Saving face

Thomas Bridgford paints a ceramic alien lace at the annual Glenmont School Craft Fair on Saturday.

BC board looks at $260K in cuts

By LINDA DeMATTIA

At the March 3 school board meeting, Bethlehem board members considered almost $260,000 in budget cuts to help offset the increased cost of five new teachers in next year's budget.

The new teachers are necessary to respond to increasing enrollment, according to Superintendent Les Loomis.

"We bring you this list because we can't see a way to afford the teachers, which we need more," he told the board. "We prefer not to bring you anything on this list. These cuts come at a cost to program."

The teacher addition list contained two levels of priority. Top on the list were two high school teachers to provide the major portion of the staffing necessary to respond to a projected 55-student enrollment increase, according to Loomis. An elementary teacher for Hamagrael Elementary School was also on the Priority 1 list to address the projected 38 new students at the elementary level.

Priority 2 additions included one more high school teacher to prevent an increase in class size and an additional elementary school teacher for Slingerlands Elementary School.

To provide supervisions at the middle school front door, a hall monitor was also included.

A technology database coordinator was included to consolidate and enhance the district's student database to improve the operation of the schools and provide data to help improve student achievement, Loomis said.

The list did not include special education and elementary guidance additions that were expected to be funded through a grant.

The staffing increase carried with it a price tag of more than $340,000.

Loomis reviewed the proposed cuts with the board.

Police charge former Good Sam nurse

By KRISTEN OLBY

A nurse at Good Samaritan Lutheran Home in Delmar has been charged with endangering the welfare of a patient after allegedly administering sleeping pills that weren't prescribed by a doctor.

Mary Tomaso, 54, a licensed practical nurse who lives at 552 Highwood Circle in Guilderland, is charged with giving an elderly woman sleeping pills over a two-week period at the Rockefeller Road nursing home.

The pills were allegedly given to sedate the patient during Tomaso's midnight shift. After an investigation by the state Attorney General's Office, Tomaso was arrested Feb. 24.

"They were sleeping tablets she had bought at Kinart, said Kevin Ryan, a spokesman for the Attorney General's Medicaid Investigations Bureau.

Wanted: Students for schoolhouse

Site is rich in town history

By KRISTEN OLBY

Efforts are under way to expand an historic Bethlehem schoolhouse that dates back to the mid-19th century, in order to give area students an opportunity to learn more about the town's storied past.

The building, known simply as The Little Red Schoolhouse, opened in 1859, with 24 students in attendance.

The quaint, one-room school sat, at the time, along a dirt road where horse-drawn wagons often passed by — roughly a mile north from where Henry Hudson landed his ship the Half Moon in 1609. Today, that path is better known as River Road, in the town's Cedar Hill area.

For decades, local children attended classes at the school, which lacked any electricity or heat. Fifty years later, the schoolhouse was expanded to include two rooms that would better accommodate the school's expanded roster of 40 students. The renovated building brought with it electricity, running water, restrooms and a coal-fired boiler for heat.

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By 1965, the old building had been brought back to life as a museum documenting local history, gaining certification from the state Education Department.

Today, exhibits inside the school depict early life along the shores of the Hudson with displays that include fishing nets, authentic farming and ice harvesting tools, remnants of the town's earliest drug store and plenty of historic photos. An American flag with just 38 stars — the number of states in the Union in 1876 — is also on display.

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The plus would be to have some 20 students at one time from each of the fourth grade classes in the area, spend one to two days at the museum during the school year," said Parker Marsbus, chairman of the association's board of directors.

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“Is Bethlehem Walkable?” will be the featured subject of a public forum to be held on March 23 at the Bethlehem town hall from 7 to 9 p.m. The focus will be on sidewalks, trails, and bicycling facilities in the town. The forum is open to all town residents.

Bethlehem Tomorrow and Bethlehem Citizens for Pedestrian Safety are co-sponsors of this event. Members of the two organizations, town of Bethlehem staff and other experts will give short presentations on the status of sidewalks, bicycle and trail programs in the town.

Public discussion regarding the planning work to date, program priorities and town policy related to walkability and safety will follow. The information presented and the related public comments will be presented to the town as background information for consideration during the comprehensive planning process.

This forum is a continuation of informational forums and a “Community Conversation” sponsored by Bethlehem Tomorrow during the past year.
Albany Med names Delmar names Employee of the Year

By KATHERINE MCCARTHY

It's easy to see why Angela Sheehan, R.N., is so well regarded in her field. The 51-year-old Albany nurse is so well regarded here, as she is by her patients and her family. She is considered an employee of the year.

"Angela is an employee of the year," said Reed. Nurses Kathy Mokhiber and Rachel, a junior at Bethlehem Central High School, who works for the Maryrose Academy.

"Sheehan judged by her reaction to being patient, regular, puts in her field. The 51-year-old Angel Sheehan said, "I'm here, I'm there," Sheehan said.

Sheehan and her staff of eight do a lot of Phase II testing, she explained.

"Any time a drug or device is going to be used to treat a problem," she said, "it's required by the FDA that it be tested. It must be tested in animals first, and then there are three phases of testing in humans.

Sheehan explained that Phase II testing means that drug companies have an idea of what a device should look like. The FDA has set the possible side effects a medication might have.

"We're then testing it to see if it works," Sheehan said. "We're testing drugs in diseases that currently have no treatment."

One drug Sheehan worked with is Xigris, an Eli Lilly drug used to combat sepsis.

"Sepsis is a disease with a high mortality rate," Sheehan noted. "It is considered a disease of the whole body there's a disease that's overwhelming the whole body, and your body probably runs out of steam.

After two years of testing Xigris, results were good enough that the Federal Drug Administration approved its use by prescription. As studies continued, though, the drug wasn't helping, and the study was stopped.

"Drug companies write the protocol," Sheehan explained. "It's a large, multi-national, government agency that review the results of the study for a drug's efficacy and safety.

I love being a nurse. Nothing can replace how I feel when I help somebody. The work is demanding, physically, mentally and emotionally. There are long hours, and you have sick patients and their families to work with, but what I have to give, I wouldn't do anything else. Angela Sheehan

By KRISTEN OLBY

When you're hit with this, you really much go right down to the ground, it's all done.

"By this spring, Bethlehem police officers will be enforcing the law with a new weapon at their disposal. Officers will spend the next two months going through training with X26 guns the department recently purchased.

By the end of April, officers will wear the Taser along with pepper spray, expandable batons, handcuffs and a Glock 40-caliber hand gun. The 5-watt Taser gun is an electronic incapacitating device that can take a violent suspect down in seconds, according to police.

The gun sends a series of energy pulses, similar to those used by the body to overpower nerve fibers. Taser use results in instant loss of muscle control, and assailants usually fall to the ground.

"We feel they're a valuable tool for certain circumstances," said Costanzo. "The Taser without the lethal use of force; it protects officers." Costanzo added that officer and suspect injuries are both reduced with the stun gun.

Each gun costs about $1,000, and were paid for through a grant from the state Division of Criminal Justice Services. Costanzo said until the department is more learned about the future, the department might purchase more electronic guns.

Both the Colonie and Guilderland police departments already use Tasers, while Albany police are in the process of introducing them to the force.
Caution: Several twists and turns straight ahead

By KATHERINE McCARTHY

The first hints of spring are as revealing as they are heart-warming. I don't remember leaving all those ice cream wrappers, water guns and sticks all over the backyard, but as the black-crusted snow melts away, March offers its harbinger of summer's work to come.

Rising to the surface with winter's debris are all the peanut butter jars I'd given the dog to scorch when they were as scraped out as human knives could get them. There's also too much of the dog's waste, picked up in summer, but not when there's a foot of snow and it's below zero. Summer, but not when there's a dog-doo burns yards brown?

The reward for those days of hauling, sorting, vacuuming, dusting and sanitizing is invariably a treasured toy long gone, a sweater, a book, maybe a duck or two and photographs once set aside to be framed or sent to Grandma. It's the pictures that get me. This year, I found a picture of a thin, tan, young woman on a beach — my children say she looks a great deal like me. There were pictures sweet with memories: Christopher waiting for his first school bus; Cormac, caught in mid-hop on the front porch on his first day of kindergarten; toddler boys in blazers holding Easter baskets; pajamaed boys with hair sticking straight up from the crowns of their heads, wide-eyed on Christmas morning.

More recent pictures showed Christopher before he became taller than practically all his adult relatives, and his voice changed. There's Cormac, blond-haired, chubby-cheeked and delighted in his muggings for the camera.

The weather of this past week of being cooped up, of trekking through snow in every direction, has cast a shadow on all our moods. The promise of spring, fleeting as it is, often seems to have the power to cast a shadow on all our moods. The promise of spring, fleeting as it is, often seems to have the power to cast a shadow on all our moods. The promise of spring, fleeting as it is, often seems to have the power to cast a shadow on all our moods. The promise of spring, fleeting as it is, often seems to have the power to cast a shadow on all our moods.
The Toll Gate House was relocated from the Bethlehem Center area 15 years ago. The building was originally used to collect tolls from travelers heading south from Glenmont to Selkirk. A carriage house used to store the most luxurious wagons of the 1800s is also located on the school grounds.

The museum lacks the proper facilities to accommodate student tours and must construct a third building that would include computers for student use, handicapped accessible bathrooms, offices and storage space for artifacts. The 1,200-square-foot addition would be built on land already owned by the town and linked to the schoolhouse through an aboveground passageway.

“The facility would be constructed using materials from old buildings dismantled throughout the town of Bethlehem,” said Mathusa.

Those structures include several old barns and an historic farmhouse once located along Route 9W. The new building would be constructed on town land, allowing the municipality to provide all of the associated utilities and support services.

The expansion carries an estimated $100,000 price tag, with half of that amount being sought through federal funding.

Historical association trustees hope to secure the balance through state funding and private contributions. The U.S. Department of the Interior lists the schoolhouse on its National Register of Historic Places.

John Plechnik oversees the Bethlehem Central School District's social studies programs and welcomes the opportunity to incorporate local history into lesson plans.

“We are always looking for resources to engage students,” said Plechnik. “Local history is not only part of their past, it's part of their present.”

Kim Fusco, a fifth-grade Bethlehem teacher, believes the school is a unique teaching resource that should be better utilized.

“It's a great value to the community,” she said. “Students absolutely love to learn about their own community and things in the past.”

Those interested in becoming involved in the project, or donating, can contact Mathusa at 439-2403.

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Another view of taxes and history

Point of View

Kieft was fired by the West India Company and Stuyvesant, who was given the greater title of director-general of New Netherland (the added responsibility of governing Curacao) was sent to replace him.

Prof. Bronner notes that: "During 1653, a number of delegates from the Dutch colonies were meeting to complained about high taxes, and in 1654 some tax reform measures were passed to be held on to power but was clearly harmed by his high tax policies."

First of all, there was no such thing as a General Assembly, which was a colonial English body.

Secondly, we are given no definition here, or anywhere else, as to what Prof. Bronner means by "high taxes," or the term was used.

Third, we are not told in the information given here that the taxes were actually high in any significant way, or what the general level of taxation was in the colonies at that time.

Fourth, Bronner states that "The third tax revolt occurred during 1665 when another English governor, Richard Nicolls, implemented a new series of laws (The Duke's Proclamation), which included employers' taxes, income taxes, and nothing to do with how high the taxes were, rather with what they were intended for."

English Puritans on the east end of Long Island objected to Kieft's administration, with its new ideas about taxes and government. Some Puritans had become convinced that Kieft was a New England type, and as such, was not fit to govern them.

Prof. Bronner means "high taxes" as anything that would have a significant financial impact on the people of the colony. He does not mean anything to do with how high the taxes were, rather with what they were intended for.

The first concern was a "major tax revolt" in 1639, when the Dutch administrator, Willem Kieft, attempted to tax Native Americans who were involved in a cooperative venture with the Dutch. This led to a war in 1641 to 1645, which almost ruined the Dutch colony in New York City.

Kieft had indeed tried to get the Indians in the Manhattan area to pay tribute in return for the protection they received from the Dutch, but the Indians had not noticed any protection from the Dutch and they thought that they were doing more for the Dutch than the other way around, and so declined to pay tribute.

Then in 1640, some pigs were stolen from a settlement on Staten Island, the Raritans Indians were falsely accused, and Kieft sent a military force against them, with the result that some Raritans were killed and crops destroyed. A war did indeed follow in which a lot of people were killed, and a lot of property was destroyed, but taxation was hardly the prime issue.

The next step is introduced with a sentence which, while off the subject, needs comment. "Peter Stuyvesant, who became director in 1647, quickly replaced Kieft in an attempt to save the new Dutch settlement." This is like saying, "George Bush became president and quickly replaced Bill Clinton."

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School safety and what to do about it throughout the region was brought close to home last month when a student was charged with bringing a shotgun to school at Columbia High School in East Greenbush.

Most of the school districts in our coverage area are similar to Columbia — moderate to large suburban districts, with the vast majority of students hoping to go on to college.

High school years are no longer as carefree as they once were, with more and more pressure placed upon students to excel so they'll have a better chance to get into the college of their choice. Still, high school remains a place and a time when junior proms, field trips and hanging out with friends are priorities.

But school districts are facing serious questions about how to protect students when they are at school.

We hope the answers to these questions are no.

If a suspect, we take a away the students' sense of ownership in their schools. We also send the message that students themselves can't be trusted. That's a real shame since the vast majority of students are never involved in any violent or potentially violent episodes in their schools.

But violence in our schools cannot be ignored.

It's as though an enormous weight has been placed upon school administrators, teachers and staff. Find a solution to what may be an unresolved problem. Keep schools open and friendly — places known mostly as safe havens where kids spend the greater part of their waking hours during the school year. But at the same time, take a look at anywhere where bad things like shootings will never happen.

That's a tricky tightrope for school officials to walk. If we go too far, we alienate the very people we are trying to protect, if we don't go far enough, we jeopardize the very being of those same people.

We don't want to send our kids to school in fear of what might happen there, and yet we know most children are aware of incidents that happen in schools in our region and throughout the country.

This issue should not be sugar-coated, but rather treated as realistically as possible. Most of our schools are safe, nurturing places, and chances of getting hurt at school are rare.

Let's work together to keep our schools safe and sane places to be.
Town has much to offer beyond big-box stores

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to respond to the letter to the editor welcoming the new big-box stores. When I think about “something special” about Bethlehem, I think about the reasons we chose to return to this community after years away. We could have lived elsewhere but chose Delmar because of its good schools, the proximity to open spaces and the feeling of a “town,” not just a series of developments. I love to walk to the Four Corners, stop at the post office and shop in at some of my favorite haunts: I Love Books, Four Corners Luncheonette, Delmar Wine & Liquor and McCarroll’s. I want to encourage more locally small businesses. I remain committed to shopping at the independent stores that remain at the heart of our town. I fear that the new big-box stores will drive the business from the center of our town and take up all the open spaces in town.

I would also like to respond to the comment about unwelcoming library staff. I visit the library regularly, and my family and I are greeted by name. My 6-year-old son is eager to tell the staff of his library visits and my family feel like it is our library and a central part of our town. Linda K. Motts

Delmar

Writer thankful for saving ‘Grace’

Editor, The Spotlight:

I owe an enormous thank you to a women named Grace. I had inadvertently dropped my wallet in a parking lot behind the Perfect Blend. I realized around 11 p.m. that I did not have my wallet.

The next morning at 7 a.m., the Perfect Blend called to tell me a women named Grace had recovered my wallet in the parking lot and turned it in. I was so surprised but then extremely grateful for the kindness and honesty of a stranger. So I would like to send a big thank you to Grace for her honesty, integrity and, most of all, kindness.

Thea Piliero

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Matters of Opinion

Without involvement, development inevitable

Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations, Bethlehem!

We are now in the same league as Colonie and Latham! No more need to travel to these meccas of shopping in order to satisfy our urge to spend money at big box warehouse stores.

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Hey, hey, hey, so here’s to you, Ms. Robinson

Editor, The Spotlight:

Were it not for Jane Robinson’s letter of March 3, I would not have realized how backward the community she refers to as “Delmah” (how cute!) is.

I was not aware that the eight local banks had closed their drive-through windows. And thanks to local banks had closed their drive-through windows. And thanks to local banks. And thanks to local banks. And thanks to local banks.

As for those scowling librarians, well, we won’t even go there. They refuse to let you use your cell phone, thus infringing on our right to have constant contact with the immediate world.

Regarding the local dining scene, I am eternally grateful that an ex-resident of North Colonie, the culinary capital of the Tri-City area, has educated us provincial folks.

How can one possibly compare The Perfect Blend, Mercato’s, The Hidden Cafe, Casa Mia, The Four Corners and Casa 33 and others with the epicurean delights of Applebee’s and Wendy’s?

So here’s to you, Ms. Robinson. “Delmah” is not begging you to stay. Hey! Hey! Hey! Go away!

Richard Harte

Little town suits resident just fine

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight gives us a great avenue to express our feelings. It’s good that we have different viewpoints, and that we have the right to express them.

While reading the letter to the editor from Jane Robinson in the March 3 Spotlight, I raised my eyebrows a number of times.

Here are some of my reactions:

1. I love our “antiquated & provincial” little town of Bethlehem. I find that description not necessarily negative.

2. When I greet our librarians with a smile, I receive one back.

3. I enjoy and often shop at Delaware Plaza. The shops are varied, and I wouldn’t change a thing. I’m certainly glad it’s there.

4. The Post Office is in the “center” of the town. A drive-through window would be nice, but most of us can use the exercise of walking those steps.

5. I like the variety of shops that we have in this town. When I need something from a Wal-Mart or Kmart, you’ll see me supporting Kmart. I hope enough people support the smaller stores so that we continue to have a choice.

The local rumour is true. Delma doesn’t have something that the other suburbs do not. We have Bethlehem towns-people with the caring, loving attitude for our special home town.

Nancy Mendick
Selkirk
Writer takes issue with Neighbors for Peace letter

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing in response to Paul Tick’s letter in the March 3 edition of The Spotlight entitled “Soldier’s letter loses his home.”

Mr. Tick is writing to the community as a member of Bethlehem Neighbors for Peace. I have several issues with the letter that Mr. Tick wrote. Mr. Tick’s letter uses the death of a neighbor who was stationed in Iraq to advance his anti-war ideology.

I feel deep sympathy for each and every family who lost one of their own. Whether or not you agreed with the war in Iraq, it is very much a reality. Our president inherited a situation, I suspect they will tell you that they feel they are making a difference there, and really working to better the country and the world. The same goes for most Iraqi civilians you speak with on the street.

Unfortunately, the media do not report these things accurately, and the average American gets a negative news broadcast each night in their living room. What is occurring in Iraq is a painful transition from oppression to freedom. It is an arduous journey, one that will be marked with pain and death.

To make outrageous calls to bring our troops home now is not only overtly dangerous, it is offensive. If you do not like the policies of the current administration, make your voice heard in the form of a vote on Nov. 2.

Chris Porco
Delmar

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B’birds find new class to rule

BY ROB JONAS

After losing in last year’s Class CC finals to Watervliet, the Voorheesville girls basketball team saw its streak of Section II titles come to an end. It proved to be only a brief hiatus, though.

The Blackbirds claimed their ninth Sectional championship in 10 years by downing Fonda-Fultonville 55-38 in last Saturday’s Class B title game at Hudson Valley Community College.

"It always feels good," Voorheesville coach Jon McClements said. "Every time you have the opportunity to go (to the finals) and you can do it, it’s good — especially coming off of last year.”

Voorheesville (14-9) jumped out to a 7-0 lead against Fonda and never led by fewer than four points the rest of the way in earning its first Section title.

"We’ve always felt like we’ve been fortunate to have opportunities to play at home and on the road (in regionals),” McClements said. “I don’t necessarily know if there is an advantage to playing at home, but it’s certainly nice.”

Voorheesville against Fonda was a game against Section X champ Cooperstown at HVCC.

Baron led the way with 19 points, including a six-for-eight performance from the foul line, while Nadratowski and Markert each chipped in 12 points.

Other players chimed in for Voorheesville.

Cyrilla Sucker pulled down seven rebounds off the bench, while Alexandra Fish made a three-pointer as time expired in the third quarter to give the Blackbirds a 42-32 lead.

They had scored five points in the last 1:45 of the third quarter to get within seven points, McClements said.

Christina Denny had 11 points, and Olivia Mosconi added 10 points for Fonda.

Voorheesville opens the regional tournament Friday with a game against Section X champ Potsdam at HVCC.

The winner of that game meets either the Section III or Section VII champ in Saturday’s regional final.

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Scholarship applications available from Village Stage

Applications are available for the Village Stage Theater Arts Scholarship.

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The April adult book discussion book is The No. 1 Ladies' Detective Agency by Alexander McCall Smith. Copies are available when you sign up at the reference desk.

The impressive oil paintings in the hall gallery this month are by Bob Mokricki. Check the library Web site at www.voorheesvillelibrary.org for program information.

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Scientific Honor Society. He graduated from Albany Medical College, where he was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Omega Alpha.

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Survivors include his wife of 61 years, Anne Doherty; six sons, Clifford Lyons, Kenneth Lyons, Richard Lyons, Thomas Lyons, John Lyons and Robert Lyons; and seven grandchildren.

John Lyons
Dr. John J.A. Lyons, 92, of Feura Bush died Monday, March 1, at his home.

Born in Rotterdam, he attended Cathedral Academy and Christian Brothers Academy in Albany. He was a graduate of Union College and was a member of Phi Beta Kappa and Sigma Alpha Omega Alpha.

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Bernard Dwyer

Bernard F. Dwyer, 80, of Delmar, died Monday, March 1.
Born in Troy, he was a lifelong resident of the Capital District. He was a graduate of LaSalle Institute in Troy or to the Tibbitts Institute and Reanssealer Polytechnic Institute.
Mr. Dwyer was an Army veteran of World War II.
He was an electrical engineer with the state Department of Public Service, where he represented the employees on the statewide board of directors of the Civil Service Employees Association before he retired after 30 years of service.
Mr. Dwyer was a member of the Colonial Historical Association, the Lake George American Legion Post and the Tibbits Cadets in Troy, where he was on the board of directors. He had been a member of the S.W. Pitts Hose Co. in Latham. He was a volunteer with the American Cancer Society and Capital District Alzheimer’s Association.
Survivors include his wife, Mary P. Schmidt Dwyer; three daughters, Linda Rine of Winter Haven, Fla., and Karen McClintock of Ravena; three sons, Jack McClintock of Altamont, Jeff McClintock of Guilderland and Nelson McClintock Jr.; a sister, Dolores Beusichem of Vero Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.
Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar.
Burial was in St. Agnes Cemetery in Menands.
Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home in Delmar.
Contributions may be made to the American Legion Auxiliary.

Marion McClintock

Marion Van Beusichem McClintock, 75, of North Main Street in Voorheesville, died Monday, March 1, at St. Peter’s Hospital in Albany.
Born in Albany, She was a lifelong resident of Voorheesville.
Mrs. McClintock was a homemaker and former member of the auxiliary of the Voorheesville American Legion Post.
She was an avid bowler and bingo player.
Survivors include her husband Nelson McClintock; two daughters, Linda Rine of Winter Haven, Fla., and Karen McClintock of Ravena; three sons, Jack McClintock of Altamont, Jeff McClintock of Guilderland and Nelson McClintock Jr.; a sister, Dolores Beusichem of Vero Beach, Fla.; six grandchildren, and a great-granddaughter.
Services were from Voorheesville First United Methodist Church.
Contributions may be made to Voorheesville Area Ambulance.

Elizabeth Costigan

Elizabeth M. “Betty” Costigan, 78, of Delmar died Sunday, March 7.
Born in Granville, she graduated from Granville High School.
Mrs. Costigan worked for Edward Boustelle & Sons Surveyors in Delmar before she retired.
She was a past president of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post auxiliary.
She set up the Committee that cares for the Korean War veterans, for which she received many commendations.
Survivors include her husband, Jack and J. Costigan; three sons, Edward “Ned” Costigan of Glenmont, Brian Costigan of Slingerlands and Chris Costigan of Silver Spring, Md.; and five grandchildren.
Services were from the Church of St. Thomas the Apostle in Delmar, with burial in Calvary Cemetery in Glenmont.
Arrangements were by the Durant Funeral Home in Glenmont.

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Our new entryway automatic doors ease passage for all patrons. Our public and staff restrooms have been refitted to meet ADA mandates; a new ADA-compliant restroom has also been constructed. Our bookshelf aisles remain accessible to wheelchairs, and we provide a wheelchair-accessible Internet station.

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Kerry Anne Barrett, daughter of Richard and Kathleen Barrett of Loudonville, and Wilson Mendez, Jr., son of Wilson and Sara Mendez of New York City, were married Nov. 22.

The Rev. John Bradley performed the ceremony at Blessed Sacrament Church in Albany.

A reception followed at Birch Hill in Schoharie.

The maid of honor was Katie Colleen Barrett, sister of the bride. The bridesmaids were Wandle Lorenz, aunt of the groom, Shirley Young and Mercedes Martinez. The flower girls were Kelsey and Renee Swandick, cousins of the bride and Yelmar and Jeshly Lorenz, cousins of the groom.

The best man was Brian Brazil. The groomsmen were Richard Barrett, brother of the bride, Julian Mendez, brother of the groom, and Hector Lorenzo, uncle of the groom. The ring bearer was Cameron Colo, cousin of the groom.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Albany High School and Marist College and the College of Saint Rose.

She is a teacher at St. Thomas School in Delmar.

The future groom is a graduate of La Salle Academy and Marist College.

He is telecommunications administrator at the University of Albany.

After a wedding trip to Punta Cana in the Dominican Republic, the couple lives in Slingerlands.

Student completes RPI internship

Jessica Schoen, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School and a participant in the EntrePrep Program sponsored by the Severino Center For Technological Entrepreneurship at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, completed a 24-hour internship at Perfect Blend Espresso Bar and Cafe in Delmar as the final part of the EntrePrep program.

EntrePrep is a program for high school students designed to provide fundamental skills to start a business and become an entrepreneur.

In Elsmere, The Spotlight is sold at Frior Tack Books and CVS.

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Boston University

Merrith Beatty of Voorheesville.

Canisius College

Teresa Rosetti of Delmar.

The College of Saint Rose

Andrea Schmitt of Delmar.

St. Lawrence University

Amy Gardner of Delmar.

St. Michael’s College

Anne Sensenbrenner of Delmar and Lindsay Bracht of Slingerlands.

SUNY Cortland

Shawn Gray of Slingerlands (president’s list); Lauren Atwood Roxane Figlar and Jonathan Piatrufesa, all of Greenwich; Danielle Blanchard of Clarks ville; Leda Borys, Melissa Jenks Jessica Russo-Carrano, Lindsey Wilkinson and Mark Willey, all of Delmar.
ASO performs contemporary American composers

By DEV TOBIN

Although the Albany Symphony Orchestra almost specializes in performing new works by American composers, March is more special than usual, because it's the ASO's American Music Festival month.

Underwritten by Key Bank, the sixth annual festival offers several concerts highlighting modern American classical music, including a rare concert in the state Capitol this weekend.

Music Director/Conductor David Alan Miller said: “The Capitol Concerts — commissioned short pieces inspired by three parts of the Capitol, the Million Dollar Staircase, the Governor's Reception Room and the Assembly Chamber — grew out of the symphony's successful Tiffany Windows concerts. "We knew we would run out of Tiffany windows, and I always wanted to do something with the Capitol — it's such a fantastic building," Miller said. "Many of us drive by it every day, but few have been in it. And even fewer have explored it as we will."

A 13-member chamber orchestra conducted by Miller will play three world premieres inspired by the three rooms by Paul Moravec, Roshanne Etezady and Dorothy Chang on Saturday, March 13, beginning at noon. "It will be a progressive concert, like a progressive dinner party," said Miller, adding that one piece will be played on the staircase and two in the reception room because it is impossible to set up a concert in the Assembly Chamber.

Tickets for the concerts and tour are $30; a dinner package including a light supper at Jack's Oyster House is $60. The orchestra's main concert of the month will also feature Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings," Dorothy Chang's "Short Stories" (a world premiere) and Aaron Copland's "Suite from The Tender Land."

The concert will be Friday, March 19, at 8 p.m. in the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. Tickets are $17 to $37.50.

ACT presents "Two Rooms"

Sara Heiste, Jeff, and Scott Wasser take on roles in the current Albany Civic Theater production of "Two Rooms," a play by Lee Blessing. Performances continue through March 14 at the theater/2nd Ave. Tickets are $12. Call 462-1217 for information.

The Albany Symphony Orchestra will present the one-act opera "Strawberry Fields," a contemporary work by Michael Torke, right, on Friday, March 19 at 8 p.m. at the Troy Savings Bank Music Hall. ASO will be joined by singers from the Glimmerglass Opera company and backed by a chorus from Albany Pro Musica.

"Strawberry Fields" is a gorgeous 40-minute chamber opera, with a libretto by A.R. Gurney, that premiered at Glimmerglass in 1999," Miller said. "It's a very powerful piece about aging and life, and about music, inspired by Strawberry Fields in Central Park."

The original singers from the Glimmerglass production will perform, backed by a chorus from Albany Pro Musica.

The all-American concert will also feature Samuel Barber's "Adagio for Strings," Dorothy Chang's "Short Stories" (a world premiere) and Aaron Copland's "Suite from The Tender Land."

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And the Dogs of Desire, the ASO's 18-member avant-garde chamber orchestra, will perform eight new works by prominent young composers in a multi-media format on Friday, March 26, at 8 p.m. in Revolution Hall in Troy.

"There will be eight world premieres, all connected to American popular culture," Miller said.

Featured composers include Ken Eberhard, Dan Bobmain, Philippe Bodin, Dana Wilson, Dan Cooper, Randall Eng, Huang Ro and Arthur Bloom.

Tickets are $20 for adults, $15 for seniors and students.

Finally, soprano Sylvia McNair will perform a concert of classic Broadway show tunes, along with a buffet brunch, at the Hall of Springs in Saratoga Spa State Park on Sunday, March 28, at 11 a.m.

"The festival is not limited to classical music," Miller noted.

Tickets for the concert and brunch are $65.

For reservations of tickets for any festival performance, call 465-4755.
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**Music**

BRIAN ADAMS

Parsons Theatre, North Pearl Street and Clinton Avenue, Albany, March 10, 7:30 p.m. $23 to 9171, information, 465-3534.

THE SAW DOCTORS

Rockin' Chair, River Street, through March 21. Information, 992-5237.

AHMED JARAL

Tony Carlin Band, Music Hall, March 17, 7 p.m. $15 to 8591, information, 273-0350.

BRODIEFICK

Old Songs, 337, Main St., Northville, March 15, 8 p.m., $15. Information, 6201-2035.

VANACAR CARAVAN

performing Features of Woody, a concert hosted by Woody's music, Hudson Valley Community College, Route 4, Troy. March 11, 7:30 p.m., $2 to 9250, information, 420-4499.

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The Equinox State Park, Albany, March 14, 7 p.m. $24, information, 473-0257.

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Kempwood Ave. Information, 495-4314.

TOWN BOARD
Delmar Town Hall. Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
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BETHLEHEM TITAN MASTERS
The Clubhouse, Adams Station, 1
January Drive, Delmar. 7:30 p.m.
Information, 491-6807.

BOY SCOUT TROOP 58
Christian School Library, 287
Delmar. 7:30 p.m. Information.

DELMAR FIRE COMPANY
Blanchard American Legion Post, 56
Popple Ave. 7:30 p.m. Information, 495-9175.

INFOMUNICATION MEETING
First Church of Christ Scientist, 95
Dale Ave. 7:30 p.m. Information.

NEW SCOTLAND
Town Council
New Scotland Town Hall. Route 83, 7:30
p.m. Information, 430-4993.

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Information, 489-5001.

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LIBRARY BOARD
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QUARTET REHEARSAL
Annual Repast, Voorheesville United Methodist,
New Salem. 7:15 p.m. Information, 495-4140.

SULKIR
Board of Fire Commissioners
Monthly meeting. 7 p.m. Information.

March 11

BETHLEHEM
HEALING SERVICE
Led by Rev. Rev. White, Oneonta Masonic
Refugee Church. 1305 Route 14B, 7:30 a.m.
Information, 765-3391 or 430-3529.

BETHLEHEM SENIOR CITIZENS
Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave.,
12:30 p.m. Information, 493-4555.

TAKEN OFF POUNDS SENSIBLY
Weekly at the Town of Bethlehem Office,
386 Delaware Ave. Delaware. 7:00 to 8:00
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YOUTH EMPLOYMENT SERVICES
Public and Recreation Office, Elm Avenue
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CAREGIVER SUPPORT GROUP
Church of the Incarnation, 1305 Route
14B. Thursday, 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.
Information. 495-2295.

BETHLEHEM FIRE DEPARTMENT
Auxiliary
Firehouse, Adams Plaza. 7:00 a.m.

March 12

FEBRUARY
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First Reformed Church of Bethlehem,
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FAITH TEMPLE
Bible study. New Scotland. 7:15 p.m.
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NEW SCOTLAND SENIORS
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Taxes were the least of the issues the city. He sought thereafter to explain some of the issues in this whole affair.

As a final fillip, the writer takes a look at the most recent research by Renassaelerswyk (which he seems to confuse with the Connecticut river) on where present-day Albany is located. He notes that in 1655, taxes were being imposed on them, but this is just another case of the Dutch, as we all do, to raise in taxes.

Prof. Bronner then talks about the text. But Prof. Bronner has then trying to force the historical record to agree with him. But ultimately this novel tour through the distant past seeks to place blame in irrelevant places. The device of the "I" model as the source of all our trouble might be more fruitful. There are parts of the country that have, over the past 40 or so years, fin}
Cuts
(From Page 1)
He asked the board to consider the reduction of $25,000 in the district equipment line, even while he pointed out the need to equip new classrooms.
"If you add five more teachers, you have to equip five more classrooms," he said.
Steven O'Shea, assistant superintendent for business, told the board that the district was proposing a rolling cut that would not affect any one program completely.
"Each year, department priorities vary," he said. "They would request (to purchase) their highest priority. One year it might be microscopes."
Field trips would be all but eliminated, with funding remaining only for Nature's Classroom, Children's Theatre, and those books required for high school courses.
Computer equipment purchases would be reduced; elementary pilot programs to help students meet Regents requirements when they reach high school would be eliminated; curriculum development would be funded by grants; and the summer Early Learning Focus program would be cut back, for a savings of more than $250,000.
Rounding out the proposed cut list were the elimination of the elementary intramural program, $35,000; worth of textbooks — which also would reduce state aid; aptitude testing and $10,000 for athletic officials and supplies.
"In order to make the budget affordable to and add the teachers to address growing enrollment, we knew we had to do this," Loomis said. "We in this district are experiencing what every district across the state is dealing with, but are in better shape than most. There’s never a more difficult job than having to make these kinds of decisions."

BOU plans 18th annual auction
The 18th annual BOU auction is slated for Friday, March 19, at 7 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria.
More than 200 unique items will be available.
A bucket auction will include items generally under $25. The silent auction offers goods and services from a variety of merchants and individuals.
The live auction, which begins at 7:30 p.m., includes such perennial favorites as principal for a day, superintendend and supervisor for a day, fly-fishing trips, and a weekend on Cape Cod.
The SOS' entertainment and live music will be available. A dessert table promises a sweet evening.
The money raised goes back to the community in grants for youth projects.

Church offers special-needs Bible classes
Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar has a special-needs Bible class on Sundays.
The class for adults with developmental disabilities is held from 9:15 to 10 a.m. the second and fourth Sundays of each month.
Those attending can come at 9 a.m. to enjoy coffee, tea and fellowship.
Participants must be able to enjoy a class that lasts approximately 45 minutes (one hour total time), allowing for

Five Rivers hosts maple sugaring demos
Five Rivers Environmental Education Center on Game Farm Road will host free maple sugaring demonstrations on Saturday and Sunday, March 13 and 14, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.
Maple sugaring demonstrations will also be held March 20-21 and March 27-28, from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m. each day.
During this introduction to small-scale, backyard maple sugaring, visitors will learn how to identify a maple sugar, observe tapped trees and see maple sap being boiled into syrup over a wood stove. Visitors can taste real maple syrup as well as boil sap.
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