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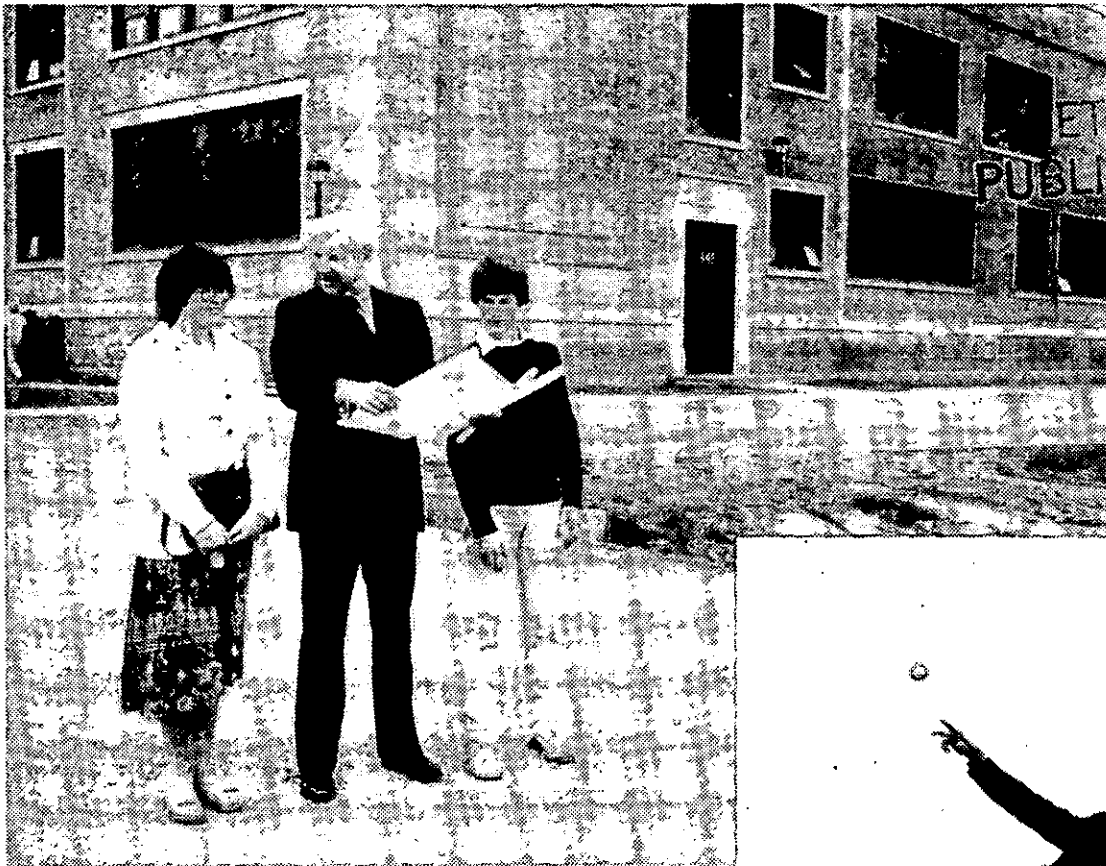
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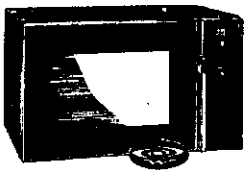
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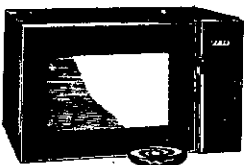
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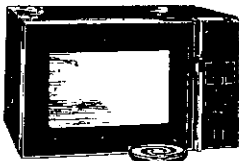
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**WEDNESDAY, MAY 6**

**Kindergarten Registration** for Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central Schools, Ravena Elementary School, 2:05 p.m. for children five years old by Dec. 1, 1981, from Selkirk, South Bethlehem, Feura Bush, Cedar Hill, Glen-

mont and Coeymans Hollow areas.

**Bus Trip and Matinee**, to New York City, ORT. \$30 includes ticket to "Death Trap" and round trip bus fare. Public invited; reservations, Verne Nurick, 439-6354.

**Seminar: "Overcoming Anxiety,"** first of four sessions led by Rev. Paul Smith of Albany Roman Catholic Diocese on "Anxiety—Loneliness and Emptiness," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Public Hearings**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, Bethlehem Town Hall, application by Russell L. Zindle, 5 Overlook St., Slingerlands, to convert house to two-family with second story addition, 8 p.m.; application of Eleanor Tarof and Margaret Holbritter, Cedar Hill, Selkirk, to permit

kennel for maximum of six dogs and to harbor six ducks and two or three horses, 8:30 p.m.

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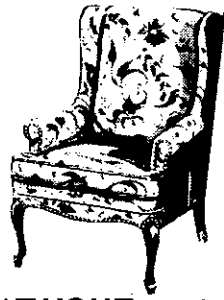


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### THURSDAY, MAY 7

**Making Mother's Day Presents**, for school-age children, Bethlehem Public Library, 3:45-4:30 p.m.

**Candidates' Forum**, for Bethlehem Central School District candidates, sponsored by League of Women Voters, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

**Slingerlands Homeowners Association**, general meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MAY 8

**Red Cross Bloodmobile**, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**QUILT** monthly meeting, program on wall hangings led by Shirley Hedman, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Recovery, Inc.**, self-help for for-

mer mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

### SATURDAY, MAY 9

**Flea Market**, Elsmere Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Elsmere Firehouse, Poplar Dr., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Garage and Bake Sale**, Delmar Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, Delmar Firehouse, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Spring Classes** in spinning, twinning, drawing, spelunking, plant and animal identification and archeology, Helderberg Workshop, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For information and registration, call Mike Nardacci, 482-9121.

**Garden Day**, free compost and wood chips, Bethlehem Highway Department Garage, Elm Ave. East, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Spaghetti Dinner**, sponsored by Voorheesville Fire Dept. softball team, 4:30-7:30 p.m., \$3 adults, \$1.50 children under 12. Call 765-4403.

**Soil Testing**, by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Highway Department Garage, Elm Ave. East, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Paper Drive**, Unionville Reformed Church, all day. Only newspapers accepted.

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## SUNDAY, MAY 10

**Mother's Day Race**, 3.5-mile race for women in 10 age groups, start at Slingerlands Elementary School, 25 Union Ave., 1:30 p.m.

## MONDAY, MAY 11

**Gansevoort Chapter, D.A.R.**, regular meeting, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, coffee hour 12:30 p.m.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 12

**Village of Voorheesville** Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

## WEDNESDAY, MAY 13

**Bethlehem Junior Women's Club**, second Wednesday, Bethlehem Library, Information, 439-7049 or 439-9555.

**Second Milers**, second Wednesday, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Reservations 439-3569.

**"Overcoming Anxiety,"** second of four seminars, with Gail Wood George, Albany psychotherapist on "Anxiety and Guilt." Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Public Hearing**, amendments to Bethlehem zoning ordinance to

include site plan approval and new zoning district for apartments, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

## THURSDAY, MAY 14

**Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary** meets second Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**American Legion Luncheons**, for members, guests and applicants for membership. Post rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, second Thursday, noon.

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens** meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

## FRIDAY, MAY 15

**Film**, "Image of the Beast", Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Kenwood Ave. at Rt. 32, 7:30 p.m.

**Refund Swap**, Delmar Dollar Stretchers, trade refund offers, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30-9:30 p.m., public invited.

## SATURDAY, MAY 16

**Shrub Sale**, packets of shrubs from the State Tree Nursery offered, Five Rivers Environmental Center, game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m.

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# area arts

*A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.*

## THEATER

"A Murder is Announced," Agatha Christie mystery, Drama Workshop production, Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., **May 9-10, 16-17**, Sats. 8:30 p.m., Suns. 8 p.m. \$4 at Center and Community Box Offices, students, seniors, \$3 Sundays.

Great Vaudeville Magic and Illusion Show, final offering of the Capitol Region Showcase, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, **May 10**, 3 p.m. Egg box office 473-3750 and Community Box Office.

Polovetzian Dances, EBA Contemporary Dance Theater, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, **May 8**, 8 p.m. \$4 up, Egg box office, Community Box Office. Information, 465-9916.

"God's Favorite," Neil Simon comedy, St. Andrews Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, **May 8-9, 15-16**, dinner at 7 p.m. Reservations 462-3822.

## MUSIC

"Music of Spain and South America" (Alan Alexander and Dana Berkowitz perform on the lute and classic and flamenco guitars), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **May 8**, 8:30 p.m.

"Dido and Aeneas," Henry Purcell miniature opera, and selected choruses from Handel's "Judas Maccabaeus," Capitol Hill Choral Society, Philip Schuyler Concert Hall, North Lake Ave., Albany, **May 8**, 8 p.m. \$3.75, students \$2.25, Community Box Office, off-street parking available.

Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, sponsored by Price Chopper, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, **May 10**, 2-3:30 p.m. Free.

Masterworks Chorale and Chamber Singers of College of Saint Rose, Church of St. Vincent dePaul, Madison Ave. and Partridge St., Albany, **May 10**, 8 p.m. \$2.50, students \$1.50.

## ART

"Needlework 1981," annual exhibition and demonstrations, New York Capital District Chapter, Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc., Mayfair Home Furnishings, Wolf Rd. Park, Colonie, **May 6-8**, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., **May 9**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free.

Irena Altmanova (area artist shows monotypes, collographs and pastels), David Hatkoff Room of Temple Gates of Heaven, Ashmore St., Schenectady, **May 8-June 2**, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. weekdays, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Sunday.

Adirondack Crafts, display, State University of New York Plaza Gallery, State St. and Lower Broadway, Albany, **through June 10**, Mon.-Fri. 8 a.m. to 6 p.m.

Contemporary Black Arts Invitational '81, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts galleries, 189 2nd St., Troy, Tues.-Sat. 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Patron Portraits and Scripture History Paintings, Albany Institute of History and Art, Tues.-Sat. 10 a.m. to 4:45 p.m., Sunday 2-5.

Sculpture of Marjorie White Williams, Picotte Hall Gallery, College of Saint Rose, 324 State St., Albany, **May 17-29**, Sun.-Fri. 12:30-4:30 p.m.

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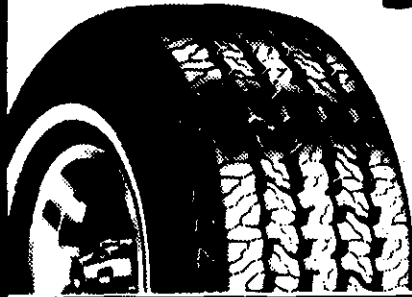
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**Talent Show**, Junior Grangers, Bethlehem Grange, 8 p.m.

**Spring Carnival**, sponsored by Glenmont PTA, games, pony rides, bake sales, raffles, Glenmont Elementary School, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**SUNDAY, MAY 17**

**Mother's Day Dinner** sponsored by New Scotland Elks, Lodge #2611. Happy's Coach House. \$16 per couple. For reservations call 765-9382 or 765-4443.

**Art Show**, Delmar Art Group, Roger Smith Paint Store, 340 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Open House**, Delmar Rescue Squad, to display new equipment and building, at the fire house, 2-4 p.m.

**MONDAY, MAY 18**

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post #3185, VFW**, installation of officers, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**Temple Chapter 5 RAM**, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Bethlehem Women's Republican Club**, third Monday at Bethlehem Library, except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

**Meeting**, commissioners of Selkirk fire district, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MAY 19**

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7-8:30 p.m.

**AARP**, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Legion Auxilliary**, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F&AM**, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Meeting**, Bethlehem Planning Board, Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

**Lecture**, "Infant and Childhood Nutrition," Nikki and David Goldbeck, noted food ecologists and authors, sponsored by the Child-birth Education Association of Albany, at Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m.

**Annual Banquet**, Delmar Progress Club, Wolfert's Roost Country Club, 6 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 20**

**"Overcoming Anxiety"**, third of four seminars, with Dr. William Grosch, psychiatrist, on "Anxiety and Depression," Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7:30-9 p.m.

**Creative Movement with Children**, music class for children ages 3-6, registration necessary, call 765-2791, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m., free.

**Garden Group**, Delmar Progress Club, trip to wild flower garden and arboretum, 1 p.m.

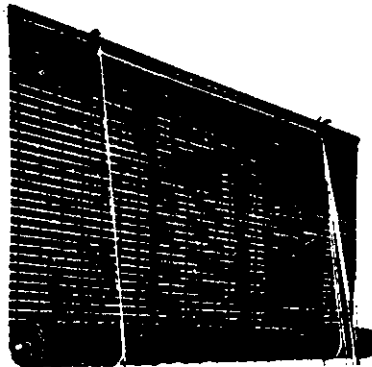
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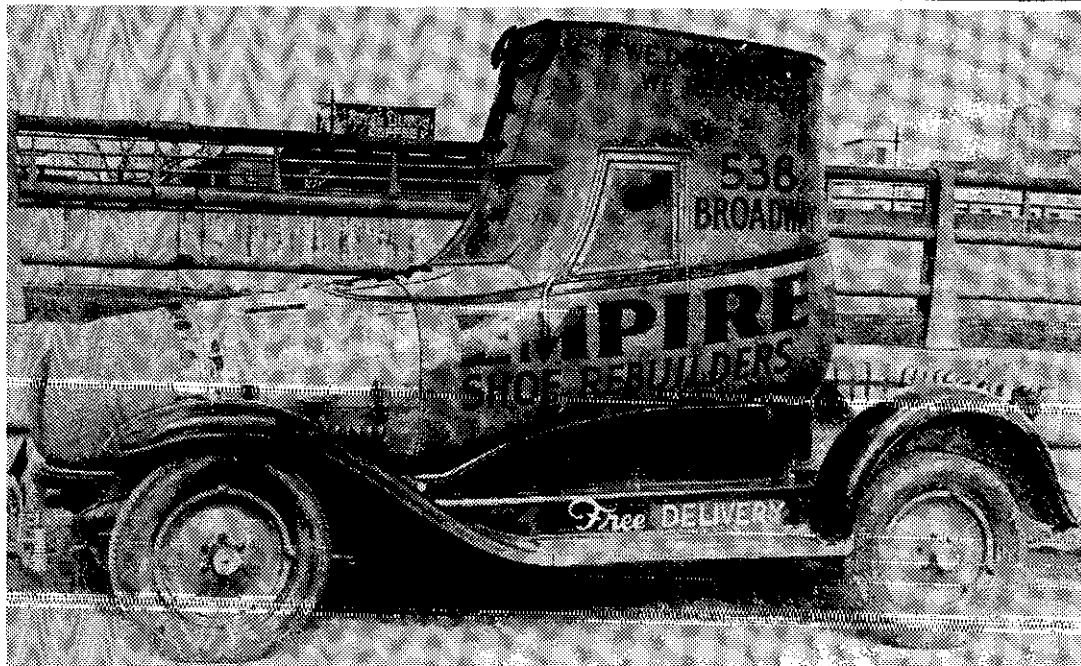
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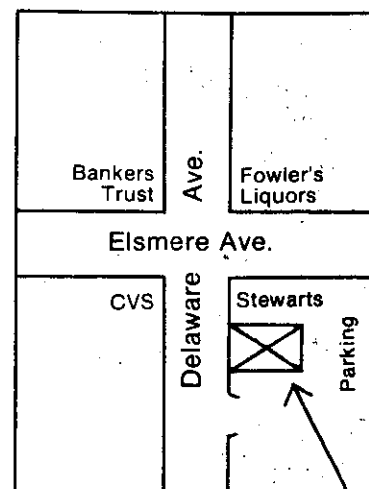
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## Sharp differences mark race for school board

Bethlehem Central School District voters should have no trouble May 13 finding a candidate or two to represent their views — the six persons running for two seats disagree on a number of issues.

Paramount among them is Challenge, the controversy over whether the district should fund special programs for children of "exceptional abilities," although there is some question whether the issue is as important to the voters as it appears to be to the candidates.

One thing which does not appear to be an issue to the candidates is the 1981-82 budget, which will also be voted on May 13. If approved, the \$14,197,494 budget will mean a 4.9 percent increase in property taxes for Bethlehem residents and a 15.3 percent increase for residents of New Scotland (the difference is due to a drop in New Scotland's equalization rate).

Four candidates are vying for the seat now held by Bertold Weinberg, who is not seeking re-election. They are Jed B. Wolkenbreit, an attorney; Lois I. Dorman, a former teacher and school volunteer; Carolyn M. Bennett, a business executive; and Joseph M. Mosca, a certified public accountant.

Sheila Fuller, formerly president of the Hamagrael Home-School Assn., is seeking re-election. She is being challenged by John J. Bellizzi Jr., assistant director of the office of child support enforcement in the state Depart-

ment of Social Services.

Board member Robert Zick, a business executive, is unopposed for re-election.

The six candidates in contested races were interviewed separately by The Spotlight. All were asked the same questions. The questions, and their answers, follow:

**QUESTION:** Bethlehem has the reputation as a community which has been willing to tax itself to pay for quality public education. In recent years there have been virtually no cuts in programs or concessions to class size despite declining enrollment. Is it time to start making compromises to fit the reality of the times?

**BELLIZZI:** First, I'd like to say the district has an excellent school system, one the community can be proud of, and one which I feel meets the needs of the vast majority of students. If we attempt to make cuts or concessions for the purpose of reducing class

size, we are jeopardizing the quality of the education that we do have in this community. I think it's important to realize that our school tax increases have not kept pace with inflation. I think it's also important to remember that we are concerned with the careers of the many school district employees — we have to help them keep pace with inflation. At the same time, we have to keep in mind the persons on fixed incomes, and balance their concern about taxes against the needs of the employees.

**MRS. BENNETT:** I think it's important that the school board is obviously supposed to represent the community, be sensitive to the needs of the taxpayers in today's inflationary economy. But correspondingly, I think that the teachers and the administration have to also be sensitive to those needs. It's a two way street...I don't believe in cutting programs at the ex-

pense of children's education, but I do believe in dealing with the educational priorities in a prudent and austere fashion. This question doesn't address how we might save on tax dollars, but I am definitely in favor of merit pay raises for teachers and teacher evaluation.

**MRS. DORMAN:** I know what the people want to hear, but I don't feel that the educational rights of children should be compromised by cutting programs. I feel very strongly that a teacher must have a small class size — 18 to 25 maximum — in order to teach effectively.

**MRS. FULLER:** I'm going to disagree with the question. There have been staff cuts in programs. There have been staff cuts at the high school level to go along with the declining enrollment. Class size at elementary level has increased some. There are more inter-age classes than in previous years. I feel we have made some compromises to fit the reality of the times.

**MOSCA:** I feel that due to our present economic conditions and uncertainty, with budget cuts, this is not the time to think about new programs unless we know where the financial assistance is coming from.

**WOLKENBREIT:** I think that compromises are already being made...Some of the programs that have been installed in recent years have been installed in perhaps less ambitious terms. The Challenge program this year was originally contemplated as

### For more information...

Candidates for the Bethlehem Central school board will be quizzed in a public forum beginning at 8 p.m. Thursday, May 7, in the Bethlehem Town Hall auditorium.

The forum is being sponsored by the Bethlehem Unit of the League of Women Voters.

Forum co-chairperson Sally Webb said all seven candidates have agreed to attend. Each candidate will be asked to speak for five minutes about his or her qualifications for serving on the board. Then the forum will be opened to questions from the audience.

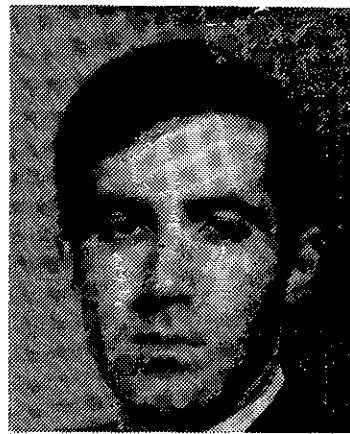
District voters will have one other chance to hear from the candidates and discuss the proposed 1981-82 budget at the district annual meeting Tuesday, May 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. Voting on the budget and the board seats will be May 13 at the middle school.

being (in some part of the community) seven staff people, than the formal recommendation was for three and the fact that the board chose to go with one person was evidence of compromise. Clearly there has been a lot of talk about doing other things to cut taxes, and when the time comes I would like to see the cuts made in non-instructional areas...

**Q. With the understanding that drug and alcohol abuse is everybody's problem, what**

**can the schools do to improve the situation?**

**WOLKENBREIT:** The school clearly has an educational role to play in terms of keeping students apprised about what drugs and alcohol can do to their bodies...perhaps guidance counselors have some ability to counsel students, or the school psychologist can address the problems...I frankly think that sometimes the community expects too much of the schools...it's certainly not a problem that's caused by the



**John J. Bellizzi**

high school, I'm sure of that. And I don't think that you can expect that every teacher could be expected to even recognize every case. It is the school's duty to educate the faculty as to what to look for and what to do, and I know there has been some in-service work in that regard.

**MOSCA:** Special programs with law enforcement officials or state officials who would be available to offer their services to explain what the consequences of anyone in-



**Carolyn M. Bennett**

involved in drugs and alcohol will eventually lead to...These programs are available, I know, and I remember from attending school we had special programs, groups that would come in.

**MRS. FULLER:** The schools are working very closely with parents, trying to educate parents. We need cooperation from the entire community to make this a community effort. The schools cannot do it alone.

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**MRS. DORMAN:** The drug and alcohol problem has been addressed. I think that what they've done is reacted to a situation right now, recognizing that there's a problem and then finding a program...

A consistent disciplinary code is what I think will be the next step for drug and alcohol abuse that exists within the school. I think that parents have to address the fact that yes, their children may be involved with drugs and alcohol, and I think it's very important for them to recognize the problem and to come together and work for a solution, so that no one is harmed.

**MRS. BENNETT:** Having three teenagers, I have to personally say that I have not had to deal with it, and I am probably very fortunate and very blessed not to have been placed in that situation. I think compulsory education in the way of character building is important — philosophies and values is something that is important to me...I would like to see the kinds of money we might spend on a Challenge program spent to pay for people who would bring value courses into the system.

**BELLIZZI:** The schools can assist in combating this problem through education. Students must be fully aware of the moral consequences, the physical consequences and the legal consequences related to the abuse of drugs and alcohol...I do not feel, however, that it is the school's sole

responsibility to curb the drug and alcohol abuse problem. Parents must take the lead in setting examples for their children and guiding them in the right direction.

**Q. What is the school district's responsibility to children with "exceptional" abilities or special problems?**

**BELLIZZI:** I feel it is the district's responsibility to provide all students with the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential. The district is providing this opportunity to the vast majority of its students, the average students, quite satisfactorily. In addition, the district is providing special educational services for students with special problems — the below-average student, the physically handicapped student, the mentally retarded student. There is one group that the district is not providing for, and that is the gifted students. In order to do so, the district must develop a comprehensive program for the education of gifted students.

**MRS. BENNETT:** I believe that all children should be motivated and challenged toward excellence. I'm of the opinion that we should not label our children, whether it be exceptional, gifted, handicapped or otherwise. Certainly some of these conditions are recognizable (for instance, the handicapped child or a gifted athlete, anyone can see that those conditions exist). But the task


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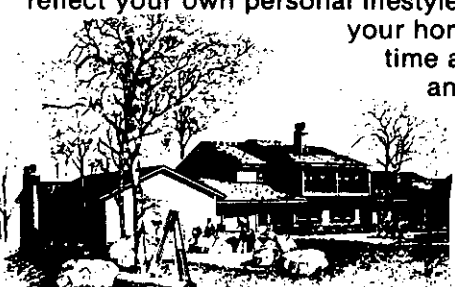
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of identifying the gifted child is a lot more involved. I'm just not certain that it's public education's responsibility to ferrit out the gifted child and assume responsibility for him.

**MRS. DORMAN:** We have a responsibility to challenge all the children in our school district. I feel that where we have "gifted" children or "exceptional" children we have a responsibility to meet their needs, as we do with a child in the middle range, who often gets lost in the shuffle and the crowded classroom situation. And I also feel that we have a responsibility to the needs of children with special problems. Again, the way we go about doing this is open to

debate and question.

**MRS. FULLER:** The school district's responsibilities are being met for children with exceptional abilities and special problems. We have advance placement courses at the high school. At elementary level we have individualized instruction in every grade and the children are grouped at least three levels in every classroom. We are providing resource rooms. The middle school has an enrichment program for eighth grade, and accelerated math for sixth, seventh and eighth grade students. I think we're doing a good job in all these areas — it's the average child who maybe needs a little more.

**MOSCA:** The Challenge program would be a very expensive endeavor, as it would take a high-calibre coordinator or teacher. The community should not be asked to fully support such a program at this time. If the parents of these children have a special interest in this area perhaps we should look to them to help support this program... Most people are willing to pay for their fair share, but I think it's selfish on the part of the individual to speak before a group on only one issue. To these people, I say, 'put your money where your mouth is.'

**WOLKENBREIT:** I think there is a terrible disservice being done to these children

by the negative emotional charges that have come out of the Challenge debate. I think there is a lot of mis-impressions about what that particular program is all about. What I'm interested in seeing done is quality programming, and the way I define quality education is a system that provides the means of meeting all of the needs of its individual student population... What I'm concerned about in the case of the Challenge Program is that there has been a need that's been defined, that we meet that need some way that is within our capability as a school district. This year we're going to have one staff

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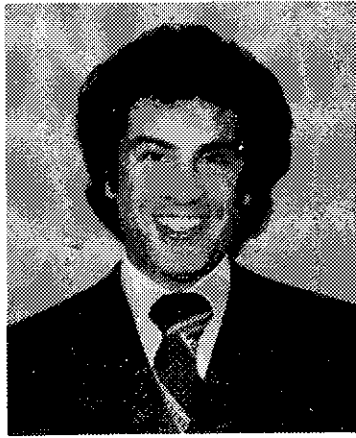
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person...I intend to wait and see how that works out.

**Q.** Are standards at the Bethlehem schools high enough? For instance, relatively few high school students have homework to take home daily. Would increasing the work load improve the quality of the educational program? And many parents are concerned about the declining competency of public school students in English and writing. Is an extra effort needed here?

**WOLKENBREIT:** That's a difficult question to answer in general terms. I think homework is really within the realm of the teacher...The end product — whether the students are getting anything out of the course, is the policy issue for the board to deal with...With

regard to declining competency in English, I think the studies are showing that that's not as true as people would have us believe. Clearly it's a proper thing that all students who graduate in this country should be able to read and write English, at least on a level of competency...I think this is one thing Bethlehem has done a lot with in the last five to eight years.

**MOSCA:** There exists individual differences in all school districts. Increased work load or effort on the part of students and teachers would be a help.

**MRS. FULLER:** Increasing the work load will not improve the quality of the educational program. Increasing the work load could produce nothing but busy  
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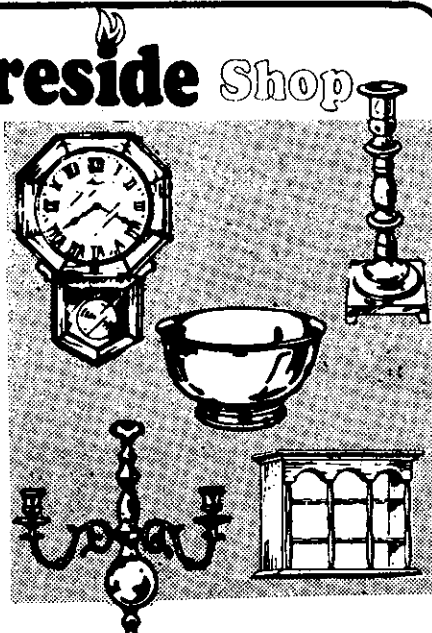


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work. High school students should be bringing home work. It is being assigned daily. I have a high school student who is spending a good deal of time on homework...Yes, I think extra effort is needed in English competency. We cannot do enough in these areas. We should start right from the beginning to teach sentence structure, punctuation, spelling.

**MRS. DORMAN:** You have to say if someone has a quantity of homework is it necessarily good? Is it busy-work or is it something which they're actually learning from? As far as the standards, another thing I am totally committed to is excellence in our educational program...I would like to think we have

high standards — whether or not we're meeting those standards is another question...I firmly believe that we must improve the language skills of our children, and their writing skills and their ability to comprehend and digest what they're reading and writing.

**MRS. BENNETT:** I believe that they're too high in most cases. I have noted the pressure on high school students to perform, to get superior grades, to get high SAT scores, to be prepared to go to college. I feel the kids really emotionally suffer from this kind of pressure. At least ours did, and they were good students...In regards to the homework, I'm not aware of that...I think they have plenty to occupy their time. I do think there is declining com-

petency in English and writing, and I do think an extra effort is needed there.

**BELLIZZI:** Would increasing the work load improve the educational program? Possibly, but not necessarily. We must continue to strive for a quality overall educational program, which means we must have quality teachers, which I feel we do have. The curriculum must be appropriate, it must be carried out, and it must hold the interest of the students. On declining competency, I also am concerned about that issue, and I feel that there should be an increased emphasis on the basics, which should be placed in the primary grades, in the early elementary years.

**Q. What is the main thing you hope to do as a member of the school board?**

**BELLIZZI:** First, I would attempt to have the school board take more of a leading role in making policy rather than reading to situations as they arise within the district. The school board should manage and set the operational goals of the district for

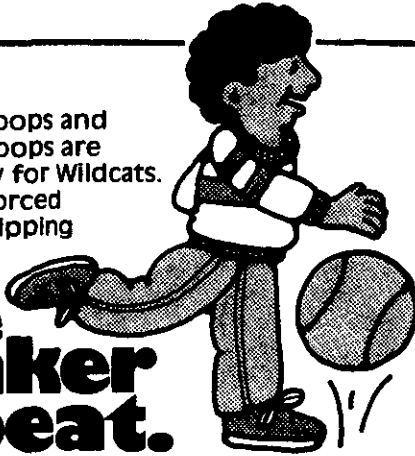
the education of the students, and the method of education should be handled by the professional educators hired by the district...I'd also like to see more community involvement in the schools. The board should actively attempt to get more members of the community to attend school board meetings.

**MRS. BENNETT:** My main focus as a member of the board would be to see a return to a law abiding community of young people who respect authority, personal property and each other, who desire to learn because learning is fun and not for the long-range goal that is generally attached to academic success. Also, one of the things I would like to see if I were to become a member of the board would be a reevaluation of our athletic program to examine why we are continually deficient in the team sports, and to do something about it.

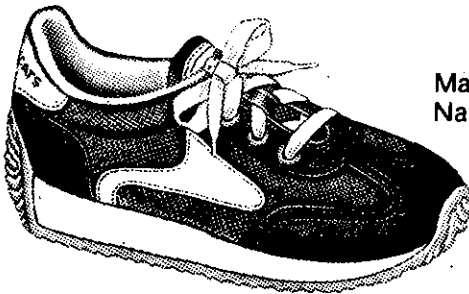
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the system employs and is also known by the parents of children who attend the schools. I would also like to see an opening of communication between administrators and teachers and parents. I think we have to make it very clear that our concern is educating our children, and in order to do what is best for them there has to be a feeling of honesty for all concerned.

**MRS. FULLER:** To maintain an excellent program. I know what's ahead of us with resources — Reagan, budget cuts — we don't see anything promising coming. I feel I'm saving money by voting no on Challenge...I want to be able to use the available resources to the fullest...I guess I personally would like to continue the rapport I've had with the staff.

**MOSCA:** Cooperation with all groups, such as the board of education, the faculty and special service departments; to give any assistance that I can as a certified public accountant for the community as a whole.

**WOLKENBREIT:** The only thing that anyone can really promise to do in becoming a member of any board is to take each issue as it

comes...I would like to see more community input...One thing I would probably do most as a board member is to ask a lot of questions. I think it's a responsibility of board members to perhaps become more directly involved with the teaching staff...just to be more aware of concerns, not that I don't trust the superintendent, but obviously what the staff is going to say to the superintendent, and through him to the board, is a little bit different than what they might say directly to the board members.

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**BETHLEHEM  
School lunches  
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Bethlehem school officials must soon decide whether the school district can offer a lunch program for students next year.

All indications are that Congress will approve the Reagan administration's proposed budget cut in the Child Nutrition Program, which calls for the elimination of government subsidies for school lunches purchased by students.

The federal legislation will retain lunch subsidies for children from low income families — those who qualify for free or reduced price lunches in accordance with government guidelines — but will no longer underwrite the expense of providing low-cost lunches to all students.

In the Bethlehem School District, the percentage of students who are eligible for free or reduced price lunches

is very small. In March of this year, for example, the average daily participation in the lunch program was 1,300 students, and only 163 of that number got their lunches free or for 20 cents.

School officials estimate that in order to continue to operate a lunch program that could break even, lunch prices would probably have to be doubled — to prices ranging from \$1.10 to \$1.30. In recent years, about one third of all Bethlehem students have been regular buyers of complete school lunches. It's expected, however, that much higher prices would reduce that participation level significantly — and perhaps to the point where a program would not be economically feasible.

Some of the alternatives to a program continuation with doubled prices are:

- Provision of only ala carte lunch selections, which would not be possible at all schools, at a mark-up to cover supply and labor costs.

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program entirely, except for provision of milk and possibly some desert items.

- Lunches, either complete or ala carte, made available through some sort of volunteer program.

- The hiring of an outside company to provide lunches

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The school administration is asking for suggestions or opinions on the future of the lunch program from people in the community. A decision will probably have to be made by the end of June.

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**BETHLEHEM**

**Second Fish trial starts slowly**

The second trial in Owen Bleau's towing war began last week with a promise that this time the actions of Bethlehem town officials would be the central issue. But as the trial dragged into its second week there were indications that a settlement could be in the works.

Bleau is asking a state Supreme Court jury for a total of \$6.2 million in damages from Bethlehem, former Police Chief Peter Fish, four other officers and

former garage owner Albert Lavigne.

The trial began last Wednesday with a promise by Fish's attorney, Arthur McGinn, to make the town, rather than Fish, the central defendant in the case. In his opening statement to the jury of six men and two women, McGinn talked about a "conspiracy," which he defined as a "joint venture to injure," although not necessarily a criminal act.

"This is not a separate claim. This permeates everything we are charging in this case," McGinn said. He said he planned to call former

town Supervisors Bertram Kohinke and Harry Sheaffer as witnesses and to prove that Fish's actions "were not contrary to the policies of the town."

The central incident in the lawsuit occurred Sept. 24, 1974, and involved a vehicle which Bleau towed from the scene of an arrest against the orders of Bethlehem police officers. The following day Fish impounded the vehicle, had it towed by Lavigne and arrested Bleau. But McGinn argued that this was only one of a series of incidents and promised the jury some "startling facts" as the case unfolded.

He did stress, however, that he was not out to prove that Fish was "a generally bad chief of police."

The trial creates strange bedfellows. Fish, who was chief in the town for 10 years before being removed from

office in 1978 by the town board, sat at a separate table with his attorney James Straney, while the other attorneys and defendants were grouped together.

One common thread was evident in the defense statements—that Bleau brought the conflict on himself by his aggressive business practices. Straney noted that when Bleau opened his shop in Selkirk in 1970 he "aspired to be one of the largest towing businesses in the state of New York... he was and is a very aggressive businessman."

Attorney William Gray, representing Captain Robert Foster, Officer Anthony Arduini and former Officer William Pelzer, said he intended to prove that Bleau "is in this lawsuit to make money."

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Bleau was reversed last month by the U.S. Court of Appeals as "shockingly exorbitant." McGinn still must decide whether to appeal that decision, seek a retrial or drop the federal case. That case is similar to the state trial, except that the town is not a defendant.

Bethlehem is represented in Albany by Karl H. Schrade, who said Wednesday he intends to show that the town is "very well run" and had no policies to discriminate against any towing business.

"This was more a conflict of personalities between Mr. Bleau and Chief Fish, rather than any determined effort to do Mr. Bleau wrong," Schrade said.

But with the diversity of interests represented at the defense tables, and with four attorneys representing different defendants (La-Vigne was not present at the trial), things moved slowly. It

took two days to pick a jury and another day to get to the opening statements as Judge Roger J. Miner held repeated conferences in his chambers. One source said the judge was attempting to work out a settlement agreeable to all parties, but apparently meeting with little success.

By early this week, McGinn had called several state troopers to the stand to testify

about various incidents relating to towing in Bethlehem during the period when Fish was chief.

#### Garden equipment gone

A Glenmont resident reported to Bethlehem police last week that a shredding and chopping machine, valued at more than \$300, was taken from an out building at his residence on Rt. 9W.

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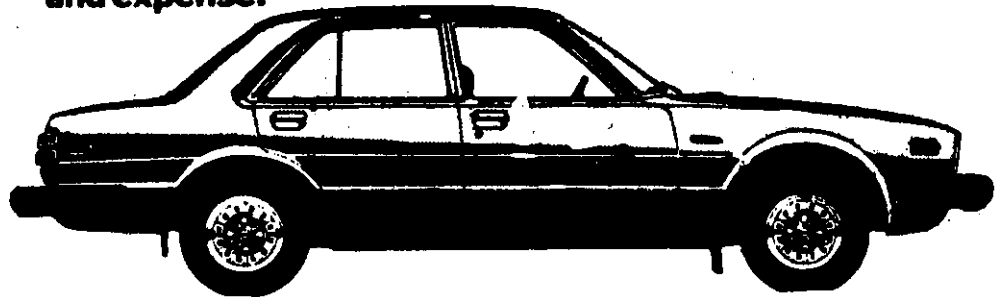
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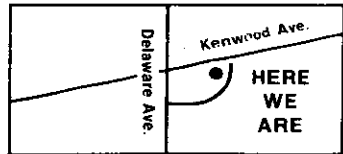
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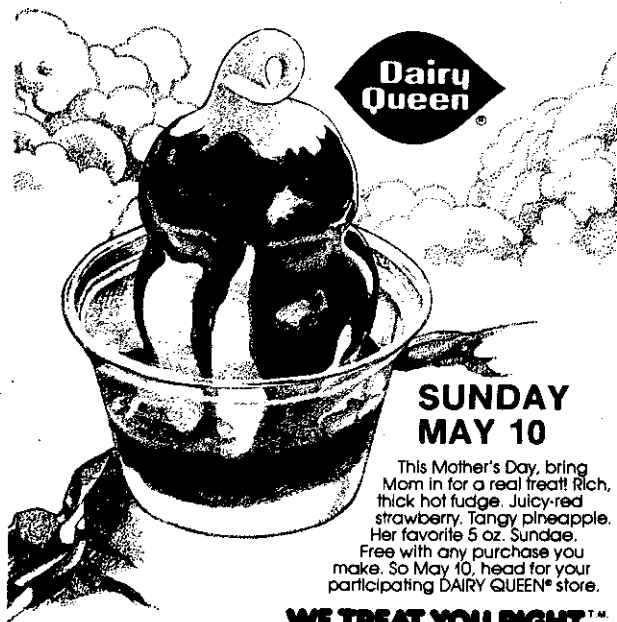
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## BETHLEHEM

### Parents don't want to switch again

Planned reassignment of kindergarteners from Hamagrael Elementary School to their "home school" for first grade prompted several parents to protest to the school board last Wednesday.

George and Sandra Walker, who live at the line between the Elsmere and Hamagrael attendance areas, told the board that they had been assured their child could continue at Hamagrael if they agreed to have her attend kindergarten there to help balance class sizes in the district.

District Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn said such a promise would be contrary to district policy, and, if it were made, he regretted such misinformation. "But that doesn't change the policy," he said.

Zinn said a memo outlining policy was issued the day after a list of possible volunteers was made up, and that several

calls were made by office staff before the memo was received.

Helen Drexel of Delmar also protested reassignment of her son, saying she had "assumed," when asked last summer to allow him to attend Hamagrael, that he would continue there through fifth grade.

Jack Leuallen of Delmar said he didn't want his daughter "bounced back and forth between schools every time there's an imbalance" in enrollment.

Board member Robert Ruslander responded: "No way! The board is determined that that would never happen!"

Board member John Clyne said he felt strongly that "promises were made to these people...that should weigh heavily when a decision is made."

No decision was made Wednesday. Board President Bernard Harvith suggested waiting until the next board business meeting May 20 to



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see if enrollment figures change, and perhaps eliminate the need for board action.

In other business, the board granted half-year sabbatical leaves to three teachers, Virginia Spelich, Maureen Wiltse and Thomas Watthews.

It also accepted the resignation for retirement of Mrs. G. May Blackmore, a high school guidance counselor who has been with the district 18 years.

Board member Bertold Weinberg asked that administrators try to assess what impact federal budget cuts will have on district revenue. The district now receives about \$160,000 in federal grants, most of which pays salaries for certain programs.

Ann Treadway, district clerk, noted that inspectors for the May 13 budget vote

and board election have volunteered their time.

*Caroline Terenzini*

#### Open house set

The Delmar Rescue Squad will show off its new quarters, an addition to the Delmar Fire Hall at Delaware Ave. and Adams Place, with an open house Sunday, May 17. The new building and the squad's lifesaving equipment will be on display from 2 to 4 p.m. Paramedics and emergency medical technicians will be on hand to demonstrate.

#### Car pickaxed

Someone put a pick ax through the front window of a rental car parked Wednesday in a driveway near Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, Bethlehem police reported.

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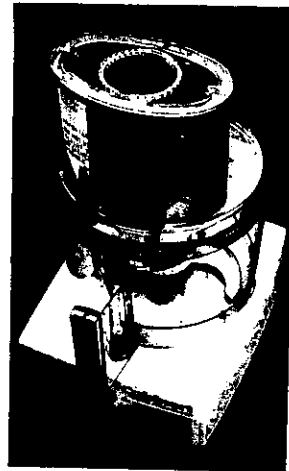
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**Church appeal: help a refugee**

A South Vietnamese Army combat veteran who fled the Communist government of his native land is being helped by a Delmar church and several families in Delmar

and Voorheesville.

The Bethlehem Community Church is sponsoring Ba Nguyen, who served five years as a squadron leader in the South Vietnamese Army,

spent months in a refugee camp before making his escape on foot. As an Army veteran, he was considered suspect by the present government, and was destined to be sent to a "re-education" camp where he would have been forced to do hard labor for little pay.

Ba arrived in this country on April 20. His wife and 3-year-old daughter remain in Viet Nam. He is presently living with the family of Richard and Genevieve Baker on Jordan Blvd., Delmar, and is attending classes in English

at the Albany International Center.

Other families assisting in Ba's resettlement are those of John and Karen Ainsworth of Elsmere, Lois and Norm Hostetter of Slingerlands, Clay and Joan Bear of Voorheesville, and the church pastor, Rev. James Hale and his wife, Carol.

In the process of helping Ba adjust to his new homeland, the church has issued a public appeal to assist in finding him permanent employment. Meanwhile, he is available to do "odd jobs" around the

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Mrs. Bear said anyone wishing to help or who has work for Ba is asked to call the Baker family at 439-4339.

**Town hall's new faces**

Bethlehem Town Hall had some new faces Tuesday as the town and the Bethlehem Elks Club celebrated Youth in Government Day.

During the day, members of the Bethlehem Central High School Student Senate visited town hall and learned about town government by "taking over" jobs for the morning. The group then adjourned to the Elks Club Lodge in Cedar Hill for a luncheon.

The students, and their jobs for the day, were: supervisor, Brian Bell; town board member, Lucy Wall; town clerk, Beth Laub; superintendent of highways, Katie Talmage; receiver of taxes, Leslie Gould; assessor, Kristen Bosse; building inspector, Alesia Harder; community relations, Tomi-Ann Roberts; comptroller, Carolyn Johnson; commissioner of public safety, Milo McFarland; engineer, Noel Moran; parks and recreation administrator, Amy Weller; water district, Karen Bruni; and youth employment service, Lauren Harder.

**On the cover:**

Supervisor Tom Corrigan shows off some of the landscaping improvements at

Bethlehem Town Hall to "Councilman" Lucy Wall, left and his own shadow, Brian Bell, at right.

**The strangest places**

A purse reported stolen about two weeks ago from a Delmar tavern was discovered tied to the exhaust of a Main Care fuel truck last week. A passing motorist saw the purse on fire under the truck, according to Bethlehem police.

**Finds diamond ring**

Postal worker Robert Burns of Glenmont found a diamond ring in the back parking lot of Burt Anthony Co., 339 Delaware Ave., Delmar, last Tuesday. He turned it over to Bethlehem police, who had reported no inquiries as of Monday.

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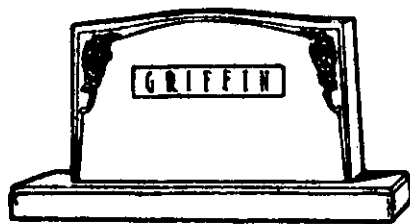
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Free compost and wood chips will be distributed to those who attend. Also, Master Gardeners from the Albany County Cooperative Extension will be available to answer gardening questions and to provide soil tests.

The compost material is comprised of autumn leaves which were collected by the Highway Department during the fall of 1978. It should be mixed with garden soil, one part compost to six parts of soil, to provide an enriched growing medium. The compost is heavy and those who attend Garden Day should bring sturdy containers, as well as shovels, to make the job easier.

The wood chips contain chips and small sticks. The wood chip material is useful as a mulching medium for gardens and decorative plantings.

To prepare soil for testing, residents should dig soil from several places in their yards, remove sticks and other debris, then air-dry the soil. About a half-cup is needed for each test.

In Slingerlands, the *Spotlight* is sold at Convenient Food Mart, the Toll Gate and New Scotland Pharmacy.

## Park passes to go on sale

Bethlehem residents can obtain their 1981 Elm Avenue Park passes beginning Monday May 11 at the Park Office.

The office will be open from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays; and from noon to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Both season passes and pay-as-you-go passes are available. Individuals who obtained park passes in previous years should bring proof of current residence, plus their park pass, to the office for re-validation. Persons who have lost previous years' passes will be assessed a \$2 replacement fee.

New residents and children who will reach the age of eight on or before the park's opening day, June 13, must come to the park office to be photographed.

Family season passes are available for \$45; individual season passes (persons aged 14-64) are \$25; child season passes (children aged eight through 13) are \$15.

Pay-as-you-go fees are as follows: Adult: \$1; Child (eight through 13): 50 cents. Children under eight will be admitted free when they are accompanied by a parent or designated responsible adult.

The Elm Avenue Park Pool Complex will open for the 1981 season Saturday, June 13; and the park's three pools will be open daily from 11 a.m. to 8 p.m.

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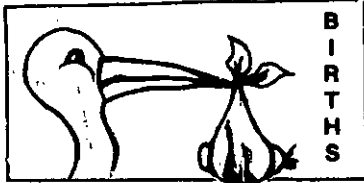
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Girl, Nancy, to Mr. and Mrs. David McClumpha, Selkirk, March 28.

Girl, Stephanie, Mr. and Mrs. George Dardani, Glenmont, April 4.

Girl, Johanna, Mr. and Mrs. Carl P. Belke Jr., Delmar, April 6.

Boy, John, to Mr. and Mrs. Steven J. Crookes, Clarks-ville, April 5.

Boy, Paul, to Mr. and Mrs. Peter H. Valente, Jr., Selkirk, April 12.

Boy, Keith, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward S. Marsh, Glenmont, April 13.

**Albany Medical Center**

Boy, Jeffery Allen, Mr. and Mrs. James Shear, Voorhees-ville, March 24.

Boy, Michael Edward, Mr. and Mrs. Mark Sengenber-ger, Feura Bush, April 2.

Boy, Michael Alexander, to Mr. and Mrs. Gene Sienkiewicz, Delmar, April 6.

Girl, Abigail Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. William Alexander, Delmar, April 7.

Girl, Shawna Heather, to Mr. and Mrs. Warren D. Hull, Jr., Voorheesville, April 16.

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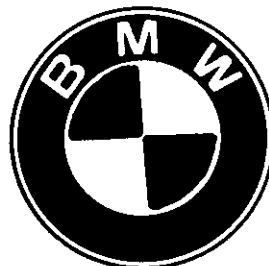
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VOORHEESVILLE

## Candidates find few differences

The four candidates for the Voorheesville Board of Education found much to agree on, but managed to come up with some distinguishing views as they addressed a sparse crowd of about 30 last week at the high school.

Dr. Raj Keishore, Salvatore Mazzara, Carlyle Sutherland and David Teuten all said they find the Voorheesville system basically sound and in need of no major changes. They also agreed that the village library needs help, within the district's financial limits, and that communication between board and district taxpayers must be improved. The four are competing in the May 13 election for the seat being vacated by longtime board member Dominick Tork.

It was in response to a question on the most critical problem facing the district that the candidates came closest to outlining their differences.

Teuten, a former high school social studies teacher and state employee, said the major problem he sees is the pending reduction in state aid, which means possible tax increases. In describing his reasons for running, Teuten said he believes "the coming five years will be a watershed for education."

In order to overcome the problems facing the district, he said, "we have to have an involved community... next time we have to have this

auditorium filled."

Dr. Keishore, who is a medical scientist at the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital and a professor of radiology at Albany Medical Center, said the major problem he sees is the flight of the middle class from public to private schools. "And that is happening because the educational standards of the public school district is dropping." He noted that the situation is not unique to Voorheesville.

In his introduction, Dr. Keishore said he has heard that the board is controlled by the administration. "Let me assure you that here is one man who can and will think for himself," he said.

Mazzara said the major problem he sees is increasing taxes. He said he thinks the district has done well in this regard.

Mazzara, a retired state official, noted that he originally got into the race "as the result of a newspaper story that no one was interested in the job." When he learned that there were other candidates, he said, his first impulse was to drop out, but his five children—all graduates of the system—urged him to "go for that job" and now he is actively seeking the post. In passing, Mazzara said all his children had good educational experiences at the Voorheesville schools.

Sutherland's list of problems was somewhat longer: "Lack of basic education, lack of discipline, lack of respect for other people's property and, four—or maybe number one—drugs."

An Albany business executive who served on a board of education in Penn Yan, N.Y., said he believes in "quality through accountability." He said his own experiences in hiring people had left him very disturbed over the lack of basics taught in the schools.

All the candidates said communications is a concern.

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Dr. Keishore said he blames both officials and taxpayers for the failure. Mazzara said the Helderbarker and the local media do a good job, but suggested that more complete information might help. Sutherland said he thinks the best method of communication is being personally available to answer questions and discuss issues. Teuten said he sees some improvement and suggested taking the budget hearings around the district.

"It's amazing to me, the budget is a surprise every year to everyone," Teuten said.

In addition to the school board election, district voters will be asked to approve a \$4.8 million budget for 1981-82 with a 5.8 percent tax increase in New Scotland.

#### Unionville paper drive

A paper drive will be held at the Unionville Reformed Church Saturday, May 9. A truck will be on the parking lot for the whole day and papers can be dropped off at any time. Only newspapers can be accepted — no magazines, catalogs, telephone books, colored ads or paper bags.

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#### Shrub packets on sale

Packets of shrubs from the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation will be on sale Saturday, May 16, at Five Rivers Envir-

onmental Education Center, Game Farm Road, Delmar.

The shrub packets, from the state tree nursery at Saratoga Springs, contain 25 shrubs of five different species that are attractive to wildlife.

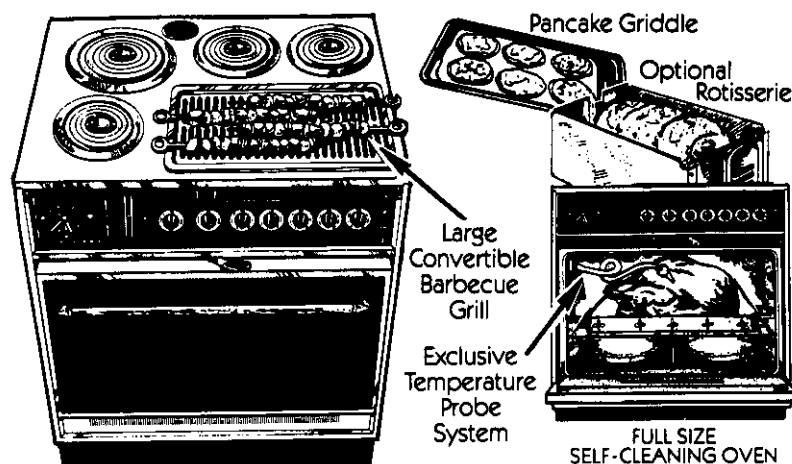
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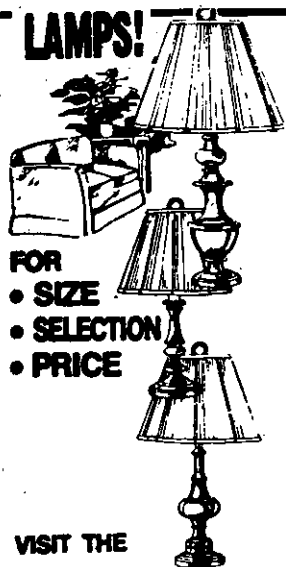
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## Voorheesville News Notes

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The Albany County Health Department will hold a mumps vaccine clinic for Voorheesville elementary and high school students at the high school May 14 beginning at 9 a.m.

Mumps vaccine is a new immunization requirement for all students planning to attend school in September, 1981. All students who have had mumps must have a

doctor's certificate stating that they have had the disease.

Parents will receive permission cards in the mail. Students should return the signed cards to their school. No phone permissions can be accepted.

The Helderview Garden Club will hold a plant sale Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Grand Union. And on May 13 at 7:15 p.m. the Garden Club will sponsor a flower arranging demonstration at the Voorheesville Methodist Church.

At a recent dinner-dance held at the Bavarian Chalet

officers for the Voorheesville Fire Department Ladies Auxiliary were installed. Officers for 1981-1982 are: President Donna Welker, Vice-President Sue Smith, Secretary Helen Cantlin, Treasurer Ethel Smith and Chaplin Julia Fields.

Parents of students who will be attending the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville in the fall are requested to attend a meeting Tuesday, May 12 at 8 p.m. in the Social Hall of the First United Methodist Church on Maple Ave.

Election of board members as well as the adoption of a budget will be among the orders of business.

Teacher-director Carolyn Williams will be available to answer questions. Refreshments will be served.

Today (Thursday) at 7:30 p.m. St. Matthew's parish will welcome Father Paul Smith, a member of the diocesan family life commission.

Father Smith has worked extensively with the separated and divorced, helping to

guide and support them through their difficult times.

He will address his comments not only to those who are separated and divorced but also to those who may be in a position to reach out to someone in such a situation.

The meeting will be held in the church. All are welcome.

The Voorheesville Elementary School will present its annual Spring Music Concert Thursday, May 14. Selections will be performed by both the fifth and sixth grade bands and choruses.

Among the pieces to be played by the fifth grade band are "Festive March," and "Hymn and Fold Dance". The sixth grade band will be playing "Themes from H.M.S. Pinafore" and "Set of Irish Airs".

The fifth grade chorus under the direction of Cynthia McDermott and the sixth grade chorus under Thomas Baker will sing "Evergreen," "God Bless the Child," "Sun-catcher," and "My Music". The evening's entertainment will begin at 7:30. All are welcome.



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| <b>Fri., May 8</b>   | Softball, Guilderland, away 3:45<br>Tennis, Saratoga home 3:45  |
| <b>Sat. May 9</b>    | Track, Co-ed meet at Niskayuna  |
| <b>Mon. May 11</b>   | Baseball, Burnt Hills, home 3:45<br>Softball, Burnt Hills, home 3:45<br>Girl's Track, Shaker at Niskayuna, 3:45 |
| <b>Tues., May 12</b> | Tennis, Shaker, home 3:45   |
| <b>Wed., May 13</b>  | Baseball, Scotia, away 3:45<br>Tennis, Shenendehowa, away 3:45<br>Softball, Mohonasen, away 3:45                |

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## VOORHEESVILLE

### Budget, tax hike approved for village

The Voorheesville Village Board unanimously adopted the proposed 1981-82 budget of \$386,189, which means a 16 percent tax increase for village residents.

The tax increase is in response to a decreasing amount of revenue from both the state and the county; the budget itself is down \$21,000 from last year's budget. The absence of opposition to, or support for, the budget was evident from the turnout for the April 28 meeting — only four residents attended.

In other actions the board:

- Approved the Federal Revenue Sharing budget, which allocates funds to Youth and Recreation and Parks. A hearing — which lasted only 10 minutes — was held for the budget April 14.

- Adopted the salary schedule for elected officials as proposed in the budget. Mayor Bates' salary has been in-

creased from \$2,000 to \$2,500 per year, and the board members have been granted an additional \$250 per year, which brings their annual salaries to \$1,250.

- Officially appointed Norm Bayly fire inspector.

According to Trustee Bill Gray III, if Albany County Executive James Coyne's proposal to increase the amount of sales tax revenue going back to municipalities is approved by the county legislature, the increase in revenue that would be passed on to Voorheesville "might be almost what we've lost."

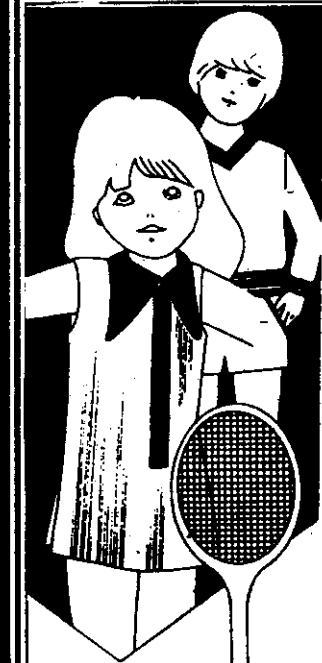
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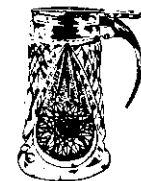
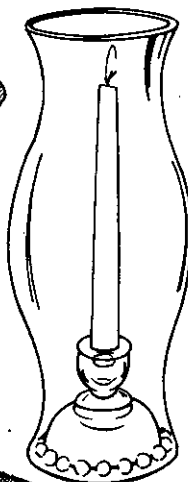
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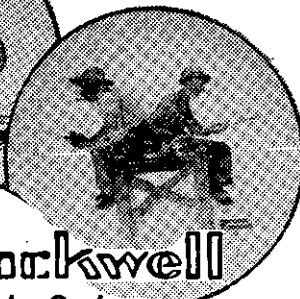
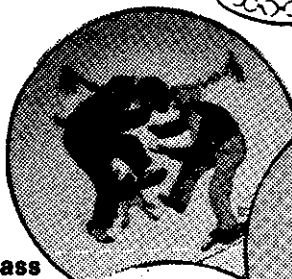
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# Shop Talk visits

by Judi James

## Robinson Square

In the third of our special series on regional shopping, Shop Talk takes you into Albany to Hamilton Street in the Shadow of the Empire State Plaza.

A treat is in store! To find Robinson Square all you have to do is find Madison Ave., either off Delaware Ave. or from downtown (if you're taking Rt. 747 north, remem-

ber that there is no Madison Ave. exit; you have to double back on Broadway). From Madison, take Swan St. north and another quick left at the corner of Hamilton St. puts you into a parking area where parking is free when one shops at Robinson Square. This Saturday, however, the parking lot, will be the site of jazz and music and general

celebration of Albany's Tulip Festival. As their part of the festival, the merchants of Robinson Square have arranged to have three bands playing from their gazebo in the parking lot. From 11 a.m. to noon a group from the Albany Academy will entertain. Playing for you in the afternoon will be bands from the Hoosick Falls Jr. High School and the Gloversville High School Band. Carol Goosen and Pepi Noble president and vice president of the Robinson Square Association told us about the renovations that had been made to create this very special part of Albany.

At the corner of Hamilton and Swan is the restaurant which is really causing people to "name drop". It's the Entertainer, owned by Lee and Marcie Aronowitz. Here there is marvelous food, hot hors d'oeuvres, and a piano bar with entertainment every evening. They serve both luncheon and dinner and are open every day but Sunday.

The Yogurt Shoppe next door is great for a quick lunch and features sandwiches, salads, pastries and frozen yogurt...all of natural ingre-

dients. They have a nice back porch with a few tables for lunch on pleasant summer days.

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At 295 Hamilton, there is the finest assortment of posters we've found. Ranging from art posters and numbered graphics to museum quality custom framing and prints of fine works, Posters Plus Gallery is excellent and a conversation with its owner, John Greenhut, is edifying.

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Crabtree and Evelyn occupies the basement level of 299 Hamilton. Here one can have a custom gift basket made up and filled with fine imported soaps, toiletries and comestibles based on natural ingredients. With Mother's Day Sunday, this might be a fine idea for you. However their items know no bounds. They cater to both "gentlemen and gentlewomen" and deserve your inspection.

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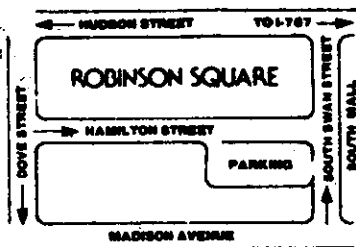
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Le Chocolatier at 301 Hamilton is a place that will undo that smaller sized garment you're wearing...for their chocolates and candies are so tempting it would take a solid wall to resist! They have those had dipped chocolates, fudge, cookies, teenie beanies and cordials and they will ship anywhere. Again...an idea for Mothers Day and Fathers Day remembrances...and one tempting shop!

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This is the time of year most women seek those popular summer shoes, the Espadrilles. They're to be found in a variety of colors at Pappagallo at 307 Hamilton Street. Owned by Albanian Harlette Langley, Pappagallo is a sensational shop offering a smart selection of shoes and accessories, the unusual in sun wear, and of course the shop for Pappagallo.

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Next door, and up the stairs

one flight, is Gulley's, a fine flower shop which has some unusual plants, giftware and a few antiques. Its a full service flower shop in a Victorian setting and one with handsome floral arrangements done with charm and graciousness. They deliver.

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The Noble Lion is a perfectly wonderful book store. We recommend it for the unusual and hard to find books, and for collection items from the Metropolitan Museum and the Smithsonian. They also carry French magazines. Ma's oui! The children's corner at the Noble Lion is usually occupied by small tots with intellectual leanings. Its a quiet corner of a busy store, but with the best of childrens books. P.S. If you lean that way — they specialize in unicorns!

Pepi Noble is the owner and everyone there is helpful in choosing the book you desire.

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The Dutch Trader never has been more enticing than it is this week with its gay red, blue and yellow wooden shoes in the window and its tulips abounding. This is one of the most charming shops, in this writer's minds, and it personifies Old Albany. They feature not only the Dutch shoes, but most everything in the store has that old world flavor and charm for those who are either Dutch or Dutch at heart! Dutch chocolates, cheese, wrapping papers, tiles, some nice pewter accessory items, herbs and candies. It's a good week to stop in there and partake of Albany's Dutch heritage.

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Moving on, we enter a shop called The Albany Collection. Here one finds antiques...both primitives and Victorian. They also have some very interesting antique toys and accessories. They appraise estates and their shop is one

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A newcomer from Pittsfield! Susan Gordon, who has a similar store in that Massachusetts community, has opened Your Kitchen. A shop in Robinson Square featuring gourmet cookware, culinary kitchen gadgetry, food processors, etc. There is a fine selection of coffee beans etc. the aroma of which would lure anyone into your kitchen. We wish Ms. Gordon good luck in her shop.

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Checkmate is located at 315 Hamilton Street. Those who collect miniatures will go wild here. They have a fine collection of dollhouse miniatures, some lovely oriental china, and they carry other items for the discriminating shopper as well as such distinctive brass items, and some of the nicest

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At 321 Hamilton is the store for the shopper who loves wood. It's called a Chip Off The Old Block. Here one finds butcher block and contemporary lifestyle furniture. They also carry handcrafted weaving, kitchen gadgetry and other home accessories. Good to note too that Chip Off The Old Block will help you design and will fabricate. Their customized woodworking is excellent. You'll find the shop open Monday through Saturday from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m., on Sundays from 2 to 5 p.m. Telephone if you'd like a special appointment.

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Up one block from Robinson Square, two Slingerlands women have established such a fine shop that this column pauses to describe it. The shop is called Traditions. The owners are Jackie Ouderkirk and Maureen Manzella, two young women who have both restored old homes and decided there was a great need in the area where one could find quality and authentic restoration materials. So, some months ago they established their store at 365 Hamilton St. to cater to that trade.

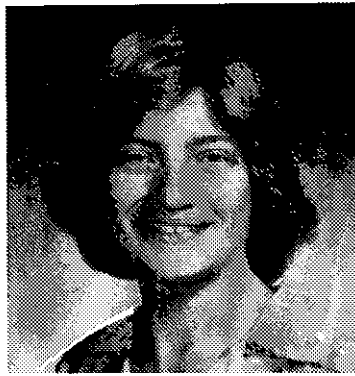
They specialize particularly in the Shaker.

One corner of the store has just fascinating Shaker items — the pegged racks, lamps, and other such furnishings. Some original, but mostly reproduced. In addition, they have had made for them paints in the true Shaker colors, five are available now and a sixth is soon to be added.

This shopper literally swooned over the wallpapers and fabrics. They are lovely, old copies in those nice soft tones and priced at about \$3.00 and \$3.50 a roll or a yard. Only the good taste of these two owners could ever offer such to the public!

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Teri Ann Kleinke

#### Kleinke-Salisbury

Mr. and Mrs. Paul H. Kleinke, Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Terri Ann, to Oakley Salisbury, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. Oakley Salisbury, Jr., Plank Rd., Clarksville.

Miss Kleinke is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is employed by Burt Anthony Associates, Inc., Delmar. Her fiancé, a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by Northeast Fire Equipment Service Inc., Albany.

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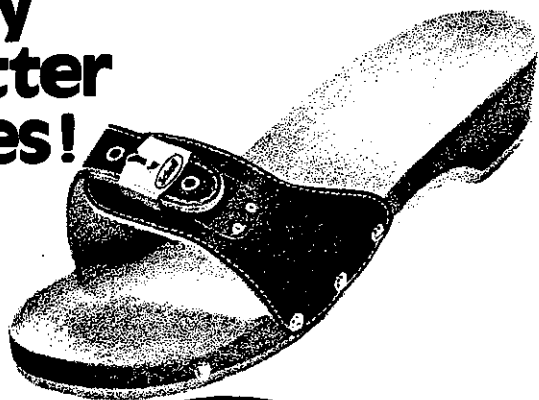
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**BASEBALL**

**Error-prone Eagles look for help**

Errors and pitching problems have Bethlehem Central's beleaguered nine back on its heels, and coach Art Ritchko can only hope for reinforcements or pray for rain.

Rain was at least partially responsible for BC's one win last week, a five-inning 4-3 victory over Mahonasen Wednesday. But on Friday came a 12-2 pasting by Columbia in which the Eagles committed six errors, and an 8-6 loss Monday to Saratoga Monday was highlighted by a five-run fifth for the visitors which began with a BC error.

"Some of the older guys, they're just not helping us," said Ritchko Monday. "We're not developing the way we should. I'm hoping that (Jim) McGuinness coming back will give us a little lift."

McGuinness, a junior veteran who hasn't pitched in three weeks because of a pulled rib muscle, is due to

start Wednesday against Shaker.

The loss to Saratoga, which leaves Bethlehem with a 3-6 record in Suburban Council play, at least showed a team with some spark as a four-run seventh inning rally fell just short. The inning started with a walk and a single by Tom Dexter. Henry Field singled to score two runs, and, following another single by Lou Concra, Field and Concra pulled a double steal. Another walk, a fielder's choice and an error accounted for the other two runs.

Corson Maley started and was relieved by Steve Malone in the fatal fifth as Bethlehem outhit Saratoga 11-5, but also committed five errors to the visitors' one.

The Mahonasen game was won by Brian Peek's fifth-inning triple which scored two runs. Dexter also doubled in two runs in the second, and

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Gary Zeiger

Maley went the distance.

For the record, Bethlehem scored its two runs in the Columbia game in the seventh with hits by Fred Hasselbarth and Peek. Malone and Usher allowed 13 hits.

**Boating safety course**

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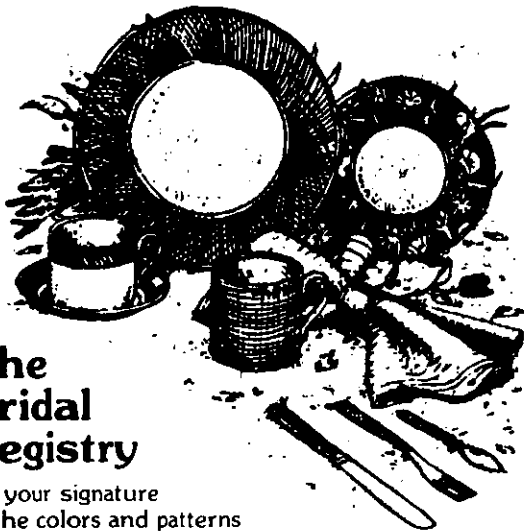
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## TENNIS

### With lineup set, BC netters roll

If a coach has to go on her honeymoon in the middle of the season, Bethlehem Central's varsity tennis coach Julie Besteman Wendth certainly goes about it the right way.

Having finally settled on a lineup, she left substitute Coach Grace Franze with a team which notched a pair of 7-2 wins last week and posted an 8-1 triumph Monday.

Monday's win over Shenendehowa left Mrs. Franze particularly impressed with the way her temporary charges are able to come back. Three of the singles and two doubles wins were three-set affairs, and three were decided by tie-breakers.

"It was a very interesting match today," she said. "It really could have gone either way."

Coupled with wins over Burnt Hills last Tuesday and Columbia Thursday, Bethlehem has a 4-1 record in Suburban Council action. The Eagles play three more times this week.

Alex Marcario, playing number one singles, was the only loser Monday as he came up against Shenendehowa's ninth-grade sensation David

Marra and lost 6-0 and 6-2. No disgrace: "This kid is unreal," said Coach Franze.

Jeff Goodman, playing number two, won an easy match, and sophomore Mike Cole, now in the number three slot, managed a two set win although he needed a tie-breaker in the second set.

Number four Jeff Elletson had to come back in the third set to pull out a 6-1, 5-7, 7-6 win. Charles Marden came on

win. Charles Marden also came on strong at the end with a 3-6, 6-4, 6-3 match. And the new number six player, sophomore Tim Talmage, overcame a 0-6 first set by winning the second 7-5 and the third in a 5-1 tie breaker.

Dan Miller and John Bobeck have moved up to the number one doubles position by way of a challenge, and justified their status with a 6-1, 6-1 win Monday. Mike Hetling and Amir Evan needed a 5-1 tie breaker in the third set to win 6-4, 3-6 and 7-6, and Jim Lenden and Dave Reusswig also needed three sets.

Coach Wendth had done a considerable amount of experimenting in the first weeks of the season to find a winning lineup. "This looks like it will stick for a while," said Coach Franze.

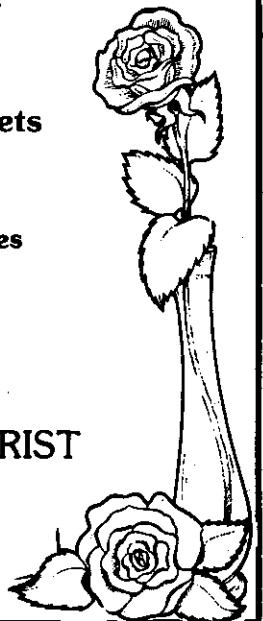
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**RUNNING**

**Slingerlands race has local winners**

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The donation to Leukemia resulted from entrance fees paid by more than 1,000 runners who competed in the two races, a 15-kilometer run and a 5.6 kilometer contest.

The races, run with cooperation of the Hudson-Mohawk Roadrunners Club and Fleet Feet, Ltd. attracted competitors from throughout the area, and some other parts of the state.

Larry Frederick of Ilion was the overall winner in the 15-kilometer race with a winning time of 49:42 while Ellen Weglarz of Ballston Lake was the overall women's leader in the same race with a time of 1:01:16.

In the shorter race, John Nabozny of Albany, ran the 5.6 kilometers in the winning time of 17:58 while Diane Myers, also of Albany, led the

women with a time of 20:29.

Other local winners in the 15-kilometer race were John Neary of Slingerlands, with a time of 1:01:15 for third in the master's (40-49 years) class; and David Parr of Delmar, 1:10:54 for third in the veterans (over 49 years) section.

In the 5.6-kilometer race, James Poole of Glenmont finished third overall with a 18:46 time; Kent LaPointe of Slingerlands finished third in the under 10 years class with a time of 38:06; Evan Thorne of Delmar was second in the 15-18 age group with 22:55; Tomi-Ann Roberts of Delmar was second in the 15-18 female age group with 27:31; two submasters (30-39), James Poole of Glenmont and Michael Waldenmaier of Selkirk finished first and third with 18:46 and 19:24, respectively; and Maggie Lamitie of Delmar finished second with a 30:17 time in the female veterans group.

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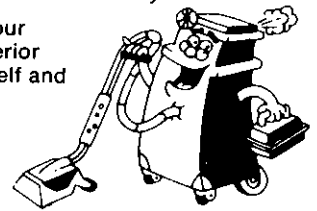


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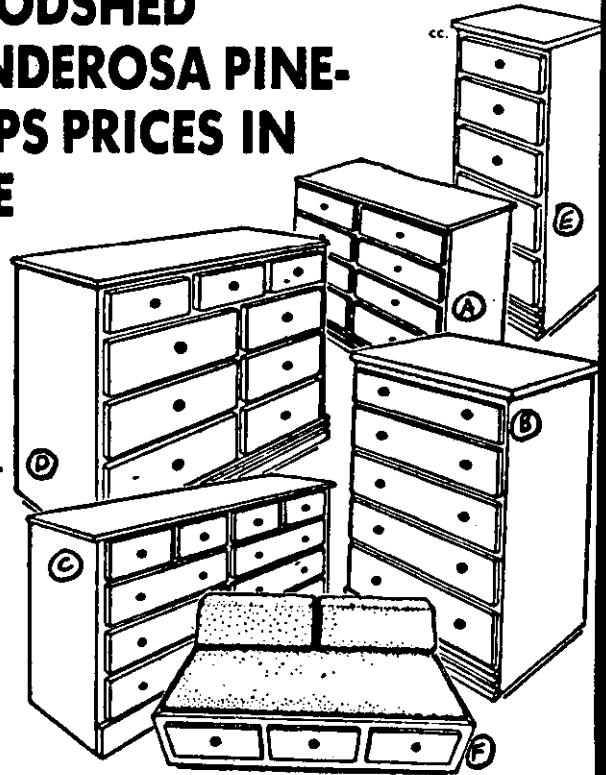
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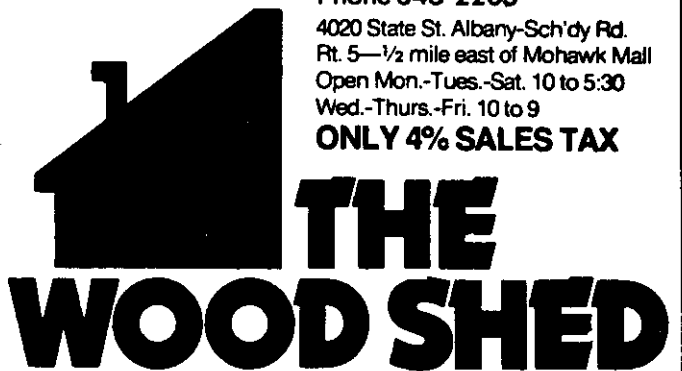
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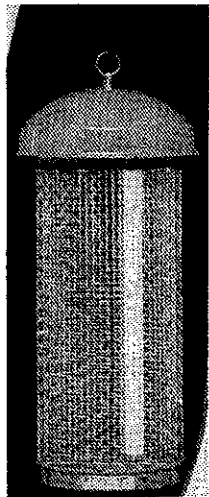


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**TRACK**

**Bethlehem's few  
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Head Coach Greg Catalano hasn't been able to muster a record to prove how good his track team is at Bethlehem Central. BC was beaten by Columbia and Ravena on April 23 (although BC did defeat Guilderlind at that same meet with a 70-46 score), by Scotia on April 28, and finally by Saratoga last Thursday.

However, the small BC team was able to place a solid fifth out of 9 teams at the Ravena Invitational, where individual performances shone. At that meet BC could proudly point to Kurt Boluch, the 400-meter intermediate hurdler who was named outstanding track performer of that prestigious meet.

In the Colonie Relays held on Saturday, Bethlehem finished eighth of 11 teams, placing first in the 400 meter hurdles with Kurt Boluch, second in the mile relay (.6 second behind the victor), third in the 400 relay, and fourth in the shot put relay.

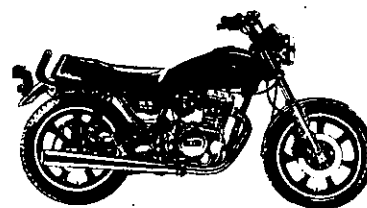
It is clear that BC suffers from lack of quantity, not quality. Four hundred meter runner Andy Gould has consistently won in every meet, while the mile relay team was clocked at 3:29 — the fastest time turned in by any team in this section on an area track.

If BC's mile relayers — Boluch, Gould, Bob McArthur, and Matt McGuire — can lower their time by two or more seconds, they will stand a good chance at the state championships in June.

Just as BC's track performances have been improving, so have its field events. Bob McArthur, who was unable to compete earlier in the season due to an injury and illness, pole vaulted to 14 feet, equaling his indoor record. Mike Nyilis also gave the BC team a boost in one meet when he vaulted 12 feet to secure a second place standing behind McArthur. In addition, weightman Dave Boetcher helped his team with a discus throw of 118 feet and a 37 foot, 8 inch throw in the shotput last Thursday — admirable distances for a sophomore.

Meanwhile, BC's girls' track team has earned a respectable 3-2 record in its 1981 season. It has achieved this with several outstanding performances. The 440 relay team — consisting of Karin Tousaint, Laura Treadway, Sue Goodrich and Dawn Watkins — broke the former BC record by a comfortable margin with a time of 51.54. The solo performances of record-breaking discus thrower Terry Plunkett, who hurled the weight 113 feet, 2 inches (a new BC record), also helped the team.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 12, 1981, at 7:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.

The Board of Education will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money that will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes. Copies of said statements may be obtained by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and at the offices of the elementary schools, the High School, and the Middle School of the district.

The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of money which will be required for the operation of the public library for the period of July 1, 1981, to June 30, 1982.

Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Sheila Fuller, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bertold E. Weinberg, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Robert K. Zick, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Ethel Birchenough, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of

trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a partial term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Susan Smith, Thomas Shen, incumbent; must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, April 14, 1981.

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that on Wednesday, May 13, 1981, between the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York votes will be taken upon the following:

1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

2. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;

NOTICE IS ALSO GIVEN that at said Annual Meeting a proposition will be submitted to the voters to authorize the Board of Trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library to expend the sum of \$125,000 for the purpose of making necessary repairs to and for reconstruction of the roof of the Bethlehem Public Library.

3. For the election of three members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Sheila Fuller; one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981 to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Bertold E. Weinberg; and one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1981, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Robert K. Zick;

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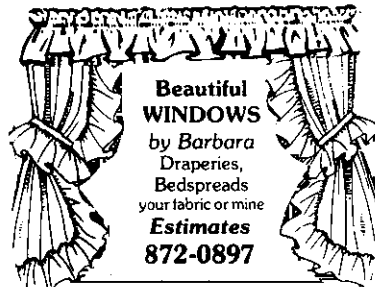
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## Challenger on Challenge

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the April 23 Spotlight, letters from two school board candidates appeared, which presented erroneous and confusing information concerning education for gifted children.

Most people will agree that it is the responsibility of the school district to provide all students in the community with the opportunity to achieve their full academic potential. This town is fortunate to have an excellent school system, which consistently meets the needs of the vast majority of the student population—that is, the average student. In addition, we provide the necessary specialized educational services required by the below average, mentally retarded, and physically handicapped students, thus allowing those groups the opportunity to achieve their maximum academic potential. There are no provisions, however, for one group of students—the gifted. Generally, those students perform, or have the potential

of performing, at levels far superior than their peers.

It is very important to realize that gifted students are not better—they are different! A special program for the gifted is something they need—something they will benefit from. Placing a student in such a program should not be construed as the bestowing of a special status, or the granting of a unique privilege. It is not a reward for outstanding achievement.

I agree that we have many teachers in the district capable of providing academically challenging instruction to our gifted students, but without an organized program which includes identification of gifted students, curriculum development, class scheduling, and availability of resources, this cannot be readily accomplished. That fact was recognized by school district officials when in September 1979, the Challenge Committee was established to determine what program modifications were necessary to meet the needs of the gifted. In addition, the district-wide inservice workshop for teachers conducted last fall focused on the education of gifted and talented children.

We cannot deny the existence of these children, nor can we ignore their special needs. The Challenge Committee's proposal was the first step toward establishing a comprehensive program for gifted education, but that proposal was cut by two thirds by the school board. As it stands

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- To establish and disseminate a clearly understood educational policy
- To be available for a dialogue with parents and/or teachers

As a parent of three school aged children, I am concerned about the limited and diminishing financial resources available to educate our children in the Town of Bethlehem. To these limitations we must call upon the business, professional and creative residents of the town to enrich and add to the education experiences of our children. We need to recognize that these individuals are extraordinary resources and we must avail ourselves of the opportunity to seek them out.

We are educating our children for the 21st Century and while we must prepare them to deal with a futuristic society, we must not lose sight of the need to instill within them a sense of humanity, a sense of humor and a sense of caring for and about others.

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now, the single staff position remaining can in no way provide for all the gifted children of this community. Neighboring school districts have programs for their gifted

students—Niskayuna, North Colonie, Schenectady, Scotia-Glenville, Sharon Springs, and Schalmont. Why not Bethlehem?

Our society is faced with an

ever increasing range of complex problems and issues, and more than ever before we will need highly capable and well educated individuals as our leaders in government, business, industry, and science. By nurturing the gifted, their unique abilities will flourish and result in significant contributions to society. The special educational needs of the gifted student far outweigh and are much more realistic than the alleged damage that might possibly be caused to the "self-image" of the average student.

*John J. Bellizzi, Jr.*

Delmar

*John Bellizzi is a candidate in the May 13 Bethlehem Central school board election. Ed.*

### Who's 'gifted'?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Challenge program comments in letters to the Editor appear to be from individuals with direct involvement with the proposed program.

May I offer a few questions, observations and comments.

What if a "gifted" student?

What is the basis for selection? Teacher-Parent recommendation? Test scores?

At what grade level is the program to be implemented?

The March 1981 "Central Highlights" article by Dr. McAndrews "Test Results Indicate Effectiveness of Bethlehem Academic Programs" gives some insight into the academic progress in Bethlehem Central. The B.C. SCAT 7th grade verbal test scores show 3% of the students at the high end of the scale, 23% above average,

66% average, 6% below average and 4% on the low end of the scale. If one were to assume that 3% of the students or even 10% enter the challenge program, what would be the basis for excluding the above average student? Is there not a fine line between the "gifted" student and the average or above average student who is a gross under-achiever? Would it not follow that there would be a program for the "above average", etc.?

A decade or two ago the sixth grade Iowa test scores were the primary basis for classifying students into 15 or more classes in B.C. Middle School. This provided for a rather homogenous mix of students within a narrow test score range. Could this be an end product of the challenge program for all grade levels?

Dr. McAndrews' article also indicates a significant decline in the local, State and National SAT scores in the last four years. The reason for this decline is not self-evident. Is there failure in our structured educational processes, or is it due to external forces on the student population? If the data is correct, the decline should be of concern to educators, parents, taxpayers and most importantly, the students themselves.

Our obligations appears to be to the total student body and to provide for the best education within increasing fiscal limitations.

The arguments do not support a Challenge program solely for a limited number of students until we can assure ourselves that we are meeting our educational and fiscal

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### Thanks for Bike Day

Editor, The Spotlight:

On April 25 the Fifth Annual Bicycle Rodeo Day, sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Department's Youth Bureau, was held at the Bethlehem Public Library and was, in spite of the cool weather, well attended. It is with this in mind that I would like to publicly thank the following businesses and civic organizations for their contributions to our program:

K-Mart Store-Town Squire-2 bicycles, Professional Auto Parts-1 bicycle, Delaware Plaza Merchants-1 bicycle, Farm Family Ins. Co.-1 bicycle, Bethlehem Lions Club-bicycle day ribbons and manpower, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post-1 bicycle and manpower, Owens Corning plant-1 bicycle, McDonalds of Delmar-1 bicycle and refreshments, Andriano's Restaurants-1 bicycle, Gen-

eral Electric plant-1 bicycle, Bethlehem Teachers Assoc.-\$50 for 2nd prizes, Bethlehem Police P.B.A.-\$100.00 for 2nd prizes, Delmar Fire Department-manpower, Selkirk Fire Department no. 1-manpower, Myers Bicycle Shop-2nd prizes, Bethlehem Public Library-facilities, Bethlehem Reserve Police Dept.-manpower, Bethlehem Parks & Recreation Dept., Bethlehem Town Clerks Office, Bethlehem Public Relations Dept. Bethlehem Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan.

The concerted efforts on the part of all of the above mentioned helped to make this year's program the most successful one to date. It has been my pleasure to have had the opportunity to work with each and every one.

*Detective Fred Holligan  
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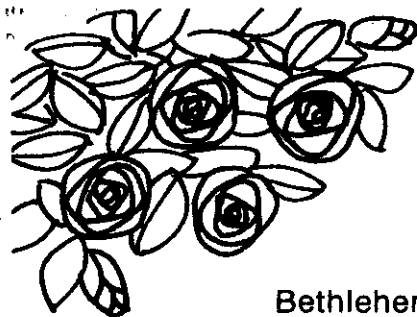
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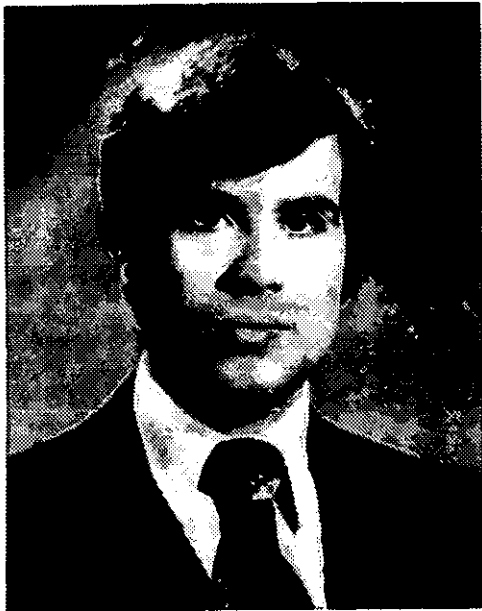
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- He **listened carefully to young people** and to their ideas.

- He served as a **Law Guardian** in Family Court and learned about the pressures that students face and the problems that develop when the system fails them or they fail the system.
- He began to **attend School Board meetings** regularly to see how educational policies are determined and how budgets are developed.
- He **continued his commitment** to providing the means to enable students to grow to their full potential and he **became sensitized** to the concerns of the Bethlehem and New Scotland taxpayers of all ages.

**Jed B. Wolkenbreit** became the first declared candidate for the School Board before there was any talk of apathy.

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**Jed B. Wolkenbreit**  
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