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BC workers bemoan lack of contract

By Lisa K. Kelly

For almost two years, the Bethlehem Central United Employees Association has been without a contract agreement with the school district.

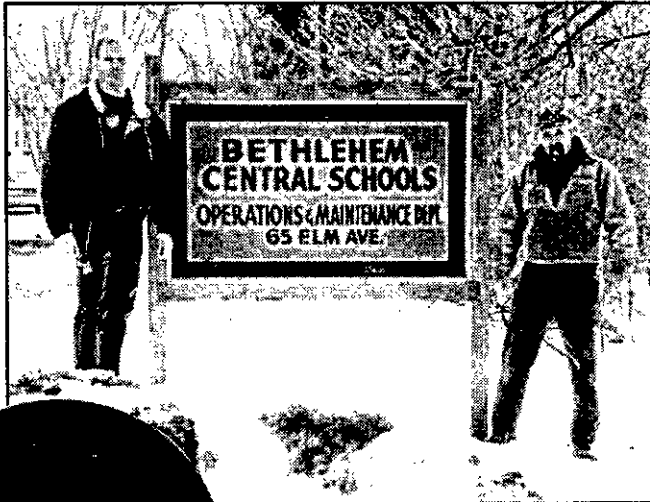
The union represents more than 280 non-instructional district employees, including bus drivers, office workers, nurses, aides and monitors, skilled tradesmen, custodians, groundskeepers and food service workers.

"We are here ... for the kids," said union president and district groundskeeper Charles Blanchard. "We do not want to do anything to hinder the children's education."

"We can't strike, and we would never do anything that would negatively impact on the children we serve," said Kathy Gill, senior secretary in the pupil personnel services department.

Union members are wearing orange pins with frown faces to express their frustrations. "We started wearing them to let the community know we have been working without a contract," Blanchard said. "It kind of puts across the feeling that we're not real happy with the way things are going."

"The morale is very poor at this time," said maintenance mechanic Ronald Shelmerdine. "There is a lot of tension around here."



Ronald Shelmerdine and Charles Blanchard, members of the BCUEA.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district recognizes that union members are exercising their right to free speech by wearing the pins. "I know they are frustrated," he added.

Bright orange frown face fliers also adorn the windows of many local businesses.

Don Wagner, co-owner of Wagner's Barber Shop at 337 Delaware Ave. in Delmar hung a flier in his window at the request of a customer. "You have to support the community," he said.

The association and school district have been negotiating since July 1996, with very little movement toward an

agreement.

"To follow suit with the teachers is what we were looking to do," said Charles Blanchard. He said that the association came to the table in July 1996 with few contract changes in mind.

"If they ... offered us the same package we had but with a pay increase along with the cost of living, I'm sure we would have been happy," he said. "We would have even looked at the parity of the teachers' (contract). They took a cut in health insurance," he added.

Loomis would not comment on the specifics of the district's position, but did note that it had not ruled out a raise for non-instructional employees. "We have not determined what it would be," he said.

Blanchard said that when negotiations stalled in 1996, the process went to state Public Employment Relations Board fact finders who issued a report in September 1997.

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Survey shows company growth but stagnant economy

By Peter Hanson

Most companies in Bethlehem expect their business to increase this year, according to a report released last week that surveyed 14 area chambers of commerce.

The 12th Annual Business Climate Survey, conducted by the Albany-based accounting firm Charles L. Marvin & Company, reported an upswing across the entire Capital District but also characterized the regional economy as "stagnant."

The 22-page report was released at a press conference Feb. 5 at Crossgates Mall in Guilderland.

"I think this is a good sign that businesses are optimistic about profits in the coming year even though the economy is stagnant,"

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Theater advocates seek BC school board support

By Lisa K. Kelly

Theater advocates in Bethlehem Central School District want the school board to support the art throughout every student's educational experience.

"We need to feel that the theater side is not on the bottom rung with administrators," said Frank Leavitt, a member of the K-12 Drama Study Group and middle school teacher.

"The drama program has a right to exist and should be accommodated," said Wendy Lefkovich, co-president of the Bethlehem Theater Support Group, which presented a report on its findings to the school board last week.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said the district had asked theater advocates who wanted a stronger drama program to participate in the study group.

"There is very strong interest in drama within the district," Loomis said. "There is excellent support on the part of students, teachers and parents."

The 14-member group outlined several concerns, developed an action plan for the district and offered a number of program possibilities in its report.

Lefkovich said the concerns of the group were both philosophical and

practical. "Philosophically, there should be an overall vision ... and an integrated program which spans across all levels," she said.

At the middle school the group recommends providing students with



Despite the success of the middle school production of Ben Hur, the director said more coordination is needed. Above William Nathan and Risa Sarachan perform in Ben Hur. Doug Persons

increased opportunities to participate in drama activities along with musicals.

Leavitt, director of the musical Ben Hur,

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Northern aid



Slingerlands fifth-grader Brien Puff and kindergartener Bailey Patnode helped with the collection to benefit victims of the North Country's ice storm. Katherine McCarthy

Police arrest 3 for DWI

Bethlehem police recently made several arrests on charges of driving while intoxicated. They also responded to a report of an intoxicated youth at Del Lanes in Delmar.

Arthur Francis Tracy, 25, of 17 Folger Ave. in Nantucket, Mass., was arrested on charges of DWI at 1:02 a.m. Tuesday, Jan. 27.

Police said Tracy was observed driving 21 miles per hour over the speed limit. Officer Brian Hughes stopped Tracy on Delaware Avenue near Lincoln Drive in Elsmere and administered several field sobriety tests, which Tracy failed.

Tracy was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, Feb. 10, at 4 p.m.

Joseph Edward Haskin III, 22, of 266 Yates Street in Albany, was arrested on charges of DWI at 10:11 p.m. Saturday, Jan. 31.

Police stopped Haskin when he was traveling north on Route 9W in Glenmont with one headlight out, then administered several field tests, which Haskin failed.

Haskin was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Wednesday, Feb. 18 at 4 p.m.

Eric Edward Whalen, 29, of Rural Route 2, Box 1228, Athens, Greene County, was arrested on charges of DWI at 11:31 p.m. Sat-

urday, Jan. 31.

Officer Christopher Hughes stopped Whalen near the intersection of Kenwood Avenue and Montrose Drive in Delmar because he was driving with one tail light missing. Whalen failed several field sobriety tests, police said.

Whalen was given an appearance ticket to appear in town court Tuesday, March 3, at 4 p.m.

In a related matter, Bethlehem police recently responded to a report of an intoxicated youth.

The Hannacroix boy's father received a call early Sunday, Feb. 1, from an unknown female who stated his son, 16, was extremely drunk and needed a ride home from Del Lanes in Delmar. The father drove to Del Lanes and found his son passed out near the building.

Previously, the boy had been vomiting and was incoherent, according to the police report.

Jack Donnelly, of Bethlehem Court in Delmar, called Bethlehem police and emergency medical services. A Delmar Rescue Squad ambulance took the boy to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Police said they believed the boy may have been drinking in the Del Lanes parking lot, but don't know where he got the liquor or from whom.

Arbor Day group offers free trees

Each person who joins the National Arbor Day Foundation during February will receive 10 free Colorado blue spruce trees.

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The six to 12 inch trees are guaranteed to grow or they will be replaced free of charge.

To become a member and receive free trees, send a \$10 contribution to Ten Free Colorado Blue Spruce Trees, National Arbor Day Foundation, 100 Arbor Ave., Nebraska City, Neb. 68410 by Feb. 28.

Firefighters to serve home-style breakfast

Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company will serve a home-style breakfast on Sunday, Feb. 22, from 7 a.m. to noon at the Clarksville firehouse on Route 301.

The cost is \$4 for adults and \$3 for children.

BC principal suspends boy for gun in school

An 11th-grade Bethlehem Central High School boy was suspended from school and arrested Thursday afternoon for having a gun on school property.

A school aide discovered the Marksman .177-caliber air pistol (a pellet gun) when the aide brushed up against the 16-year-old student's coat that was hanging on a chair, said police officer Bruce Oliver.

Oliver said he was called to the scene after the Selkirk boy refused to leave school grounds at the request of school Principal Jon Hunter.

Superintendent Leslie Loomis said it is the district's policy to deal with these matters first with in-school discipline and to contact the police if there is the potential of a law being violated.

"I think that we are all aware that a BB-gun presents a danger and the district views this matter as serious," Loomis said. "Our responsibility first is to make sure the students, employees and community members in our schools are safe."

"We are always, above all else, looking out for the safety and welfare of our children," Hunter said.

The student was released and is scheduled to appear in town court Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 4 p.m.

Lisa K. Kelly

Correction

Last week's story about Bethlehem's new tax break incorrectly stated the tax exemption was only for seniors. Town property owners of any age who have certified disabilities and a limited income are eligible for the exemption, assessor David Leafer said.

The article also stated people who apply for Gov. George Pataki's STAR program cannot also receive the new exemption, which is incorrect. Leafer said residents who already qualify for Bethlehem's senior exemption cannot also qualify for the disability exemption.

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V'ville board announces budget

By Katherine McCarthy

Voorheesville's school Superintendent Alan McCartney presented the first portion of the 1998-99 budget at Monday's board of education meeting. The next budget meeting is scheduled for Monday, Feb. 23, at 7:30 p.m., and a completed budget will be available at the March 9 meeting.

So far, special education will see the addition of a 1.2 full time equivalent position. This increases the programs for students with disabilities portion of the budget by 7.19 percent over last year's costs, from \$940,310 to \$1,007,900.

Transportation will also see an increase, with the need to purchase one large bus and three

smaller Suburbans, and hire a new bus driver.

Anthony Marturano, assistant superintendent for business, said the district needs new buses because of strict inspection rules imposed by the state's Department of Transportation. Total transportation will see an increase of 5.82 percent, up from last year's figure of \$814,230 to \$861,625.

The board of education's budget remains steady at \$14,300. The chief school administrator's budget decreases by \$900, to \$153,250 vs. last year's \$154,150. The finance budget so far shows an increase of 0.85 percent, at \$224,745.

Staff expenses are down to \$13,620, as compared to \$16,075 last year. Special items, like unallocated insurance and property tax refund, are up 6.84 percent, to \$129,700. Total pupil services budgeted so far, which doesn't include co-curricular activities and interscholastic athletics, is \$410,050.

The debt service line shows a \$20,246 decrease, with \$934,769 budgeted for this year—last year's amount was \$955,015. Interfund transfers are also down to \$21,000, from \$25,000 last year.

Monday's portion of the budget amounted to \$3,770,599. Last year's total budget was \$13,229,548.

At this point, McCartney estimates Voorheesville's portion of additional aid from Gov. George Pataki's new plan for school aid to amount to \$31,111. "We are waiting for the legislature to take a look at his proposals," McCartney said, foreshadowing the waiting process that affects school districts every year, as the state legislature votes on aid packages long after schools have passed their budgets.

McCartney pointed out that the \$31,111 is mostly categorical aid. "That's for things we do," he said, "like transportation, building, and BOCES costs."

Survey assesses substance abuse

By Katherine McCarthy

Erin Laffredo of DE Associates presented some sobering statistics at Voorheesville's school board meeting Monday night: Drug, alcohol and cigarette use in grades six to 12 in Voorheesville exceed the national average.

Laffredo, who has been active in substance abuse prevention programs in Albany County since 1985, presented the results of a Pride survey given to 640 students and parents. The Pride national survey has been done since 1982.

Laffredo praised the district's pro-active approach. "It's great that there hasn't been a tragedy," she said, "which is when most communities begin to address the problems."

The Pride survey presented the percentage of students in sixth, eighth and 11th-grade using cigarettes, alcohol and drugs. Use was defined as once in the past year.

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School board approves library parking proposal

By Peter Hanson

The Bethlehem School Board voted in its Feb. 4 meeting to approve Bethlehem Public Library's purchase of the land at 45 Borthwick Ave. for \$150,000. The library wants to build a new entrance on the land as part of an expansion of its parking lot.

The board's approval is a formality, because the library is zoned as part of the school district. Bethlehem residents have the final say on whether the library can build its expansion, and will vote on a one-time budget increase of \$250,000 May 19.

Although the school board's vote doesn't enable the library to move forward on the project, it carries the proposed expansion past a bureaucratic hurdle.

"I'm glad for (the board's) support," library director Nancy Pieri said.

Pieri said public reaction to the project has been quiet, adding that only one patron has spoken to library personnel about the expansion. That patron said she was "delighted" the library was adding parking spaces.

Offering a different opinion is

Russ DeYoe of Delmar, whose letter in this issue of *The Spotlight* questions the math in the library's proposal.

DeYoe writes that the library's claim it will gain 40 percent more parking capacity is false and estimates that each of the 36 new spaces will cost nearly \$7,000.

Pieri agreed that the 40 percent estimate is wrong, but stressed that the design of the expansion have not been finalized. She said 30 percent is a better estimate of the proposed increase in parking lot capacity.

Task force plans awards for outstanding youths

By Susan Graves

A Bethlehem Community Partnerships task force is on the lookout for emerging young people.

"The idea of having an award to recognize young people who, day in and day out, are doing something for the community," said David Young, a member of the task force who worked on developing the Pride of Bethlehem Youth Award.

He said all too often teenagers who do outstanding things go unrecognized unless their actions are related to academics or athletics. "I'm not so sure the quietly positive things get recognition."

"We all felt a lot get recognized for sports and academics — they're the ones that get noticed," said Nancy Hallock of the task force.

She said nomination forms and the announcement of the award are being mailed to community churches, schools, PTAs and clubs as well as individuals who work with youth. "Certainly, we would take any type of recommendation," she added. "There are a lot of kids out there who don't get recognized, and there's a lot going on

that needs to be noticed."

All Bethlehem students in either public or private school in grades six through 12 are eligible for the award, which will be given out in the spring. The award will be selected by a committee of students and adults.

Young said either an individual or a business or organization can nominate a person for the award. The recipient will be honored by the town board and the county legislature.

Young said a young person can be nominated for a single exemplary event or an ongoing activity. "We're looking, for example, for the young girl who takes time every week to visit a nursing home — we're looking to say thank you," he said.

The award is meant to focus on qualities such as reliability, leadership, honesty, generosity of spirit and positive attitude.

Nomination forms are available at Bethlehem Networks Project in Main Square or by calling Mona Prenoiveau at 439-7740. Nominations should be mailed to Bethlehem Networks Project, 318 Delaware Ave., Delmar 12054.

Video vacancy



Leeders Video, an institution at 340 Delaware Ave. for more than a decade, closed Jan. 29 along with its sister store in Schenectady. Owned by Clarksville's Benjamin Edic, who also owns Delmar Wine & Liquor, the store faced stiff competition from Video World in Delaware Plaza and the new Hollywood Video store in Slingerlands. Peter Hanson

Board hears new proposal for empty Tall Timbers site

By Lisa K. Kelly

The New Scotland planning board heard a new plan for the development of the former Tall Timbers Country Club on Tuesday, Feb. 3.

President and owner of Munchkin Enterprises Robert Iovinella informally proposed a 171-unit development for the 180-acre area on Hilton Road that would include a sewage treatment plant, water tower and recreation area.

The Schenectady-based developer plans to start the first 30 homes this year on the east side of Hilton Road, connected to the town's water supply.

Iovinella estimates the base price for a home will be \$190,000. "Some may have a higher price," he added. Approximately 30 homes will be built per year until the development is complete.

"It will be spread out between five and six years," Iovinella said. "We're limiting the number of units being built a year to control the influx of new students in the school district."

The plan was originally proposed almost 12 years ago as a larger development, then downsized to 171 units. At the time, the site was not zoned for a development that large. The town subsequently amended the zoning law in 1994, creating a medium density residential zone.

Planning board chairman Robert Stapf said this kind of zone allows for one unit on a 22,000

square foot lot with public water and sewer service throughout the development.

A prefabricated modular sewage treatment plant will be built on four or five acres within the development according to Munchkin's plans. "It's a very sophisticated system, Iovinella said."

Stapf said the addition of a sewage plant will benefit the town because the it could then develop new sewer districts.

Iovinella said he is donating about an acre of land, which is elevated 90 feet higher than the town's water supply and \$200,000 for construction of a water tower in the development.

"Because of its elevation, our land will increase the pressure of the town's water supply giving proper fire protection to the northeast water district," Iovinella said.

"Before the 31st home can be built the water tower has to be up and running," Stapf said. "The town will benefit from the water supply because it would give that part of the town fire protection."

Iovinella said the \$200,000 contribution was part of an agreement made between Munchkin and the 1995 water committee.

Iovinella and Stapf said plans presented to the board were preliminary. Iovinella will formally present his proposal to the planning board at its March 11 meeting and hopes to get a public hearing within the next two to three months.

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Rock stars



Voorheesville sixth-graders Michael Dineen as Chris, left, and Matthew Zimmerman as teacher Mike Guerette, get ready for the school drama club's production of 'Readin', Ritin' and Rockin.' Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

DEC offers summer camps

Applications are now available for the state Department of Environmental Conservation's 1998 Summer Environmental Education Camps.

DEC operates three residential camps for campers ages 12 to 14—Camp Colby in Saranac Lake, Franklin County; Camp DeBruce in Livingston Manor, Sullivan County; and Camp Rushford in Caneadea, Allegany County.

This year DEC will open a fourth camp at Pack Forest in Warrensburg, Warren County.

The Pack Forest program of environmental studies is designed specifically for 15 to 17-year-old campers.

DEC education camp staff guide campers through a week of activities that take them to fields,

forests, streams and ponds as they uncover the interconnectedness of the natural world. Campers will observe wildlife, debate environmental issues, sample streams for microscopic life and explore the night sky.

Campers have time to pursue and improve their skills in a wide variety of outdoor sporting interests including fishing, bird watching, orienteering, fly-tying, canoeing, hiking, camping and hunter safety education.

The DEC camps offer week-long sessions starting June 28. The cost per camper is \$200.

Applications can be obtained by writing to DEC Camps, Room 507, 50 Wolf Road, Albany 12233-4500.

For information, call 457-3720.

First Care up and running in Delmar

By Peter Hanson

The doctor is in.

Starting early next month, a new medical practice will offer personal care in the center of downtown Delmar. First Care, a full-service doctor's office that will be open seven days a week, is moving into the storefront at 363 Delaware Ave., which was left vacant when Tri-Village Pharmacy closed last year.

Hoping to fill what he sees as "a shortage of primary care in this area," Dr. Michael Fuhrman and his partner, Dr. Robert Burton, will offer services ranging from emergency care to advice about weight loss.

"We've been working on this for the last six months," Fuhrman explained. "It was very important to me to set up (the practice) close to home. I want to be part of the community."

Fuhrman, 41, who was raised in Queens, has been a Delmar resident for two years. Before that, he lived in Albany for 10 years. He's been practicing at Seton Health System's Stillwater location for the last three years, and his experience includes five years of emergency room care in Schoharie.

"I like family practice because you get to know your patients," Fuhrman said. "In emergency care, you treat (people) and you never see them again."

Fuhrman said he's setting up shop in Delmar for the same reason he lives there. "It's got a small-town atmosphere, but it's near... a lot of cultural activities. You can avail yourself of the services in (Albany), but still enjoy the advantages of small-town life."

First Care joins a handful of private practices already established in Bethlehem, but Fuhrman

feels his practice will stand out because of extended hours. First Care will be open from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. every day of the week.

The practice will feature on-site X-ray and laboratory facilities, and will provide services including pediatric and geriatric care, women's services and family medicine. Fuhrman said he and Burton will treat "the whole gamut from lacerations, strains and sprains to urgent care."

First Care has admitting privileges at St. Mary's Hospital in Troy and has applied for similar privileges at St. Peter's in Albany.

The practice will also work with such insurance plans as MVP, Capital District Physicians Health Plan and Empire Blue Cross and Blue Shield.

In addition to participating in health plans, Fuhrman hopes to get referrals when doctors at health management organization facilities are overbooked. Fuhrman said his prices are competitive with those at HMOs.

"We're hoping to price ourselves under anybody else in the area," he explained. "We're very cognizant of what medicine costs these days, and we're hoping to keep a lid on things."

Fuhrman hopes First Care will attract patients by eliminating the

bureaucracy that some people find frustrating at HMOs.

"If people don't have insurance, we'll treat them for whatever they can afford," he said. "We don't want to turn people away."

Many of the services Fuhrman intends to offer stress personal attention.

A pharmacist will consult with patients as part of a weight-loss program for which patients will pay a weekly fee that covers office visits and phone consultations. The program is "an ongoing type of motivational thing designed to (keep) patients on an exercise and diet regimen," Fuhrman said.

A similar program geared toward helping patients quit smoking will also be offered.

The practice also provides free blood pressure screenings.

By offering old-fashioned medical care, Fuhrman intends to develop lasting doctor-patient relationships with his neighbors. "I'm hoping some of my patients from Stillwater will come (to First Care)," he said, "but we're pretty much starting from scratch."

Fuhrman invites residents to stop into First Care and introduce themselves, "even if they don't need to see a doctor," when the practice opens next month.

First Care's phone number is 439-9911.



Fuhrman

Students can apply for grants

The National Kidney Foundation of Northeast New York is accepting applications from high school seniors in its 24 county service area for the Young Science Scholar Summer Research Award.

The scholarship, now in its fifth year, provides one area high school senior with a \$2000 stipend and the opportunity to work with experienced researchers at a major area university medical center in the summer months before college classes start.

High school guidance counselors and science teachers through-

out northeastern New York will distribute applications and solicit students.

Selection will be based on several criteria, including the student's letter of intent and reason for application, faculty letters of recommendation, high school transcripts and an interview with the foundation's medical advisory board and/or the sponsoring research center's program supervisor.

The deadline for submission of applications is Friday, Feb. 27.

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NiMo report explains power plant conversion

Albany Steam Station represents 16 percent of Bethlehem's billion-dollar tax base

By Peter Hanson

A conference at the Empire State Plaza Feb. 6 continued Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation's pre-application process for converting the Albany Steam Station into the Bethlehem Energy Center.

NiMo plans to sell the 45-year-old facility, which is located on an 270.4-acre parcel at 380 River Road, about three miles south of Albany.

The utility is divesting itself of power-generating plants as part of an ongoing deregulation process that the New York State Public Service Commission (PSC) hopes will foster competition in the electricity industry and lower power prices.

Although no new ground was broken at the meeting, it gave Bethlehem town officials an update on the proposed conversion, which could have a huge effect on the town — assessor Dave Leafer said the Albany Steam Station represents 16 percent of Bethlehem's \$1 billion tax base.

Last year, NiMo paid \$6,339,400 in town school and property taxes on the Albany Steam Station, said Nancy Mendick, receiver of taxes.

In the conversion, one of the station's four smokestacks would be removed and the remaining three would be shortened by 110 feet, to a total height of about 65 feet, according to a NiMo report. The facility's main building would become larger, but two 9.9 million gallon fuel oil storage tanks located on the western side of the plant's grounds would be removed.

NiMo is seeking approval of the conversion as an incentive to potential buyers, the report added. Because the pre-application process can take years, NiMo is trying to get a certificate from the Board on Electric Generation Siting and the Environment (BOEGS) so a new owner can begin construction on the plant as soon as it takes possession.

NiMo spokesman Nicholas Lyman said the conversion will cost

between \$225 million and \$250 million to complete.

NiMo will put the station on the market this year and hopes to transfer ownership sometime next year. Although the plant will be sold at auction, NiMo will set a minimum purchase price that will probably be near the plant's current assessed value of \$257 million, Lyman said.

According to NiMo's report, construction of the repowered plant would take about 32 months, so the soonest the repowered plant would begin operating would be in 2001.

If the utility is unsuccessful in selling the Albany Steam Station or it is not converted for some other reason, NiMo estimates it will last until the year 2010.

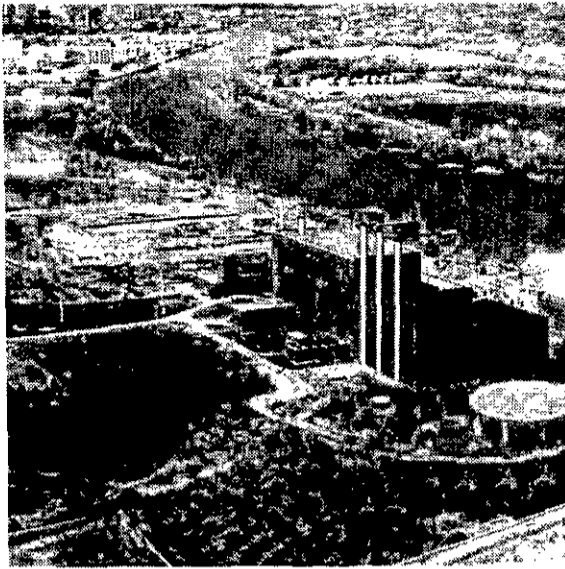
The Feb. 6 conference in the offices of the PSC was the latest step in NiMo's pre-application process, a procedure in which NiMo is presenting its conversion proposal for consideration to all affected parties, including state agencies and towns such as Bethlehem.

Another hearing was set for 9:30 a.m. on Friday, March 6, at the offices of the Public Works Commission. The meeting will be held in meeting room A on the third floor of Core 4 in the Empire State Plaza, and the public is invited to attend.

Between now and the next hearing, NiMo is expected to step up its public involvement program. This program includes distributing information on the conversion to residents of affected communities and meeting with appropriate state agencies and municipalities.

Public information sessions will also be scheduled.

The hearing process precedes NiMo's actual application for approval to convert the station. The



The proposed Bethlehem Energy Center, shown above, would replace the Albany Steam Station.

utility company must get approval from BOEGS before making the conversion.

Many of the points discussed during the 30-minute hearing last week, which was overseen by an administrative law judge and attended by town officials including Supervisor Sheila Fuller, were addressed in NiMo's December 1997 pre-application report.

The report, which is 138 pages and weighs nearly a pound, uses engineering data and an environmental impact statement to show how the new plant would affect the area surrounding the existing steam station.

The report explains that the deregulation process began when the PSC issued opinion 96-12 in May 1996, although NiMo began preparing for deregulation in late 1995.

The opinion said, "We expect enough players to participate (in the power industry) so that no single provider of service dominates the market ... Competition should result in lower electric prices in New York overall than currently."

The report also explains how the deregulation process will affect consumers' relationships with utilities.

"Historically, regulated utilities have owned and operated most of the generating plants in New York State," the report said. "The costs of building and operating these plants were (and are recouped) through rates for electric service.

"It has always been incumbent upon a utility proposing to build a power plant to demonstrate a public need for such a plant," the report added. "Heretofore, public need generally has been demonstrated by showing that a proposed power plant would be the least-cost means of serving an increasing demand for power, or that it would be more economically efficient than other existing sources of powers."

NiMo's report explains that deregulation changes how "public need" will be demonstrated in the future. "In the spirit of this order, the public need (for new power facilities) should be served by any legitimate proposal for the construction of a merchant power plant. Such a plant would not be included in the rate base of any utility."

In short, the PSC wants NiMo to sell its plants so customers don't pay for plant overhead through high electricity rates.

Toward that end, NiMo established a restructuring agreement called the Power Choice settlement in October 1995, under which NiMo plans to sell all of its fossil and hydro generating plants.

Once they are sold, these facilities will become non rate-based supported power plants, also referred to in the report as merchant power plants. "Merchant

power plants will receive a price for their electricity that is set by ... supply and demand," the report explains.

The NiMo report details why the utility thinks the Albany Steam Station should be changed from a steam-powered facility to a combined-cycle facility.

In this section of the report, NiMo says it considered replacing the existing steam turbine generators, but replacing them "would not increase output significantly (and) would lead to higher life cycle costs."

This section of the report also states, "Alternatives evaluated by (NiMo) included continued operation, ... mothballing the plant (and) retirement."

The NiMo report also states that:

- "The proposed structures would not radically depart from the current land use, (so) the development would be visually compatible with the surrounding environment."

- "Vegetation should screen the new structures from most of the scattered residences (near the station in Bethlehem), especially during the foliage season."

The report adds the nearest residential area with a view of the station is across the Hudson in East Greenbush, about a mile from the station.

- "(NiMo) recognizes the recreational potential of the site ... and therefore proposes to develop a recreation and resources management plan. ... The plan could explore items such as ... trail systems, observation platforms, river access and/or hiking trails."

The Albany Steam Station only occupies a portion of the 270.4 acre parcel, so NiMo has been talking with Bethlehem town officials about possible uses for the unused land on its property.

These talks have not yet resulted in any formal proposals.

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Matters of Opinion

Drama deserves a hand

Once again Director Frank Leavitt has worked his magic at Bethlehem Central Middle School. The cast and crew of *Ben Hur* did a spectacular job on the production, which went off without a hitch last weekend.

The interest of the students (more than 100 tried out for parts) is a good argument for developing a more comprehensive drama program in the district. Theatrical productions offer kids an opportunity to learn a lot more than acting skills. They learn about self-discipline and responsibility and what it means to work as a team. In addition, kids have the chance to test their limits. But all kids should have the chance to participate in drama in the school setting.

The Bethlehem school district would serve itself well to heed the recommendations in the K-12 Drama Study Group Report. Currently, drama in the district is a rather patchwork affair, carried out mostly in productions and clubs. There really should be a more coherent program as part of the curriculum and one that offers opportunity for students in kindergarten on up. The district should provide this opportunity so that all students at all levels have a chance to participate in drama-related activities.

BC parents and teachers, particularly Wendy Lefkovich and Jim Yeara, respectively, of the drama study group deserve credit for bringing the issue of drama to the forefront. We hope administrators and the board take the issue seriously.

District talks budget

The Bethlehem board of education will launch its annual series of budget meetings this month tonight, Feb. 11. These meetings are open to the public and provide a bird's eye view of how the district formulates its financial package for the next school year.

As a rule, few members of the community attend the meetings, even though a hefty portion of taxpayers' money is used to pay for school district expenses.

If your school tax bill leaves you scratching your head, consider attending the budget meetings. It could turn out to be an evening or evenings well spent. Keep in mind, that complaining after the fact doesn't accomplish anything.

Meetings will be conducted in the district offices at 90 Adams Place in Delmar. This month's meeting begins at 7 p.m., when the board will consider priorities for the upcoming year.

Following the series of budget meetings, the board will conduct a public hearing on the budget proposal on Wednesday, May 6, at 7 p.m.

The budget vote is set for May 19.

Happy Valentine's Day

Valentine's Day is coming up on Saturday. This traditional day of hearts, candy and flowers is the one day a year when gushing is acceptable.

The richest, gooiest chocolate is preferred and even encouraged and flower shops can barely keep up with orders for bouquets and arrangements.

For some lovers, Valentine's Day is the perfect opportunity to pop the question in any number of clever ways. And for little kids, the day is filled with excitement as they exchange cards with their classmates at school. Valentine's Day transcends age barriers offering a time of sweetness for all.

In this day of political correctness, it's nice to think there's at least one day of the year when excess is condoned — even encouraged.

So, now's the time to get out there and go after those doubled-dipped chocolates and long-stemmed roses along with an expensive and acceptably sappy card. It's OK, it's Valentine's Day.

Editorials

Romance according to Hollywood

By Peter Hanson

The writer, despite his vehement protestations, will probably spend Saturday night at the movies.

This weekend, couples everywhere will celebrate St. Valentine's Day with a night on the town, and many of them will include a trip to the movies in their romantic outing. But when they get to the theater, they'll find Hollywood's idea of romance isn't what it used to be. Even films with uninhibited emotionalism, like the blockbuster hit *Titanic*, portray lovers who meet, consummate and end their relationships at breakneck speed.

With a 900-foot luxury liner sinking beneath their feet, passengers Jack Dawson (Leonardo DiCaprio)

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and Rose DeWitt (Kate Winslet) don't have much time to play coy with each other, but the whirlwind courtship these two characters share in *Titanic* is typical of the dubious image of romance presented in current American movies.

Instead of showing two people trying to make love last over time, modern movies show little more than the first sparks of new romance. Today's filmmakers have mistaken lust for love, and suggest that any couple that gets together has accomplished something special. In older movies, couples that went the distance were the ones whose stories were told.

As a case in point, look at two films that are, arguably, the most popular romantic comedies of the last 10 years — *When Harry Met Sally...* and *Sleepless in Seattle*. Both were fluffy stories about middle-aged professional men who surmounted obstacles in order to win the love of the willowy Meg Ryan. Both were written by former journalist Nora Ephron, and both were huge hits that captured the popular imagination.

Yet neither film truly portrays a relationship. In the first film, the titular characters are friends who



Audrey Hepburn and Gregory Peck starred in 1952's *Roman Holiday*.

consummate their sexual tension late in the story, then part and reunite before the closing credits. *When Harry Met Sally...* doesn't show two people trying to develop a lasting relationship; it shows the prelude to that attempt.

Similarly, *Sleepless in Seattle* only shows what happens before two people get together. After Ryan hears Tom Hanks' character talk to a radio host about how he's been unable to find someone new since his wife died, she spends the rest of the movie trying to meet him and only succeeds in the last scene.

Neither film shows audiences an image of a couple that worked through their differences to make affection and attraction turn into lasting love. Instead, these films offer fairy tale images of a romantic pot of gold at the end of the rainbow.

These are films for cynical times. These days, so many mar-

riages end in divorce, so many relationships are transitory and so many people carry on multiple relationships at the same time that the idea of a lasting love match has become almost mythological. It seems that every week, another couple married during the World War II era celebrates their golden anniversary, but 50 years from now, how many of today's new couples will still be together?

If we look back at the movies that were popular during the '40s and '50s, we see that popular culture conveyed a different image of romance when the couples who are now celebrating a half-century of marriage were first joined.

Just think of the classic couples of that era. Bogart and Bacall. Tracy and Hepburn. Gable and Lombard. These are legendary romances that still haunt and fascinate people even though four of the six stars who comprised those

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Your Opinion Matters

Andriano family member likes new pizzeria name

Editor, The Spotlight:

If you've driven past the Four Corners lately but haven't noticed anything different, take a look at the pizza shop, where there's something new but also something old. Thirty years ago, my father Frank Andriano ran Andriano's Pizza and turned it into a wonderful business.

My dad worked long, hard hours at the shop, and he took pride in what he did. Sadly, he passed away 16 years ago when I was only 6, and of the few memories I do have of my dad, many of them are of the time that I spent with him in the shop.

I can still see him now dressed all in white, as he always was, standing in the back tossing the pizza dough up in the air and never dropping it.

Things have changed over the years, and the pizza shop has gone from one owner to the next. The new owners are actually the same family who bought the business after my dad died all those years ago, and they have also brought back the original name.

Although my dad has been gone a long time, his memory lives on in that little pizza shop and now thanks to the new owners, so does his name. I would like to wish the new owners a very successful business, but most of all, I would like to thank them for bringing back a very special part of my childhood.

From Frank's family to yours, best wishes.

Frannie Andriano Markel
Selkirk

Letters

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Library parking proposal simply doesn't add up

Editor, The Spotlight:

I'm having some problems with the math in the recent article about Bethlehem Library's proposed parking lot. Things just aren't adding up. The first of which is a claimed 40 percent increase in parking. The current 93 spaces to the proposed 129 spaces seems to me to be only 28 percent.

The next problem I'm having is paying \$150,000 for this property. With property values down so much I'm very curious what the fair market value of this property is. Let's see an appraisal of it.

Finally, in doing the math with their figures, it's costing \$250,000

for 36 extra parking spaces or \$6,944 per spot!

And to top this all off, the engineering firm that planned this is currently under a law suit by the town of Bethlehem. Haven't we learned our lesson?

Russ DeYoe
Delmar

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Romance

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couples died long ago. Compare these names to today's real-life movie-star romances, and you'll begin to see the change 50 years has wrought. Today, we have Bruce Willis and Demi Moore, Alec Baldwin and Kim Basinger, and Warren Beatty and Annette

ter he died, Bacall still hasn't remarried.

Yet in today's jaded climate, audiences have little interest in seeing real-life couples share the screen. Willis and Moore have only co-starred once, in the thriller *Mortal Thoughts*, and they weren't even a couple in that picture. Baldwin and Basinger have tried to translate their offscreen passion into onscreen heat twice, but *The Marrying Man* and *The Getaway* both bombed.

Similarly, when Beatty's smooth-talking gangster Bugsy Seigel romanced actress Virginia Hill, played by Bening in *Bugsy*, critics and audiences fell all over themselves praising the chemistry between the two actors. Yet when Beatty and Bening reunited on the screen after they wed in real life, audiences stayed away from *Love Affair* and critics bashed it as a boring vanity project.

Modern audiences don't want to see real couples onscreen for the same reason they make films like

When Harry Met Sally... and *Sleepless in Seattle* popular. Modern audiences don't believe in romance anymore. Movies like *Love Affair*, in which two people overcame obstacles to make their relationship work, seem impossibly naive in today's cynical world, so audiences don't believe those movies.

Instead, audiences want movies they aren't expected to believe. They want fairy tales like *Titanic*. They want absurd stories about couples who could only get together in the movies. They want escapism.

A handful of generations ago, audiences wanted more than escapism. They wanted pairings like that of Bogie and Bacall, a real-life couple whose unlikely — but unbreakable — bond was inspirational to a country that still believed in marrying for life.

Today, getting together is an unusual accomplishment in real life and in the movies, so audiences want to believe that a steerage passenger with enough wit and charisma to turn the head of an aristocratic ingenue can win her heart, as happens in *Titanic*. Audiences know that in the real world in 1912, the romance between Dawson and DeWitt probably couldn't have occurred. But because audiences don't believe they'll find lifelong romances in the real world, the most they can hope for is once-in-a-lifetime passion, even if it doesn't last.

Titanic and other modern ro-

mantic movies present a diminished romantic ideal for an age of diminished romance.

But if modern movies don't know how to portray romance anymore, what should couples watch this weekend? Try reaching back into the past. Rent one of Audrey Hepburn's classic romances, like *Roman Holiday* or *Breakfast at Tiffany's*, or watch one of the legendary couples mentioned above, like Hepburn and

Tracy in *Adam's Rib*. And if you want to see rare examples of modern romantic comedies that capture the magic of old Hollywood, check out the wonderful, Oscar-nominated *Jerry Maguire* or the overlooked Michael Douglas-Annette Bening charmer, *The American President*.

But whatever you pick, remember it's not what movie you watch that makes for a memorable Valentine's Day. It's who you watch it with.

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Bening, among others.

In the '40s, the sexual tension between Humphrey Bogart and Lauren Bacall made for riveting on-screen repartee in *To Have and Have Not*, *The Big Sleep* and *Key Largo*. The unmistakable attraction between "Bogie" the tough guy and his young, smoky-voiced co-star reflected a commitment the two shared until Bogart's death in 1957; even today, four decades af-

Teammates come through

Editor, The Spotlight:

When the phone rang, the voice on the other end sounded frightened, "Mom, I'm hurt!"

Just two short weeks before, I had watched Katie as she finally donned her uniform and joined her teammates for pre-game warmups. A back injury had stifled her love of basketball for nearly eight months.

Now, downhearted, we entered the all too familiar building where only months earlier bone scan results would burden her with inactivity.

Serene and quiet, typical of the early morning hour, an atypical heaviness immediately lifted. There in the waiting room at 6:30 a.m. members of the varsity girls

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basketball team had shaken themselves from slumber in support of their injured teammate.

A warm thank you to Katie Bresnahan, Nichole Conway, Karly Decker, Megan Fish, Katherine Luber, Magan Sellnow and Katie Smith. Their selflessness and compassion lifted Katie's heavy heart that morning and will never be forgotten.

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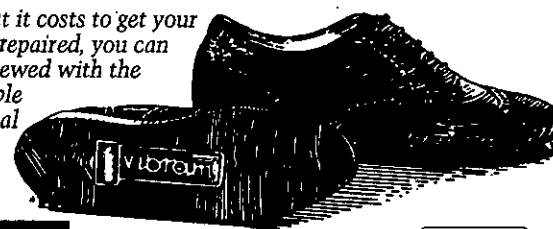
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Titanic talk set at RCS

George Tulloch, a former resident of South Bethlehem who attended schools in Ravena and Selkirk, is a celebrated marine researcher who has studied the *Titanic*, which sank in 1912 after hitting an iceberg.

Tulloch has presented information about the underwater retrieval of *Titanic* artifacts to audiences in London, Paris, Oslo, Stockholm and Hamburg, as well as throughout the United States.

This week, he will visit his hometown to make presentations at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Middle School.

Tulloch will speak to students during the day Friday, March 13, at the middle school.

That same evening, he will give a presentation for adults. His presentation will include artifacts from the *Titanic*, a video and a question-and-answer session.

Tickets for Tulloch's *Titanic* talk will be sold at the RCS Middle School, and proceeds from the presentation will go into a fund to benefit the middle school's annual whale watch. The middle school's number is 756-5200.

RCS group sponsors roller skating event

The RCS senior high PTSA is sponsoring an evening of roller skating on Monday, Feb. 16, at Guptill's Arena in Latham. The event will take place from 7 p.m. to 10 p.m.

Soccer meeting set

A general meeting of the RCS youth soccer club will be held at 7 p.m. Thursday, Feb. 12, in the middle school. Refreshments will be served.

RCS Honor Society sets Valentine's flower sale

The RCS National Honor Society will hold a pre-Valentine's Day flower sale on Friday, Feb. 13 in the RCS senior high school. Proceeds will benefit National Honor Society programs.

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Girl Scout news

Junior Troop 59 will hold a cookie sale on Saturday, Feb. 14, in the Glenmont Grand Union. Troop 59 is also working on a Website for the Internet.

Several members of Cadette Troop 744 will be learning CPR and receiving first aid training. Cadette Troop 744 will be holding a cookie sale on Thursday, Feb. 19, at Crossgates Mall.

Area Girl Scouts are assisting in the collection of food for Easter food baskets and the regional food pantry.

If you are able to help the Girl Scouts in this important project, call Marie McClumpha at 767-2308.

RCS student wins

Congratulations to RCS seventh-grader Nicole DePaula for her award-winning artwork. DePaula recently won a statewide anti-smoking artwork contest.

Her entry was a picture of various animals smoking cigarettes, and the caption read, "So, you think that looks stupid? Well, look in the mirror."

In memoriam

Area bowlers are invited to participate in a tournament at Ravena Lanes on Friday, Feb. 20, in memory of junior bowler Justin Bonafide.

Bowlers will aim for scholarships which will be determined by the amount of participation.

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Everything old is new again



Marion Jewell, left, and Ann Van Dervort, of the Tawasentha Chapter of the Daughters of the American Revolution, hold items from the group's upcoming antique show. Now marking its 27th year, the show and sale will be held at the Academy of the Holy Names, 1075 New Scotland Road in Albany, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday, Feb. 14. A donation of \$4 per person is requested. The show will feature furniture, glass, china and other items.

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Kids can design a community in vacation program

An innovative program for children in grades-four through eight highlights the library lineup for school vacation week, Feb. 16 to 20. Community educator Caryn Canfield and architect Susan Canfield introduce kids to com-

velopment. Participants will discover how buildings stand up by creating various shapes and structures with their bodies. They will make buildings from cardboard boxes and then participate in a planning meeting to decide where to place their buildings in an ideal community. In the process, they will learn something about how geography, economics, ecology, history and culture affect the development of a community.

Canfield and Davis said the kids create a community the way real communities get built through a mix of collaboration, regulation, necessity and entrepreneurship. When the community is built, the kids evaluate it and compare its good and bad features with those of their own community.

Canfield is a community educa-

tor with experience in housing and economic development issues, sustainable architecture and cultural heritage. She currently serves on the advisory committee of the Mohawk Valley Heritage Corridor.

Davis is a licensed architect who co-owns a firm in Saratoga Springs. She is experienced in design for private residences, historic renovation and small town planning.

Two programs for children in kindergarten through grade-three round out the week. In Clay Pictures on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m., Kathy Krogh of Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum will take participants through a step-by-step process to fashion clay models of their homes.

Each child should bring a drawing or photograph of his or her home to work from. Other materials will be provided.

Stories and illustrations of

children's author Jan Brett are featured on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 2 p.m. Brett's work includes illustrations for retelling *The Owl and the Pussycat*, *The Mitten* and *The Hat*. Young people will also recognize Brett's own stories *Berlioz the Bear* and *The Trouble with Trolls*.

Register for all programs by calling youth services at 439-9314.

The library will close at 5 p.m. Monday, Feb. 16, for Presidents Day.

Louise Grieco

Make clay pictures at Bethlehem library

Kathy Krogh of the Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum will help children fashion keepsake models of their houses in "Clay Pictures" at Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 2 p.m.

Krogh's step-by-step process encourages the use of several clay techniques.

Each child should bring a drawing or photo of his or her home as a model.

The program is appropriate for children in kindergarten through third-grade.

To register, call 439-9314.

Delmar church offers Bible school

Bethlehem Lutheran Church at 85 Elm Ave. in Delmar will conduct its 20th annual vacation Bible school Tuesday through Thursday, Feb. 17 to 19, from 1 to 3:15 p.m.

The program is open to children from age 4 to 5th-grade.

A closing program for children, parents and community guests will be held on Thursday, Feb. 19, at 7 p.m.

Vacation Bible school offers singing, crafts, games, Bible study and refreshments.

The cost is \$5 per child with a \$10 maximum per family.

Contact the church office at 439-4328 between 9 a.m. and noon for a registration form. The deadline is Thursday, Feb. 12.



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Preregistration is necessary and there is a \$1 fee.

Children must be accompanied by an adult. Participants should dress for the outdoors.

For information or to register for either session, call 475-0291.

Civil War group to meet at library

Capital District Civil War Round Table will hold its next meeting on Friday, Feb. 13, at 7 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar. Doors open at 6:30 p.m.

Al Loudis, past president of the Friends of U.S. Grant Cottage in Wilton, Saratoga County, will present a slide lecture entitled "Grants' Cottage at Mt. McGregor."

Get up close to animals nobody loves

If weird animals strike your fancy, the library is the place to be on Monday, Feb. 16, for anyone with a day off from school or work.

Dean Davis of Living World Ecology Center will bring his Animals Nobody Loves to the library as part of School's Out, Library's In vacation program.



Strange snakes, spiders, lizards, turtles, toads and other out of the ordinary creatures will make appearances.

Shows will be at 2 and 3 p.m. No signup is necessary, but come early if you want to be sure of a seat at the first show.

Tamara Lund of Cinque Chiropractic will present a health-related seminar for adults on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7 p.m.

Lund will discuss building the immune system with natural, drug-free methods. Refreshments will be served courtesy of the library

Friends,

You may soon receive a phone call at home to ask for your contribution of a recipe for the Centennial Cookbook, which is being assembled by the library for the anniversary of the incorporation of the village of Voorheesville.

Members of Future Business Leaders at the high school have volunteered to call and remind residents that we need their help in this project. Collection boxes are located at several spots in the village including SuperValu Foods, Voorheesville Wines & Liquors, the library and village office. Be sure to include your name and telephone number on all submissions. The deadline is March 31.

The Every Other Thursday Night Poets and Friends of the Library will both meet Thursday, Feb. 12, at 7 p.m.

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Dean Davis shows off one of his creatures.

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Sports

Voorheesville volleys to 1st place

By Chris Bonham

The Voorheesville Boys Volleyball team won 10 individual games to capture first place in the 7th Annual Columbia-Greene Community college Volleyball Invitational Tournament held Saturday in Hudson.

The marathon volleyball tournaments began at 9:30 a.m. and lasted until 7:30 p.m. The Blackbirds played five different teams throughout the day.

"Since the tournament began seven years ago, Voorheesville has been in only two semi-finals," said coach **Richard Melnyk**. "But today's win gave us our first championship.

"I got contributions from all 10 players. After dismantling Germantown in the semi-finals, I knew we would move on and win."

The tournament format had eight schools divided into two

pools. Voorheesville defeated Ichabod Crane, 15 to four. The Blackbirds subdued Tamarac, 15 to six and again with 15 to four and the prevailed over Chatham, 15 to eight and 15 to five to advance to the semi-finals against

No one person ran the show. Everyone had at least one key play that brought us to victory.

Eric Schedlbauer

Germantown.

The Blackbirds won two straight games over Germantown in a best of two out of three advancing them to the finals against Ichabod Crane.

To decide the championship in the best of three out of five games, Voorheesville started out slow in

their first match against Crane slumping to a nine to two deficit, but the Blackbirds hung on to win, 15-13.

The Blackbirds captured the second game in a 15-13 squeaker. Voorheesville lost momentum in the third match losing to Crane, 12-15.

In game four, the Blackbirds jumped to an eight to two lead and held on for a slim 15-13 victory to win their first Columbia-Greene College Championship after seven years of competition.

"The team came together as a whole," said senior captain **Eric Schedlbauer**. "No one person ran the show. Everyone had at least one key play that brought us to victory."

Schedlbauer was voted MVP for the tournament.

They play their last regular season game tomorrow at home.

Bethlehem Eagles win one, lose one last week

By Andrew Hartman

The Bethlehem Hockey team split two games last week, leaving them with a 6-9-1 record for the season going into their last week of play.

The Eagles defeated Rotterdam, seven to zero last Monday at the Albany County Hockey Facility.

Ricky Long scored the first goal of the game as **Jim Corrigan** and **Greg Cooper** connected with him. Cooper scored on an unassisted goal and later scored on a **Mike Coker** pass.

In second period action, Cooper and Corrigan found **Brad Colacino** who gave the Eagles a four to zero edge going into the final period.

Hockey

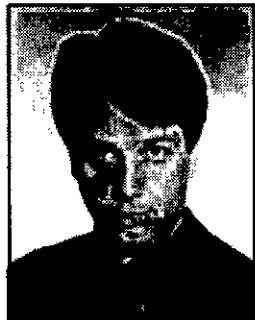
Last Friday, the Eagles were defeated took on South Glens Falls, four to one, at the ACHF.

Glens Falls opened with two goals in the first period and collected two more goals in the second. Late in the period, Corrigan gave the Eagles their only goal.

"We have to learn how to skate on both ends of the ice," said coach **John Battaglino**. "Their goalie played well, but this is no excuse.

"We need to finish our checks and our shots. Until we do this every period of the every game, we will continue to struggle."

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Lady Eagles score big against Albany High

By Christine Potter

The Bethlehem Girl's Varsity Basketball team defeated rival Albany High School, 65-57 at last Friday's home game.

Nicole Conway led the team with 18 points, which included four three-point baskets. Conway also had eight rebounds, six assists and four steals.

"It was a tough test," said Conway. "We had to come out ready to play and we couldn't slack off at all. They would score their points, so we had to also. We really had to focus on playing our

game. It was a team effort and everyone played their best."

Katie Smith had 18 points and four steals, **Karly Decker** had nine with one three-point basket and **Bridget Murray** had six which included four foul shots at the end of the game and four steals.

Lily Corrigan had eight and **Lauren Murray** had four. **Magan Sellnow** scored two.

"It (the win) gives us the confidence that we need for sectionals," said coach **Kim Wise**.

The Lady Eagles also defeated Saratoga on Feb. 4, 75-35.

Conway had 24 points, nine re-

bounds and 10 steals. Smith had 15, seven rebounds and five assists.

Lauren Murray had 10 and five assists and **Decker** had eight point. Both girls had one three point basket each.

Sellnow had five, **Katherine Luber** had four, **Corrigan** had three and **Erika St. Lucia**, **Kerry Staniels** and **Megan Fish** contributed with two points each. **Bridget Murray** had five assists.

"Everyone had a role in Wednesday's win," said Wise.

The girls will face **Burnt Hills** tonight and **Catholic Central** Friday at 8 p.m. at home.

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Winning the gold



The Bethlehem Bobcats won the North American Indoor Soccer Championship tournament under 8-division held at Center City in Schenectady. Pictured in the first row, left coach Pete DeVries, Gordon Hyde, Steven Schubmehl, Greg McCarty, Julia Cardamone, Aaron Tress and Michael Turo. In the second row, coach Ken White, Nick DeVries, Josh Wing, Austin Hughes, Robby McNary, Billy Barrowman, Nick Gonino, Bryan White, and head coach Dave Schubmehl.

Orange Crush Night, honoring seniors

The Bethlehem Girls Basketball program will celebrate two events Friday, Feb. 13. First, Orange Crush Night will conclude BC "School Spirit" celebration. Spectators are invited to wear something orange and cheer the BC Girls Teams on.

BC will challenge Catholic Central High School of Troy beginning at 6:30 p.m. at BCHS Lower Gym. Admission is free and the

concession stand will be open.

Second, BCHS will honor the varsity's seven graduating seniors with a brief ceremony immediately following the junior varsity game. The seven seniors are Nicole Conway, Karly Decker, Jen DiLillo, Katherine Luber, Magan Sellnow, Katie Smith and Erica St. Lucia.

For information call Chuck St. Lucia at 439-4447.

USS Dolphins will offer swimming tryouts

The Delmar Dolfin Swim Club has a limited number of openings for the next season. All prospective swimmers must attend a to be

announced tryout session.

For information, call Kathy Arduini at 439-9206 or Karen Richardson at 475-7534.

Annual drug free lifting event to be held

Columbia High School will be holding its fifth annual Drug Free Lifting Event Friday, March 6.

The event is sponsored by Columbia Physical Therapy and Concepts in Fitness. Area high schools come together for the coed event to promote drug free awareness,

sportsmanship and healthy weight lifting competition.

Columbia, Troy, Shaker, Niskayuna, Averill Park, Ravena, Ballston Spa, Colonie, Gloversville, Queensbury, Glens Falls, Burnt Hills and Watervliet will compete.

Eagle's track team fails to place in top 3

The Bethlehem Boy's Varsity Indoor Track team did not fair well during a meet recently at RPI.

Twelve athletes competed and none placed in the top three.

"It was a challenging day for us," said assistant coach Jen Hickman. "This was partly because of the small group of runners we brought, due to the final qualifying standards in this meet.

"For some kids it was a day of disappointment, but with a little hard work in the upcoming practices, I think we'll pull through for the Suburban Council meet."

Individually though it was a different story. Senior Dave Raab ran the 45-meter in 5.5 seconds and got first place. In the long jump, senior Jared Macarin and junior Khalid Umar, came in fifth and sixth-place. Umar also came in first in the triple jump.

Both the boys and girls came in second play in the 4, 200-meter relay. The boys relay team, Umar, Macarin, Raab and senior Matt Reuter ran it in 137.9. The girls relay team, seniors Diana Woodworth and Addie Blabey and juniors Liz Capiello and Karyn Leonardo ran it in 155.4.

"This year our team has shown a lot of potential. I think our hard work and effort have really paid off and have put us in good shape for the upcoming championships, state qualifiers and New York State meet," said Reuter.

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Bethlehem squeaks by

By Gregg Ciprioni

The Bethlehem Wrestling team won a squeaker over Niskayuna last Wednesday, 34-33. The win improved Bethlehem's record to nine to two overall this season and continued their four match winning streak. The team also competed Feb. 7 and won fifth place at the Suburban Council Tournament at Colonie Central High School.

In the Niskayuna match, the Eagles dominated the lower weight classes as has been the case much of the year, winning four of the first five matches including decision victories by sophomores Dave Woodworth, 96 pounds and Paul Rappoccio, 103 and seniors Dave Fogelman, 119 and Tim Leonard, 125. Leonard's victory furthered his undefeated record to 14-0 this season.

Bethlehem the used solid victories form senior Sean Demarest, 135, junior Dean Kawczak, 140, and seniors Dave Sherrin, 160 and Mike DeLucco, 171, to finish

Wrestling

off Niskayuna.

"It was a big win for everyone on the team, especially the seniors," said Rappoccio.

Bethlehem's upset victory over Niskayuna, a perennial Suburban Council power is the high point so far of a very successful season for the Eagles.

During the Feb. 7 tournament the Eagles took on their toughest opponents of the year, including the defending state champions Northern Adirondack, Canastota and Niskayuna. Although the Eagles did not come out on top as a team, several wrestlers tuned in outstanding efforts. Leonard won the 125 weight division, with Woodworth and Sherrin took second place in their respective classes.

Bethlehem's next match is tonight at Saratoga High School.



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Local collegians score big

Erika McDonough is swimming at SUNY Geneseo and was recently chosen athlete of the week, Jan. 26-Feb. 1. The freshman set a school, alumni pool and SUNY Athletic Conference record in the 400-meter individual medley with a time of 4:46.72 and had an alumni pool record time of 2:15.01 in the 200-meter backstroke. Her efforts led the Lady Waves to a 136-92 win over SUNY Oswego Jan. 31.

Last year's Bethlehem Central High School basketball star center **Tim Staniels**, now playing for Hartwick College in Oneonta, scored a career-high of 14 points against Rochester Institute of Technology on Jan. 30. Staniels is averaging 5.3 points and 4.3 rebounds per game this season for the Hawks.

Nadine Maurer, swimming for LeMoyne College in Syracuse, and recently broke the school record for the 200-meter breaststroke and the 400-meter medley relay.

Youth track club sets registration date

The 1998 registration for the Bethlehem Track & Field Club will be held Tuesday, Feb. 24, and Thursday, March 12, between 7 p.m. and 9 p.m. at town hall. For information, call Denise Minnear at 439-1415.

High scoring bowlers at Del Lanes

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Monday, Feb. 2.

Senior Citizen Men: **Fred Oliver Sr.**, 917; **Steve Walley**, 612; **Burt Almindo**, 299

Senior Citizen Women: **Delia Milham** 183; **Cora Kubisch**, 612 in three games

Men: **Bill VanAlstyne** 300 and 835 in four games; **Bill Cornell**, 1090 in four games.

Women: **Heather Selig** 278 and 982 in four games; **Beth Matthews**, 717 in four games

Adult Junior Men: **Steve Vnuk**, 276 and 732 in three games; **Phil Hausman**, 244, and 626 in three games.

Adult Junior Women: **Mary Brady**, 184 and 522 in three games; **Chris Rossman**, 194 and 522 in three games

Junior Classic: **Scott Hill**, 240 and 828 in four games; **Amanda**

Clapper, 236 and 771 in four games

Majors: **Chris Sifka**, 244 and 571 in three games; **Kristina Fournier**, 179

Juniors: **Jeff Young** 234 and 571 in three games; **Aubrey Spaulding**, 181 and 525 in three games

Preps: **Amy McPheeters** 153; **Joey DeVoe** 157, and 431 in three games

The following people earned bowling honors at Del Lanes during the week of Monday, Mon. Jan. 26.

Senior Citizen Men: **Fred Oliver Sr.**, 948; **Steve Walley**, 612; **Kenneth Hussey**, 263

Senior Citizen Women: **Agnes Neumann**, 496; **Dolores Doucouc**, 190

Men: **Tim Boissy**, 1086; **Scott Rector**, 731, **Rob Zinzow**, 731; **Rick Mochrie Sr.**, 300; **Norm**

Sontz, 300
Women: **Erin Barkman**, 861; **Debbie Doran**, 635; **Sarah Colvin**, 264

Adult Junior Men: **Lou DeVoe** 257, and 654 in three games; **Phil Hausman**, 245 and 654 in three games.

Adult Junior Women: **Shannon Burke**, 201 and 453 in three games

Junior Classic: **Matt Costigan**, 232 and 869 in four games; **Chris Williams**, 244; **Courtney Radick**, 225.

Majors: **Eddie Tompkins**, 236; **Joe Macchina**, 205; **Mary Westfall**, 203; **Shannon McNally**, 165

Juniors: **Aubrey Spaulding**, 256 and 646 in three games; **Nick Hammond**, 221; **Katie Duncan**, 211; **Steve Soulis**, 217

Preps: **Matt O'Brien**, 181 and 461 in three games; **Jen Kerr**, 134 **Sam McCaffey** 107.

Delmar Dolphins challenge New Hartford Knights

The Delmar Dolphins Swim Club participated in the New Hartford Knights Swim Classic at New Hartford High School, Oneida County.

At the Feb. 1 meet, **Alyssa Sullivan** took fourth-place in the girls 8 and under category, 25-yard breaststroke and fifth-place in the 25-yard backstroke.

In the boys 11- and 12-year-old category, **Scott Solomon** took fourth-place in the 100-yard breaststroke, sixth-place in the 50-yard

backstroke and seventh-place in the 100-yard individual medley.

In the girls 11- and 12-year-old category **Larissa Suparmanto** took fifth-place in the 100-yard freestyle and the 200-yard freestyle. **Katie VanHeusen** took third-place in the 100-yard individual medley.

Courtney Arduini won the 100-yard breaststroke with a time of 1:15.65 and took second-place in the 200-yard freestyle and 100-yard backstroke and third-place


in the 100-yard butterfly in the girls senior category.

Ellen Bandel took seventh-place in the girls 13- and 14-year-old category **100-yard breaststroke**. **Teresa Rosetti** took second-place in the 200-yard freestyle and the 100-yard butterfly and fourth-place in the 50-yard freestyle.

Also swimming in the meet were **Lauren Sullivan** and **Becky Corson** in the 13- and 14-year-old category.

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Spirit of Valentine's Day evident at BCBS

By Michelle Kagan

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As students pour into homerooms, some will receive flowers from a friend or admirer courtesy of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD), which is giving students the opportunity to send a carnation for a \$1 donation.

"Valentine's Day is a good excuse to send a flower to someone you like, so you can tell them how you really feel about them," said BCBS sophomore Jessica Mayo-Pike.

Along with flowers, red and

pink clothing will be commonplace sights in the halls of BCBS on Valentine's Day.

Many students will continue an elementary school tradition by giving Valentine's Day cards and candy to their friends.

This way, those students without admirers can participate actively in the spirit of the day.

The high school will also hold a Valentine's Day dance on Friday, Feb. 13.

The dance gives students an opportunity to spend a romantic evening with someone special.

"In high school, girls usually make the first move," said sophomore Sarah Brandone.

"All the guys should get up the courage to send a flower to the girl that they like," she added.

Delmar library sets valentine program

"The Heart of the Matter," a valentine program for preschoolers, will be held at Bethlehem Public Library on Delaware Avenue in Delmar on Friday, Feb. 13, at 4 p.m., and Saturday, Feb. 14, at 10:30 a.m.

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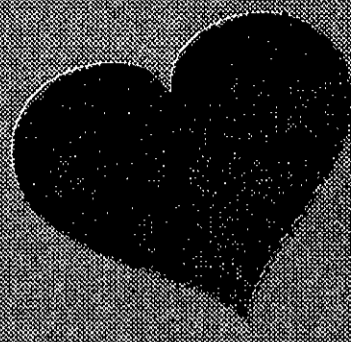
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Continuing-ed signup ends tonight

In-person registration for spring continuing education classes is today, Feb. 11, from 7 to 9 p.m. in the high school cafeteria. Mail registration ends Friday, Feb. 20, and classes start on Monday, Feb. 23.

A special six-week series on creating a perennial garden starts with an introduction to gardening on Thursday, Feb. 26, from 7 to 9 p.m. in room 113 at the high school.

Brochures are available at the high school, SuperValu Foods on Maple Avenue and the Altamont, Bethlehem, Berne, Guilderland and Voorheesville libraries. For information, call the high school at 765-3314.

Activity night rescheduled for Friday, Feb. 13

The fifth and sixth-grade activity night canceled twice due to snow has been rescheduled for

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Friday, Feb. 13, from 7 to 9 p.m. at the elementary school.

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Tickets purchased earlier will be honored.

For information, call the school office at 765-2382.

Schools to close for winter recess

Schools will be closed for mid-winter recess from Monday, Feb. 16, through Friday, Feb. 20.

Board announces grievance night Feb. 17

The village of Voorheesville board of trustees has scheduled a tax grievance night for Tuesday, Feb. 17, from 5 to 9 p.m. at village hall at 29 Voorheesville Ave.

The current assessment roll can be examined at the village office weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

In order to be considered by the board, all grievances about assessments must be filed on or before Feb. 17 with the village clerk. Grievance forms are available at village hall.

The grievance night is only for village of Voorheesville taxes.

Town changes meeting nights

The New Scotland town board has changed its regular meeting date to the second Wednesday of the month.

This month's meeting is today, Feb. 11, at 7 p.m. at town hall on Route 85.

Thompson's Lake slates ice fishing contest

Thompson's Lake State Park in East Berne will host its seventh annual ice fishing contest on Saturday, Feb. 21.

Registration and fish measurement will be from 6 a.m. to noon. Live bait will be available on site.

At noon, the Sheriff's Department will conduct an ice rescue demonstration.

Prizes will be awarded at 12:30 p.m. The grand prize is a chartered fishing trip for four on Lake Ontario courtesy of Hookjaw Charters. There will be lots of other

prizes.

Hot food and beverages will be sold by the Friends of Thacher and Thompson's Lake state parks.

Everyone is invited to participate. No all terrain vehicles or snowmobiles are allowed.

A \$4 per person donation is encouraged. In conjunction with the National Heritage Trust donations will benefit recreation programs at the campground.

For information, call 872-1237.

Kiwanis extend registration to Feb. 13

The Kiwanis Club has extended Little League registration through Friday, Feb. 13.

The league is open to residents of the school district and children who live in the town of New Scotland. Registration is for T-ball, big sticks T-ball, pee wee, minors, majors and girls softball.

Games are played at the high school. All players receive team shirts and hats.

Application forms are available at the elementary school office.

For information, call Kyle Schlappi at 765-9337.

PTA collecting soup labels and box tops

The PTA reminds parents that the last day to turn in Campbell's

Soup labels is Friday, Feb. 13.

The Boxtops for Education fund-raiser continues through March 27.

General Mills will double the value of each box top that is stapled to a valentine.

Use small children's valentine's to keep postage costs down. If you have extra valentine's, drop them off in the PTA mailbox at the elementary school.

The deadline for this promotion is Thursday, Feb. 26.

Register for wrestling at high school

Registration for pee wee wrestling is today and Thursday, Feb. 11 and 12, from 6 to 7 p.m. outside the cafeteria at the high school.

Children must be between the ages of 6 and 13 to register.

Applications are available at the elementary school.

For information, call Don Cootware at 765-2761 or John Lopez at 765-3314.

Planning commission to meet Feb. 18

The next meeting of Voorheesville's planning commission is on Wednesday, Feb. 18, at 7:30 p.m. at village hall on Voorheesville Avenue.

Seventh-grader wins middle level spelling bee

Congratulations to seventh-grader Sarah Mohan on winning the middle level spelling bee. John Sullivan came in second place and Stephen Hensel came in third.

Village seeks local artwork

Voorheesville's village office is displaying artwork by village residents. Four or five pieces will be featured every month.

Artists who live in Voorheesville and would like to display their work should call Lauren Hatch or Diane Williams at 765-2692.

Book group to meet at Delmar library

Bethlehem Public Library's book discussion group will discuss Peter Hoeg's book, *Smilla's Sense of Snow*, on Tuesday, Feb. 17, at 7:30 p.m.

The group meets the third Tuesday of the month in the library's adult lounge at 451 Delaware Ave. in Delmar.

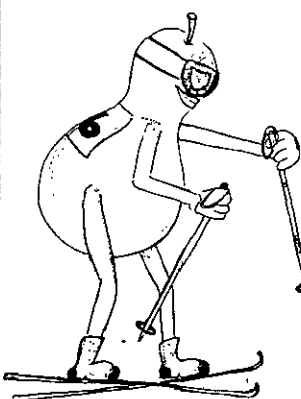
Copies of the current title are available at the reference desk.

New members are welcome. For information, call 439-9314.

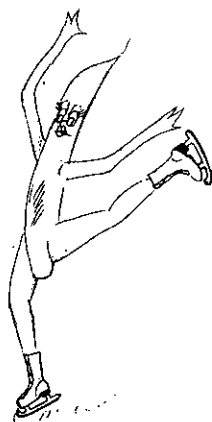
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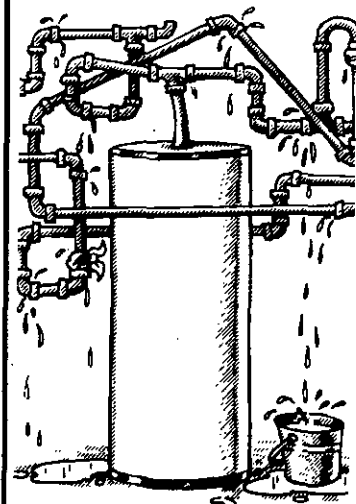
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Survey

(From Page 1)

said Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce president Marty DeLaney. "I think they're working harder and working smarter."

The first part of the report combines responses from all 14 chambers of commerce. In this section, 58.4 percent of respondents said their businesses increased in 1997, and 61.1 percent expected more growth this year.

Respondents were split regarding the future of the area's economy. Most, 36.1 percent, said "It will experience little or no growth," but 27 percent, said, "It will struggle." Only 19.5 percent said "It will prosper."

The companies' lack of confidence in the area's economy was reflected when they named the economy their top concern entering the new year. Other concerns that rated highly were taxes, finding qualified employees and the costs of health benefits.

In the Bethlehem section of the survey, responses fell more or less in line with area-wide responses. One major difference was that a smaller majority of businesses, 49 percent, reported growth in 1997. Nearly half of the respondents, 42.8 percent, said their businesses remained stable last year. Only 8.2 percent reported decreases.

Despite the disparity between Bethlehem growth and area-wide growth, Bethlehem businesses expect 1998 to be a strong year. The majority, 56.9 percent said they expect their business to increase this year. Only 3.9 percent expected a decrease.

"This isn't the chamber officials saying, 'Things look promising,'" DeLaney said. "It's the businesses saying it." DeLaney noted that 86 percent of Bethlehem respondents said their businesses will either increase or remain stable in 1998. "These are large percentages."

"This goes along with what we're doing," DeLaney continued. "The chamber doesn't, and never has, focused on the past. We're looking at the future. The chamber is working proactively to bring businesses into the area."

The Bethlehem section of the report also offered a profile of the businesses that answered the survey, all of which are members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. Seventy percent of the businesses grossed under \$1 million last year, and the next largest group, 16 percent, grossed between \$1 million and \$3 million.

Most of the business owners, 38.5 percent, described their firms as part of the service industry.

Drugs

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Cigarette use was reported by 14.6 percent of sixth-graders, compared to the national average of 17.5 percent. In eighth-grade, the number rose to 43.5 percent, versus 39.1 percent nationally. In 11th-grade, 67.5 percent of students had used cigarettes, compared to 49.2 percent nationally.

Alcohol use in Voorheesville was also above the national average. The same definition of once in the past year was used, showing 19.8 percent of sixth-graders using alcohol as compared to 18.5 percent nationally. Alcohol use was reported by 47.8 percent of eighth-graders, versus 42.3 percent nationally. In 11th-grade, the number rose to 77.9 percent, whereas the national average was 60.9 percent.

Also significant was that 18.8 percent of sixth-graders, 16.7 percent of eighth-graders and 51.7 percent of 11th-graders said that the effect of their alcohol use was to become "very high or bombed."

Of Voorheesville's sixth-graders, 2.1 percent reported using marijuana, with the national average being 4.4 percent. In eighth-grade, 27.2 percent used marijuana, with 19.8 percent being the national average. Marijuana use by 11th-graders was 53.2 percent, compared to 36.4 percent nationally.

The statistics on use of hallucinogens was even more alarming, with 1.1 percent of sixth-graders reporting use, compared to 1.6 percent nationally. In eighth-grade, that number rose to 7.7 percent, compared to the national average of 4.5 percent. In 11th-

Nearly 20 percent of respondents said their businesses did not fit into the eight classifications offered in the survey. Following service, the next most popular classifications were contracting firms, 15.4 percent, and retail concerns, 13.5 percent.

A majority of the businesses, 59.6 percent, are incorporated. Most of the remaining firms, 34.6 percent, are sole proprietorships.

Nearly a quarter of respondents, 22 percent, identified their firms as women-owned businesses. Four percent said their firms are owned by women of color and two percent described their firms as minority-owned.

When asked to classify the current local economy and look to its future, respondents voted heavily for the "stagnant" classification. Albany County's economy was described as stagnant by 39.2 percent of respondents, and the economy of the Capital District was described the same way by 42.9 percent.

Nearly half of the Bethlehem respondents, 43.4 percent, expect the region's economy to struggle in the near future.

As for specific types of growth in the area, most respondents, 58 percent, expected their number of employees to remain about the same this year. Nearly 30 percent expect to hire new personnel.

When the question of expansion arose, respondents were ambivalent. Although a majority, 45.8 percent, expected expansion in the next year, a larger majority, 63.9 percent, said they were unsure of their plans for the first decade of the next century.

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grade, 25 percent of students reported using hallucinogens, compared to 10.4 percent nationwide.

Board members, while expressing concern, questioned the survey's definition of usage. "I'm concerned about this definition of one time a year," Erica Sufrin said. "There's a difference between those who experiment and those who use. Also, does our small size affect these statistics? And how do we react to this figure of once per year?"

Laffredo said the reaction should be to stop and revisit the figures. Pride will give the district 20 pages of data to flesh out survey results and provide a more accurate picture of substance abuse in Voorheesville.

Laffredo also said the survey could serve as a benchmark. "As a parent, I like to know what's going on with our kids," she said. "Also, experimenting means that I might walk away from a substance, and you might not."

Laffredo was also concerned about the increase in use from sixth to 11th-grade. Board member Robert Baron said those larger numbers are likely a reflection of age and the opportunity to use.

"Sure, friends might try, and teens have more pocket money," Laffredo said. "Drugs are cheap, you can buy a hit of acid for \$5, and a bag of heroin for about \$10."

Also of concern was where kids said they used — largely at friends' homes. "Friends' homes is us," Baron said. "We need to ask — Where are your kids? What are they doing?"

The Pride survey also made recommendations specific to Voorheesville. These include a clear definition of the substance abuse policy and its consequences, evaluation of current programs in the schools, articulating the connection between substance abuse and other high risk behaviors, providing ongoing parent education, hiring a social worker for drug and alcohol problems and developing a community partnership program.

Although substance abuse levels are high, Laffredo said, "now you know. I commend you." She noted, "It's tough to open yourselves up. I encourage you in your endeavors, whether you use the Pride survey or not. I also recommend that you talk to the kids. They're a great resource."

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Christopher Goodemote and Susan Cox

Cox, Goodemote to marry

Susan Lynn Cox, daughter of Judith and Robert Cox of Delmar, and Christopher T. Goodemote, son of Terri Lazaroff and Thomas Goodemote of Gloversville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and SUNY Cobleskill. She is an

executive recruiter at Sheila Greco Associates in Amsterdam.

The future groom is a graduate of Mayfield Central High School and is owner of Adirondack Bay View Marina on Sacandaga Lake in Mayfield, Fulton County.

The couple plans an April wedding.

Delmar woman receives award

Leslie Adriane Menz of Delmar has been selected for inclusion in the 1997 edition of Outstanding Young Women of America.

The program honors men and women between the ages of 21 and 40 who have distinguished themselves in service to their communities, professional leadership, academic achievement, business advancement, cultural accomplishments, and civic and political participation.

Nominations are received from political leaders, clergy and university officials, clergymen and business leaders, and civic groups and organizations.

Food stamp rep to visit town hall

Bethlehem Senior Services, the food pantry and county Department of Social Services recently announced the start of a Nutrition Assistance Program for area residents of any age.

A representative from the food stamp division will be at Bethlehem town hall on Delaware Avenue in Delmar from 9 a.m. to noon the first Monday of the month to help with applications or recertifications.

Appointments can be made for private 45-minute conferences by calling 439-4955, ext. 173.



Kristi Ferris and John Hoffman

Ferris, Hoffman engaged

Kristi Ann Ferris, daughter of Sabina Ferris of Wilton, Conn. and the late Thomas Ferris, and John David Hoffman, son of Carolyn Allen of Glenmont and Christopher Hoffman of Loudonville, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Katharine Gibbs School. She is a

travel consultant at Empire Travel in Guilderland.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is director of fund-raising for Friendly Home Parties in Albany.

The couple plans a May 9 wedding.

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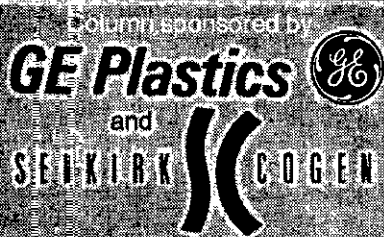
Saturday, February 14 is Valentine's Day

Many of us find ourselves thinking and talking about love and relationships. Children create messages about their feelings and send them to classmates, parents, siblings and grandparents.

For parents this is a wonderful opportunity to teach children about friendship and relationships. Have a discussion with your child about how to be a friend and how friends treat each other. Listen and give them time to share. Sometimes responses will come easily and sometimes you will need to wait longer for a response. Encourage your child to talk about people he or she loves and why. How do we show people that we love them? Talk to children about why family members and friends are important.

While writing those Valentines' messages parents can explain the importance of kindness and good manners. You might return to the basics: please and thank you are still important words. Encourage your child to be kind and respectful to others. Give your child the chance to help others by volunteering in your community. Valentines' Day can be more meaningful if you reach out to others.

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R. Jason Towlen and Kate Sommer

Sommer, Towlen engaged

Kate Sommer, daughter of Barbara and John Sommer of Slingerlands, and R. Jason Towlen, son of Carol Towlen of Summit, N.J. and Richard Towlen of Brick, N.J., are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Jr./Sr. High School, Nazareth College and Syracuse University.

She is a speech and language pathologist at Robert Wood Johnson University Hospital in New Brunswick, N.J.

The future groom is a graduate of Rochester Institute of Technology. He is a photojournalist at the Home News Tribune in East Brunswick, N.J.

The couple plans a May 9 wedding.

Adirondack Museum seeks artifacts

The Adirondack Museum's new exhibit, Peopling the Adirondacks, is scheduled to open in May.

The exhibit will explore the diverse groups of people who settled in the Adirondacks.

From the earliest population of American Indians to recent Asian immigrants, the area has included a rich mix of people from a variety of backgrounds.

Their stories mirror the stories of acceptance, assimilation and

discrimination of groups in other parts of the country, but their experience was largely shaped by the Adirondack's beautiful but harsh wilderness.

For the exhibit, the Adirondack Museum needs help to find objects, people-oriented photographs, letters and diaries that reflect the diversity of the people who settled there.

For information, contact Jerry Pepper at 352-7311 ext. 108.

Births

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Victoria Anne Young, to Maureen and David Young of Delmar, Jan. 20.

Girl, Hannah Katherine Korkosz, to Patricia and Kevin Korkosz of Delmar, Jan. 27.

Boy, Keaton Gage Lauricella, to Kristi and Joseph Lauricella of Glenmont, Jan. 27.

Girl, Margaret Gloria Ragotzkie, to Judi and Jay Ragotzkie of Slingerlands, Jan. 27.

Boy, Timothy McCool Facciola, to Susan and Michael Facciola of Delmar, Jan. 28.

Boy, Robert Thomas Stagnitta, to Kerin and Scott Stagnitta of Elsmere, Jan. 28.

Girl, Kerry Ann Golden, to Sheila and Kevin Golden of Delmar, Feb. 1.



Anne Mineau and Christopher Manzella

Mineau, Manzella engaged

Anne Mineau, daughter of Rosemary and Robert Mineau of Delmar, and Christopher W. Manzella, son of Maureen and Alfred Manzella of Slingerlands, are engaged to be married.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Binghamton University and Rochester Institute of Technology. She

is assistant dean of students at Siena College.

The future groom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Hudson Valley Community College and SUNY Cobleskill. He owns CM Lawn Care and Landscaping.

The couple plans an April 17 wedding.

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SUNY Potsdam — Nina Teresi of Delmar (bachelor's in politics and elementary education)

Dean's List

Bowdoin College — Joshua Muhlfelder of Slingerlands.

Hamilton College — Sarah Cook of Delmar.

Hartwick College — Jessica Schedlbauer of Voorheesville, Jaime Sommerville of Glenmont and Kristina Westfall of Selkirk.

Northeastern University — Amy Schron of Slingerlands.

Quinnipiac College — Kiley Shortell of Delmar.

Skidmore College — Betsey Languish of Delmar (highest honors).

SUNY Potsdam — Jeffrey Wellman, Leigh Alexander (president's list) and Leah Everhart (president's list), all of Delmar.

University of Delaware — Emily Fireovid of Delmar, Stephen Fiato of Selkirk and Sara Haskins of Slingerlands.

University of Rochester — Shari Bogen of Delmar.

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DAR plans 27th annual antiques show

Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution will hold its 27th annual antiques show and sale Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 14 and 15.

Show hours are 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. on Saturday, and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. on Sunday at Academy of the Holy Names at 1075 New Scotland Ave. in Albany.

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Obituaries

Ethel V. Noble

Ethel V. Noble, 102, of South Bethlehem died Monday, Feb. 9, at Eden Park Nursing Home in Albany.

A longtime resident of South Bethlehem, Mrs. Noble was a homemaker.

She was a member of South Bethlehem Methodist Church and United Methodist Women.

She was the widow of Norman Noble.

Survivors include a daughter, Mary Starr of Ravena; a son, Warren Noble of North Carolina; nine grandchildren; and 24 great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be on Thursday, Feb. 12, at 11 a.m. at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church on Willowbrook Avenue.

Burial will be in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Arrangements are by the Caswell Funeral Home in Ravena.

Contributions may be made to South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Avenue, South Bethlehem.

Roy W. Schwarz

Roy W. Schwarz, 66, of Delmar died Monday, Feb. 9, at his home.

Born in Brooklyn, he was a graduate of the University of Connecticut.

Mr. Schwarz worked for Eden Park Management in Albany before he retired.

He was an active member and former president of Tri-Village Squares and was a coach for the Bethlehem Tomboys.

He was husband of the late Noella Desautels Schwarz.

Survivors include two daughters, Jean Hewitt of Fairport and Susan Sano of Colonie; a brother, the Rev. Charles Schwarz of Monroe, Conn.; and two grandchildren.

Services will be Thursday, Feb. 12, at 10:30 a.m. from the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, 490 Delaware Ave., Albany. Calling hours will be from 4 to 8 p.m. tonight at the funeral home.

Burial will be in Bethlehem Cemetery in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to Community Hospice at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd.,

Albany 12208 or Good Shepherd Lutheran Church, 466 Elm St., Monroe, Conn. 06468.

James J. Ryan Sr.

James Joseph Ryan Sr., 77, of Crow Ridge Road in Voorheesville died Thursday, Feb. 5, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

Born in Leroy, he was a longtime resident of Voorheesville.

He was a graduate of Albany Law School and a member of the Justinian Honor Society.

Mr. Ryan worked for the state Department of Audit and Control. He also worked in the private practice of Hyman Rosenblum. He worked for the state Association of Towns before retiring in 1979. He served as town attorney and zoning board attorney for the town of New Scotland in the 1970s.

He was a naval aviator in the Pacific Theater during World War II. He retired as captain in the Air National Guard after 20 years of service.

He was a communicant of St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Mr. Ryan was a member of the New Scotland Republican Club, the Albany County and New York bar associations and a former member of the New Scotland Kiwanis Club.

Survivors include his wife, Dorothy Mayback Ryan; four sons, James J. Ryan Jr. of Voorheesville, Michael D. Ryan of West Grandville, Mass., John P. Ryan of Endicott and Martin T. Ryan of Albany; three daughters, Mary Ellen Farley of Conklin, Anne Ryan Plumb of Rock Hill, N.C., and Kathleen Cootware of Voorheesville; a sister Mary Ryan of Batavia; and 16 grandchildren.

Services were from the Reilly & Son Funeral Home in Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church.

Burial was in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.

Contributions may be made to the Dobutamine Clinic at St. Peter's Hospital, 315 S. Manning Blvd., Albany 12208.

Joan L. Hoffman

Joan L. Hoffman, 65, of Selkirk died Thursday, Feb. 5, at her home.

Born in Albany, she was a longtime resident of Selkirk.

She worked as a data processor for the state Department of Criminal Justice before she retired.

Survivors include three daughters, Mary Ellen Conrad of Saratoga Springs, Joan Burleigh of Schenectady and Debra Prud'homme of Clifton Park; three sons, James Bryant and Dennis Bryant, both of Stillwater, and Frederick Burleigh of Fort Lauderdale, Fla.; four brothers, Samuel Hoffman of Des Moines, Iowa, Edward Hoffman and Paul Hoffman, both of Albany, and Dave Hoffman of Niskayuna; a sister, Clara Whitaker of Altamont; and several grandchildren.

Services were from the Church of St. Clare.

Arrangements were by the New Comer-Cannon Funeral Home in Colonie.

Burial was in Memory's Garden in Colonie.

Thelma F. Comstock

Thelma F. Comstock, 85, of Glenmont died Friday, Feb. 6, at Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

She was a longtime member of First Reformed Church of Selkirk and attended Trinity Methodist Church in Albany.

Mrs. Comstock was a past president of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, a charter member of the Delmar Progress Club, the Onesquethau Chapter of the Eastern Star and the Bethlehem Historical Association. She was a former member of the Bethlehem Garden Club and the Bethlehem Grange.

She was the widow of William J. Comstock Jr.

Survivors include a son, William J. Comstock III of Weston, Vt.; a daughter, Brenda R. Clinton of Hingham, Mass.; and four grandchildren.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Bethlehem Historical Association, 1003 River Road, Selkirk 12158.

Jane Algozzine

Jane Barrett Algozzine, 78, of Ossining, Westchester County,

and formerly of Leaf Drive in Delmar, died Wednesday, Jan. 28, at Briar Crest Nursing Home in Ossining.

Born in Albany, she was a graduate of Albany High School and SUNY Albany. She received a master's degree from SUNY Oneonta.

Mrs. Algozzine was a teacher for 25 years.

She became the bureau chief of reading education for the state Department of Education and then director of language skills, supervising the bureaus of reading, education, foreign languages, English and bilingual education. She had also served as national director of "Right to Read" programs.

Mrs. Algozzine received the NYS Reading Association Distinguished Service Award for her work in establishing its annual conference and promoting its literacy goals.

She was the widow of John L. Algozzine.

Survivors include a son, John R. Algozzine of Katonah, Westchester County, a daughter, Linda Starr of Walden, Colo.; three granddaughters; and six great-grandchildren.

A memorial service will be held on Saturday, Feb. 14, from 1 to 3:30 p.m. at the University Club, 141 Washington Ave., Albany.

Contributions may be made to Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson Foundation at Mount Sinai Medical Center, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1490, New York 10029.

Janice M. Easton

Janice M. Easton, 82, of Rhode Island and formerly of Delmar, died Wednesday, Feb. 4, at Metacom Manor Heath Center in Bristol.

Born in Warren, R.I., she was the widow of Whitney Earl Easton.

Mr. Easton was circulation supervisor for Barrington Public Library for 12 years before she retired. She had also volunteered at the library for many years.

Survivors include three sons, Albert Eddy Easton of Slingerlands, Stephen Whitney Easton of Delmar and Nicholas William Easton of Providence; two daughters, Susan Janice Rodrigues of Bristol and Alice Louise Easton of

Warren; a sister, Mary Louise Alexander of Cincinnati; 15 grandchildren; and five great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the William J. Smith & Son Funeral Home in Warren.

Burial was private.

Contributions may be made to Barrington Public Library, 281 County Road, Barrington, R.I. 02806.

John R. Kenyon

John R. Kenyon, 76, of Glenmont died Monday, Feb. 2, at his home.

Mr. Kenyon spent summers on Long Lake and was a member of the Albany Elks.

He was a mechanic for the state Office of General Services, retiring as a foreman.

He was the former husband of Olive Kenyon.

Survivors include two sons, John W. Kenyon of Latham and Robert J. Kenyon of Albany; two sisters, Mary Boyce of Glens Falls and Helen Dolan of California; and a grandson.

Services were from First Lutheran Church in Albany.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.

Spring burial will be in St. Matthew's Cemetery in Glenmont.

Terry Vonnegut

Terry Vonnegut, 47, of Albany, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, died Monday, Feb. 2, at Community Hospice of Albany County in Albany.

He attended Boston University and graduated from West Virginia University. He had a master's degree from SUNY Albany School of Public Affairs.

Mr. Vonnegut worked in the governor's office of employee relations in the 1980s and Macy's in Colonie Center. He appeared in the movie *Ironweed*.

He was son of the late Bernard and Lori Vonnegut.

Survivors include four brothers, Peter Vonnegut, Scott Vonnegut, Kurt Vonnegut and Alex Vonnegut; and his companion Anita Reichert.

Services were private.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home in Delmar.

Services were private.

Contributions may be made to Saratoga Center for the Family, 24 Circular Drive, Saratoga Springs.

Quilters to meet at Delmar church

Quilters United in Learning Together will meet on Friday, Feb. 13, at 9:30 a.m. at First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

There will be mini workshops and a vendor fair. Visitors are always welcome.

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.

— DEATH NOTICE —

ALGOZZINE — JANE TAYLOR BARRETT, 78. Katonah, NY, formerly of New York City, Albany and Cairo, NY. Died January 28, 1998. After a long illness, Jane was finally released from her pain.

Your memory, beauty, and lessons will remain with us always, O Mother, Grandmother, Greatgrandmother, teacher, friend. Contributions can be made to the Bachmann-Strauss Dystonia and Parkinson Foundation, 1 Gustave L. Levy Place, Box 1490, New York 10029.

A memorial gathering of family and friends will be held at the University Club at 141 Dove Street in Albany, NY on February 14, 1998 at 1 PM.

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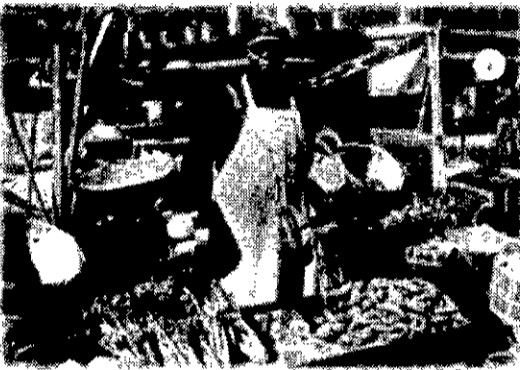
Harlem's Renaissance

Museum exhibit coincides with Black History Month

By Peter Hanson

One of New York City's most vital — and misunderstood — neighborhoods is the focus of a new permanent exhibit in the state Museum, entitled *Black Capital: Harlem in the 1920s*.

Although it's been portrayed in movies and TV shows as a cesspool of urban crime, Harlem has been one of the nation's most important centers for black popular culture for nearly a century. The new



exhibit, the opening of which coincides with Black History Month, celebrates Harlem's unique role as a city within a city.

An opening reception for the exhibit will be held Thursday, Feb. 12, from 6 to 8 p.m. at the museum, which is located in the Empire State Plaza in Albany. Admission is free.

Using historical photographs, rare artifacts and text pieces, *Black Capital* complements the existing *City of Neighborhoods* exhibit by illustrating the thriving community blacks created for themselves within the country's most famous metropolis.

City of Neighborhoods is the museum's longstanding tribute to New York City. Each room of the exhibit illustrates a different section of New York's five boroughs — Manhattan, Queens, Staten Island, the Bronx and Brooklyn — with recreated storefronts and apartments and even a subway car patrons can walk through.

As the other sections of *City of Neighborhoods* do with their respective subjects, *Black Capital* tries to give patrons a sense of how it felt to walk through Harlem in the '20s, a period now known as the "Harlem Renaissance."

The exhibit features displays of musical instruments and sports equipment as well as several issues of *The Negro World*, a newspaper which was published in Harlem.

One of the items in the exhibit is laden with historical significance that reaches beyond the '20s, though — a wooden church pulpit that's topped with a sheet of red velvet was used by abolitionist Frederick Douglass (1817-1895) when he

spoke in New York.

The fight to free blacks from slavery, led by people like Douglass, is part of the rich and harrowing history that led to Harlem's becoming a cultural mecca in the '20s.

After the Emancipation Proclamation freed slaves in 1863, pockets of black culture appeared in towns across America, but by the end of the 19th century, it was clear Harlem was the preeminent urban center for black writers, musicians and artists.

The newspapers and other publications included in *Black Capital* reflect the work of these creative people. Other displays,



A 1930 photo from Harlem's 127th Street, above, and a 1927 market vendor on 135th Street and Lenox Avenue are just part of the New York State Museum's newest exhibit.

such as a still life of a black woman's churchgoing paraphernalia (including a fan, a hymnal and long white gloves), give a glimpse of everyday life in Harlem.

The exhibit is the first new permanent addition to the Museum since 1992, when the *Mohawk Iroquois Village* scene was added. Like the other exhibits in the museum, *Black Capital* is designed to spark

curiosity and conversation.

For those who leave the exhibit wanting to know more about the period it depicts, free bookmarks featuring a bibliography of works by "Harlem Renaissance" authors like Langston Hughes and W.E.B. Du Bois are available within the exhibit.

For information, call 474-5877.

CATS returns to region in five performances

For the sixth time, the production of Andrew Lloyd Webber's *CATS* returns to Proctor's Theatre, playing for five performances starting Friday, Feb. 20.

Presently, the longest running musical on Broadway, a record that may never be broken, *CATS* was the first of Webber's musicals to use intricate technology but it was still possible to modify the show for tours.

His later shows, *Phantom of the Opera* and *Sunset Boulevard* for example, require large, fully-equipped theaters to accommodate them. At Proctor's, the back wall would have to be torn out and moved back to bring in *Phantom*.

But, *CATS* has been at Proctor's five times already over a period of a dozen years and remains one of the most popular shows to play the old movie palace.

There will be two matinees, one Saturday and Sunday (Feb. 21 and 22) at 2 p.m.

Reservations and information are available at 382-3884.

ACT to restage Love Letters for theater's benefit

The Albany Civic Theater will bring back the production of A.R. Gurney's *Love Letters* featuring WNYT newscasters Jim Kamblich and Benita Zahn on Feb. 13, 14 and 15 as a benefit for the Second Avenue theater.

First done as a benefit late last spring at the Omni Hotel in Albany, this production will also be directed by Robert Goepfert.

The Friday and Saturday shows at 8 p.m. and the Sunday show is at 3 p.m.

Tickets are \$10. Reservations are available at 462-1297.



Martin P. Kelly

SPOTLIGHT

By Martin P. Kelly

All My Sons opens Friday at Home Made Theater

The 1940s drama, *All My Sons*, opens Friday, Feb. 13 for a three weekend run at the Home Made Theater at the Little Theater in the Saratoga Spa State Park.

Arthur Miller's drama which preceded his writing of *Death of a Salesman*, concerns the anguish of a son when he finds out his father manufactured defective parts for planes which crashed during the war and killed servicemen.

An award-winning play, *All My Sons* has regained prominence as Miller's career continues as the writer approaches 85 years of age. Not dependent upon a major central character as in *Salesman*, this earlier drama is more suited to ensemble playing with the roles more evenly spread out.

Ken Bush, a member of the University at Albany theater department, will direct the production. He previously did *Plaza Suite* for Home Made Theater. The 10-member cast features Jim Mitchel as Joe Keller, the accused father. Mitchell is a veteran Home Made Theater performer.

Reservations and information are available at 587-4427.

Cathy Rigby brings Peter Pan to Proctor's Theatre March 24-29

Former Olympic gymnast Cathy Rigby has made a formidable career out of performing the lead role in the musical version of James Barrie's *Peter Pan*, playing the role over the past 10 years in various touring versions.

Her latest production, now moving through East Coast cities, arrives at Proctor's Theatre in Schenectady for eight performances March 24 through March 29, with three matinees.

Long associated with the late Mary Martin who originated the musical version of this popular children's story on stage and then on TV in a fondly remembered taped production, Rigby has taken over the reins of the property from Sandy Duncan who followed Martin into the part.

Rigby, who travels with her family throughout the country, has the athleticism for the role, being honored as a leading woman gymnast. The role's requirements to fly about the stage, helped by Joseph Foy's creative and imaginative mechanisms, get an extra boost because of Rigby's prowess as an acrobatic performer.

The music by Carolyn Leigh and Moose Charlap and Jule Styne have been part of the lexicon since the musical first hit Broadway in the mid-50s.

The timeless children's tale about a boy who refuses to grow up, has been around theater since early in the century when Maude Adams first created the role.

Shortly after World War II, Jean Arthur brought the show to Broadway in a version without music, featuring Boris Karloff as Captain Hook. Martin had the irrepressible Australian actor Cyril Ritchard in that role.

Now, however, Rigby has claimed the role and makes the song, "I'm Flying" her own.

Reservations and information are available at 382-3884.

Around Theaters!

Always...Patsy Cline, musical biography at Capital Rep through Feb. 15 (462-4531) ... *The Imaginary Invalid* at The Roustabouts dinner theater in Troy through Feb. 28 (274-1707) ... *Dragonwings* at Theater Institute, Troy, through Feb. 14 (274-3256).



Dragonwings, set in turn-of-the-century San Francisco, features Ted Hewlett as Windrider, an immigrant father who dreams of flying, and David Ige as his son Moon Shadow. The play is at the Schacht Fine Arts Center of Russell Sage College in Troy through Saturday. For tickets or information, call the NYS Theatre Institute box office at 274-3256.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF FORMATION OF GORDON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, LLC (PURSUANT TO SECTION 203 OF THE LIMITED LIABILITY COMPANY LAW)

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Articles of Organization of GORDON DEVELOPMENT SERVICES, LLC (the "Company") were filed with the Secretary of State of the State of New York on December 11, 1997.

The Company is being formed to engage in the ownership, leasing, purchasing, selling, development, and mortgaging of property and any activities necessary or incidental to such purpose and any other lawful act or activity for which limited liability companies may be organized under the LLC.

The office of the Company is to be located in the County of Albany, State of New York. The Secretary of State has been designated as the agent of the Company upon whom process against the Company may be served. The post office address to which the Secretary of State shall mail a copy of any process against the Company served upon such Secretary of State is 50 State Street, Albany, New York 12207.

(February 11, 1998)

LEGAL NOTICE

1998. The County in which the office of the LLC is to be located is Albany. The agent of the LLC upon whom process against it may be served is the Secretary of State and such shall mail a copy of any process to: 37 Chrisken Drive, Glenmont, New York 12077. The business purpose of the LLC is to engage in any lawful act or activity for which LLCs may be organized under the LLC.

(February 11, 1998)

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VOORHEESVILLE, NEW YORK 12186 SUBURBAN BID

Voorheesville Central School District is solicit bids to purchase a passenger van of the Suburban type.

Sealed bids will be received no later than Wednesday, February 18, 1998 at 10:00 a.m. by the business of officer and then publicly opened and read. Bids must be on district forms, placed in a sealed envelope plainly marked on the outside "Suburban Bid - February 18, 1998."

For specifications and bid forms contact Michael Goyer at (518) 765-2381.

Voorheesville Central School District

(February 11, 1998)

NOTICE OF MONTHLY MEETINGS

The Board of Fire Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District will hold their monthly meetings on the third Monday of each month during 1998 at 7:00 p.m. at one of the following firehouses, No. 1 Maple Avenue, Selkirk, New York, No. 2 Glenmont Road, Glenmont, New York, No. 3 Route 396, South Bethlehem, New York.

The meetings are open to the public. For the specific location of the meeting please contact Frank A With, Secretary, 614 Bridge Street, Selkirk, New York 12158 (767-3373).

BY ORDER OF THE BOARD OF FIRE COMMISSIONERS OF THE SELKIRK FIRE DISTRICT

(February 11, 1998)

NOTICE FOR PUBLICATION PURSUANT TO NY LLC LAW SECTION 206(C)

The name of the limited liability company is Glenmont Management LLC The date of the filing of the Articles of Organization with the Secretary of State was January 23,

BOARD OF EDUCATION VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT

NOTICE

The Annual Meeting of the Bethlehem Soccer Club will be held on March 2, 1998 at 7:00 pm, at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Members will be asked to vote on the election of several directors. Anyone interested in serving on the Board of Directors should submit their name, address, phone number and a statement of why they are interested in serving on the board, in writing, ASAP, to: Bethlehem Soccer Club c/o Alan Metevia PO Box 305 Delmar, NY 12054

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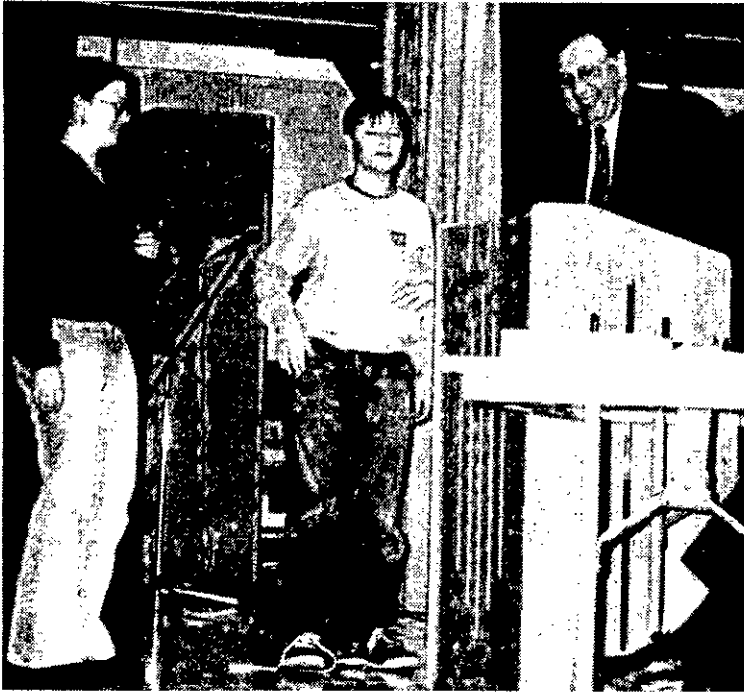
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Sarah Mohan, left, was the winner of the middle level spelling bee at Voorheesville recently. She is joined by runnerup John Sullivan and Anthony Marturano, assistant superintendent for business.

Elizabeth Conniff-Dineen

Theater

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said even though his recent production at the middle school was a success, some changes are needed backstage. He is concerned that no one in the district is responsible for the inventory and maintenance of equipment.

"The district needs to fund a position which has the responsibility and authority to deal with the equipment inventory, sign in and out of equipment and the maintenance," Leavitt noted.

For example, he had arranged to borrow a spotlight from Slingerlands Elementary School but it was missing when he went to get it. Someone has borrowed it without asking, and it later turned up at the high school.

"I spent an hour and a half looking for the spotlight," he said. "If someone had been in charge of the equipment, this would not have happened. The problem is everyone has complete access to the equipment."

He also cited lack of rehearsal space, and space to build sets and store costumes. "The only place to build sets is on stage or in hallways," Leavitt said. "We have to be careful pulling things together."

Lack of training for teachers in theater and the arts is also an issue. The study group recommended additional staff development opportunities, especially in drama.

"As we try to develop a higher experience for the students, we need to make sure we hire staff with expertise or an interest in theater," Leavitt said. "People teaching drama should have some knowledge in the area just as a coach of any sport has knowledge of the sport," Lefkovich added.

The group also recommends a district funded Shakespeare experience for high school students.

Lefkovich said this recommendation was based on high school

drama teacher Jim Year's experience and on interest expressed by students. "For the kids going into theater this is an invaluable experience," Lefkovich said.

The group hopes its report alerts the school board to problems faced by students and teachers with an interest in drama.

Leavitt said he hopes the board will recognize the high quality of work being done and see that it can and should be even better. "I would like the board to give us a firm commitment to improve the quality of theater K-12 and put its money where its mouth is," Leavitt added.

School board president Happy Scherer said Loomis will present some of the report's recommendations at tonight's board meeting. The board will meet to consider priorities for the 1998-99 school budget at 7 p.m.

Delmar library plans senior legal seminar

Elder law attorney Frederick Fowler will conduct a legal checkup seminar for senior citizens on Friday, March 13, from 10 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Individuals age 50 and older can put their legal affairs in order by learning how to organize personal papers and execute important documents.

Participants are required to complete a legal checkup workbook before attending the program. The workbook is available free of charge at the reference desk.

The program is sponsored by the American Association of Retired Persons Legal Services Network and is part of the library's "FYI Fridays" series for senior citizens.

Coffee and tea will be served. Registration is limited. For information, call 439-9314.

Essay contest open to students

The Young Scholars essay contest is open to students who live and attend high school in New York.

The theme of this year's contest is A Life Worth Knowing.

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The Young Scholars contest was first offered in 1993. Last year the contest drew more than 800 entries.

For information, call state Assemblyman John Faso's Albany office at 455-5314.

Contract

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Fact finder Grace Sterrett said the district contended that association members were "already fairly paid and that as a result there should be no across-the-board salary adjustments." She noted that the association is seeking a 5 percent salary increase, plus cost of living increment.

The request is based on the current teacher's contract which includes a 3.99 percent salary increase for three years.

Loomis said the fact finder's report can be a useful tool, but hasn't helped bring the two sides together.

In addition to not offering salary increases, Blanchard said the district also wants to downgrade various job titles, increase health insurance contributions and deductibles and eliminate overtime.

"They're asking to take back

things which the association does not feel it is right to," Gill said.

The association also wants the district to add another step to the salary schedule. As the current agreement stands, non-instructional employees reach maximum earning potential after 20 years of service.

Blanchard would not comment on current negotiations. "I don't want to show our cards." The union wants to negotiate and is happy to be talking.

"The district is committed to continuing the negotiations until we reach a fair and successful conclusion," Loomis said.

The district and union met on Jan. 26 and will meet again Friday, Feb. 20.

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