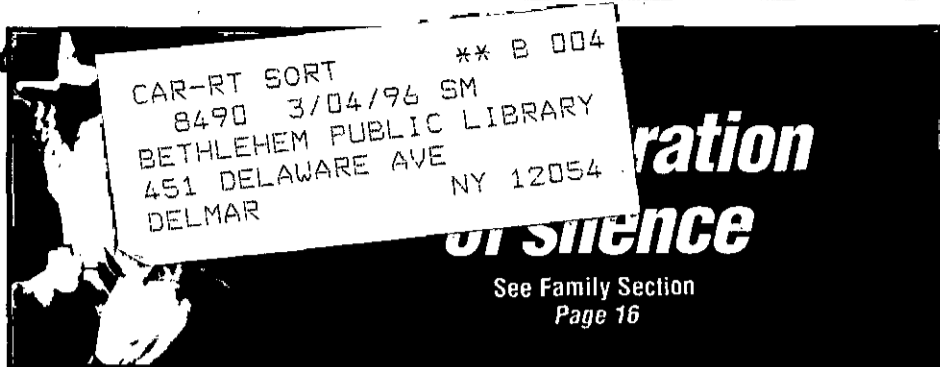


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# The Spotlight



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## BC senior leaves legacy of love and cheer to all

By Mel Hyman

Timothy "T.J." Smith of Glenmont was more than a regular guy, according to those who knew him. He was an excellent human being.

Smith, 18, lost his life in a ski accident last Thursday on Gore Mountain in North Creek. There were so many people at his wake on Sunday that friend Dave Silbergleit said he thought the whole town of Bethlehem was there.



T.J. Smith

"It was amazing to me to see how many people cared for him," said his mother Linda. "He was loved by everyone. The one thing that people remembered about him was his smile and his ability to say just the right thing to cheer you up. He could light up a room with his smile."

The support showed the family "by the entire community," Smith said, "was the

only thing that got me through this. The fact that one child could make an impression on so many people was just heart-warming."

Skiing was everything to T.J., Silbergleit said. Besides spending as much time as he could on the slopes, he taught skiing to younger kids on weekends at Jiminy Peak. Although his interests didn't stop there.

"He loved music, going to concerts and just hanging out," Silbergleit said. "He idolized Jimi Hendrix, and he also liked Pink Floyd and Nine Inch Nails."

"T.J. was one of those kids who seemed to know everybody and who everybody liked," said Bethlehem Central High School principal Jon Hunter. Smith was a senior enrolled at the Lab School.

"He would walk down the hallway, say

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## In the thick of it



This scene on Kenwood Avenue in Delmar depicts yet another of this winter's weather woes. Elaine McLain

## Price Chopper review moves to nitty-gritty

By Mel Hyman

The big picture has been reviewed for the Price Chopper shopping center proposed for Slingerlands, and now comes the nitty-gritty.

The Bethlehem town board tonight (Wednesday) is expected to refer Price Chopper's application for building project approval to the town planning board for technical review.

Once the planning board review is completed, a recommendation will be made to the town board, which has the final say on whether to issue building project approval.

If and when the town board grants such approval, construction will begin on the

21-acre site at the junction of New Scotland and LaGrange roads.

Town planner Jeff Lipnicky said an effort will be made to review the building plans as quickly as possible.

The planning board has already devoted an extensive amount of time to analyzing the environmental impacts of the project, which were deemed not significant.

Based on the planning board's determination that impacts such as traffic would not significantly alter the environment, the town board last December approved Price Chopper's request for a zoning

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## Women follow dad's path

### Farmer featured in National Geographic

By Dev Tobin

Karen Moreau and Colleen Stanton were vocal leaders of the property rights side of the bitter year-long debate over

revisions to New Scotland's zoning law.

At town board meetings and public hearings, the two farmer's daughters spoke passionately against a proposed increase in minimum residential lot sizes.

For example, "People who want open space should get together and buy it," Moreau said at an SRO town board meeting in February 1995.

Moreau and Stanton spoke at nearly every meeting on the zoning issue, and were key organizers of New Scotland Citizens for Better Government, which advocated keeping one-acre zoning in most of the town.

Anyone wondering where Moreau and Stanton got their fervent beliefs about zoning and land use should pick up the March edition of *National Geographic* (available on newsstands for only the third time ever).

The popular magazine features a 24-

## Local woman to carry Olympic torch

By Mel Hyman

By her own admission, Lauri Rosmarin-Plattner of Slingerlands doesn't normally get too excited about things.

Being selected to carry the Olympic Torch on its way to the 1996 summer games in Atlanta, Ga., this July was a bit different, however.

"I was jumping up and down" when the notification arrived, she said. "I'm



Rosmarin-Plattner

surprised at my reaction because these type of things don't ordinarily excite me."

Even her normally laid-back children "really seemed pleased," she said.

Rosmarin-Plattner, 44, will have lots of company along the way. More than 10,000 people nationwide have been tapped for the honor, mostly because of their volunteer efforts on behalf of nonprofit organizations.

Rosmarin-Plattner's work for Equinox Inc. of Albany led to her being chosen to carry the three-pound Olympic torch for approximately a half-mile this June.

The American leg of the torch excursion starts in Los Angeles on April 27 and winds its way through 42 states, ending its 15,000-mile journey in Atlanta on July 19.

Of the 10,000 or so who will be carrying the torch, about 5,500 were selected on

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□ PATH/page 24

# Man likely won't keep on truckin'

By Mel Hyman

A gasoline tanker that was confiscated last year for failing to pay state taxes on its cargo was stopped on Adams Street Friday and taken off the road once again.

Bethlehem Police Lt. Richard Vanderbilt, who noticed the vehicle at about 11:40 a.m. traveling on Kenwood Avenue, stopped the truck for exceeding the weight limit for that road.

The truck, driven by Alexander Tkach, 30, of 80th Street, Brooklyn, had been seized by the state Department of Taxation and Finance in July 1995 for transporting untaxed fuel across state lines, Vanderbilt said. The tanker had been in storage at Roberts Towing on Route 9W.

The tax problems faced by the tanker's owner, Olta Transportation of Brooklyn, had been cleared up, and the vehicle was officially released from impoundment on Friday. However, Tkach drove the vehicle away from Roberts Towing without paying a \$75 service bill, according to owner Marty Roberts.

Roberts said the tanker was in Glenmont only about 10 days, and that it came from a state impoundment lot in Albany.

The tanker was empty at the time it was stopped, although a safety inspection of the vehicle turned up numerous violations including damaged brake hoses and cracked spring hangers.

In addition, there was no insurance on the vehicle and no valid inspection sticker.



Bethlehem Police Officer Jeff Vunck writes out a ticket against the driver of the renegade fuel truck seized on Adams Street last week. Doug Persons

Tkach was issued 14 traffic citations and ordered to appear in Bethlehem town court on March 12 after posting \$100 bail.

"He (Tkach) told me he was going to a garage on Adams Street for repairs," Vanderbilt said, "but I told him that the truck was not even supposed to be on the road."

# Cops nab teen-agers

Three Bethlehem teen-agers were arrested and charged with burglary last week after they allegedly broke into a house on Capitol Avenue.

When the owner of the house returned home at about 12:40 p.m. on Feb. 19, she noticed voices and commotion coming from inside the residence. As she entered the house, the teen-agers, two of whom were 15 and the other 14, exited quickly and ran toward Burhans Place.

Police said the youths had apparently gained entry by prying open a back door to the house. Inside the home, they were allegedly drinking beer, smoking marijuana and listening to music.

The owner reported that beer had been poured on the carpet, some cassette tapes were broken and beer bottles were left strewn around the house. The estimated damage was \$250, according to Officer Anthony Arduini who responded to the scene.

The boys fled across Burhans Place and Salisbury Road into a wooded ravine, were pursued by the Bethlehem K-9 Unit and eventually flushed out of the woods onto New Scotland Road where they were arrested.

All of the suspects were charged with second-degree burglary, criminal mischief and possession of burglar tools (a screwdriver).

They were released to the custody of their parents, and their cases were referred to Albany County Family Court.

Mel Hyman

# Police offer traffic tips

Attention joggers and all other pedestrians. The vehicle and traffic law requires that pedestrians must use sidewalks whenever they are available and it is safe to do so. If there are no sidewalks, pedestrians should walk on the left side of the road (facing traffic), and move as far to the left as possible when traffic approaches.

If it is not safe to use the sidewalk because of inclement weather, it is generally not safe to

run in the road for the same reasons.

In the interest of safety, the Bethlehem police advise joggers and walkers to use less traveled, less dangerous roads in bad weather.

Members of the community who have specific traffic safety questions, should call the police and leave a message for Officer Robert Markel at 439-4955, ext. 222.

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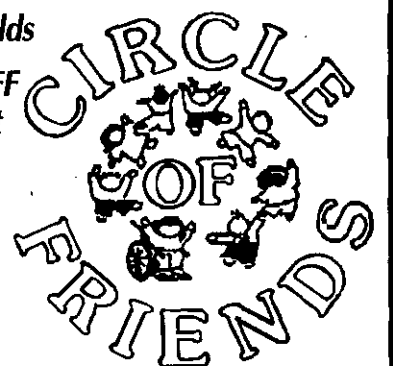
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# Voorheesville loses its local pharmacy

By Dev Tobin

For as long as anyone can remember, the village of Voorheesville has had a pharmacy of its own. But no more.

Voorheesville Pharmacy closed its doors this week after owner Bill Candido sold his business to CVS, which has a store at Western Avenue and Route 155 and does not plan to maintain or open a location in the village.

About two weeks ago, Guilderland CVS Inc., a subsidiary of the Rhode Island-based pharmacy chain, purchased Candido's pharmacy and non-pharmacy inventory, prescription files, records and telephone number for an estimated \$160,000, according to a notice to creditors issued by CVS.

The notice states that creditors' claims against Voorheesville Pharmacy may be as much as \$200,000, and that the \$160,000 will "provide funds to pay existing debts."

Throughout last year, Candido was negotiating a sale to the Revco chain that would have resulted in a new and larger pharmacy in Voorheesville Plaza, but those negotiations were put on indefinite hold by the pending acquisition of Revco by the Rite-Aid chain.

Village Mayor Edward Clark called the pharmacy's closing "an unfortunate example of mega-stores taking over" small, locally owned retail businesses.

Keith Wiggand of Vagand Enterprises, owner of Voorheesville Plaza, said that the 2,700-square-foot space vacated by Voorheesville Pharmacy "will be re-rented very quickly, within 60 days. There are already people waiting in the wings."

Keith Wiggand

Vagand had begun to market the space after receiving village approval for a 10,000-square-foot addition to the west of the Super-Valu building that would have housed the proposed Revco store.

Candido would not comment Monday on the closing, but back in November, he said that diminishing profits in the prescription part of his business, due to mail-order firms and increasingly stingy insurance reimbursements, had led him to looking for a chain to buy him out.

"More than 2,000 small pharmacies like mine have fallen away in the past year," Candido said then, adding that he was pursuing the Revco deal as a way to maintain a retail pharmacy in the village.

**The space vacated by Voorheesville Pharmacy will be re-rented very quickly. There are already people waiting in the wings.**

# Magic maestro



Mark Johnson swings a "magic bag" with Bill the Magic Guy Friday at Voorheesville Public Library. Elaine McLain

# Greens plans move across Delaware Ave.

By Mel Hyman

Greens Appliance store on Delaware Avenue in Delmar is moving.

Only across the street, mind you, but for company president Ginny Green, it's a big deal.

"This is a real opportunity," she said. "We're very excited about it. It will be all brand new and have lots of space. It's definitely a good move."

Greens is going from 222 Delaware Ave. to 239 Delaware Ave., former home of Johnson Stationers and Fitness for Her.

The floor plan for the new Greens calls for knocking down the wall between the two storefronts at 239 Delaware and creating a 4,200-square-foot showroom that will highlight the latest in refrigerators, stereos, TVs and air conditioners.

The company has been in Delmar for 12 years "at least," Green said. While business was steady at the old store, there was not enough floor space and parking was inadequate.

"We've been looking for a while," she said, "but you know how Delaware Avenue is. It's hard to find a good space. It's either too big or not big enough. Parking must be available, and it has to have good visibility. We had two parking spaces at the old place. That will not be a problem at the new store."

The actual move will take place on or about April 1, and plans are to open the new store on May 1.

Greens is the major locally-owned appliance chain, with seven stores in the Capital District, from Delmar to Glen Falls.

Business has always been good at the Delmar store, Green said, because of the personalized approach of the sales staff and their emphasis on good service.

"People know us, and they come back continually because they know we're reliable," she said.

# ZBA to decide on illegal trailer

By Dev Tobin

A Clipp Road couple's quest for a temporary permit to live in a trailer was expected to be decided at Tuesday's New Scotland zoning board of appeals meeting.

After being evicted from a North Troy trailer park in November, Jim and Ann Marie Charron moved their trailer to Clipp Road property owned by Ann Marie and her mother. The trailer, which is illegal under the town's zoning law and has no septic or water connections, sparked immediate protests from neighbors.

In early January, the couple began the process of applying for a temporary use permit, which would allow them to legally inhabit the trailer for up to a year while renovating a converted garage on the property.

At its January meeting, the ZBA adjourned a public hearing on the Charrons' request and set several conditions that the couple had to meet before Tuesday's meeting.

**It doesn't look like anything has been done to clean up the site.**

Paul Cantlin

According to Building Inspector Paul Cantlin, the Charrons have complied with only one of the conditions — allowing Cantlin to inspect the property.

As of late last week, Cantlin said the Charrons had not complied with the other ZBA conditions — providing, in writing, an estimate of the construction costs to bring the converted garage up to code, an update of the status of their applications for disability payments and for construction

financing, and a performance schedule for the renovation and for the removal of trash and junk vehicles which are in violation of the town's zoning code

Cantlin said that it "doesn't look like anything had been done" to clean up the site since the January ZBA meeting. He noted that a portable toilet was on the site and that there were "signs of fresh water being brought in"

The Charrons' *pro bono* Legal Aid Society lawyer Jonathan Wayne said Friday that the conditions would be met before Tuesday's meeting.

Wayne said that contractors had inspected the property last week, but had not forwarded written estimates to him as of Friday.

Wayne noted that Jim Charron has retained an attorney expert in Social Security disability to pursue his claim, and that the attorney told Wayne that Charron "stands to come into a substantial amount of money in the next couple of weeks."

Wayne added that cleanup of the trash and junk cars on the property should take place before the end of March.

# Bethlehem town board mulls recycler's variance requests

The first and most important order of business facing the Bethlehem town board at tonight's (Wednesday) meeting is discussion of the New Options on Waste application for variances to the town's solid waste ordinance.

NOW has proposed taking over the former Barker Steel Building in the Port of Albany for use as a recycling facility.

Other items on the agenda include:

- Referral to the planning board of application for building project review of Price Chopper.
- Request from the parks and recreation department for approval of seasonal personnel.
- Recommendations on awarding bids for highway department equipment and materials, including rental of track excavators to Robert H. Finkle & Sons of Selkirk; guide rails to Chemung Supply Corp. of Elmira, Chemung County; milling of bituminous asphalt to Palette Stone Corp. of Saratoga Springs; washed crushed stone to Callanan Industries of South Bethlehem; topsoil to R.J. Valente of Troy; gravel to Valente Gravel and R.J. Valente Gravel of Troy; and rental of heavy construction machinery to Trinity Construction Corp. and Peter K. Frueh, Inc.
- Approval of change order for reduction in cost of contract 4G for work at the water purification plant.
- Recommendation on maintenance resolution for Delaware Avenue improvements by the state Department of Transportation.

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# Circles moving store to Stuyvesant Plaza

By Mel Hyman

It's been a great run, but Circles owner Sharon Fenno believes it's time to move on.

Fenno, who left a job with the state two years ago to open an upscale women's clothing store in Delaware Plaza, said she regrets leaving Bethlehem, but the exigencies of business require it.

It's not that things haven't worked out here in Delmar, she said. They have.

For the most part, "Business has been great. Sales were up about 25 percent last year over our first year," she said.

The problem is that Fenno needs more space, and she feels she can meet that requirement, as well as broaden her geographic base, by moving to Stuyvesant Plaza. The changeover will take place on or about April 1.

"At this point, more than half of

my customers live outside of town," she said. "I needed to be more centrally located to places like Clifton Park, Saratoga and Albany."

A resident of Glenmont, Fenno is president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association. Like several others tenants in the plaza, she recently experienced flooding problems in her store, but said that had nothing to do with her decision to relocate.

"Delmar has been a great place to do business," she said. "The people have been very supportive. It's just that this is a niche type of store. Our two main lines are updated career clothing and casual weekend wear for women. That type of store needs to draw from a large geographic area."

A moving sale of all winter clothing at Circles will be announced shortly, she added.

## Corrections

Because of a transcription error, several facts about a local man's college scholarship were misstated in the Feb. 7 issue of *The Spotlight*.

Ross Englisbe of Slingerlands is a 1992 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, and this year is a senior at Wofford College in Spartanburg, S.C.

A business economics and French major, he was awarded the college's Hucks-Jones scholarship for the 1995-96 academic year.

In the Update '96 edition of *The Spotlight*, published on Jan. 24, the name of Marlene Brookins, owner of The Little Country Store in Delmar, was misspelled.

## Bethlehem Lab School hosting country dance

The Bethlehem's Lab School is sponsoring a night of country western dancing on Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 to 10 p.m.

The event costs \$5 per person.



Matthew Laiosa, 9, shows 3-year-old Meghan Seely one of the puppets used in *Puppetry Delights*, a production staged by the Bethlehem Public Library Youth Services program last week. Elaine McLain

## V'ville planners OK St. Matthew's proposal

The Voorheesville Planning Commission has OK'd St. Matthew's Church proposal for an addition, subject to certain conditions.

The board outlined these conditions of the village board's conservation advisory committee at its recent meeting. Drainage and soil erosion must be addressed, and noise making restrictions will be enforced.

Paul Vosburgh and John Montagne of Vosburgh Architects presented an artist's rendering and blueprint of a proposed addition to Atlas Copco, which manufactures compressors on School Road.

Minor renovations and a second storey added to the existing structure are planned.

Office trailers in the parking lot will be removed. The Albany County Planning Board and the conservation committee will review the plans, and a public hearing will be held at the March 20 meeting.

Dick Scherer's plans for the development of Crescent Estate, to built in from Sky Terrace, focused on the environment. Scherer and the board hammered out an agreement about the removal of trees in the proposed subdivision.

No tree with a trunk of 8 inches or more in diameter, 3 feet tall and within the setbacks on each lot

will be allowed to be removed. Building setback lines are to be clearly indicated on the plat. The board anticipates approving a preliminary plat at its next meeting, and a public hearing must be held before final approval can be given.

Village attorney Don Meacham brought up the need for the commission to develop a policy on site plan review on new development, which chairwoman Kathryn Scharl took under advisement. She also proposed an update to the commission bylaws to include an attendance requirement. Any member who missed three meetings in 12 months, barring hardship circumstances, would forfeit his or her commission position.



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# Chinese artist finds U.S. life fruitful, yet frustrating

By Katherine McCarthy

Chinese artist Lefu Gu recently spent nine days in Voorheesville, teaching brush painting in the high school, speaking to social studies classes and presenting his work at the public library.

Gu spoke about his life in China to Susanne Hudacs and Christine Cashin's ninth grade global studies classes. "I was 11 when the Communists came to power, and I left China in 1989," Gu said, speaking softly, seated at a desk with the students. "I lived almost all of my life in a Communist regime." Gu described the ups and downs of his life during Mao's regime, first being denied entrance to college because of his father's low-level position in the Kuomintang, the nationalist party overthrown by the Communists. Gu was admitted to university a year later, only to be taken to labor camp for objecting to the Soviet Union's 1956 occupation of Hungary. This objection, he pointed out, came during a dorm room discussion with his friends.

"I was closely monitored because my father had been in the Kuomintang. You must understand that my friends couldn't lie when asked what I thought, or they would be punished, possibly even killed."

Gu spoke of the hard physical labor he endured, lifting and splitting mammoth rocks, and watching many die. "I survived because I was young and healthy," Gu said matter-of-factly. "I weighed 35 kilograms (about 70 pounds) when I was released from the labor camps after six years."

During the cultural revolution in the 1960s, Gu and other artists got work painting portraits of Chairman Mao. It was dicey business: artists were punished if their portraits weren't good enough.



Lefu Gu visits with Linda Wolkenbreit, Voorheesville assistant principal, and John Lopez, art teacher.

Katherine McCarthy

President (Richard) Nixon's opening of China and Deng Xiaoping's leadership of China brought a turn for the better for Gu. He worked as an embroidery designer in a factory, and his work was sought by more than 40 countries. In 1979, he won first prize in a national show. This was a full circle turn for an artist who had won prizes during high school and his first year of college, then was denied work following his intern-

ment in a labor camp.

By the time of the Tianeman Square massacre in 1989, Gu was a tenured professor who had appeared three times in China's Who's Who. He had been made an honorary congressman, a recognition he compared to receiving an honorary doctorate at an American university.

Gu was invited to teach at Union College, and while here, his wife, still in China, decided she would

like to emigrate to the United States. When the university where she worked denied her a passport, she went to the next level and was granted a passport. The university official who had refused her felt he had "lost face" in this maneuver, and had the local police deny Lu Gu the customs card that would permit her to leave the

country. In the U.S., Gu enlisted Congressman Michael McNulty's help, and in China, Lu Gu employed the time-honored technique of bribery to obtain her customs card. Telling the university leader she needed a week off to visit her sick mother, she and her son left under cover of night to Shanghai, where friends had bought the tickets they would use to leave the country.

Lefu Gu says their material life is better in the U.S., as they own their own home, something they could not do in China, food is cheaper, and the social system and economics are better. Still, he is not entirely happy here. "In China, I was famous and respected. My income in China wasn't very high, but I cannot get a full-time job here." Gu has enjoyed some success here, creating posters for New York state, lecturing and participating in programs like the one in Voorheesville.

He could return to China, he said, but would never receive his former position at the university.

"Lefu Gu is a very interesting man," social studies teacher Hudacs said. "We're fortunate to have him here."

The Voorheesville school district received funds from the RCCA through Creative Connections, and the district's matching partnership funds from the Humanities Program, Friends of Music, Voorheesville Public Library and PTA.

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## Matters of Opinion

### Town can't rest on laurels

Town Supervisor Sheila Fuller paints a realistic picture of the town of Bethlehem's current state of affairs. The town tax has gone down for the second year in a row, the level of services to residents remains high and the town continues to be a special place to live.

But Fuller is aware of the effect of the current turmoil in federal and state government and takes the right tack in looking to market and develop the commercial and industrial areas in town. She says Bethlehem will vigorously market its assets so it can continue to keep a tight rein on taxes and provide more employment opportunities. This is as it should be. Bethlehem should not rest on its laurels and should take an aggressive approach, such as Fuller suggests, to maintain and improve the status quo.

Residents, too, should be part of this effort in recognizing the need to further develop the town's industrial areas. There is no place and this is no time for a NIMBY stance in opposition to change.

If the business world as Fuller says is "taking notice" of Bethlehem's assets, it should be given some measure of welcome by the community. That is not to say new ventures should not be closely scrutinized before they are given carte blanche.

Let us hope Fuller is successful in her efforts to attract major commerce to Bethlehem in the near future.

### Principals get A for effort

School principals from 15 Albany County schools set just the right example by convening in Bethlehem recently to address the problem of rising alcohol and drug abuse among children. A united front is the best approach to a problem that is only getting worse, according to a survey of Albany County STOP-DWI. The schools cannot go it alone and neither can parents. Pointing fingers at causes of the alarming rise in drug use by younger and younger children is a fruitless endeavor. Joining hands is a far more effective way to eradicate the problem.

Schools, parents, students and the community working together can achieve results, and the more input, the better. Voorheesville Principal Terry Barlow is right on the mark as far as trying to get people together to "determine the scope of the problem." He and others deserve and need the cooperation of the community. No problem is insurmountable, but the schools and the community must stay the course to find solutions. The way to stem the rising use of drugs among children isn't easy, but the alternative presents a far more difficult scenario for the future.

### Shame on New York GOP

The state Republican Party's attempt to deny candidates other than Sen. Robert Dole a chance in the March 7 primary is, quite candidly, deplorable. It demeans the election process and reflects poorly on the majority leader attempting to cap a heralded career as a legislator with a run for the presidency.

Frankly, the freeze has backfired. Both Steve Forbes and Pat Buchanan have their names on the ballot in many of the state's 31 congressional districts.

What this attempted freeze has done is give these two candidates a cause beyond their fondest hopes. One has independent wealth to gain a foothold in the courts, and the other is backed by a fiery organization capable of bringing his name to the ballot.

As for the other candidates, Lamar Alexander and Sen. Richard Lugar to name two, they must depend on write-in votes but that's a laborious process as explained in one of our news stories this week. Still, it is possible to do if you are sufficiently capable of handling the Rubik's cube.

Shame on the GOP!

## Editorials

Tough issues loom in '96

### Bethlehem's financial house in order

By Sheila Fuller

The writer is supervisor of the town of Bethlehem.

As we embark upon a new year and move closer to the 21st century, I can report to you that Bethlehem is in sound financial order and is a vibrant and prospering town.

Like most other communities, we have differences of opinion as to how best to deal with the many issues vital to our town's well-being.

But if we are to be sure that Bethlehem continues to thrive, flourish and remain a special place in which to live and raise our families, we must work together, not only for our benefit, but also for that of our town.

During the past two years, we have accomplished much. We have reduced residential town property taxes for a second straight year, with no loss in the quality of town services. We were able to accomplish this because we are careful and prudent in how we spend your money.

We have, of course, benefited from the additional 1 percent sales tax approved by the County Legislature. At the same time, many neighboring communities received revenues far greater than Bethlehem's, but still find themselves in the unenviable position of having to raise taxes or reduce services, or a combination of both, to make ends meet.

We treat the additional sales tax revenue as something temporary, and use it only for items that are purchased and paid for within a fiscal year. In this way, we believe that we will be in a better position to absorb the loss of this revenue, should the County Legislature choose not to renew it.

At the end of last year, we entered into a contract with the Albany County Sheriff's Department that will guarantee all of our residents around-the-clock, seven-day-



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a-week trained paramedic service. The cost of the program for 1996 amounts to less than \$25 a household, a reasonable amount when you consider that it affords all residents, including the elderly and those with severe medical problems, the very best emergency program available.

Our town's emergency services volunteers — no amount of praise is too great for them — do an excellent job, often under difficult conditions, but the responsibility for trying to service the entire town has become too much. Now they have help. Costs for this program will decrease significantly because much of the start-up expense will diminish and will not recur for a number of years.

During 1996, we will be called upon to face serious and important issues that will test our re-

To others, downsizing has more significant implications. At the local level of government, downsizing means cutting back, having to do more with less help from higher levels of government and certainly less money.

One thing appears certain: Many of the decisions being made at the top will eventually tumble down into the laps of local government in the form of obligations and costs that heretofore we never had to face.

We in town government strive to do everything possible to provide for the needs of our citizens and to improve our quality of life. We strongly believe that local government, especially in a community the size of Bethlehem, should be sensitive and responsive to the needs of our people.

To meet the added burdens we anticipate, we will continue to vigorously market the commercial and industrial areas of our town. Our goals are to hold the

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solve as a community.

There are tremors coming from the White House, the halls of Congress, and from state government that could greatly affect the way we conduct future business.

In Washington and in Albany, "downsizing" is the watchword for the '90s. President Clinton conceded in his recent State of the Union address that the era of big government is over.

To some, the term downsizing may seem purposeful and necessary. Few would argue that there are areas of government on the state and national levels where waste and inefficiency are prevalent and repair, consolidation and/or elimination are called for.

line on taxes, provide our people with greater employment opportunities and attract new customers for our local businesses.

Bethlehem's assets are significant, and the business world is beginning to take notice. Word of our many resources is swiftly spreading among industries seeking to establish a base in New York state or wishing to relocate in the Capital District.

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executives aware of our strategic location right off interstate highways and major rail systems, the high quality of our schools and recreation facilities and our serene suburban climate.

Last year, we just missed in persuading General Motors/Super Steel to build its locomotive assembly plant in Bethlehem. We learned much from that experience and, as a result, fully expect to be more successful in attracting major commerce to Bethlehem in the near future.

If "downsizing" is the operative word in Washington and Albany, resourcefulness, flexibility, inno-

vation and resiliency are the watchwords in town hall. Your hard-earned tax dollars will continue to be spent cautiously and wisely. We are committed to maintaining the degree of excellence we now have in all of our town programs.

No matter what they decide in Washington or at the state Capitol, we are determined to provide our residents with the kind of quality town government they've come to expect at a cost that is reasonable and affordable.

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**Family welcomes scholarship applicants**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am directing this letter to the BCHS graduating class of 1996. My name is Maggie Sievert and many of you know me as Karen's mother. When Karen died, we started a scholarship in her name to be distributed to the graduating class of 1996. Recently I spoke to a parent who made the comment that she would like to have her daughter apply for the scholarship but she "felt funny that she knew me." The criteria that we have for the scholarship is that it go to a student who has main-

tained an average or better academic standing and who demonstrates a financial need for assistance. Also the characteristics that we listed are the characteristics I believe that Karen stood for.

There is about \$10 thousand available, and we would love to give 10 scholarships. But in order to do students must apply. I wish to give back a little something for the support we received at a time

that we never thought we could even live through.

Please, stop at the guidance office and pick up an application. If you're the kind of student who thought you wouldn't qualify for a scholarship because you're "only an average student" you may be the student we're trying to help.

*Maggie, Ron and Rebecca Sievert*

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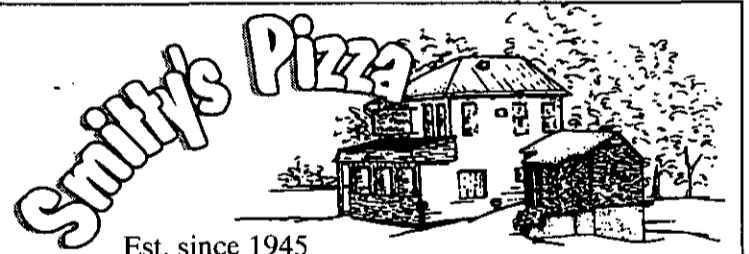
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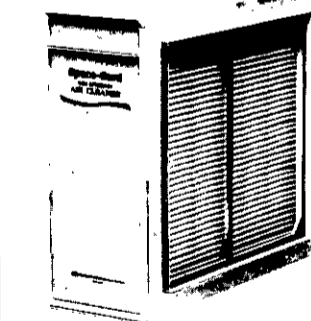
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**Matters of Opinion**

**NOW doesn't inspire confidence**

Editor, The Spotlight:

The town of Bethlehem has maintained a commendable record for promoting the reuse and recycling of materials referred to in the past as "waste." This follows an outstanding effort on the part of the Solid Waste Task Force and supportive town residents to establish laws to perpetuate that effort.

Our town has recently been asked by New Options On Waste (NOW) to bend those hard earned laws to allow NOW to purchase a location within our town. If we intend to bend the laws for one business, we will be obligated to

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consider bending them for others. Do we want that precedent set? Certainly not without considerable thought. A decision is expected to be made by the Bethlehem town board in the near future.

I attended the Albany Zoning Board of Appeals meeting on Tuesday, Feb. 13 where NOW representatives defended the collection of "commercial waste." To inspectors, the materials looked very much like municipal solid waste.

An obvious portion of it was food waste and resulted in odors and accumulated decomposing materials. Numerous residents who live near the present NOW location described the negative environmental impact on their neighborhood. They said that the odor was sufficient to make them avoid the use of their yards. Some reported dust and flies in their swimming pools. The vibration from roll-offs being tipped shook their homes.

NOW presents itself as a recycling business. I am sure that Bethlehem residents would be very supportive of a business that securely demonstrated its recycling efforts. It is difficult to have that kind of confidence in NOW. They have applied for a permit as a 1,200 tons per day municipal solid waste transfer station, construction and demolition waste station and a mixed recycling facility. This represents approximately 30 times the amount of waste and recycling that the town of Bethlehem residents generate in a day.

After hearing so many comments about "waste," I find myself questioning the real business goals of NOW. Do we want to take a chance and allow such a business that has not proven its dedication to recycling into our town?

I do hope our town board will take plenty of time to make the right decision. If NOW takes up business in our town, we may find ourselves taking some giant steps backward in our support of recycling and waste reduction.

*Carol Butt*

Delmar

**BC students need help with exchange program**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Beginning in 1994, the social studies department of Bethlehem Central High School, in cooperation with the State Education Department, initiated a PEACE (Partners in Education And Cultural Exchanges) Partnership program with the Luitpold Gymnasium of Munich, Germany.

Each academic year, approximately 15-20 BCHS students have the opportunity to host a foreign student and to experience a different culture by living with a German family for two to three weeks.

Students gain a greater appreciation and tolerance for another culture and a better understanding of their own. While living in a foreign country, students attend school, practice foreign language skills and develop social skills. In order to participate, students are encouraged to maintain high academic standards.

As the programs expands, students will be involved in academic projects encompassing many areas of study, longer exchanges, interdisciplinary work, and the use of technology to complete curricular work.

Currently, any student who wants to participate in the program is responsible for all costs

(approximately \$1200). This includes hosting expenses, air fare, travel expenses, gifts, tours and receptions. For many of our students, the cost of the program is not prohibitive.

But some students are not able to participate because of the cost. We do not want to deny this unique opportunity to a student because family financial circumstances do not allow it. We are hoping that both individuals and groups will support us in our endeavor to raise money.

Contributions will be used to provide partial scholarships for students and other costs as the program grows. An account has been set up at the Cohoes Saving Bank in Delmar.

Working closely with Marty DeLaney, president of the Chamber of Commerce, students who have participated in the program are giving presentations concerning the exchange and their experiences. If you would like more information about the program, contact me at the high school or Marty DeLaney at the Chamber of Commerce. Thank you for any help you can give this program.

*Marsha Buanno*

Program Coordinator

**SUNY is still healthy choice**

Editor, The Spotlight:

Despite recent news accounts focusing on state cutbacks, be assured that the State University of New York continues to provide high quality education at an affordable price.

High school students and their parents should be aware that the tuition charged by SUNY's state-operated campuses is still only a fraction of the tuition charged by comparable private institutions.

Community college tuition is even more affordable. Further, state university campuses offer financial aid for eligible students.

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**VIEWS ON DENTAL HEALTH**

Dr. Thomas H. Abele, D.M.D. Dr. Geoffrey B. Edmunds, D.D.S.

**Dental Tidbits for Parents**

As February comes to a close, we thought it fitting to celebrate Children's Dental Health Month with some practical advice for parents.

Sometimes parents call to set up a cleaning and check-up for their child and realize that it has been over a year since their child's last dental visit. Decay can progress in a susceptible child's mouth very quickly, so even one skipped six-month check-up can result in an undetected and extensive spreading of decay.

Often times, a small decayed area on a "baby tooth" can be restored without a shot of novacaine. If this is not treated for a few more months, it may develop into a large cavity, requiring a longer appointment, a deeper restoration, more novacaine and a larger dental fee.

Here are a few tidbits of advice:

- 1) Avoid the unpleasant consequences of infrequent check-ups by maintaining a regular schedule of cleanings and check-ups;
- 2) Whenever possible, have the susceptible pits and fissures of your children's teeth sealed;
- 3) Have small areas of decay restored early; and,
- 4) If your child has special dental needs or you prefer a specialist, you're in luck! Dr. Minoo Buchanan has recently moved her modern offices to 229 Delaware Avenue in Delmar, and offers dentistry for infants, children and young adults.

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**Man urges wake-up call on police stationed at BC**

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have been watching with anticipation for letters to the editor regarding the placement of police officers at Bethlehem High School. To my great surprise and regret, the remarks and responses have been few. Rather than give the illusion that there is a tacit agreement with this intrusion into our schools, I would like to pose the following questions and considerations in the hope that we might raise the level of deliberation and inquiry.

Why are armed police stationed in our schools? How serious is the crime problem in Bethlehem schools that the presence of police is warranted. As colleges are now required to make public all crimes committed on campuses, could the school district likewise inform the community as to the amount and seriousness of the crimes being committed in our schools? How many teachers and students have been assaulted and how has the school management responded prior to bringing in a police presence? How much danger are our children in by being educated in the Bethlehem schools.

Perhaps we could have the background related to the presence of these police officers in our schools? What was the genesis of this idea and what was the decision making process involved? What constituencies were contacted and who shared in this decision—i.e. parent groups, student groups, teachers association.

What has the school district done to inform the community as to the purpose of these police officers in our schools? What has been written thus far in the district newsletter or information letters to parents to explain why our schools are in need of a police presence?

Who are these police that qualify them to work in a school setting? Do they possess certification as educators or social workers? To what district official do they report and to whom are they accountable? What is their degree of discretion? If they see two children fighting is an arrest going to be made or will there be a school suspension adjudicated by the appropriate school authority?

The questions could go on and on - the purpose of these ques-

tions is not to bring on criticism of our Bethlehem Police Department. Rather, this letter is an attempt to rouse a sleeping community to the need to take a critical look at the current management of our high school. The "get tough" policy instituted over the past two years at the high school has, among other things, revised the student handbook on students' rights and responsibilities to the extent that a Bethlehem student has no rights what so ever and therefore bears little responsibility for their school and education. Something is seriously wrong here - the symptoms are evident.

Perhaps it is time to get in a new specialist to diagnose the appropriate malady and cure. The community, parents, our students, and our teachers deserve better.

Name submitted

Delmar

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**Collection reflects teens' needs**

"Young adults," teen-agers high school age and above, appreciate efforts to recognize their special concerns: a need to be separate, a growing awareness of serious sociological issues, and a full range of interests both academic and extracurricular. The young adult collection has been gathered with these concerns in mind.



The young adult collection came about because of baby boomer demographics. A large population of children is now cycling through high school and college, which puts an increased demand on library resources.

Books in the collection duplicate to some extent those found in the general collection. The format of choice is paperbacks, which are easily carried by teens on the go.

Popular genres include mysteries, horror, science fiction and "true life" accounts popularized by TV docudramas. Anthologized fiction and the recently developed Notable Books section provide material in a more classic vein for school assignments.

There is some crossover between the library's young adult and young people collections. Age ranges indicated in book reviews are often quite broad. Young adult acquisitions generally target older

teens in order to provide more mature material on relevant issues such as AIDS. The staff works together to make these distinctions, and to find middle ground for shared materials.

Periodicals popular with teens are standards such as *Teen Magazine*, *Seventeen* and *YM*, and new publications such as *Sassy*. Teens also look for special-interest magazines such as *Popular Photography* and *Stereo Review*.

Young adult librarian Denise Coblish has found that teens are creatures of habit, whose working knowledge of research tools is limited to those in the school library. She supplements their experience by introducing the variety of reference materials in the adult reference collection.

BC students' characteristic computer literacy allows them to adapt easily to new and different research venues.

The challenge for young adult librarians lies in the presentation. High schoolers come to the library primarily to do homework and socialize. Eyecatching displays are important, as is accessibility. Coblish, who joined the staff last year, has been busy updating and highlighting the young adult collection.

She plans classroom visits soon to introduce herself and the library and to facilitate "book talks." Coblish is looking forward to establishing a long-term relationship with BCHS students, teachers and librarians.

Louise Grieco

**Parenting series set to begin**

Bethlehem Networks Project invites parents of elementary school children to take part in a series of six classes beginning on Monday, March 4.

Parents will learn how to build a child's self confidence and feelings of self-worth and learn disciplinary techniques that develop responsibility.

Classes will be from 7 to 9 p.m.

at Bethlehem Education Center on 90 Adams Place in Delmar.

Maryalice Svare, Bethlehem elementary school guidance counselor, will lead the sessions.

The fee for the series is \$25.

For information or to register, call Mona Prenoveau, Networks director at 439-7740.

**Delmar woman named foundation treasurer**

Sandra Miller of Delmar was recently elected treasurer of the Canterbury Foundation, a not-for-profit organization created by the Child's Geriatric Organization.

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# Artist to unveil painting of Helderbergs at meeting

David Coughtry will discuss the artist's role in the presentation of local history and unveil a scene of the Helderbergs he painted for the New Scotland Historical Association at its meeting on Tuesday, March 5, at 8 p.m.

The painting was commissioned by Mark LaSalle as a gift to the association.

The program is free and open to the public at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on The Old Road in New Salem. For information, call 765-2468.

## PTA hosting annual seminar

The Voorheesville PTA will host its third and final seminar on Tuesday, March 5, from 7 to 8:30

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p.m. in the large gymnasium at the elementary school. The program, Intervention Strategies, will be presented by Barbara Zimmerman, a former teacher.

Zimmerman currently works as a behavior specialist providing workshops and consultations on positive behavior management for school districts, parents and agencies that work with children.

For information, call Nanette Bub at 765-4357 or Nancy Austin at 475-0684.

## Registration for parents set for March 7

A registration meeting for parents of children entering kindergarten in September is set for Thursday, March 7, at 7:30 p.m. in the gymnasium.

Parents can make an appointment at this meeting for kindergarten screenings, scheduled for March 26, 27 and 28.

Families who are new to the district should call Joann Donohue at 765-2382.

## Site-based team to meet at school

The site-based management team at the elementary school meets on Wednesday, March 6, at 5:30 p.m. in the school library.

## Students to present jazz/rock concert

A special jazz/rock concert is scheduled for Friday, March 1, at 7:30 p.m. in the high school auditorium. The school stage band and various student ensembles will perform rock and jazz numbers.

Donations from the audience will help to pay for the band's trip to Virginia Beach in May.

Everyone in the community is invited.

## School board to meet

The school board's next meeting is on Monday, March 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the large group instruction room. The board will review next year's preliminary school budget.

## Church breakfast set

An all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast will be served by the New Salem Reformed Church on Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 a.m. to noon at the church on Route 85 in New Salem. The cost is \$4 per

person. Children under age 5 eat for free.

## St. Matthew's to conduct Lenten retreat

St. Matthew's Church on Mountainview Street is the site of a Lenten retreat sponsored by the Helequad Cluster of churches of the Albany Archdiocese. The retreat consists of four Thursday programs in Lent beginning on March 7 at 7:30 p.m. with a discussion of the image of God.

Holistic prayer will be the topic on March 14 at 7:30 p.m. A communal celebration of the sacrament of reconciliation will be on March 21 at 7 p.m.

The final program on the power of prayer will be led by the Rev. Patrick Butler of Christ the King Church on March 28 at 7:30 p.m.

Patricia Baugh, pastoral associate at St. Matthew's; Sister Mary Lou Liptak, pastoral associate at

St. Bernadette's Church; and Sister Phyllis Mauer, director of religious education at Christ the King Church, are the retreat leaders.

## Therapist to address N. Scotland seniors

The New Scotland Senior Citizens meeting on Wednesday, March 6, at 1 p.m. will feature a talk by Coleen Wager, a registered physical therapist from the Arthritis Foundation.

The senior citizens meet at the Wyman Osterhout Community Center on The Old Road in New Salem. New members are always welcome.

## Planners slate meeting

The New Scotland planning board will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

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# Noisy evening on agenda

Tonight, Feb. 28, at 7 p.m., evening story hour will be a Noisy Pillow and PJ Night. The whole family can tap and clap, hum and whirr through some great stories and songs, make maracas to take home and eat a noisy snack.

towel or a piece of felt.

Mullen will supply the ink and some watercolor paper and have brushes available for loan. If participants have their own supplies, they are welcome to bring them.

Coffee and doughnuts will be available courtesy of Friends of the Library. Call 765-2791 to sign up.

The First Wednesday Club will meet on March 6 for an afternoon of Koosball Olympics. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders are reminded to sign up at the library. There are only a few openings left. Transportation is available from the elementary school for the 3:30 p.m. meeting.

Barbara Vink

## Lenten series explores Christ, U.S. culture

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, located on Route 9W in Selkirk, will host a Lenten series exploring the relationship between Christ and the American culture. The series will be held Wednesday evenings beginning today, Feb. 28, at 6 p.m.

Dr. Kendall Birr, emeritus professor of history of the University of Albany, will provide a historical overview of the development of Christianity in the United States, giving particular attention to how the church has shaped and been shaped by the American experience.

The evenings will begin with a soup dinner; participants should bring their own sandwiches. Child care will be provided.

For information, call 767-2243.

## New Salem church to serve up pancakes

The New Salem Reformed Church on Route 85 in New Salem will hold an all-you-can-eat pancake breakfast on Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 a.m. to noon.

The cost of the breakfast is \$4 per person. Children under 5 years old eat for free.

For information, call 765-2354.



The first of three programs, funded by a grant to the library from Arts Decentralization, will take place on Saturday, March 9, when Joan Mullen presents a three-hour watercolor workshop on the art of Chinese brush painting from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m.

Mullen, a member of the Bethlehem Art Association, became interested in the closely related art of calligraphy and brush painting while visiting her daughter in China in 1979. She has since studied painting with Thelma Van Avery, Lucy Suhr and Leigh Li Yun Len, and botanical drawing with Ann Jaster.

Mullen's own colorful paintings now fill her home with year-round blooms.

Registration for the workshop is required and limited to 15 people. Participants are asked to bring their own newsprint practice pad (if possible), two small dishes of ink and water and an old



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# Sports

## Defense keys Voorheesville

By Matt McKenna

The Voorheesville girls basketball team moved one step closer to a dream season on Saturday when it flattened Stillwater during a Section II, Class C sectional game.

Jane Meade led the Blackbirds with 27 points. Helping out were Kristin Person with 13, Becky Dawson with 12 and Regan Burns with 11.

The Blackbirds face Watervliet tonight (Wednesday) for the right to play in the sectional championship game.

Once again it was defensive pressure exerted early on by Voorheesville, which caused their opponents to panic and commit 33 turnovers.

Leading up to the sectional tournament, the girls ran their regular season record to 22-0 with wins over Holy Names and Berne. Only two other teams in Section II have perfect records: Bishop Maginn and South Glens Falls.

Voorheesville squeaked through with a four-point victory over Holy Names, 41-37. Person led the team with 16 points. Meade and Burns chipped in 10 and six points, respectively.

The regular season ended on Thursday, Feb. 15, when the girls hosted Berne, which was 17-2 on the year. Voorheesville jumped out to an early lead and coasted, 62-19.

Meade led the team with 15 points. Other scorers were Burns with 12, Person with 11 and Dawson with 10 points.

"Our defense really helped us get out in front early against Berne," said coach Jack Adams.



V'ville sophomore Regan Burns goes up for a shot during last week's game against Stillwater. Elaine McLain

"We forced a lot of turnovers, and that led to easy baskets.

"The team is very happy with our season so far," he said. "Our first goal was to win the league, the second was to go undefeated. We weren't sure if it was possible

because of the caliber of teams we play in our league, but we knew we would be competitive. We are a young team, but we have gotten a lot of help from Jane and Kristin on the outside, and Becky and Jyll (Klefbeck) in the paint."

## Brown rolls 300

Mickey Brown rolled a 300 game in Men's Division action during the week of Feb. 18 at Del Lanes:

Senior Circuit Men: Dick Umholtz and Harold Eck 238; Dick Neumann 279 and 600 triple; and Harold Eck 857 four games.

Senior Circuit Women: Mary Acker 190; and Agnes Neumann 475 triple.

Men: Brown 300; George Phillips 708 triple; and Chuck Radick 1003 four games.

Women: Peg Were, 276 and 636 triple; and Erin Barkman 797 four games.

Junior Men: Steve Vnuk Sr. 247 and 719 triple; and James Fournier 227 and 658 triple.

Boys: Minard Carkner 211 and 553 triple.

Junior Classic: Mike Patounas 266 and 920 four games; Andrea Kachidurian 213; and Zak Radick 201 and 731 four games.

Majors: Joey Davis 198 and 489 triple; and Chris Asprion 178 and 483 triple.

Juniors: Joe Marro 183 and 506 triple; Erin Fagan 181 and 501 triple; Sean Brown 164 and 490 triple; Adam Wozniak and 191 and 454 triple.

Preps: Greg Powell 182 and 522 triple.

## RCS boys fall short as stellar year ends

By Danielle Hummel

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Indians entered the Section II, Class B tournament seeded third. To many they were a surprise team, but the Indians dispelled all doubts about their abilities by advancing to the quarterfinal round against Bishop Gibbons, only to lose by two points.

The Indians, who traveled to Hudson Valley Community College on Saturday to face Bishop Gibbons, were definitely the underdog. Unfortunately for the Indians, Bishop Gibbons came out tough in the first half, and RCS didn't play up to its potential.

Multiple turnovers on the Indians' part created many easy scoring opportunities for Gibbons. By halftime Gibbons had run up a 33-15 lead, and it almost seemed over for the Indians.

But the Indians refused to roll over. They came out confident in the second half, fighting for pride. Ryan Manning scored 10 of his 18 points in the third quarter. Corey Blakesley, Jevon Sebring and Brandt Sebring hit three-pointers to spark an 18-7 RCS run.

The Indians crawled to within two with just seconds remaining, but it was not meant to be as Bishop Maginn prevailed, 52-50.

RCS ended the season 18-4.

The Indians began the sectional tournament last Wednesday by trouncing third-seeded LaSalle, 76-53.

In the first quarter, the Indians came out tough and built a 24-5 lead. The defense made things

happen as they forced many turnovers, which led to easy layups on the other end.

Jed Sherman led the way on defense with seven blocked shots and 11 rebounds.

One of the keys to the victory was the Indians' control of the boards. RCS held LaSalle to only one shot at a time, and then pushed the ball up the floor.

Another key to the victory was the balanced offensive output of the Indians. Sherman led the scoring by pouring in 22 points. Manning added 16 points and Brandt Sebring had 11 points, including two, three-pointers.

## Track club meets

An information meeting for the Bethlehem Youth Track and Field Club will be held at town hall on Wednesday, March 6, from 7:30 to 9 p.m.

Questions about the program will be answered. Children born between 1980 and 1988 are eligible to participate. For information, call 439-1415.

## Delmar karate studio to sponsor kick-a-thon

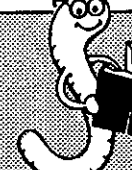
Delmar Budokai Karate will hold a "kick-a-thon" fund-raiser for St. Jude's Children's Hospital at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, March 2, at Crossgates Mall. The snow date for the event is March 9.

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# Bethlehem boys & girls perform well in tourney

The Bethlehem girls and boys track and field teams finished their seasons on an up note Sunday at the sectional finals.

The boys placed eighth out of a 12-team field, and the girls also finished eighth, with 11 points.

The girls team was led by (school) record performances from **Kerry VanRiper**, who took third place in the shot put, and the 800-meter relay team consisting of **Diana Woodworth, Katie Noonan, Addie Blabey** and **Molly Conway** in a time of 1:54.9, which was good for fifth place.

Points were also scored by the 3200-meter relay team consisting of **Tracy Messina, Kelly Youngs, Courtney McMahon** and **Erin McDonald**. The girls finished sixth with a time of 10:37.9. Conway took fifth place in the 300-meter dash with a time of 45.2.

The boys team was led by a (school) record performance from

## Track & Field

the 3200-meter relay team consisting of **Nathaniel Sajdak, Dave Maher, Matt Clement** and **Tim Kavanagh**, who finished third in a time of 8:29.4.

The team also benefited from scoring efforts by **Jeremy Muhlich**, who captured third place in the 50-meter hurdles, and **Muhammad Umar**, a fourth-place finisher in the same event.

**Scott Rhodes** took sixth place in the 1600-meter run with a time of 4:53.6, and **Kalid Umar** finished sixth in the triple jump with a distance of 39 feet, 10 inches.

To date, the girls team has broken four school records, and the boys team has broken seven and tied two. Coach **Dave Banas** said he is proud of the efforts turned in this year.

# V'ville boys peaking

By Adam Cole

The Voorheesville Blackbirds used two solid defensive efforts against Broadalbin-Perth and Galway to advance to the Class C semifinals at the Glens Falls Civic Center.

In the opening round of the tournament, the 12th-seeded Blackbirds traveled to Broadalbin-Perth. The Blackbirds' solid display of defense throughout the first three quarters overwhelmed the Patriots.

However, after gaining a 19-point lead, the 'Birds allowed Broadalbin back into the game. Broadalbin used a 23-9 fourth-quarter run in which the 'Birds shot the ball only twice to make the game close.

**Joe Robichaud** led the Blackbirds with 19 points, and **Andy Bayus** added 12.

In their second-round matchup at the University at Albany last Friday, the Blackbirds controlled the game against Galway with defense. The Blackbirds stole the ball 18 times on their way to a 43-37 victory.

**Michael Beadnell** led the Blackbirds with 13 points off the bench, and Robichaud scored 12. **Jason Patterson** contributed five points, eight assists and five steals.

After the game, Voorheesville coach **Bill Logan** called his team the Cinderella story of the tournament.

"In the last few weeks, I think it hit the boys that the season was almost over," Logan said. "They began to take practice and defense very seriously, and have played very hard."

Logan pointed to **Ryan Foster** and **Patterson** as two keys to the team's success. "Ryan and Jason have been playing great. Ryan caused two charges and had four steals against Galway. He's playing real tough right now."

The 'Birds play top-seeded Catskill in their effort to reach the sectional finals. "Catskill is tough and everyone is going to have to play very well if we want to win," Logan said.

# BC girls still alive

By Jennifer Hahn

The Bethlehem girls breezed through their sectional game against Schenectady last Friday to advance to the third round where they will face undefeated Bishop Maginn.

Bishop Maginn is seeded second, just above B.C.

"We only have four losses, and if we play good defense, we will have a good shot (against Maginn)," said coach **Kim Zornow**.

During Friday's lopsided win over Schenectady, the whole team contributed in the 62-43 victory. Bethlehem's defense held Schenectady to four points in the second quarter.

The Eagles maintained a 20-point lead through most of the game.

**Kiley Shortell** and **Katie Sherwin** combined for 35 of the team's 62 points. **Megan Sellnow** scored seven, and **Kim Comtois** added a three-point goal.

"The whole team played well," said Zornow. "We played man-to-man full court, and picked up our defense."

"Maginn has a good shooting game," she added. "We have to put pressure on their shooters and play good defense against them."

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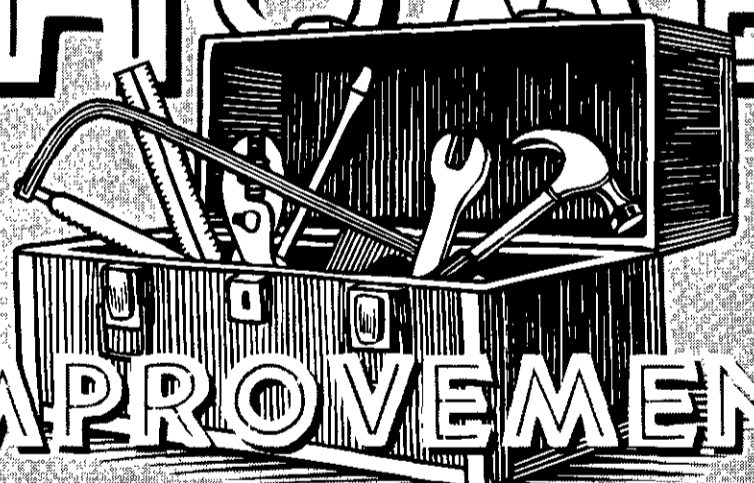
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# Obituaries

## Timothy Smith

Timothy Jarod Smith, 18, of Glenmont died Thursday, Feb. 22, of injuries sustained in a skiing accident at Gore Mountain.

Born in Albany, he was a senior at Bethlehem Central High School.

Survivors include his parents, Timothy and Linda Smith; a brother, Aaron Christopher Smith of Glenmont; and his maternal grandmother, Jeannette Constantino of Glenmont.

Services were from Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Timothy Jarod Smith Memorial Fund at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

## John Labaj

John Labaj, 89, of Valparaiso, Ind., and formerly of Delmar, died Sunday, Feb. 18, at his home.

Born in the former Czechoslovakia, he had lived in the Capital District for 25 years, before moving to Indiana. He was a former police officer in Cleveland. Mr. Labaj worked in a munitions plant during World War II. He owned a real estate business in Cleveland before moving to Delmar.

He was a longtime member of the Albany YMCA. He was a swimmer and runner, winning a medal at Westover Senior Games when he was 80.

Mr. Labaj was a ham radio operator for more than 70 years, with the call letters W2YW. He was an active member of the American Radio Relay League.

He became a master with the American Contract Bridge League in 1993.

He was husband of the late Dorothy Rueger Labaj.

Survivors include two daughters, Beverly Cheselka of Cleveland and Lenore Heaphey Worthley of Valparaiso; three grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were private.

Contributions may be made to the Capital District YMCA Albany Branch, 274 Washington Ave., Albany 12203.

## Minnie Salisbury

Minnie E. Salisbury, 77, of Wolf Hill Road in Voorheesville, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Mrs. Salisbury was a lifelong resident of Voorheesville.

She was a homemaker.

She was the widow of James F. Salisbury.

Survivors include a daughter, Barbara Hansen of Voorheesville; three sons, James Salisbury, Larry Salisbury and Frank Salisbury, all of Voorheesville; a brother, Kenneth Chase of Clarksville; three

sisters, Ellen Countryman of Boonville, Oneida County, Violet Finch of Albany and Mildred Schmid of Hunter, Greene County; six grandchildren; and four great-grandsons.

Services were private.

Spring burial will be in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in New Salem.

Arrangements were by the Fredendall Funeral Home in Altamont.

Contributions may be made to the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad.

## Franklin J. Wiltsie

Franklin J. "Pat" Wiltsie, 77 of Ravena, a native of South Bethlehem, died Tuesday, Feb. 20, at St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Mr. Wiltsie had lived in Ravena for the past 34 years. He attended Coeymans High School.

He was transportation supervisor for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District for 22 years before he retired.

He was a member of American Legion Post 114 and a former member of the Ravena Lions Club.

He was a member of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

Survivors include his wife, Ruth Oliver Wiltsie, and a brother, Norman L. Wiltsie of Brooklyn.

Burial was in Mt. Pleasant Cemetery in South Bethlehem.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208, or South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

## Marie T. Kenneth

Marie Trossbach Kenneth, 93, formerly of Westmere, died Wednesday, Feb. 21, at Good Samaritan Home in Delmar.

Born in Schodack, she was a lifelong Capital District resident. She was a graduate of Albany Business College.

Mrs. Kenneth retired as branch manager of Dime Savings Bank in Stuyvesant Plaza, and before that was an assistant vice president of Mechanics Exchange Bank in Albany. She was the first woman in Albany to become a savings bank officer.

She was a member of the American Institute of Banking, the Savings Bank Women of New York State and the Business and Professional Women's Organization.

She was a former communicant of St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albany.

She was the widow of William A. Kenneth.

Survivors include two daughters, Jeanne Connors of Sarasota, Fla., and Marion Berry of Delmar; a sister, Rose Bausch of Albany; five grandchildren; and two great-grandchildren.

Services were from the Magin & Keegan Funeral Home in Al-

bany and the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.

## Jeremiah Dooley

Jeremiah F. Dooley, 85, formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, in Boca Raton, Fla.

Born in Kausol, India, he was an Army veteran of World War II, serving in the 82nd Airborne Division. He played in the West Point Military Band.

Mr. Dooley belonged to the Bethlehem Elks Lodge for 33 years.

Survivors include his wife, Clara I. Buss Dooley, and two daughters, Cassandra Dooley and Darlene H. Dooley.

Arrangements were by the All-County Mortuary in Lake Worth, Fla.

A memorial service will be held in April.

## William Bacher

William J. Bacher, 64, of Menands, a native of Delmar, died Thursday, Feb. 22, at Albany Memorial Hospital.

Born in Delmar, he moved to Menands in 1943. He was a graduate of Menands School and Watervliet High School.

He was a dispatcher for the village of Menands, where he was known as "Dispatcher Bacher." He retired in 1982.

Mr. Bacher was a communicant of St. Joan of Arc Church in Menands. He was a life member of the Menands Fire Co. and a member of the Albany/Delmar MS Support Group. He was a member of the Menands St. Patrick's Club and a former member of the Menands Fire Police.

Survivors include his wife, Ann K. Bacher; two sons, John M. Bacher of Averill Park and Michael P. Bacher of Menands; a sister, Mary Stry of Schaghticoke; and two grandsons.

Services were from the Cummings Funeral Home in Watervliet and St. Joan of Arc Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Menands Fire Co., 250 Broadway, Menands 12204.

## Alice Oliver

Alice Tallman Oliver, 48, of Normanskill Road in Voorheesville, died Thursday, Feb. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Albany, she had lived in Voorheesville for 20 years.

Mrs. Oliver worked in the food service department at Voorheesville Elementary School for the past 16 years.

Survivors include her husband, Raymond C. Oliver; two sons, Wayne Oliver and Richard Oliver, both of Voorheesville; her mother, Mary Tompkins of Dormansville;

four sisters, Elizabeth Tallman of Troy, Margaret Tallman of Poestenkill, Christina Tallman of Dormansville and Mary Lou Nutbrown of Lee, Mass.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville.

Burial was in Prospect Hill Cemetery in Guelderland.

Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

## Richard McNamara

Richard F. McNamara, 75, of Adams Place in Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 24, at Albany County Nursing Home in Colonie.

Born in Fitchburg, Mass., he had lived in Delmar since 1984.

Mr. McNamara was a bombardier and navigator in the Army Air Forces in World War II. He was also a navigator with the Air Force in the Korean War. He received the Air Medal with Oak Clusters.

He was a field representative for the Metropolitan Life Insurance Co. for more than 28 years before he retired.

He was a communicant of the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mary A. O'Reilly McNamara; two daughters, Diane Page of Eugene, Ore., and Priscilla Whisler of Lake Placid; two sons, Neal McNamara of Warrenton, Ill., and John McNamara of Rochester; a sister, Margaret Fogarty of Holden, Mass.; two brothers, James McNamara of Alabama and David McNamara of Fitchburg; and eight grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery.

## Louise Galusha

Louise Kolb Schofield Galusha, 83, of Delmar died Saturday, Feb. 24, at Guelderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Poughkeepsie, she was a homemaker.

Mrs. Galusha was a member of First United Methodist Church in Delmar and the Albany Medical Center auxiliary.

Survivors include her husband, George E. Galusha; a daughter, Barbara L. Wait of Albany; two sons, Ronald W. Schofield of Fort Lauderdale, Fla., and Russell W. Schofield Jr. of Vail, Colo.; 11 grandchildren; and 13 great-grandchildren.

Interment will be in Poughkeepsie Rural Cemetery.

Arrangements are by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

A memorial service will be scheduled at a later date.

## Eunice M. Carrio

Eunice M. Carrio of Clarksville died Sunday, Feb. 25, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Elsmere, she was educated in Bethlehem schools.

Mrs. Carrio worked as a real estate broker for several years until World War II. She then worked for the Watervliet Arsenal.

She was a Cub Scout den mother and for many years was active in Tri-Village Little League. She was a member of Clarksville Community Church.

She was the widow of John Carrio.

Survivors include a son, Keith T. Carrio of DePauville, Jefferson County; a sister, Alma C. Humphrey of Delmar; a brother, Adrian Arnold of Delmar; six grandchildren; and 15 great-grandchildren.

Services are scheduled for 10 a.m. today, Feb. 28, at the Applebee Funeral Home on 403 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Clarksville Community Church, Route 443, Clarksville 12041.

## Bethlehem Preschool to hold open house

The Bethlehem Preschool, located at 397 Route 9W in Glenmont, will hold an open house for families interested in the school's half- and full-day kindergarten programs on Tuesday, March 5, from 4 to 6 p.m.

The school offers an enrichment program for pupils attending kindergarten in a public school.

For information, call 463-8091.

## Death Notices

The Spotlight will print paid Death Notices for relatives and friends who do not or have not lived in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. The charge for a paid death notice is \$25.

We will continue to print Obituaries of residents and former residents of the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland at no charge.

In Memoriam, and Cards of Thanks will also be printed for \$25.

## Legacy

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hello to you, and it was like making your day," Hunter said. "He had a really positive attitude. He wanted school to be fun. He thought learning should be fun, not just for himself, but for his teachers and his peers.

"We'll remember this tragedy," Hunter continued, "but we'll also be consoled by the fact that he made this school a better place to be."

His goal was to study environmental science at Castleton State College in Vermont this fall, his mother said, and to go on to Clarkson University for engineering.

"That was his plan," she said, "but it didn't quite work out that way."

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## SMILE offers children activities after school

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District pupils ages 7 to 13 years old can participate in the SMILE program, which is offered from 3 to 5 p.m. on Tuesdays at CHOICES in the Faith Plaza on Route 9W in Ravena and on Wednesdays at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Community Library at 106 Main St. in Ravena.

Staffed by student volunteers, the program offers help with homework, crafts, reading groups, board games, story time and the use of a computer.

For information, call 756-2053 or 756-8650.

## Hollyhock sanctuary to host bird program

The Audubon Society of New York State will present the program "Cavity Nesting Birds" at its Hollyhock Hollow Sanctuary in Selkirk on Saturday, March 9, from 10 to 11 a.m.

For information, call the society at 767-9051.

## Review

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change to build its 98,000-square-foot shopping center in what was formerly a residential district.

There will be one more public hearing on the project before any final determinations are made. The planning board is expected to begin its site plan review in March.

"What we need to look at now are the engineering plans and things like infrastructure, landscaping, lighting, grading and signage," Lipnicky said.

Construction of a 63,000-square-foot supermarket along with 25,000 square feet of retail space could begin this summer if the building project approval process goes smoothly.

"Price Chopper would like to open by December," said Robert Miller, president of Windsor Development Corp. Construction will likely take from six to nine months.

"I think we can do it in six months," he said. "I think the town will like what we're proposing, but if they have concerns, we'll listen to whatever they have to say."

# RCS sets orientation for next year's frosh

Eighth-graders and their parents are invited to Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School on Tuesday, March 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. for orientation.

Come and learn about Regents sequences, courses required for a Regents diploma, extracurricular activities and other important information for new high school students and their parents.

The meeting will begin in the auditorium and move into the classrooms.

## RCS playground group to meet at Becker

Following a most successful fund-raiser, The PARCS (playgrounds at RCS) group will meet on Tuesday, March 5, at 7 p.m. at Becker Elementary School.

All community members are welcome.

## Take a mind odyssey at RCS March 3

On Sunday, March 3, RCS High School is hosting an Odyssey of the Mind Competition. Come and enjoy a day of brain-tingling excitement. For information, call the high school at 756-2155.

## Ballet to entertain at high school

RCS will host the Boston Flamenco Ballet on Friday, March 8. Three shows will be performed. Tickets are \$4.50 per student.

For information, call Josie Prozik at 756-2155.

## Landfill update

The town of Coeymans, still under consideration as a regional dump site, has received a draft environmental revised scoping document.

The documents notes that the middle and high schools are within the vicinity of the proposed landfill, that Coeymans does not

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participate in the use of the Albany landfill, that future anticipated build-out of the site will be presented and that the concept of economic justice will be discussed.

## Senior names Szczepanski at most influential mentor

Sarah Janssen, the RCS senior chosen for the Scholar Recognition Program, has named Mary Szczepanski, her first grade teacher as the teacher who has had the most significant influence on her education.

## Students stay active on winter vacation

Although school was out for vacation last week, the high school was buzzing nonetheless.

Students were rehearsing for an upcoming play, involved in athletics and even "conquering the world."

Those who spent their time conquering the world spent Presidents' Day playing a game called "Machiavelli."

Under the direction of teacher Mark Patterson, 10 students spent the day mastering a game that teaches history, alliance building and strategic and critical thinking.

## St. Thomas church holds Lenten retreat

St. Thomas the Apostle Church on Adams Place in Delmar will hold a Lenten retreat at the church from Sunday, March 3, through Wednesday, March 6.

The retreat's theme will be "Our Exodus Journey," and will be led by Rev. Arthur Serratelli.



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## Rummage sale set at Slingerlands church

A rummage sale to benefit the Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School will be held at the Slingerlands Methodist Church on New Scotland Road on Saturday, March 9, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m.

A "bag sale" of unsold items will begin at 12:30 p.m.

Over 24 families will participate in the event. Sale items will include clothes, toys, books, games, baby items and household goods.

For information, contact Mona Markell at 439-9634.

# Youth Network

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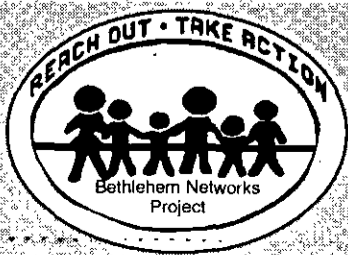
## Lab school plans dance and pasta dinner

Had enough of those long, dark, cold winter evenings at home? Ready for some wholesome fun for the entire family? The Lab School at Bethlehem Central High School has the perfect solution.

The school is sponsoring a night of dancing on Saturday, March 2, from 7:30 to 10 p.m. Come to learn and practice some country western dancing with Danci Nanci. Admission is \$5.

On Saturday, March 9, from 5 to 7 p.m., the Lab School will dish up its third annual pasta dinner and service auction. The cost is \$6 for adults and \$4 for children under age 10. Tickets can be purchased at the door or from any Lab School student.

Both events will be at the high school at 700 Delaware Ave.  
For information, call Darlene Dowse at 439-0268.



## Special on WMBT CHANNEL 17

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Wednesday, 9 p.m.

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Thursday, 9 p.m.

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Friday, 9:10 p.m.

**Roger Whittaker: The Celebration Concert**  
Saturday, 7:35 p.m.

**Mozart by the Masters**  
Sunday, 8:30 p.m.

**The Way of the Wizard by Dr. Deepak Chopra**  
Monday, 8 p.m.

**NOVA: Treasures of the Great Barrier Reef**  
Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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## Elletson, Jamieson to marry

Susan Lynn Elletson, daughter of Jon Elletson of Kingsport, Tenn., and Dr. Mark Allan Jamieson, son of Lee and Gloria Jamieson of Nipomo, Calif., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Maryland at College Park. She is employed as a marketing manager by Robert

Half International in Menlo Park, Calif., and is also pursuing a master's degree in marketing.

The future groom is a graduate of the University of California at San Diego and Georgetown University School of Medicine. He is a medical resident at Mount Zion Hospital in San Francisco.

The couple plans an Aug. 24 wedding.

## Ewert, Hodge to marry

Sandra Ewert, daughter of Jonathan Ewert of East Syracuse, and Michael Hodge, son of Kenneth and Nancy Hodge of Delmar, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Cornell University, is employed as an interior designer by Page Southerland Page Architects in

Arlington, Va.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Cornell University. He is employed as a wildlife biologist by the Wildlife Habitat Council in Silver Spring, Md.

The couple plans an Aug. 17 wedding.

## Burda, Hetman to marry

Kristin Marie Burda, daughter of Robert and Rosemarie Burda of Glenmont, and John J. Hetman, son of John and Bernadine Hetman of Annandale, Va., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hartwick College. She is employed as a first-grade teacher

by Fairfax County public schools in Fairfax, Va.

The future groom, a graduate of George Mason University, is employed as a physical education teacher by Fairfax County public schools.

The couple plans a July 27 wedding.

## Wirth, Bollenbach to marry

Susan L. Wirth, daughter of Gilbert and Mary Wirth of Delmar, and William G. Bollenbach Jr., son of William and Wilma Bollenbach of East Point, Ga., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the American College of Lon-

don. She is employed as a buyer by Federated Department Stores in Atlanta.

The future groom, a graduate of Georgia State University, owns a chain of supermarkets in the Atlanta area.

The couple plans a June 15 wedding.

## New independent school wins state art grant for dance show

The Bethlehem Children's School, an independent elementary-level school program located in Slingerlands, was recently awarded a \$730 New York State Council on the Arts Decentralization Program Grant.

The grant award, made available on a selective basis to non-profit community organizations across New York state, will enable the school to sponsor a public performance of the Okra Dance Company, a professional dance ensemble featuring African Ameri-

can dance traditions.

The performance, called "American Dance from Africa to Broadway," will take place on Sunday, March 31, from 2 to 4 p.m. at the Slingerlands Methodist Church. It will be open to the public.

Admission is \$12 for families, \$4 for adults, and \$2 for children ages 3 to 14. Youngsters ages 2 and under can watch the show for free.

For information, call 475-0305.

## Births

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Logan Alexander Legg, to Risa and Matthew Legg, Selkirk, Dec. 28.

Boy, Taylor James Cook, to Astrid and James Cook, Delmar, Dec. 31.

Boy, Ryan Christopher Daley, to Carol and Robert Daley, Delmar, Jan. 1.

Girl, Brenna Elizabeth Raffe, to Kathryn and Lance Raffe, Delmar, Jan. 11.

Girl, Courtney Lynn Meester, to Kathleen and Timothy Meester, Delmar, Jan. 15.

Twin boys, Benjamin Ryan Smith and Eric Jason Smith, to Joan and Howard Smith, Delmar, Jan. 17.

Boy, William Fang, to Hong Wang and Guowei Fang, Selkirk, Jan. 17.

Boy, Daniel Isaiah Haas, to Melissa and James Hass, Voorheesville, Jan. 18.

Girl, Mary Paulina de Vries, to Joy and Peter de Vries, Delmar, Jan. 21.

Girl, Chelsea Lynne Duncan, to Karen and Darrell Duncan, Voorheesville, Jan. 23.

Boy, Liam Taylor Kite, to Stephanie and John Kite, Delmar, Jan. 23.

Girl, Morgan Choquette Bourque, to Helen and Bruce Bourque, Slingerlands, Jan. 25.

Boy, James Patrick Taggart, to Laura Nicholson-Taggart and Bruce Taggart, Delmar, Jan. 30.

Girl, Rachel Alexandra Piccolino, to Colleen and Steven Piccolino, Delmar, Jan. 30.

Boy, Carter Jay Simard, to Michele and Jay Simard, Delmar, Jan. 31.

## Mail weddings, engagements

The Spotlight would like to publish your engagement, wedding or anniversary announcement and photo.

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Susan and Keith Puls

## Zolezzi, Puls marry

Susan M. Zolezzi, daughter of Thomas and Kay Zolezzi of Delmar, and Keith E. Puls, son of Larry and Mary Ann Puls of Omaha, Neb., were married Sept. 2.

The Revs. Thomas Chevalier and Randolph Ferguson performed the ceremony in St. Margaret Mary's Church in Albany, with the reception following at the Glen Sanders Mansion in Scotia.

The matron of honor was Janet Joachim Self, and the best man

was Ken Puls, the groom's brother.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Tufts University and Boston University Law School. She is employed as an attorney by the firm of Antonucci & Fintel in Watertown, Jefferson County.

The groom, a graduate of Creighton University and Boston College Law School, is an Army captain in the Judge Advocate General, stationed at Fort Drum in Watertown.

The couple lives in Watertown.

# Community Corner



## TVLL hosts Las Vegas Night II

Tri-Village Little League will sponsor "Las Vegas Night II" on Saturday, March 2, at 8 p.m. to benefit youth baseball in Bethlehem.

The event will take place at the Nathaniel Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Drive in Elsmere.

The evening will include a variety of casino games, including blackjack, color wheel and bang. Refreshments will be available. Admission to the event is \$5.

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# Flashback to silent film era at Proctor's

By John Brent

In 1927, Al Jolson appeared in the first commercially successful sound film, *The Jazz Singer*. Although only a part-talkie with some famous Jolson songs and a few snatches of improvised dialogue, audiences found *The Jazz Singer* electrifying, and when Jolson utters the line "You ain't heard nothin' yet!" the words were prophetic, ushering in the final fade-out of the era of the silent film.

For 30 years the silent film had dominated world entertainment and the likes of Rudolph Valentino, Mary Pickford, Gloria Swanson, Lillian Gish, Douglas Fairbanks, Clara Bow and Greta Garbo were the internationally famous stars of the day. There were also cowboys, Tom Mix and William S. Hart; the monster, Lon Chaney; and the clowns, Buster Keaton, Harold Lloyd, and most notably the Little Tramp, Charlie Chaplin.

There is something magical, perhaps even hypnotic, about watching a silent film. The lack of dialogue removed the experience one step further from reality and gave the stories an ethereal quality. The stars, too, benefited from the absence of dialogue, existing in a world where larger-than-life emotions, playing upon the human countenance, could speak with an eloquence beyond words.

Now area audiences have the opportunity to experience a silent film under optimal conditions. Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady, a picture palace built in the mid-1920s, will host a screening of Chaplin's newly restored 1931 classic *City Lights* on Sunday, March 3, at 7 p.m. Ticket prices range from \$29.50 to \$36.50. Tickets for children 12 and under are \$15.50.

As an added bonus, Carl Davis will conduct the Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra to accompany the movie with Chaplin's original musical score. A musical program will precede the film with selections from Leonard Bernstein and George Gershwin. Pianist John Bayless will be featured for these selections.

Of course, silent films were never really silent. In small towns and for matinees in larger cities, piano music would be played to accompany the images on the screen. In the larger cities, orchestras would accompany evening performances. For a modern audience, the Proctor's engagement comes as close as possible to recreating a movie-going experience from the silent era.

As Hollywood succumbed to the panic to convert to sound in the late-1920s, stars, often with great reluctance, took the plunge into the talkies. The stars knew that if their speaking voices failed to register properly with their fans, they would be finished. Greta Garbo appeared in *The Kiss* in 1929, the last silent film ever released by the formidable Metro-Goldwyn-Mayer. The studio was reluctant to put the famous Swedish star in a talkie fearing



that her thick accent would be her undoing, but even the biggest names had to bow to the new trend and the following year marquees across the nation proclaimed Garbo Talks! to announce engagements of her first sound film *Anna Christie*. She was the last major star, with the exception of Chaplin, to make the transition to talkies.

Chaplin, who had come from England as a vaudeville performer in the early years of the century, fell into film making little realizing that he would become one of the significant talents helping to shape the new art.

By the mid-teens, he was an internationally known movie star, commanding princely salaries from companies competing for his services as he turned out his early two-reel movies. All theater managers had to do was place a cardboard cutout of Chaplin at the entrance to the theatre holding a sign "I'm here today!" to be assured of sell-out crowds.

By the 1920s, Chaplin had moved onto producing, directing and starring in his own feature films. *The Kid*, *The Gold Rush*, *The Circus* were among his big hits in the 1920s. Along with Keaton and Lloyd, Chaplin had come to be regarded as one of the masters of silent screen comedy by audiences and critics alike. But if Keaton and Lloyd were considered geniuses by film theorists and critics, Chaplin was considered a god.

No wonder then, when the silent screen uttered its dying gasp (in a subtitle, of course) at the end of the 1920s, Chaplin decided to continue to make films in pantomime. He also knew that much of his popularity depended upon the universal appeal of his Little Tramp character, an appeal that would become more limited should the Tramp acquire a speaking voice.

In 1931 he released *City Lights*, a charming story in which the Little Tramp becomes involved with a blind flower girl. The story has many comic highlights as the tramp struggles to raise money for an operation that will restore the girl's sight and some deeply poignant moments as the tramp allows the girl to believe that he is a well-heeled millionaire.

It is testimony to Chaplin's popularity that he alone was able to go on making silent films well into the sound era, but it is also a fitting tribute to the technique of the silent motion picture that 65 years after its premiere, *City Lights* is still being shown.

And at Proctor's, it will be shown in all its glory, with full orchestral accompaniment, in a picture palace appropriate for the era. Under these circumstances, the film will emerge as fresh, as inventive, as amusing and as moving as it was when first unreeled for audiences in 1931.

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## Family Entertainment

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### New production of Tony Kushner's play opens at Albany Civic Theater Friday

Tony Kushner whose major play, *Angels Over America*, was just performed as a touring show at Proctor's Theatre, will be represented again in the area with the presentation of his play, *A Bright Room Called Day*, at the Albany Civic Theater, Friday, Mar. 1.

The play which will be directed by Michael Noonan, had a workshop production at the Capital Repertory Theater in Albany several years ago, became a hit in San Francisco but failed in a New York presentation.

However, Noonan is taking the playwright's permission to cut the script into workable length and will offer the play which parallels Hitler's Nazism with an American president's refusal to recognize AIDS as a health threat in the 1980s.

A New York City native, Kushner grew up in Louisiana but moved back to New York to pursue his theatrical career. It was then that he told his family he was gay and then became the leading playwright to write about the homosexual life.

The production at the Second Avenue Firehouse theater in Albany plays through March 17. Reservations: 462-1297.

### Chaplin's restored *City Lights* revived at Proctor's with symphony orchestra

The Royal Liverpool Philharmonic Orchestra under the direction of Carl Davis will perform the original musical score for Charlie Chaplin's 1931 silent movie, *City Lights*, which plays Sunday (Mar. 3) at 7 p.m. at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady.

This touring tribute returns to the big screen the 1931 movie that provided a dilemma for Chaplin. With sound a reality in films, Chaplin had to make a decision about using dialogue in his movie.

The English comic decided to remain silent. Audiences

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By Martin P. Kelly

from the World War I era knew him as a comic tramp, an Everyman, with no particular ethnic heritage and the actor wisely decided to remain that character rather than reveal his clipped British accent.

Personally, I was a young child taken to this movie in 1931 in New York at a theater as large as Proctor's that was filled to such capacity that my parents and I stood during the whole film.

As I reflect on Chaplin's popularity and remember my own youth in New York, I realize how wise Chaplin's decision to remain silent was. The large influx of immigrants into America with little knowledge of the English language made Chaplin's silent antics very easy to enjoy. He transcended language and remained popular the world over well into the sound era.

Th multi-talented Chaplin also wrote an original score for *City Lights* in 1931 and it is this music that will be played with the film at the Proctor's screening. Reservations: 346-6204.

### Latham theater troupe prepares comedy for production in several weeks

A 50-year old comedy, *Dear Ruth*, will be revived by The Footlighters March 22, 23 and 29, 30 at the Cavalry United Methodist Church in Latham.



Martin P. Kelly

Set in WW II, the comedy by Garson Kanin, revolves around a young woman who impersonates her sister to boost a soldier's morale while overseas. When he returns to find the Ruth he received letters from, he finds that the younger woman was the writer.

Greg Seep and Kathleen Merolla are cast as the young lovers in this production. Info/reservations: 785-5142.

### Chicago City Lights visit The Egg for two performances Saturday

The improvisational theater company, Chicago City Limits, which has bred numerous comedy performers since its inception in the 1970s, returns to Albany Saturday (May 2) for two performances at Empire Center at The Egg. Performances are at 2 and 8 p.m.

The group was founded in Chicago and moved to New York where it established its own theater and has had a continuous run of more than 5,000 performances. Its tour each year brings this special type of theater to audiences throughout the country. Reservations: 473-1845.

### Schenectady Civic Players seek actors while another show prepares to open

16 men are needed to complete the cast of sailors and officers for the play *Mr. Roberts*. The tryout will be held Thursday, Feb. 29 at 7 p.m. at the Schenectady Civic Playhouse, on Church Street. Info: 382-2081.

Meanwhile, rehearsals are underway for the production of Neil Simon's comedy, *Jake's Women*, that opens Friday, March 15 for an eight-performance run. Joseph Fava is the director of this latest Simon comedy. Reservations: 382-2081.

### Around Theaters!

*Grapes of Wrath*, at Capital Repertory Company in Albany, tonight through March 17 (462-4534).



# ARTS and ENTERTAINMENT

## THEATER

**"THE GRAPES OF WRATH"**  
adaptation of John Steinbeck's epic, The Market Theatre, 111 North Pearl St., Albany, through March 17, \$18. Information, 462-4534.

**"WRITE ME A MURDER"**  
mystery by Frederick Knott, Spa Little Theater, Saratoga State Park, Saratoga Springs, dinner package available at Gideon Putnam Hotel, 8:15 p.m., \$15. Information, 587-4427.

**"GETTING OUT"**  
drama by Marsha Norman, Foy Theatre, Siena College, Route 9, Loudonville, Feb. 29, March 1 and 2, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 783-2527.

**"CHICAGO CITY LIMITS"**  
Improvisation, song spoofs and comedy sketches, Empire State Center at the Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, Saturday, March 2, 2 and 8 p.m., \$10 for 3 p.m. show, \$18 for 8 p.m. show. Information, 473-1848.

**STEVE VAN ZANDT**  
comedian, Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Saturday, March 2, 8 p.m., \$9. Information, 438-5503.

## MUSIC

**ALLAN ALEXANDER**  
guitar and lute player, Allegro Cafe, Troy, Saturdays through March 3, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 271-1942.

**AMATON**  
folk and blues band, The Cheldan House, Berne-Albany Road, Route 156, Altamont, Saturday, March 2, 8 to 11 p.m. Information, 872-9211.

**ROSALIE SORRELLS**  
The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Saturday, March 2, 8 p.m., \$12. Information, 434-1703.

**JUSTINA AND JOYCE**  
The Eighth Step, 14 Willett St., Albany, Sunday, March 3, 7 p.m., \$10. Information, 434-1703.

**AMY ABDOU**  
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Friday, March 1, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**ROSEANNE RANERI**  
Borders Books and Music, 59 Wolf Road, Colonie, Saturday, March 2, 8 p.m. Information, 482-5800.

**PERCUSSION CONCERT**  
"Festival of 20th Century Music: Music of Drummers," Studio Theatre of the University of Albany Performing Arts Center, Thursday, Feb. 29, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3997.

**AMERNET STRING QUARTET**  
program of Haydn, Barber and Debussy, Kiggins Hall at Emma Willard School, 285 Pawling Ave., Troy, Thursday, March 7, 8 p.m., \$14. Information, 274-2098.

**THE MENDELSSOHN CLUB**  
seventy-five member male chorus, Academy of Holy Names Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Road, Albany, Friday, March 1, 8 p.m., \$18. Information, 438-7895.

**FRANKLIN MICARE**  
Century House, Route 9, Latham, Friday, March 1, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 785-0834.

**TERESA BROADWELL**  
Century House Route 9, Latham, Saturday, March 2, 7 to 11 p.m. Information, 785-0834.

**OUT OF CONTROL**  
rhythm and blues band, Pauly's Hotel, corner of Central and Quail streets, Albany, Friday, March 1, 10:30 p.m. to 2:30 a.m.

## DANCE

**COUNTRY AND CONTRA DANCE**  
featuring live music by Bill Spence, George Wilson and Toby Stover, Masonic Temple, 138 Maple Ave., Altamont, Saturday, March 2, 8 p.m., \$6. Information, 765-2815.

## CALL FOR ARTISTS

**SOUP MULTIMEDIA**  
Soup Multimedia is currently looking for artists, photographers, painters, videographers, musicians and writers for "Postcards from Albany." Call, write or e-mail SOUP4MARK@aol.com, PO Box 3721, Albany, NY 12203. Information, 869-0766.

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one poem only, 20 lines or less on any subject in any style, \$500 grand prize, send to Sparrow Poetry Forum, Inc., Dept. E, 203 Diamond St., Sistersville, WV 26175, contest closes May 31. Information, 304-652-1449.

## CLASSES

**DANCE CLASSES**  
ongoing, all levels, ballet, jazz and modern, New School of Ballet, 1098 Parkwood Blvd., Schenectady, Mondays to Thursdays and Saturdays. Information, 346-1096.

**ART CLASSES**  
watercolor and oil, beginner and advanced, taught by Kristin Woodward. Information, 783-1828.

**MUSEUM ART CLASSES**  
ongoing, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, \$25. Information, 463-4478.

**DANCE CLASSES**  
winter session of classes, eba Center for Dance and Movement, corner of Lark and Hudson streets, Albany. Information, 465-9916.

## FAMILY ENTERTAINMENT

**"RUMPELSTILTSKIN"**  
Steamer No. 10 Theatre, 500 Western Ave., Albany, Saturday and Sunday, March 2 and 3, 1 and 3:30 p.m., \$6. Information, 438-5503

## VISUAL ARTS

**"PEOPLE AND PLACE"**  
"People and Place: Changing Land Use and Landscape in Rensselaer County," chronological look at land use in the county, Rensselaer County Historical Society, 59 Second St., Troy, through June. Information, 272-7232.

**"SCHOONER AMERICA 1851/1995"**  
documentation by Joseph Schuyler and Dahl Taylor, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through March 3. Information, 463-4478.

**BURNS STUDIO PHOTOGRAPHS**  
state-of-the-art photographs from the 1950's, New York State Museum, Albany, through April 1. Information, 474-5877.

**TOM BREITENBACH**  
display of paintings, Dietel Art Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through March 8. Information, 274-4440.

**JUDY KATZ**  
watercolors, Mountaintop Gallery, Main Street, Windham, through March 16. Information, 734-3104.

**VIETNAM MEMORIAL GALLERY**  
featuring "Healing The Wounds of War: A Veteran's Return to Vietnam with His Wife," New York State Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April 15. Information, 474-6784.

**"ERASTUS CORNING"**  
photographs and memorabilia of Albany's long-time mayor, Albany Institute of History & Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July 28. Information, 463-4478.

**"STILL LIFE IN THE 90'S"**  
Canterbury Gallery, 25 Hackett Blvd., Albany, through Feb. 29. Information, 439-2955.

**WILLIAM JACKSON**  
exhibit of computer graphics, Spencertown Academy Art Gallery, Route 203, Spencertown, through April 1. Information, 413-528-7421.

**DEREK HAFFAR**  
various works of art, Columbia Greene Community College, through March 8.

**"SPLENDOR IN STONE"**  
exhibit of rock from the New York State Museum, Nott Memorial, Union College campus, Schenectady, through Feb. 29. Information, 388-6004.

**"DREAMS AND REALITY"**  
acrylic art by Diane Tucker, Crafter Gallery, 429 Broadway, Saratoga. Information, 584-4132.

**"LLAVE: A KEY TO THE SECRET"**  
curated by Andrea Nasrallah, Rathbone Gallery, Sage Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 11. Information, 445-1778.

**"TWENTY-FIVE YEARS OF AFRICAN-AMERICAN ART"**  
selections from the Studio Museum in Harlem, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through March 2. Information, 474-5877.

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## Weekly Crossword

"Having A Ball"

By Gerry Frey

- ACROSS**
- Throw
  - Challenged
  - Follows wedding or boxing
  - Feed the kitty
  - Mountain crest
  - Cleveland's lake
  - Horse color
  - Ball game
  - Fops
  - Stirs
  - Repair
  - Smuggle
  - Make butter
  - Laptops, e.g.
  - Mr. Philbin
  - Rudolph \_\_\_\_\_
  - What ?
  - Made over
  - Tropical bird
  - Basketball verb
  - Earlier: Prefix
  - Exchange member
  - Switch plate words
  - Pronoun
  - Tennis star
  - Affectionate initials
  - Botanists' concerns
  - Spelunkers' forte
  - Burn
  - Purloiner
  - Sweet desert
  - Ball attendee
  - Glare
  - Story starter
  - Syrian statesman
  - On the sheltered side
  - Snead's needs
  - Fry lightly
  - Winter vehicle

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- DOWN**
- Ask for age proof
  - Small buffalo
  - Ball player
  - Proffers
  - Old-fashioned
  - Greek god of war
  - Soak flax
  - Mr. Allen & others
  - John the tractor man
  - Scolded
  - Tax savers
  - River
  - Colloids
  - Guffawed
  - Hotel
  - Harvard & Columbia
  - Discourses
  - Hank in Paris
  - Ale house
  - Hank Aaron's pitch
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# AROUND THE AREA

**WEDNESDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 28**

### ALBANY COUNTY

**WINTER FARMERS' MARKET**  
Grand Concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m.

### FARMERS' MARKET

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

### MULTIPLE SCLEROSIS SUPPORT GROUP FOR WOMEN

Woman's HealthCare Plus, 2093 Western Ave., Guilderland, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-3456.

### "DE-CLUTTER—DE-STRESS YOUR LIFE"

Helen Volk, B.S., J.D. to lead workshop, pre-registration required, limited space. Consultation Center, 790 Lancaster Street, Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$12. Information, 489-4431.

### VEGETARIAN LASAGNA DINNER

to benefit Albany Pine Bush, reservations requested, all-you-can-eat, First Presbyterian Church, corner of State and Willet streets, Albany, 6 p.m. Cost, \$10 adults, \$5 students, \$2 children. Information, 462-0891.

### SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### RIVER VALLEY CHORUS MEETING

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

**THURSDAY**  
**FEBRUARY 29**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### CHORUS REHEARSAL

sponsored by Capitaland Chorus of Sweet Adelines, New Covenant Church, 916 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-4384.

### FREE LEGAL ADVICE FOR WOMEN

call to schedule an appointment, Women's Building, 79 Central Ave., Albany, 5 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-1597.

### "DRAWING: A WAY OF SEEING"

four-session workshop to focus on seeing the world through the creation of art, Feb. 29, March 14 and 28, April 11, pre-registration required, Pastoral Center, 40 North Main Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Cost, \$55. Information, 489-4431.

### THE QUEST

a contemporary, systematic study of spiritual principles, Unity Church, 725 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 to 9 p.m. Information, 475-9715.

### 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.

**FRIDAY**  
**MARCH 1**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### 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.

### ROOFERS RECRUIT APPRENTICES

applications accepted by those at least age 18, Roofers Joint Apprenticeship Committee of the Capital District, Local 241, 890 Third St., Albany, 8 a.m. to noon. Information, 457-5519.

### SENIORS LUNCHES

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

**SATURDAY**  
**MARCH 2**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### BABYSITTING COURSE

pre-registration required, for students 11 years of age and older, Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross, 2 Clara Barton Drive, Albany, 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. Cost, \$28. Information, 433-0151.

### SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### SIBLING CLASSES

to assist parents in preparing their young children ages 3 to 10 for the arrival of a baby, pre-registration required, includes juice and cookies, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 10:15 and 11:30 a.m. Cost, \$5 per child. Information, 346-9400.

**SUNDAY**  
**MARCH 3**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### DANCE PROGRAM

"Polka Guys and Dolls," for children 3 and older, Cohoes Polish National Alliance, Cohoes, 6 to 7:30 p.m. Information, 237-8595.

### SCOTTISH DANCING

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

### PANCAKE BREAKFAST

all-you-can-eat, Polish Community Center, Washington Avenue Extension, Albany, 7 to 11 a.m. Cost, \$4 adults, \$2 children. Information, 456-3995.

**MONDAY**  
**MARCH 4**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### SENIORS LUNCHES

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

### FOSTER PARENT ORIENTATION

for single and married adults over 21 in the Albany area, Parsons Child and Family Center, 60 Academy Road, Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 426-2600.

### "MIGRANT SONGBIRDS"

slide show to describe the annual journey taken by songbirds, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 475-0291.

### SCHENECTADY COUNTY

### ALL ABOUT INFANTS

for expectant parents, pre-registration required, Bellevue Hospital, 2210 Troy Road, Niskayuna, 7 to 9 p.m. Cost, \$30. Information, 346-9400.

### SCOTTISH DANCING

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

**TUESDAY**  
**MARCH 5**

### ALBANY COUNTY

### TRUE FRIENDS

female incest survivors support group, Pineview Community Church, 251 Washington Ave. Extension, Albany, 7 to 8:30 p.m. Information, 452-7800.

### SINGLE PARENTS MEETING

sponsored by Parents Without Partners Chapter 380, Colonie Community Center, Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 869-0870.

### BINGO

Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Road, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-6651.

### RECOVERY, INC.

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

### SENIORS LUNCHES

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

### SAFE PLACE

support group for those who have lost a loved one to suicide, St. John's Lutheran Church, 160 Central Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 463-2323.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### TOWN OF BETHLEHEM BOARD OF APPEALS 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 6, 1996, at 7:30 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Benjamin F. Pearsall, 21 Font Grove Road, Slingerlands, New York, for Variance under Article XVI, Front Yards, Section 128-71, Accessory Buildings of the code of the Town of Bethlehem for construction of a garage at premises 21 Font Grove Road, Slingerlands, New York.

Michael C. Hodom  
Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(February 28, 1996)

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Kathleen A. Newkirk, CMC  
Town Clerk  
Dated: February 14, 1996  
(February 28, 1996)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING TOWN OF BETHLEHEM, ALBANY COUNTY

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on March 13, 1996 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, NY to consider proposed Local Law No. 5 of 1996, amending Chapter 119, Chapter 34, Yield Intersections, pertaining to Kenwood Avenue at Route 32, Glenmont.

All parties in interest and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.

The Town of Bethlehem provides reasonable accommodations for the disabled. Disabled individuals who need assistance in order to participate should contact David Austin at 439-4131. Advanced notice is requested.

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### LEGAL NOTICE

#### LEGAL NOTICE ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE

NOTICE OF A 30 DAY PERIOD FOR PUBLIC REVIEW AND COMMENT CONCERNING ALBANY COUNTY AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT 3 PURSUANT TO THE EIGHTH YEAR REVIEW OF AN AGRICULTURAL DISTRICT

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE, that Agricultural District No. 3 within the County of Albany was established on February 22, 1977 pursuant to Article 25-AA of the New York State Agricultural Markets Law.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that under Section 303(8) of the Agricultural and Markets Law, the County is required to review an agricultural district eight years after its creation, every eight years thereafter and is now beginning the process of reviewing Agricultural District No. 3.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that this public Notice will be published in a newspaper having general circulation within Agricultural District No. 3 and will be posted in five (5) conspicuous places within Agricultural District No. 3.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that the map of Agricultural District No. 3 will be on file and open to public inspection at the office of the Albany County Clerk and the office of the Albany County Cooperative Extension Association on Martin Road, Voorheesville.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that during this 30 day period, any municipality whose territory encompasses the above Agricultural District, any State Agency or any landowner within or adjacent to the District, may propose a modification of the district.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that any proposed modification must be filed with the Albany County Clerk and the Clerk of the Albany County Legislature within thirty (30) days after the date of publication of this Notice.

PLEASE TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that at the termination of the hereinabove specified thirty (30) day period, the district ward proposed modification(s) will be submitted to the Albany County Planning Board and the Albany County Agricultural and Farmland Protection Board and that thereafter a Public Hearing will be held concerning Agricultural District No. 3, proposed modification(s), and the recommendation(s) of the Planning Board and/or the Protection Board.

DATED: February 28, 1996  
PAUL T. DEVANE, CLERK  
ALBANY COUNTY LEGISLATURE  
(February 28, 1996)

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# Torch

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the basis of being "community heroes." Another 2,000 torchbearers are winners of a contest run by the corporate sponsor. The remaining participants include Olympians, members of the media and international representatives.

Rosmarin-Plattner was chosen as a community hero, although that's definitely not a label that she's actively sought out.

"I consider myself a professional volunteer," she said. "I don't work, and I've been doing this type of thing since high school."

Back then, when she lived on Long Island, Rosmarin-Plattner helped out at the local YMCA and worked in an after-school program for first-grade boys, "trying to keep them busy." In college, she volunteered in elementary schools.

Since her arrival in Slingerlands in 1979, she has been an active member of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and the Community Partnership. She also co-chaired the Slingerlands playground project.

"I'm incredibly impressed by the changes that have taken place

since we moved here," she said.

Children don't function well in a vacuum, with everyone going about their own business. People do better when they work together and try to break down turfs."

Rosmarin-Plattner's main focus for the past several years has been Equinox, where she serves on the board of directors. Beyond that, for the past two years she has co-chaired the organization's chief fund-raiser, the New York State Festival of Chocolate

And she has co-chaired the Equinox Thanksgiving Day Dinner in Albany, coordinating hundreds of volunteers who cook and serve thousands of dinners.

"I started cooking turkeys for the dinner 10 years ago," she said. "I went from the frying pan into the fire, so to speak."

Equinox runs the only youth shelter in the area where "kids can come in right off the street," she said.

And it also runs the only domestic violence shelter for women and children in Albany County, as well as providing substance abuse counseling for those with limited incomes.

# Path

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page article, "Heart of the Hudson," on the Hudson River Valley. Albany County rates nary a mention, but the author does visit with a Catskill mushroom farmer with local ties.

In the article, Frank Bulich, Moreau's and Stanton's father, chafes at development restrictions on his 670-acre riverside farm in terms remarkably similar to those used by his daughters.

"The thing is, our land is our retirement," Bulich tells *National Geographic* writer Patrick Smith. "As long as I'm not hurting anybody, I shouldn't have restrictions on my property. I'm not polluting the river — that's the issue, isn't it?"

But as with the New Scotland zoning debate, the issue of development along the river has two sides, Smith reports.

"The environmental groups that sprang up during the antipollution fights of the '60s and '70s are focusing on such issues as land use and property rights," Smith writes. "Sprawl is the big-

gest problem we have," says Klara Sauer (of Scenic Hudson, Inc.). "Along with commercial-strip development, it will kill this valley if we don't do something about it."

Bulich is also a landowner in New Scotland, having bought the 81-acre farm next to town hall formerly owned by Donald Terhune.

Bulich's children, including Moreau and Stanton, worked to clean up the farm, and opened a farmstand, Our Family's Harvest, as a local outlet for the family's mushrooms and other farm products.

Unlike many farm families, whose children leave the farm to make their way in the world, eight of Bulich's nine children are involved in some way with farming, Moreau said.

"Every one of us had the opportunity for higher education," said Moreau, herself a lawyer. "But farming gets in your blood, and we want our children to have the opportunity to be involved in a farm family business."

Given stubbornly low wholesale prices for farm products,

Moreau said that her father "had to develop new marketing techniques, going directly to the consumer in New York City greenmarkets" and the New Scotland store.

Unlike many farmers who inherit their land, Bulich, the son of Croatian immigrants, scrimped, saved and worked hard to buy his riverside farm, Moreau said.

"When you acquire something that way, your attachment to it is stronger," she said. "That's why we feel so strongly about property rights."

Moreau noted, "Not every use of property is perfect," adding that her father fought a proposal to site a landfill on his farm in the 1980s.

"But the property owner is in most cases the best person to determine" the best use of his land, "as long as you're not hurting your neighbor," she said.

Echoing her public statements, Moreau said, "If you want to control the land around you, then be in a position to purchase it."

## BC budget meetings continue

Continuing its budget deliberations, the Bethlehem Central school board will consider special education, BOCES and athletics programs tonight Feb. 28, at 7 p.m. in the district office at 90 Adams Place.

The board will consider other aspects of the 1996-97 budget on:

- March 6 at 8 p.m. — Kindergarten-through-eighth-grade instructional staffing and programs.
- March 13 at 7 p.m. — High school instructional staffing and programs, equipment and revenue.
- March 20 at 8 p.m. — Discus-

sion and review of decisions made at prior sessions.

- March 27 at 7 p.m. — Final decisions and budget adoption.
- April 17 at 8 p.m. — Budget public hearing.

The public vote on the budget will be May 8.

All meetings are tentatively scheduled to be held in the district office, while the public hearing has traditionally been held in the middle school auditorium.

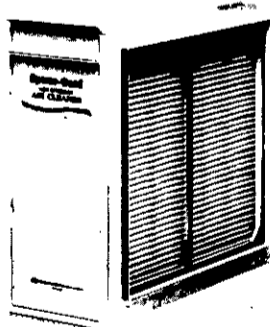


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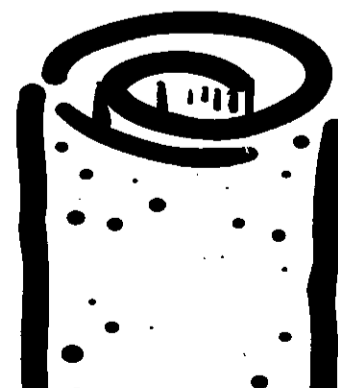
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