignore of Watervliet; two sisters, Anne Celeste and Betty Bowen, both of Troy; six grandchildren; and six great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Cardwell Funeral Chapel in Port Orange.

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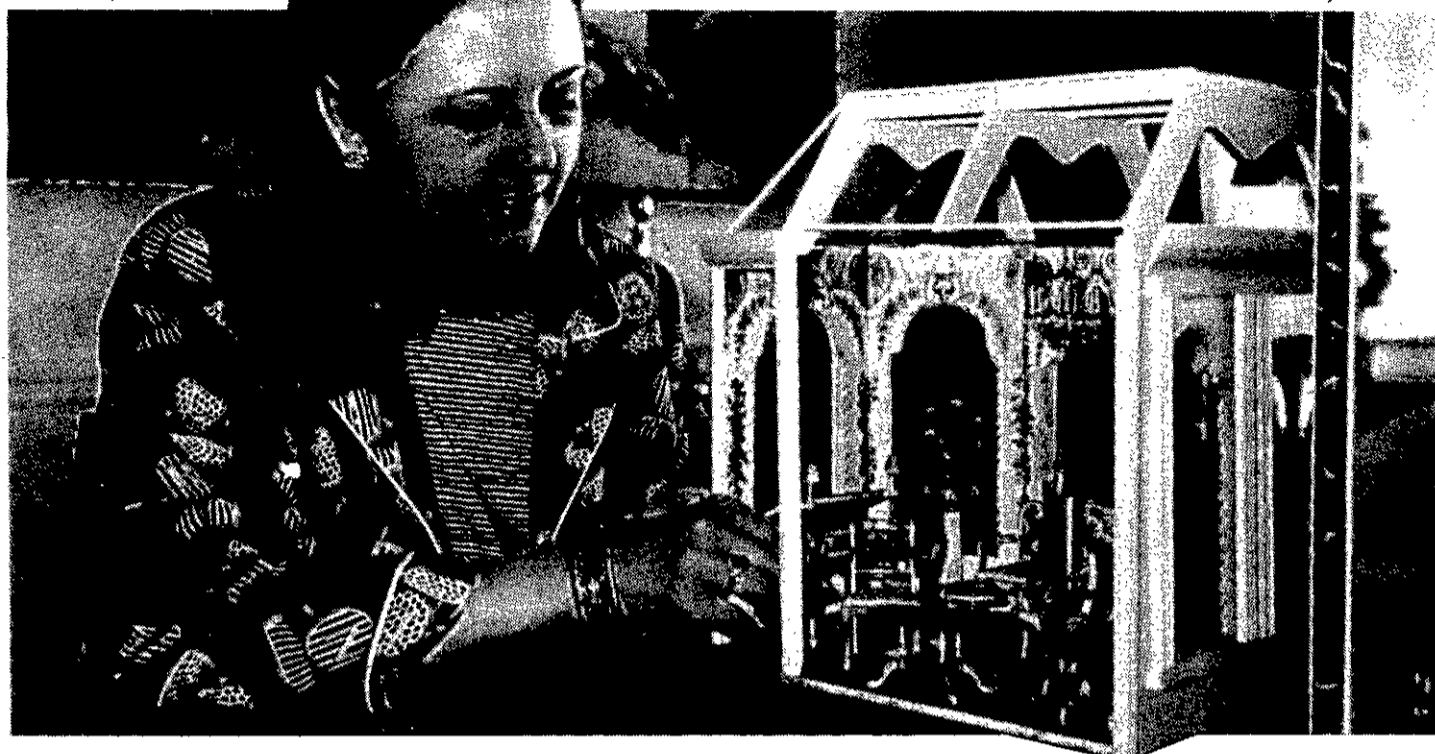
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Dev Tobin

Seeking shrunken treasures? Big doings at annual miniatures show

By Dev Tobin

In small proportions we just beauties see;

And in short measures, life may perfect be.

Ben Jonson

From children's dollhouses to museum-quality reproductions of classic antique furniture, collecting miniatures is a steadily growing hobby, so much so that the area's premier show has moved to the convention center of the Empire State Plaza in Albany.

The 11th annual Spring Celebration of Miniatures Show & Sale, to benefit the Albany County Unit of the American Cancer Society, is scheduled for this Saturday, March 12, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and Sunday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Admission is \$3.50 for adults, and \$2.50 for children under 10.

The show features more than 45 dealers from around the country, with miniature merchandise to fit any pocketbook, as well as workshops for the miniatures hobbyist, according to Judy Scanlon of Delmar, a spokeswoman for the Cancer Society.

The miniatures hobby has grown tremendously in the last 20 years and is now the third largest hobby in the country, behind stamp and coin collecting, Scanlon noted.

According to Sally Pallone of Colonie, one of the miniatures enthusiasts who helps organize the show, the event started out in just one conference room at the Empire State Plaza, and last year used all six conference rooms.

Pallone, like many miniaturists, began by building a dollhouse for her daughter.

"The dollhouse really opened up my daughter's imagination. I thought it would be a nice hobby, and started making little things for myself," she said.

Pallone had been making and selling holiday craft items, and decided to try making some miniatures for sale.

"Now I don't do any crafts," she said, noting that she specializes in music boxes decorated with miniature scenes that can

be "personalized to the individual's interest."

The hobby can involve a wide variety of skills, as miniaturists work with wood, clay, fabric, glassware, paint, even electricity and plumbing, Pallone said. "Some dollhouses now come with electricity and running water."

Pallone is active in the Tiny Treasures miniatures club, which meets the second and fourth Wednesdays of the month at the Colonie Community Center.

For Cathi Anne Cameron of Glenmont, the Albany show is a chance to exhibit her unique miniature rooms locally.

Cameron no longer sells her hand-crafted and painted furniture at shows like the Albany one. She just returned from a major trade show in Manhattan, where she wholesales her work to dealers around the world.

At the Albany show, Cameron will exhibit a conservatory room in a glass house, with a hand-painted spinet, harp, walls and chairs in a lyre pattern.

Cameron got involved in miniatures "absolutely as a fluke" when she ordered some furniture as a gift for her mother.

The furniture came in a dark brown, mahogany color. "I realized it didn't look realistic, so I painted a couple of pieces," which began a new career for Cameron, a freelance writer and former editor of *The Spotlight's* Family section.

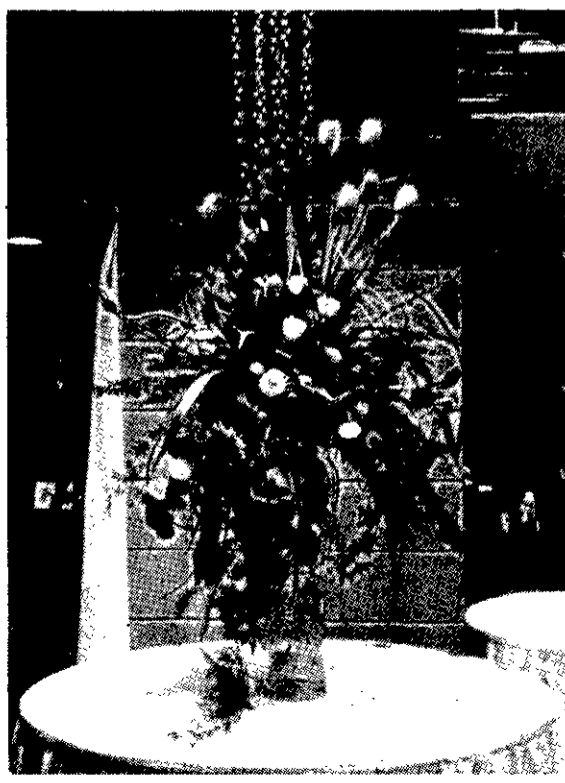
After a local miniatures store offered to buy some of her work, "I found out there was a whole trade in miniatures, everything from A to Z," she said. "There's nothing in normal life that is not made in scale by somebody."

Cameron's niche in the miniatures world is hand-painted furniture based on European designs.

"A lot of people make Early American furniture, but nobody was making French or English painted furniture," she said.

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Spring blooms at Knick garden show



"Enchanted Gardens" is the theme of this weekend's Capital District Garden and Flower Show, Friday through Sunday at the Knickerbocker Arena in Albany. The show features more than 50,000 square feet of exhibits by professional and amateur horticulturists. Tickets for the show, which benefits the Wildwood Programs, are \$6 at the door.

ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

THEATER

"WENCESLAS SQUARE"

by Larry Shue, Capital Repertory Company, Albany, through March 20. Information, 462-4531.

"MAIDENHOOD"

by Juliette Braun, Little Theater, Capital District Psychiatric Center, Albany, March 11 and 12, \$5, \$2.50 senior citizens. Information, 458-4303.

"FIRE ESCAPE"

by A.J. Craig, Playhouse at Goose Crossing, Route 32, Gansevoort, through March 26, \$8, \$1 senior citizens and students. Information, 745-8390.

"MORNINGS AT SEVEN"

by Paul Osborn, Masque Theater production, Siek Campus Center, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, March 11 and 12, 8 p.m., and March 13, 2 p.m. Information, 459-5961.

"MAN OF LA MANCHA"

Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, weekends through March 20, \$14, Fridays and Saturdays, \$10 Sundays. Information, 355-1699.

"A PIECE OF MY HEART"

by Shirley Laud, Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., March 11-13, 18-20, and 25-27. Information, 462-1297.

FREE PUBLIC TOUR

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. Information, 382-3884.

CHICAGO CITY LIMITS

improvisation, song spoofs, and comedy sketches, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., \$16, \$10 children. Information, 473-1845.

"AMERICAN ENTERPRISE"

musical by Jeffrey Sweet, Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage College, Troy, March 13 through 26, \$14 adults, \$12 senior citizens and students, \$7 children. Information, 274-3256.

"NUNSENSE II: THE SECOND COMING"

Family Players of NENY production, West End Presbyterian Church, Central Avenue, Albany, March 11 and 12, 8 p.m., and March 13, 2 p.m.; St. Gabriel's Church, Hamburg Street, Rotterdam, March 18 and 19, 8 p.m., and March 20, 2 p.m. Information, 355-3614.

"THE GREAT RADIO CITY MUSIC HALL SPECTACULAR"

the Rockettes with special guest Susan Anton, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, March 15 to 20, \$39.50, \$33.50, \$27.50 adults, \$20.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

"VOICE OF THE PRAIRIE"

directed by Val Gray, Church of the Covenant, Route 43, Averill Park, March 11 to 19, \$8 evening shows, \$5 matinees. Information, 674-3664.

"THE HOUSE OF RAMON IGLESIA"

by Jose Rivera, Studio Theatre, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, March 10, 11, 12, 17, 18, and 19, 8 p.m., \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 442-3995.

MUSIC

"NORTH-SOUTH CONNECTIONS"

second concert in the "Latin American Music: Then and Now" series, Recital Hall, Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, Wednesday, March 9, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

STOLEN MOMENTS

local jazz quartet, Borders Books & Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, March 11, 8 to 10 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

THE JAZZ BOYS

Century House, Route 9, Latham, Saturday, March 12, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 785-0834.

COMMUNITY COFFEEHOUSE

featuring area folk music acts, St. Bridget's Church, Route 22, Copake Falls, Friday, March 11, 8 p.m., \$4, \$3 performers. Information, 325-5546.

WILLIAM KANENGISER

guitarist, Spencertown Academy, Route 203, Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m., \$10. Information, 392-3693.

EMPIRE STATE YOUTH ORCHESTRA

Schenectady High School, The Plaza, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., \$8, \$5 senior citizens and students. Information, 382-7581.

THE HARMONIOUS HOGCHOKERS

The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Friday, March 11, 8 p.m., \$8. Information, 434-1703.

BETTY & THE BABY BOOMERS

The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., \$9. Information, 434-1703.

RECITAL

Albany Piano Teachers Association Student Recital, Patricia Brady-Danzig Performance Hall, The College of Saint Rose, 1000 Madison Ave., Albany, Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m. Information, 454-5286.

IRISH FOLK MUSIC

performed by The Clancy Brothers and Robbie O'Connell with special guest Northeast Winds, Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Thursday, March 10, 8 p.m., \$25.50, \$22.50, and \$20.50 adults, \$15.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

ALBANY SYMPHONY ORCHESTRA

Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, State and Second streets, Friday, March 11, 8 p.m., \$14 to \$32. Palace Theatre, Clinton Avenue and North Pearl Street, Albany, 8 p.m., \$12 to \$30. Information, 465-4755.

WOMEN'S DRUMMING FESTIVAL

Performing Arts Center, University at Albany, March 11 through 13. Information, 465-1597.

ORCHESTRE DE PARIS

Proctor's Theatre, 432 State St., Schenectady, Saturday, March 12, 8 p.m., \$35.50, \$30.50, and \$25.50, \$15.50 children. Information, 346-6204.

STUDENT CONCERTO

University-Community Orchestra, Page Hall, University at Albany downtown campus, Sunday, March 13, 7 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

EMERSON STRING QUARTET

Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, Sunday, March 13, 3 p.m., \$16, \$8 students. Information, 382-7890.

DANCE

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, Wednesdays, March 9 and 16, 7:30 to 10 p.m., \$3.50. Information, 459-2888.

CONTRADANCE

Hudson-Mohawk Country Dancers, Inc., Schenectady YWCA, 44 Washington Ave., Sunday, March 13, 6:30 p.m., \$4. Information, 438-3035.

"FRACTURED TALES"

eBa Dance Theatre, Empire Center at the Egg, Albany, Tuesday, March 15, 10 a.m., \$5. Information, 465-9916.

CALL FOR ARTISTS

AUDITIONS

for Albany Civic Theater production of "Crossing Delancey," 235 Second Ave., March 14 and 15, 7 p.m. Information, 462-1297.

AUDITIONS

for Park Playhouse 1994 summer production of "Brigadoon," Washington Park Lakehouse, Albany, Friday, March 18, 6 to 11 p.m., and Saturday, March 19, noon to 4 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

INTERVIEWS

for staff and technicians to work on Park Playhouse 1994 summer production of "Brigadoon," Friday, March 11, 6 to 10 p.m., and Saturday, March 12, 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 434-2035.

CLASSES

FINE ART CLASSES

for children, high school students, and adults, through March, at The Hyde Collection, 161 Warren St., Glens Falls. Information, 792-1761.

ART THERAPY: THE HEALING VISION

Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Wednesday, March 16, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

EXPERIENCE BALLET II

free classes for girls and boys ages 9 to 12, Albany Dance Institute Studios, 170 Myrtle Ave., March 12, 19, and 26, 2 to 3 p.m. Information, 432-5213.

LECTURES

CIVIL WAR IN ART

"Mine Eyes Have Seen the Glory: The Civil War in Art," by Harold Holzer, New York State Museum, Albany, Saturday, March 12, 1 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

Weekly Crossword

"Ties That Bind"

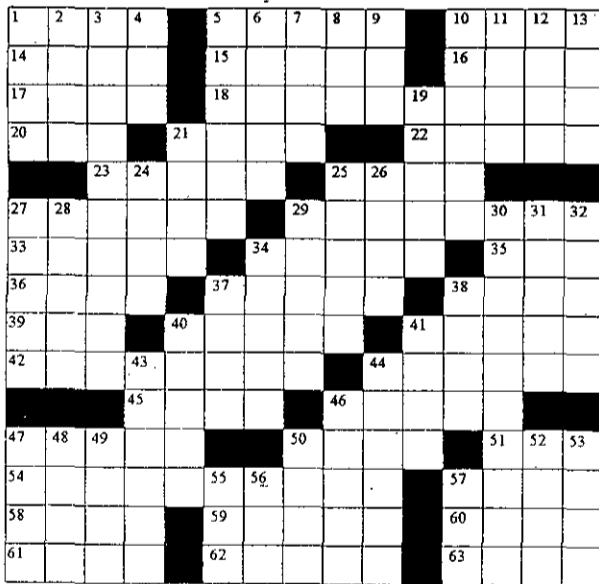
By Gerry Frey

ACROSS

- 1 Droops
- 5 Appraised
- 10 Dept. of Agriculture
- 14 Land measure
- 15 River in France
- 16 Fortune teller
- 17 _____ dunk
- 18 A tie that binds
- 20 Attila, for one
- 21 Pay attention
- 22 Britons and Gauls, e.g.
- 23 Gets closer
- 25 Arabian region
- 27 Consumers
- 29 A tie that binds to the past
- 33 Foot joint
- 34 Franciscan monk
- 35 Island in France
- 36 Transgressions
- 37 Boost
- 38 Resting places
- 39 Also
- 40 Drench
- 41 Words of understanding
- 42 Snarl a tie
- 44 Angles
- 45 At a _____ for words
- 46 Between then and now
- 47 John Jacob _____
- 50 A long story
- 51 Mr. Carson
- 54 A tie that binds
- 57 Winter weather word
- 58 Marcel Marceau's art
- 59 Avoid
- 60 Novelist Morrison
- 61 German river
- 62 Messrs. Marovich and Rozelle
- 63 Laurel or Musial

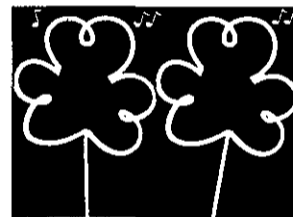
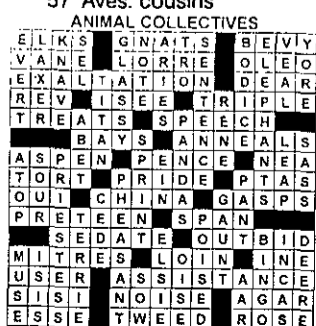
DOWN

- 1 Chest ribbon
- 2 Civil rights org.
- 3 A tie that binds



- 4 Seminary: abr.
- 5 Stair parts
- 6 Fire remains
- 7 Started in golf
- 8 Keats' before
- 9 Sheriff's men: abr.
- 10 Theater aides
- 11 Zoo attraction
- 12 Fender bender result
- 13 Large boats
- 19 Jean Claude Kiliey, e.g.
- 21 March _____
- 24 Lampreys
- 25 Licorice-flavored seed
- 26 Shoo
- 27 Moistener the meat
- 28 Teamsters, e.g.
- 29 Get up
- 30 Get married: 3 wds
- 31 Song of yesteryear
- 32 Sleeps
- 34 Some strikes
- 37 Big pigs
- 38 Pear type

- 40 Sleep noisily
- 41 Ms. Lollobrigida
- 43 "Everybody loves _____"
- 44 Fisticuffs
- 46 _____ Coeur
- 47 Summit
- 48 Slithered
- 49 Scholarly book
- 50 Proofreader's word
- 52 New York College
- 53 Harmon Killebrew
- 55 Chance
- 56 "_____ been to London to..."
- 57 Aves. cousins



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LENTEN DINNER AND TALKS

"Violence in the World and Our Response" and "You're Reformed, So What About Salvation?" at the First Church in Albany, 110 North Pearl St., Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$5 for adults and \$3 for children. Information, 463-4449.

INDOOR GOLF TOURNAMENT

second annual sponsored by and to benefit the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 80 State St., Albany, 5 p.m. Information, 489-2677.

"RESPONDING TO EMERGENCIES"

and March 10 and 11, course that teaches basic skills to prevent and manage athletic injuries, American Red Cross, Hackett Boulevard at Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. Cost, \$72. Information, 433-0151.

WINTER FARMERS' MARKET

Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information.

FARMERS' MARKET

Holy Cross Church, Western and Brevator avenues, 2 to 6 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

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

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
BREASTFEEDING PREPARATION CLASS

for women in the second trimester at Bellevue...The Woman's Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Schenectady, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$15. Information, 346-9410.

REVERSE MORTGAGES SEMINAR

"Options for Homeowners—Reverse Mortgages, Refinancing and Home Equity Loans" led by Dottie Flansburg at the Schenectady Public Library, McChesney Room, Schenectady, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 765-3500.

SQUARE DANCE

Single Squares of Albany, Ponderosa Hall, Airport Road, Scotia, 7:30 p.m. Information, 664-6767.

RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

**THURSDAY
MARCH**
10
ALBANY COUNTY
PARKINSON SUPPORT GROUP

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

PUBLIC HEARING

on the juvenile justice system, featuring expert panel members, Hearing Room C of the Legislative Office Building, Albany, 10:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m.

RENTAL PROPERTY OWNERS

Capital District Association's monthly meeting featuring speaker from the Internal Revenue Service at the Conference Center of the Travelers' Motor Inn, 1630 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 273-8242.

B.I.G. MIXER

sponsored by the Guildland Chamber of Commerce at Coco's Restaurant, 1470 Western Ave., Albany, 5 to 6:30 p.m. Cost, \$2 for members, \$4 for non-members. Information, 456-6611.

NETWORKING SOCIAL

sponsored by the Sage Evening College Alumni Association, Room 224 of the Sage Albany Campus Center, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 6 to 8 p.m. Information, 445-1725.

TAX SEMINAR

on strategies for controlling unemployment tax expenses, sponsored by the Business Council of New York State at the Holiday Inn Turf, Wolf Road, Albany, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. Cost, \$119 for members, \$179 for non-members. Information, 465-7526.

ALZHEIMER'S SUPPORT GROUP

St. Paul's Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 438-2217.

OPEN HOUSE

for expectant parents in room D-105 of the Albany Medical Center Hospital, New Scotland Avenue, Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 262-5162.

FARMERS' MARKET

corner of Pine Street and Broadway, Albany, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m. Information, 272-2972.

SENIOR CHORALE

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

SENIORS LUNCHESES

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 12:30 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.

SCHENECTADY COUNTY
ADIRONDACK LECTURE

"The Promise of the Oka: Exploring Environmental and Cultural Protection in Siberia using the Adirondack Park and New York's Forest Preserve as a Global Model" in the McChesney Room of the Schenectady County Public Library, Schenectady, 7:30 p.m. Information, 355-4888.

**FRIDAY
MARCH**
11
ALBANY COUNTY
POT LUCK SUPPER

and Shabbat Evening Service at B'Nai Shalom Reform Congregation, 420 Whitehall Road, Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 482-5283.

1994 GATORADE VOLLEYBALL CLASSIC

through March 13, to benefit Easter Seals, men's women's and coed teams are welcome, tournament at Albany High School, Washington Avenue, Albany. Entrance fee, \$200 per team. Information, 1-800-727-8785.

FIRST AID/ACUTE SEASONAL ILLNESSES

homeopathy workshop led by Jerome Pindell at The Family Life Center, 20 Elm St., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$20. Information, 462-9963.

GARDEN AND FLOWER SHOW

and March 12, seventh annual to benefit Wildwood Programs, at the Knickerbocker Arena, 51 South Pearl St., Albany, 10 a.m. to 9 p.m. March 11, 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. March 12, Cost, \$6, \$5 for seniors, children under 10 are free. Information, 356-6410, ext. 418.

MOTHERS' DROP IN

sponsored by the Capital District Mothers' Center, First Congregational Church, Quail Street, Albany, 9:30 a.m. to noon. Information, 475-1897.

SENIORS LUNCHESES

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

**SATURDAY
MARCH**
12
ALBANY COUNTY
SERVICE OF VESPERS

for the fellowship of Saint Gregory the Great, a group of Western Orthodox Christians at Christ Lutheran church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 475-7223.

AMATEUR RADIO CLASSES

every Saturday until March 26, for novice, technician and general levels at the Healy School, 171 Hudson Ave., Green Island, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Cost, \$5. Information, 237-8473.

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

Showboat arrival heralds a rise in Broadway ticket prices again

When the new revival of the 1927 landmark musical, *Showboat*, arrives in New York, the benchmark for ticket prices will be notched a bit higher.

The production, featuring Bobby Morse as Captain Andy, has been breaking records and creating controversy in Toronto prior to Broadway, but overall, it will establish new records when it hits New York.

It will have 41 performers in the cast, a highmark in more than five decades, and will have a top ticket price of \$75, the highest for any Broadway show. It wasn't so long ago when theatergoers were shocked by a \$40 ticket price and in recent years, the price has been \$60 when Andrew Lloyd Webber's big musicals hit town.

These prices are based on spectacular scenery and large, expensive casts as in Webber's shows.

The problem is that once *Showboat* establishes a \$75 top, then other musicals will boost their prices too, even if they are not as expensive to produce. They only have to be popular.

This happened with the \$60 top when Webber's shows pointed the way and even for shows that didn't last that long on Broadway.

Now with so many good revivals coming to Broadway—*My Fair Lady*, *Guys and Dolls*, and now *Damn Yankees*, for example—the trend to higher prices is evident.

It was only in the last 10 days that the Disney corporation thought it had established the highwater mark with a \$65 top seat price for its soon-to-be produced *Beauty and the Beast*. It didn't take long for the record to tumble.

There's no question these shows are risks and expensive. *Showboat* is reported to have cost \$8 million to put together and has almost \$750,000 a week in expenses.

Similarly, Disney will have to cover the costs of mounting a *Beauty and the Beast* which will rival its movie version as well as the costs for refurbishing the New Amsterdam Theater where it will play on Broadway.

Where is the breaking point for audiences? We'll soon find out.

Cohoes Music Hall nearing completion of repairs as part of Urban Cultural Park

Sometime in the next two months, the Cohoes Music Hall will open its doors to the public again after being dark for more than a year. During that time, reports are that almost \$1.2 million was spent to incorporate the venerable old music hall into the Urban Cultural Park that covers communities of northern Albany County and southern Saratoga County.

The four-story building will have a museum on the ground floor with multi-media effects to depict the machinery and people who worked in the various textile plants 100 years ago in the area.

More of the same will now be found on the second floor of the building while on the third and fourth floors the actual theater is located.

Once used by the now-bankrupt Heritage Artists, the theater looms as an empty space even though quite a bit of money has been spent to restore it to the architectural status of 100 years ago.

All of the funds were spent in refurbishing the whole building, and there are none to be used as seed money to encourage a new producing group or groups to use the hall profitably as well as artistically.

Right now, the building stands simply as a museum.

Around Theaters!

Wenceslas Square, dark comedy by Larry Shue at the Capital Repertory Company in Albany through March 20, (462-4534) ... *Backstage at the Music Hall*, new dinner theater musical revue at First United Methodist Church of Delmar, through Sunday, March 13 (463-3811) ... *Chicago City Limits*, satirical group Saturday, March 12, at The Egg (473-1845)



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BETHLEHEM
ECUMENICAL LENTEN BIBLE STUDY

led by the Rev. James Daley at Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 9:30 to 11 a.m. Information, 439-8415.

TOWN BOARD

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

BINGO

Blanchard American Legion Post, 16 Poplar Drive, 7:30 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.

SOLID ROCK CHURCH

evening prayer and Bible study, 7 p.m., 1 Kenwood Ave. Information, 439-4314.

RED MEN

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

SECOND MILERS LUNCHEON MEETING

First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., noon. Information, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE COMMISSIONERS

firehouse, Adams Place, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3851.

NEW SCOTLAND
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.

**THURSDAY
MARCH**
10
BETHLEHEM
CAMELOT

presented by Stage 700 at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., adults \$7, students and children \$5, senior citizens free, tickets available at the door.

TOPS OPEN HOUSE

for new local chapter of weight loss support group, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 785-9585.

VOLLEYBALL NIGHT

with Slingerlands elementary students, teachers and Bethlehem's DARE officers at Slingerlands Elementary School, Union Avenue, 7 p.m., \$2 for adults, \$1 for students. Information, 475-9551.

RECOVERY, INC.

self-help for chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9976.

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.

RCS BAND CONCERT

fifth through eighth grade bands at the Senior High School Auditorium, Route 9W, Ravena, 7 p.m.

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, 7:30 p.m.

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.

**FRIDAY
MARCH**
11
BETHLEHEM
CAMELOT

presented by Stage 700 at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., adults \$7, students and children \$5, tickets available at the door.

QUILT

Quilters United In Learning Together at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 283-0522.

CHABAD CENTER

Friday services, discussion and kiddush at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave. Information, 439-8280.

AA MEETING

First Methodist Church of Bethlehem, 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.

**SATURDAY
MARCH**
12
BETHLEHEM
CAMELOT

presented by Stage 700 at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m., adults \$7, students and children \$5, tickets available at the door.

GANSEVOORT CHAPTER DAR

Steve Stanne will speak on "Conservation Efforts of the Hudson River Sloop Clearwater" at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 439-3588.

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.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP

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

**SUNDAY
MARCH**
13
BETHLEHEM
SELF-ESTEEM PROGRAM

for preschoolers age 3 to 6 at the Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

MAPLE SUGARING DEMONSTRATION

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

UNITY OF FAITH CHRISTIAN FELLOWSHIP CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., 436 Krumkill Road. Information, 438-7740.

FIRST CHURCH OF CHRIST, SCIENTIST

Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-2512.

BETHLEHEM COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9 a.m., worship service, 10:30 a.m., nursery provided, evening fellowship, 7 p.m., 201 Elm Ave. Information, 439-3135.

NORMANSVILLE COMMUNITY CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., 10 Rockefeller Road. Information, 439-7864.

ST. STEPHEN'S EPISCOPAL CHURCH

Eucharist, breakfast, coffee hour, 8 and 10:30 a.m., nursery care provided, Poplar Drive and Elsmere Avenue. Information, 439-3265.

SELKIRK CONGREGATION OF JEHOVAH'S WITNESSES

Bible lecture, 9 a.m., Watchtower Bible study, 10:25 a.m., 359 Elm Ave. Information, 767-9059.

SLINGERLANDS COMMUNITY UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

worship service and church school, 10 a.m., fellowship hour, nursery care provided, 1499 New Scotland Road. Information, 439-1766.

SOUTH BETHLEHEM UNITED METHODIST CHURCH

Sunday school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., followed by coffee hour, Willowbrook Avenue. Information, 767-9953.

DELMAR PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH

worship service, church school, nursery care, 10 a.m., fellowship and coffee, 11 a.m., adult education, 11:15 a.m., family communion service, first Sunday, 585 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9252.

DELMAR REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 9 and 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 386 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-9929.

FIRST REFORMED CHURCH OF BETHLEHEM

church school, 9:30 a.m., worship service, 11 a.m., youth group, 6 p.m., Route 9W, Selkirk. Information, 767-2243.

GLENMONT REFORMED CHURCH

Sunday school and worship service, 11 a.m., nursery care provided, 1 Chapel Lane. Information, 436-7710.

CHURCH OF ST. THOMAS THE APOSTLE

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church school, 9:45 a.m.,
worship services, 9:30 and 11
a.m., 428 Kenwood Ave.,
Delmar. Information, 439-9976.

**BETHLEHEM LUTHERAN
CHURCH**
85 Elm Ave., Delmar; worship
services at 8 a.m. and 10:30
a.m.; Sunday School and bible
classes at 9:15 a.m.; nursery
care; coffee/fellowship.
Information, 439-4328.

NEW SCOTLAND

BETHEL BAPTIST CHURCH
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:15 a.m.,
Auberge Suisse Restaurant,
Route 85. Information, 475-9086.

FAITH TEMPLE
Sunday school, 10 a.m., worship
service, 7 p.m., New Salem.
Information, 765-2870.

**ST. MATTHEW'S ROMAN
CATHOLIC CHURCH**
Masses — Saturday at 5 p.m.
and Sunday at 8:30, 10 and
11:30 a.m., Mountainview
Street, Voorheesville.
Information, 765-2805.

**JERUSALEM REFORMED
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by coffee hour, Route
32, Feura Bush. Information, 732-
7047.

**NEW SALEM REFORMED
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:30 a.m.,
worship service, 10 a.m.,
nursery care provided, Route
85. Information, 765-2354.

**ONESQUETHAW REFORMED
CHURCH**
worship service, 9:30 a.m.,
Sunday school, 10:45 a.m.,
Tarrytown Road, Feura Bush.
Information, 768-2133.

**UNIONVILLE REFORMED
CHURCH**
Sunday school, 9:15 a.m.,
worship service, 10:30 a.m.,
followed by fellowship,
Delaware Turnpike. Information,
439-5001.

**PRESBYTERIAN CHURCH IN
NEW SCOTLAND**
worship service, 10 a.m., church
school, 11:15 a.m., nursery care
provided, Route 85. Information,
439-6454.

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

**FIRST UNITED METHODIST
CHURCH OF VOORHEESVILLE**
worship service, 10 a.m., church
school, 10:30 a.m., 68 Mapole
Ave. Information, 765-2895.

**MOUNTAINVIEW
EVANGELICAL FREE CHURCH**
worship service, 9:30 a.m.,
evening service, 6:30 p.m.,
nursery care provided, Route
155, Voorheesville. Information,
765-3390.

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

MONDAY
MARCH

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BETHLEHEM

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

MOTHERS' TIME OUT
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.

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 p.m.
Information, 439-4581.

SUNSHINE SENIORS
covered dish luncheon, noon,
business meeting, 1 p.m., First
Reformed Church of
Bethlehem, Route 9W.
Information, 439-7179.

**DELMAR COMMUNITY
ORCHESTRA**
rehearsal, town hall, 445
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-4628.

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

NEW SCOTLAND

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51,
School Road, 10:30 a.m.
Information, 765-2791.

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

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

**VOORHEESVILLE BOARD OF
EDUCATION**
cafeteria, Clayton A. Bouton
Junior-Senior High School, Route
85A, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-
3313.

STORY HOUR
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 10:30 a.m.
Information, 765-2791.

TUESDAY
MARCH

15

BETHLEHEM

BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP
in the adult lounge of the
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., 7:30 p.m.
Information, 439-9314.

AIDS PANEL
sponsored by the Bethlehem
Central PTA Council at
Bethlehem Central Middle
School, 332 Kenwood Ave., 7:30
p.m.

**MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SELF-HELP
GROUP**
Bethlehem Public Library, 451
Delaware Ave., 2 p.m.
Information, 427-0421.

INDOOR PISTOL SHOOTING
Albany County Pistol Club,
Winne Place, 7 to 9 p.m.
Information, 439-0057.

PLANNING BOARD
town hall, 7:30 p.m. Information,
439-4955.

TREASURE COVE THRIFT SHOP
First United Methodist Church,
428 Kenwood Ave., 11 a.m. to 6
p.m.

BINGO
at the Bethlehem Elks Lodge,
Route 144, 7:30 p.m.

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

**ONESQUETHAW LODGE 1096
F&M**
Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood
Ave.

**BECOMING A WOMAN OF
FREEDOM**
women's bible study,
Emmanuel Christian Church,
Retreat House Road,
Glenmont, 9:30 to 11 a.m.
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Information, 439-3873.

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Lauran C. Hatch
Village Clerk
(March 9, 1994)

LEGAL NOTICE
TOWN OF NEW SCOTLAND
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN
that the Annual Report of the Su-
pervisor for the year ending De-
cember 31, 1994 has been filed in
the Office of the Town Clerk, Town
of New Scotland, in accordance
with Town Law, Section 29, 10a.
Said report is available for public
inspection and copying upon re-
quest during regular business
hours at Town Hall, Route 85,
Slingerlands, N.Y.
Dated: March 1, 1994
Corrine Cossac
Town Clerk
Town of New Scotland
(March 9, 1994)

DELMAR ROTARY
Days Inn, Route 9W.
Information, 482-8824.

NEW SCOTLAND

NIMBLEFINGERS/QUILTERS
Voorheesville Public Library, 51
School Road, 1 to 3 p.m.
Information, 765-2791.

**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.

WEDNESDAY
MARCH

16

BETHLEHEM

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

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ber 31, 1993 for the Town of Beth-
lehem, is now on file in the office of
the Town Clerk, 445 Delaware Av-
enue, Delmar, NY and is available
for public inspection during regular
business hours.

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
KATHLEEN A. NEWKIRK
TOWN CLERK
DATE: March 3, 1994
(March 9, 1994)

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 16, 1994, at
7:45 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445
Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New
York to take action on application
of Edward Foss and Margaret
Inderhees, 2 Taylor Terrace, Del-
mar, New York 12054 for Variance
under Article XVII, Side Yard, Sec-
tion 128-76 of the Code of the
Town of Bethlehem for construc-
tion of a 6 foot fence for a side yard
in a residential zone at premises 2
Taylor Terrace, Delmar, New York.
Michael C. Hodom
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(March 9, 1994)

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York to take action on application
of Old Loudon Builders, Inc., 30
Crystal Lane, Delmar, New York
12054, for Area Variance under
Article XVII, Side Yard, Section 128-
73A (1) (b) of the Code of the Town
of Bethlehem to allow an .8 foot
encroachment into side yard. This
encroachment is from an existing
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Michael C. Hodom
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(March 9, 1994)

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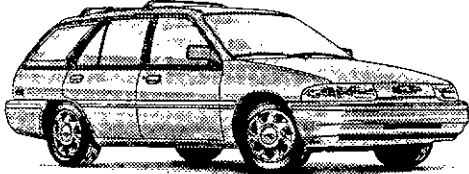
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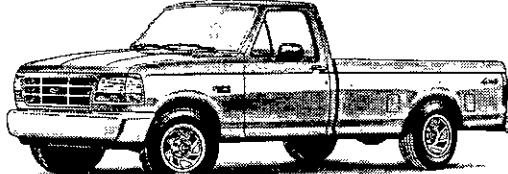
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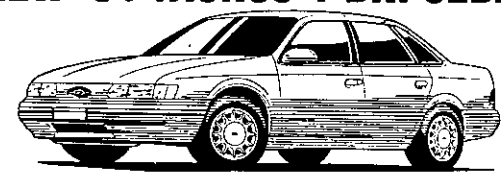
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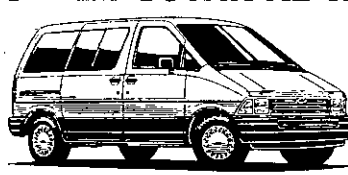
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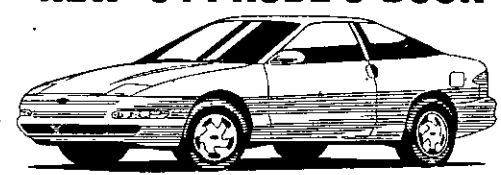
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Trees

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developers on notice that on the surface, at least, the environmental impact appeared to be significant.

"Whether we should approve something that does that much damage to the habitat" is a basic question, Barr said. "When we approved the first two sections of Krumkill Manor that piece of property wasn't part of the picture."

Planning board member Gary Swan said he wanted to see the property first hand before considering the project further. "With that much devastation of vegetation at stake, I need to go out with someone and look around."

Removing the trees might not be such a major issue were it not for the fact that little else in the way of vegetation is on the property. The knoll is about 30 to 40 feet high and contains a variety of trees from pines to scrub oak.

The project is still in the preliminary stages. Conceptual approval has not yet been granted, and a SEQR determination has not been reached.

The minimum lot size for the development would be 15,000

square feet with most of the homes built on 20,000 square foot parcels.

Of the 25 lots approved for Krumkill Manor section 1, 22 homes have already been built. Of the 33 lots approved for section 2, 12 homes are either completed or under construction.

"We've done a wetlands study, and that's all clean," Walsh said. "We've done an archaeological study, and that's all clean. ... We're going to try our best to reach an accommodation (regarding the knoll), if they're open to it."

Networks sponsoring middle school events

Bethlehem Networks Project is sponsoring several programs for middle schoolers on Saturday, March 26, a half-day for Bethlehem Middle School.

Ben & Jerry's will offer 99 cent cones and Del Lanes will reduce prices on bowling and pizza. There will also be an afternoon workshop for eighth-graders. "Handling Stress" will be offered at the Bethlehem Public Library at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar. To register for the workshop, call the library at 439-9314.

Teachers

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in a combined team of 47 sixth and 80 seventh-graders. (To help ease the transition between elementary school and high school, the middle school is organized into teams of about 125 students taught by six teachers.)

Hiring the full six-teacher team will provide "the opportunity to continue the gains we've made so far," said teacher Donna Varriale.

Middle school Principal Fred Burdick told the board that he had received "considerable input from the faculty on problems with a combined sixth/seventh team."

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said that it is important to keep sixth-graders separate because sixth-grade is a "transition year where students need a particularly nurturing environment."

On the elementary side, Loomis proposed cutting one kindergarten teacher's position, due to declining enrollment, shifting one teacher from Slingerlands to Clarksville (where enrollment is growing), and moving a self-contained special education class from Clarksville to Elsmere.

The board conceptually approved the changes, but several board members voiced concern over class sizes of 26 to 28 in the third, fourth and fifth-grades at Hamagrael.

"This has got to change," board member Pamela Williams said.

"I don't want to see these numbers anywhere," said board member Bernard Harvith, adding that the class sizes may "generate the need for another teacher."

Hamagrael principal "Joe Schaefer and I will provide a different approach for the use" of the current staff, Loomis responded.

The board also tentatively approved hiring a new technology coordinator (at an estimated \$44,000) and providing \$9,000 for staff development in technology.

Also given a preliminary go-ahead for funding were several programs for at-risk children — the kindergarten Early Learning Focus summer program (\$12,000), the middle school early morning SWAT program (\$6,500), the middle school Study Skills program (\$6,500) and \$5,000 to make up for a cut in drug-free schools funding.

The board also approved allowing absentee ballots in school district elections.

The board met last night (Tuesday, March 8) to discuss the budget for the high school instructional program and interscholastic athletics. A report on that meeting will appear in next week's *Spotlight*.

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