

Choosing a new chief: town has many options

By Tom McPheeters

Wanted: Police Chief for town of 25,000 to head force of 32 officers, salary \$26,000-\$28,000 depending on experience.

Faced with the retirement of the two top men in the Bethlehem Police Department by the end of the year, the town board has begun the search for someone to run the department.

But no one expects that search to be as easy as taking out an ad. In fact, Supervisor Tom Corrigan confirmed Friday that the ad the town board has already taken out — in a statewide police publication — is more of a holding action than anything else.

"All of us are a little concerned about the civil service situation," he said. "We decided we had better run the ad and see what's out there."

The civil service "situation" has several aspects. The most evident is Corrigan's concern (presumably shared by other town board members) that a new police chief would have civil service protection, and thus be virtually immune from control by the board.

Bethlehem went through what Corrigan recalls as "a very traumatic experience" in 1978 as the town board struggled for nearly a year to remove former Chief Peter Fish from office. That struggle has left scars throughout the department and the town, and is at least partially responsible for the present command structure of the police department. The department is headed by Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple, a retired state police officer, whose two-year term makes him directly account-

able to the board. Capt. Robert H. Foster, the highest ranking uniformed officer, is "acting chief" but his duties have never been strictly defined. Inspector Richard LaChapelle performs most of the day-to-day administrative duties.

Tipple has informed the town board that he will retire at the end of the year, and Foster plans to retire this summer, Corrigan said.

There is nothing in the law that says Bethlehem has to stick with the present safety commissioner set-up, and the board is already getting a good deal of pressure to go back to the chief. Corrigan said that is Tipple's recommendation, and the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association also wants a chief for the department.

But it will take some convincing. "I'm very apprehensive about the civil service classification for chief," said Corrigan.

Most of the pressure, however, is likely to come on the question of whether an outsider is brought in to run the department or whether the town promotes from within. Here, too, civil service is a factor.

Capt. Foster feels so strongly about promoting from within that he asked for permission to address the town board at a special, closed session last week. The PBA has sent a letter to the board. "The ranks of the Bethlehem Police Department have a sufficient number of dedicated, qualified personnel to fill the anticipated vacancy," wrote officer James Bakes, the PBA president.

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Youth council surveys town on drug, alcohol prevention

"Okay, we've talked, now let's move."

That's how Jeannie Peterson summarizes the mood of the Bethlehem Youth Council, which was formed two summers ago to deal with drug and alcohol-related problems among the town's youth. For two years the council has been trying to define its own role, producing some successes, some failures and planting seeds for the future. But its public image has been deliberately low key.

Council members think it's time to change that, and to draw the public into the discussion.

The first step is a opinion survey, which can be found on page 2 of this issue of *The Spotlight*.

The survey is an attempt to find areas of consensus in the community. Council Chairman Phil Maher believes that these areas do exist because "we're finding very much the same items cropping up again and again." For instance, a youth center is "a hot item" in discussions around the community.

But defining these broad areas of interest is only a first step — the more important work will come in narrowing down the choices and deciding how to implement them. After the results of the survey are published (planned for the May 25 issue of *The Spotlight*) the council plans a second survey to measure community support for various projects and to seek volunteers.

The Youth Council is composed of administration and student representatives of the Bethlehem Central, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk and Guelderland school districts, as well as representatives of the town government, the Tri-Village clergy, town service clubs and the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. The student representatives (three from BC and one each from the other two districts) have been the most consistent and active members of the council, but it has taken time for the two generations to learn the other's concerns and to build a sense of trust.

"We're talking on the same level now," says Maher, the town's representative on the council.

The first efforts of the council included a series of speakers at the high school on drugs and alcohol abuse, one well attended and others not. The council also helped bring in a Project Equinox satellite office (now moving from the Adams House to the Y.E.S. office at town hall) and, more recently, the Project Hope program to the Selkirk area.

And a grant obtained by BC Superintendent Lawrence Zinn enabled 12 school and town employees to attend a training seminar at Adelphi University. That experience has so far led to the formation of one working group, currently engaged in a "visitation" program to persuade area merchants to be vigilant about selling alcoholic beverages to minors. (For more on the Adelphi approach, see story on Page 3.)

Still, the Youth Council itself has had little visible impact, and Maher

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In terms of outdoor activity, spring came officially to Delmar last week. Kate Lillis, 4, of Meadowland St., at the Bethlehem Town Hall play area to watch her brother practice with his T-ball team, was wistful when she realized she'd have to get a little

older to join the bigger kids on top of the bar. On the cover: Dave Dorsey, a member of the Bethlehem Auto Laundry team in Tri-Village Little League T-ball, lashed a hit to centerfield on this swing in a pre-season practice session Saturday. Tom Howes

Time to vote on BC budget

A \$15.45-million budget goes before Bethlehem Central School District voters next Wednesday. The budget would require an estimated tax rate increase of \$7.36 per \$1,000 assessed in the Town of Bethlehem and \$13.79 per \$1,000 for New Scotland property owners in the Bethlehem district.

The district's annual meeting, at which the budget proposal is officially presented, will be at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 10, at the high school. Voting on the budget will be from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 11, at the Middle School. Any resident of the district 18 or older is eligible to vote, provided he is a U.S. citizen and has resided in the district 30 days. Registration is not required.

While the proposed budget is up only 2.8 percent from the current year's spending plan, the tax rate increases amount to 5.1 percent for Bethlehem property owners and 5.7 percent for those in New Scotland because the district is slated to receive some \$240,000 less in revenue for the coming year compared with the current year, according to district administrators.

Voorheesville has five board candidates, Page 10.

What's your opinion?

Teen alcohol and substance abuse is a community concern, one that can be addressed only if there is a broad consensus as to what should be done and a broad base of active support for achieving the goals that are set. In an attempt to poll the community about its views concerning the subject of the prevention of teen alcohol/substance abuse, the Town Youth Advisory Council, composed of students and community leaders, has developed this "opinionnaire." A community must build a many-faceted approach to dealing with the causes of abuse. It is our hope that parents, youth, senior citizens and all other concerned citizens will answer this call for opinions and information.

Results received by May 21 will be published in the May 25 issue of *The Spotlight*. We will begin at that time to ask for individuals and groups to address these issues.

GENERAL INFORMATION Age: Male _____ Female _____

Parent of: pre-school elementary middle school high school above Non-Parent _____
Student at: elementary middle school high school above

Of the following items, identify the top five that you consider to be the most effective, realistic ways to help prevent alcohol and substance abuse by youth in the Town of Bethlehem. What do you think will work?

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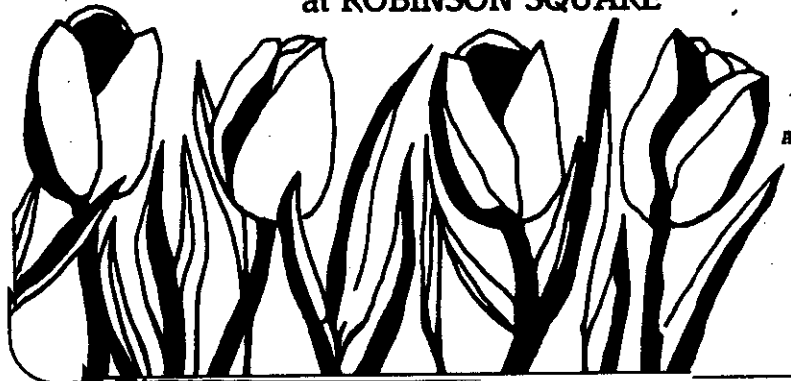
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□ Survey

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acknowledges that "we were pretty much in limbo for a while." But discussions in the community didn't die down, and some new blood such as Jeannie Peterson representing the Tri-Village Clergy, got the group on a more "action-oriented" track, Maher said.

Tom McPheeters

Bike Day Saturday

A fleet of Bethlehem bicycles are getting shined and sprockets oiled this week: Saturday is Bike Day in the town.

That means a bike rodeo on a designated course to demonstrate knowledge of safety rules and, of course, there's bicycle registration. It all takes place at Bethlehem Town Hall from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., open to everyone living in the town and Bethlehem school district.

All bicycles in the rodeo must be registered and all must have passed a safety inspection. Youth Bureau officers have spent the weeks prior to Bike Day visiting schools with programs on bicycle safety, and they have inspected and registered bicycles during their visits. Registration and inspection will be offered at Bike Day, also.

Participants in Bike Day will be divided into six categories and at 2 p.m., there will be a lottery with one participant in each category winning a new bicycle. There will be second-place and assorted other prizes, also. Prize bicycles have been donated by Professional Auto Parts, Owens-Corning Fiberglas, Blanchard Post, American Legion, Bethlehem Lions Club, K-Mart and Delaware Plaza Merchants Association. Funds for additional prizes were donated by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and the Bethlehem Teachers Organization.

McDonald's Restaurant of Delmar will provide refreshments for Bike Day participants.

Adelphi: how attitudes change

In the 1960's, when middle class young people began using drugs widely, drug abuse became a middle class problem. Efforts to deal with it took a variety of forms, including federal legislation in 1970 that established the Alcohol and Drug Abuse Education Program under what was then called the U.S. Office of Education. The program, which has gone through several redefinitions and funding ups and downs in the decade since, now consists of five regional training centers nationwide that have the mission of helping school-based teams of concerned and responsible people focus on the causes of drug and alcohol abuse among the young. The emphasis is on local solutions to local problems.

The Adelphi University National Training Institute in Sayville, N. Y., serves the Northeast. A 12-member team from Bethlehem went there last November for a 10-day training session. The impact of that training is only just beginning to show in Bethlehem, but other area communities have had longer to assess their Adelphi training.

By Caroline Terenzini

There are no instant answers to drug and alcohol abuse. Rather, preventive efforts go together a piece at a time, according to one educator who is in the midst of the campaign.

The Niskayuna School District has sent some 40 teachers to the Adelphi Training Institute since 1975, and another 30 have received training within the district, as well as administrators and school board members. Jeanne Jiusto, director of health education for the district and a teacher at Niskayuna's middle school, said the training has led to greater understanding within the schools of the causes of substance abuse and other disruptive behavior such as vandalism and truancy. But "prevention is a very long-term, patient process," she said. "Persistence is the name of the game. That, and hoping that over the years you can put in place something that makes sense to kids.

"Schools can't do this job by themselves — you must have community involvement," Jiusto said. "This is a job for town government and local police, community agencies and citizens, as well as schools. Churches, too."

In Niskayuna, programs spawned by the Adelphi-trained teams include an "ombudsman" prevention effort aimed at fifth and sixth graders, an after-school program for elementary children, especially those of working parents, that uses volunteers from the community to provide constructive activity. A "crisis hotline" is about to debut, as is a program

providing "crisis houses" where a teen-ager can live for a while to allow a "cooling off" period if conflicts and tensions become too great at home.

Along with these prevention and intervention efforts, there is a small "Outward Bound" program at the high school, an outdoor program designed to instill confidence, and a "community experience" program at the middle school that endeavors to place young teens in positions of responsibility in the community.

These efforts and others in the community such as "Niska Day," an attempt to build a community identity that drew 6,000 people last year, are all part of a campaign to "get young people sturdy enough early enough so that they can withstand negative peer pressure," Jiusto said. "But it won't happen overnight and the results won't be dramatic." The effectiveness of any prevention effort is difficult to assess. The question — which can't be answered — is: What would the levels of drug and alcohol abuse be without such efforts? The major accomplishment of Niskayuna's involvement with Adelphi has been to "create a climate in which lots of people could make a dent," Jiusto said.

Not everybody is in there pitching, however. Even though the "community accepts there is a problem, it is always difficult to accept that the problem is in your household," Jiusto observed. "It's tough to get past that."

Al Parker, director of school-community relations in Schenectady, said both school and community teams there have received training and support from the Adelphi Institute in the past eight years. During this time, the institute has redirected its training to focus on school-based prevention teams on the theory that school personnel have the most contact (outside of parents) with the children who are at risk.

Parker also said that "not a large enough segment of the community is behind us." And, he added, "in the larger community, a lot of people are claiming ownership (of the prevention effort) — that's the politics of it."

Politics aside, Parker had only praise for the training and support from the institute. "It was excellent," he said. "I think it made an impact."

Jiusto, too hailed the Adelphi experience: "My sense is that it's probably the most valuable training I've ever had. It's made a major difference in the way I've approached classroom teaching, and changed the way the total school community works together. It's given us all kinds of skills, including problem-solving skills, that we wouldn't have."

From the inside out

There was a student takeover at the Bethlehem Town Hall Tuesday, but it was scheduled. "Youth in Government Day" was observed when 13 Bethlehem Central high school students joined town officials to learn about what they do. Damon Woo sat in Supervisor Tom Corrigan's office, while Lisa Apicelli learned about a town board member's responsibilities. Andy LaBarge was in the assessor's office; Brian Portnick, building inspector; Jim Moran, comptroller; Amy Weller, public safety commissioner, and Alesia Harder, highway superintendent.

Others participating were Tom Sham, at the parks and recreation department; Scott Bosse and Vicki Manion, in public works; Steve Ayers, tax department; Monique Fritts, town clerk, and Karen Quinn, Youth Employment Service.

The Town Hall workers had a coffee break courtesy of McDonald's of Delmar and lunch at the Elks Club in Cedar Hill, where they were joined by Village of Ravena employees and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School students also observing Youth in Government Day.

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Bethlehem isn't getting enough revenue from private contractors to break even on solid waste disposal. But another kind of waste produced in the town — sludge from the sewage treatment plant — may be worth more than anyone thought.

Waste was the center of attention at last week's Bethlehem Town Board meeting, with the board confronted with the necessity of raising the fees it charges to commercial haulers at its May 11 meeting. That increase will probably ripple down to the individual customers in very short order, according to Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The board was confronted with one immediate problem in the old Blessing Rd. sewage treatment plant, but that problem turned out to have a ready solution when the company that had been servicing the plant agreed later in the week to pump it out.

The plant, according to Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor, was built to service the Bethlehem Terrace and Meadowbrook apartment complexes; now that those areas are to be served by town sewers the plant is of no use. The problem is that the ownership is fogged because of title changes and the current title holder shows no interest in the property, Secor said. The board told Secor that the town has no interest in acquiring the plant and to keep after the owners to decommission it.

The town's solid waste revenue problem stems from a clause in Bethlehem's contract with the City of Albany, which is currently handling nearly all of the solid waste in the area. But Albany is having

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problems with its ANSWERS disposal plant, and rather than processing the waste for burning the city currently is putting most of it in its own landfill. Rather than the \$2.25 per ton Bethlehem had expected to pay, Corrigan said, the city is (legally) charging \$4.50 per ton. But the town is still charging its haulers \$2.50 per ton.

For the last half of March, Corrigan said Friday, Bethlehem paid Albany nearly \$1,400 more than it took in from town haulers. "We're going to have to do something," he said.

The good news came in an appearance by Paul Ammerman, representing a firm that wants to use sludge from area sewage treatment plants as fertilizer. Ammerman is seeking permission to conduct a two-week trial using Bethlehem sludge, but he also outlined his long-range plans for the board.

If all goes well, he said, the firm would buy a storage facility — perhaps the recently vacated Texaco tank farm off Rt. 144 — so that it could be a year-round handler of the waste product, he said. After testing for toxic wastes and mixing to achieve the proper fertilizer content, the liquid sludge would be injected into croplands. State rules prohibit use of sewage sludge for crops consumed by human beings, but Ammerman said current plans are to use the sludge to fertilize such crops as feed corn.



Slingerlands Junior Girl Scout Troop 649, led by Mrs. Doris Kirk, was among Capital District scouts participating in the McDonald's Spring Scouting Cleanup of their communities. From left, front row, Shannon Perkins, Julie Hammer, Rogean Cadieux, Marilyn Lirk; back row, Michele Bruno, manager of McDonald's of Delmar, Mary Ann Loegering, Miriam Weiss, Randi Fraiman, Catherine Turallo, Lila Kawas and Michelle Fisher. The scouts were supplied with trash bags, crew hats, recognition certificates and — you guessed it — complimentary food coupons from McDonald's.

A spokesman for the state Department of Environmental Conservation confirmed Friday that the project is being closely monitored by EnCon and also by Albany County Cooperative Extension and Cornell University. The demonstration project will be on a farm in Berne, and Ammerman said "we plan to be in business in January."

In other business, the board approved the sale of the Nicoll Sill house with 6.8 acres of land near the town sewage treatment plant off Rt. 144 to Madonna Realty for \$21,515. The action starts a 30-day permissive referendum period, during which persons objecting to the sale could gather signatures to force a public vote on the issue.

Alternatives to drunk driving

With the high school junior prom and senior ball season set to start, Bethlehem Central High School has made sure it will be a safe as well as a romantic time for the students attending. In conjunction with "Youth Alcoholism Awareness Week" (May 2-5), BCHS will be one of three local high schools to support a "tuxedo and taxi" program.

This "TNT" program issues identification cards to entitle students to discounts at certain stores on tuxedos and prom dresses and, more importantly, discounts on taxi service to and from proms or graduation activities. This taxi service is designed to avoid intoxicated teens driving home after the prom fun.

Students at the high school were to attend mandatory assemblies this week to learn about the TNT program and also hear a presentation on drinking and driving by the Bethlehem Police Department. The program, presented by Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt, outlines the level of DWI enforcement in the town, the penalties involved in DWI arrests, and also some of the human costs.

A 25-year-old woman who is a recovered alcoholic discusses the effect of drinking on her life, and police also describe recent DWI-related accidents, Vanderbilt said.

Bethlehem, already a leader in DWI arrests in the county, is increasing the number of patrol cars on the road during peak hours for DWI arrests, but Vanderbilt stressed that the department is more concerned with prevention than simply amassing statistics.

"It's a lot easier on the driver to be aware of the penalties through education than through enforcement," he said.

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Police chief

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That assertion is likely to be the centerpiece of a muted debate in the next several months. Does the department have men now qualified to step into the top spot?

The most likely candidate for the job is Inspector LaChapelle, who has risen through the ranks from patrolman to detective to his present position, and is generally regarded as an efficient administrator who commands the respect of the officers on the force.

But LaChapelle has twice failed the civil service exam for inspector, and under Albany County Civil Service rules is barred from taking the test a third time. Were there a list of three qualified officers in Bethlehem who had taken and passed the test the town would be required to appoint one of them and remove LaChapelle, but since only one officer, Sgt. Hazard Covey, passed the test when it was given last October no action is required. It is unlikely that the town will force the issue, but appointing LaChapelle to a higher post would undoubtedly leave the town board open to criticism.

This situation could change, however. "We've gotten an awful lot of complaints, especially from the smaller municipalities," says Karl Felson, spokesman for the state Civil Service Commission. In the last round of testing, 75 percent of the

candidates for chief failed the written test, and 74 percent of the candidates for deputy chief failed. The tests for inspector, captain, deputy chief and chief are all basically the same, with special sections added for the different jobs, Felson said.

Both Colonie and Menands, which have their own civil service commissions (Bethlehem does not) have recently opted to conduct their own tests, incorporating questions designed to reflect a candidate's experience and local knowledge. That option would be open to Bethlehem provided the county civil service commission agreed, Felson said.

And the state commission is currently studying major revisions of its written tests with an eye toward changes before the next round of tests in October, Felson said.

Unless LaChapelle's situation changes, however, there is no logical candidate for the top job from within the department. Any of the five sergeants or four detectives with five or more years of experience would be eligible, under state law, to take the test. But Bethlehem, in its advertisement for the job, is asking for 15 years of experience or the equivalent; that eliminates some of the middle-grade officers. And some of the officers who do have sufficient time on the force would

not be considered because of their former links to Fish.

The PBA, however, argues that failing to appoint from within would do considerable damage to the morale of the department — it would be a signal that there is little or no hope of promotion in the department, says Haker.

The ad has prompted "a number of letters, some of them obviously not qualified," said Corrigan Friday. "I don't feel we have to move on this immediately."

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

May 1, 1958

The Delsmere Market at Delaware Ave. and Borthwick Ave. is advertising First Prize franks at 65 cents a pound and a one-pound of Beech Nut coffee for 79 cents. Albany Garage is advertising a British TR3 (Triumph) for \$1699.

May 2, 1963

Winners and finalists among 28 entries in the St. Thomas School public speaking contests were: Judith Smith, first place; Joe Flynn, second place; Thomas Laffey, third place; Susan Mulkerne, Judith Fitzgerald, and Loretta Preska.

May 2, 1968

The Bethlehem planning board has given conditional approval to Louis

Guidetti to develop a housing subdivision at Elsmere Ave. and Bender Lane, Elsmere. The board approved the layout of six four-unit apartment buildings pending final approval of drainage and other factors. The application now goes to the zoning board of appeals.

The Voorheesville village board has approved a budget of \$126,740, an increase of \$38,000, which calls for a tax increase of 33 1/3 percent for village property owners. The budget, which was the target of considerable criticism at a public hearing April 15, will mean a jump in the tax rate from \$32.75 per \$1,000 assessed valuation to \$42.35.

May 3, 1968

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., headquartered in Toledo, Ohio, is exploring the possibility of constructing a new plant on a 200-acre site, on Rt. 32 in the Town of Bethlehem.

May 3, 1978

Town officials last week discovered they weren't moving fast enough in renovating the Delmar Elementary School building into the new town hall and community center. Young vandals breaking into the vacant structure set up two of the large-sized trampolines stored in upright positions in the gym, and had obviously used them. There was no indication of how entry was gained, but the incident left town officials concerned about injury in unsupervised recreation and the insurance angle.

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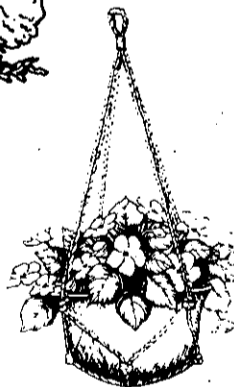
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Three housing projects unveiled

New housing developments are busting out all over New Scotland — on the drawing easels if not yet on building lots.

The town planning board last week granted preliminary approval to two developers and deferred action on a third proposal.

Together the three complexes add up to an even 50 single-family dwellings, give or take a few in the final configurations. The rundown, in order of appearance at last Tuesday's board session:

- Mulderry Realty, a subdivision off Forest Dr., Voorheesville, which itself is off Maple Ave. (Rt. 85A) near the Colonie Country Club layout. Eleven houses, two on the west side of Forest Dr., five on a proposed new street, and four on another proposed new street. The lots, averaging 20,000 square feet, will have private wells and septic systems.

- Section IV of Heldervale, a well-established upper-income residential subdivision off New Scotland Rd. (Rt. 85), Slingerlands. Nicholas V. Iarossi, the developer, plans 18 lots in the rear of the present development by extending Westover Rd. and Edgewood Blvd. and creating a new access, Meadowdale Ave.,

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connecting with Mason Lane on the east.

- Carradale, Ltd., 21 lots in a currently landlocked area north of Toll Gate Rd., a dead-end street at the intersection of Swift Rd. and Rt. 85, New Scotland.

Chris Meyers, land surveyor for the Mulberry interests, asked the board to consider last week's plot map as the final plan. The board gave preliminary approval on the premise that the developer will satisfy SEQR (environmental) and Albany County Health Department requirements. No date was set for a public hearing.

Meyers also unrolled the diagram for the Heldervale extension, a proposal that has surfaced periodically at board meetings for the past several years. Each lot, he said, would have at least 100 feet of frontage.

Heldervale, which two years ago paid off the capital investment of its water district hooked into the main Bethlehem

trunk under New Scotland Rd., last year got its own sewer district, also tied into the Bethlehem collection network. Both the water district and sewer district must be extended as part of the approval process.

Meyers said he was filing the plans with the town's zoning board prior to requesting approval from the planning board.

Water is also a key factor in the Carradale proposal. John Breeze, a New Scotland attorney-developer and a principal in the firm, submitted a revised plan that showed proposed accesses to several landlocked plots that had been a stumbling block in previous plans. The new diagram shows accesses planned at Toll Gate Rd., and on Swift Rd. via a new street to be called Overlook Dr. Future accesses are contemplated to lands presently owned by Peter Van Zetten and Catherine Youmans.

The tract is within the proposed Swift Rd. water district, which would connect with the Bethlehem trunk and serve dwellings denied access to the Voorheesville system half a mile north. Breeze, board members and the Swift Rd. advocates agree that the water district "is not going to go anywhere until the (Carradale) plan has been approved."

The board gave preliminary approval by a vote of 6-0, Ann Richards abstaining.

Science film at BC

"Science Screen Report," a monthly international film series that presents recent developments in science and engineering, is being donated to Bethlehem Central High School by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. in Selkirk. The most recent report details how scientists are seeking to control the weather.



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Boy, Matthew Steven, to Marilyn and Robert Green of Delmar, April 10.

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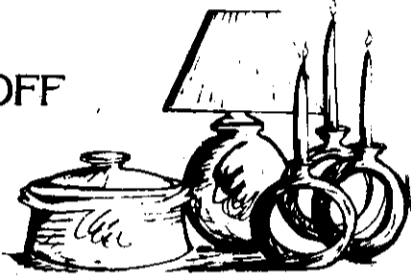
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Junk car issue pops up again

New Scotland's annual bout with citizens asking the town board to clean up a proliferation of junk cars was due to come up tonight (Wednesday) at the board's regular monthly meeting (8 p.m.).

In recent years Supervisor Steve Wallace and the bi-partisan board have exercised the ostrich policy until the furor — if not the junk — goes away.

This time they may be pressured into action of some kind: a group of residents on New Salem South Rd. has been badgering town officials to clean up cars parked in the yard of a residence owned by Fred Carl abutting the New Salem Garage, which Carl owns.

When several neighbors complained to the town board at the April meeting, they were referred to the planning board. After one postponement, the planning board last week tossed the matter back to the town board, declaring it had no jurisdiction to enforce the town's zoning ordinance. The board voted, however, to recommend the town board take action.

Meanwhile, there was some question as to what leverage the town had, if any, on forcing property owners to clean up several of the town's most prominent eyesores. When Linda Wenk complained that Carl was in violation of the ordinance for having "wrecked cars on the lawn up to the windows on residential property," she was told that the property



New officers of the New Scotland Elks Club posed for the photographer. They are, front row, George Koch, exalted ruler; Steven Basinait, Chester Boehlke and Raymond LaRose, knights; Stephen Galusha, secretary; rear, Robert VanAlystine,

esquire; J. Allyn Moak, alternate representative; William Smith, chaplain; Robert Daley, inner guard; William Perrault, treasurer; Raymond Conger, tiler; David McCartney, organist, and Michael Magrum, trustee. *Spotlight*

was zoned commercial. "Then they need a special use permit," she insisted.

There was also a question as to whether Carl, who has a demolition permit for the house at the intersection of New Salem

South Rd. and Rt. 85 in the hamlet, considered the vehicles used cars taken in trade and slated for repairs to put them back on the road.

The town board has also been asked to put legal heat on property owners on

Bullock Rd. and Font Grove Rd. among other locations.

Unless the junk-car discussion is lengthy or other citizens raise other issues, tonight's session may be brief — the agenda appears to be light.

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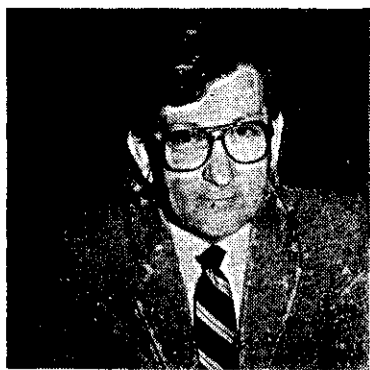
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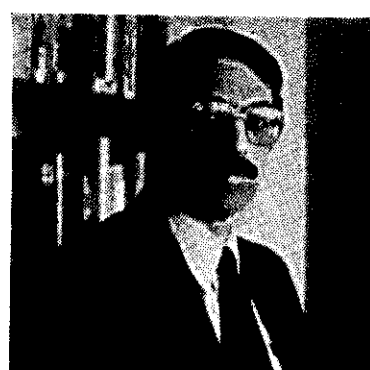
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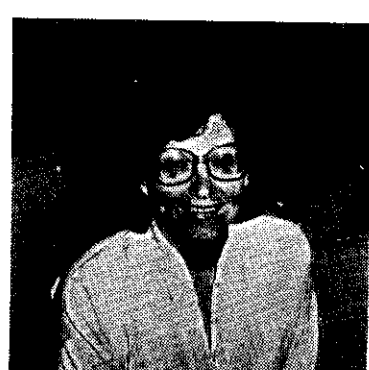
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Mary Ann Ryn

Five vie for Voorheesville board seat

By Tom Howes

Voorheesville School District residents decide Wednesday, May 11, which of five school board candidates they support and whether the district's 1983-84 budget will pass.

Voting is from 2 to 9:30 p.m. at the high school. Taxpayers will have one last chance to express an opinion on the budget before the votes on May 10 at the district's annual meeting at the high school, starting at 7:30 p.m.

The proposed budget represents a 5.49 percent spending increase (\$288,000) over the 1982-83 school plan. Local taxes are expected to increase about 10 percent. On \$1,000 of assessment, New Scotland taxes will rise approximately \$20, Guilderland taxes about \$1.40 and Berne taxes will go up \$37 over the 1982-83 figures. Over seven positions have been cut, saving about \$88,000. Because of energy saving measures, the district will save close to \$100,000 in fuel bills for the year, though the savings are largely offset due to increased debt service.

The five candidates will vie for the seat being vacated by J. August Berger, retiring after 25 years of school board service. The candidates are:

Richard Bisnett, of Evergreen Dr., an associate tax evaluation engineer for the state Division of Equalization and Assessment. He and his wife have two daughters in the high school and have been community residents for 14 years. A believer in fundamentals, Bisnett advocates a return to teaching programs that stress the "3 R's." Bisnett said he also hopes to see a more disciplined environ-

ment in school and the reinstatement of school prayer.

Bruce Martelle is manager of Equifax Services of Delmar, a firm that provides information for business decisions. He lives at 6 Oak St. with his wife Maureen and their three children. They have lived in Voorheesville for seven years. Martelle said he would like to see more learning opportunities given to the students. Feeling that there is too much free time on the students' day, Martelle would like to expand the selection of courses available. As a businessman, he is particularly interested in providing students with better business oriented courses.

Richard Rose is currently manager of the computer division of Rome Electronics, though his schooling and work history are in education. He has been a grade school teacher, principal of the Gilboa-Conesville Junior-Senior High School, and an instructor in New Mexico State's teacher training program. He lives at 113 Voorheesville Ave. with his wife Kathleen. Rose said he believes the major source of conflict in any school district is lack of communication and understanding between teachers, administrators and taxpayers. He said he is also familiar with computer equipment and able to provide the board with expertise in that area.

Steven Schreiber of 4 Pleasant St., has lived in Voorheesville for five years. He is director of health services for the state Division for Youth. He and his wife have two young sons. Schreiber is a supporter of increased community participation in

school district policy. As a model for Voorheesville to emulate, he said, he considers Guilderland's Citizen Advisory Committee (CAC) concept outstanding, as it provides for a forum for a structured, measured response from the community.

Mary Ann Ryn is a 10-year resident of Helderhill Rd. She and her husband have a son in kindergarten. Currently a homemaker, she has worked in the state Education Department's Division of Teacher Education and Certification, the Office of Higher Education and has been an education consultant. Mrs. Van Ryn feels her personal stake in the school system and concern for the interests of the community, combined with her work experience and her first-hand knowledge of school boards and the educational system in general leave her well-qualified for a school board position. Her commitment to the job is backed by the amount of time she has available to devote to school board concerns, she said.

Carnival in Clarksville

The Clarksville Elementary School will be the site for a massive flea market and carnival on Saturday, May 7, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The flea market, which will be held rain or shine, boasts antiques, collectibles, crafts and plants. The carnival starts at 11 a.m. and offers a cakewalk, booths, merry-go-round and a bicycle raffle. Proceeds from the fun will go to the Clarksville PTA.

Indoor booth rental is \$5. For information, call 768-2319 days or 463-5979 evenings.

Outdoor adventures

A nature safari and cave exploring are among the adventures planned by the Heldeberg Workshop on Saturday, May 14, from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the workshop's land on Picard Rd. in Voorheesville. The one-day classes will cost \$5 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Participants should provide a lunch and canteen.

The safari will enable participants from grade 2 through adult to explore the woods and orchards on the workshop land. Use of cameras is encouraged. Spelunkers will be instructed in basic safety techniques of cave exploration and will explore a nearby cave system. Participants from grade 4 through adult should wear warm clothes; helmets will be provided.

Basic field archeology will be presented to participants in the excavation of an 18th century site on the workshop land, and drawing and sketching students will use the flora and fauna on the land as subjects. Children 3 to 6 years of age also can have nature adventures. For information, call Michael Nardacci at 482-9121.

The Heldeberg Workshop, An Adventure in Learning, Inc., is a non-profit organization offering educational programs that emphasize environmental awareness. The spring program is a sampler of the summer offerings.

College honors

Marla Showalter of Delmar was recently inducted into the Herkimer County Community College chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, a national honor fraternity of American junior colleges.



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Plant sale Saturday

The Helderview Garden Club is in full swing for spring and will be holding their annual plant sale on Saturday, May 7, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. in front of the Voorheesville Grand Union. The sale will offer something for everyone, and being held on the day before Mother's Day makes it convenient for those last-minute shoppers for Mom.

Much of the proceeds of this year's sale will go towards maintaining the many community projects of the club, such as beautifying the triangle at Rts. 85A and 155 with spring flowers, fall bulbs and Christmas evergreens, supplying the village flower boxes with seasonal decorations, and planting tulips and spring flowers at the grade school and library.

Budget vote Wednesday

A reminder to residents of the Voorheesville Central School District: the annual school board meeting to discuss the proposed 1983-84 school budget will be held on Tuesday, May 10 at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. This will be the last chance to air comments or ask questions about the budget which will be put to a public vote the following day, Wednesday, May 11. Voting will take place at the high school between the hours of 2 and 9:30 p.m. Also at that time district residents will elect a new member of the board to succeed J. August Berger, who has retired from his longtime seat on the board.

Spring pickup coming

Spring means spring cleaning. The village will have its annual spring cleanup on Saturday, May 7, and next Saturday, May 14. All articles except garbage should be left at the curb by 7 a.m. This is a good time to get ride of those unwanted items, especially things that are prohibited by the weekly ANSWERS pickup.

Those having large items such as appliances that need to be hauled away should contact the village office to make special arrangements.

Summer tennis starting

Tennis, anyone? Now that the chill is out of the air it's time to start thinking about tennis. Adult tennis team signups will take place between Monday, May 9, and Friday, May 13.

Play for the summer league begins the last week of June and runs for six weeks on weeknight evenings at the village courts. The league is open to any adult residing in the Voorheesville School District. Players are grouped according to level of play.

There is no fee for the program sponsored by the village summer recreation committee. Participants need only supply sneakers, racquets and enthusiasm. Those wanting more information or wishing to signup may call Jeanne Petre at 765-4264 or Jean Fitzgerald at 765-4626, or they may signup at the public library.

A gala for scouts

When the Hudson Valley Girl Scouts get together this week end to celebrate the 25th birthday of the council, Voorheesville will be on hand to add to the festivities. Girls from several Voorheesville troops are scheduled to present demonstrations, staff booths and participate in the all-council choir in ceremonies marking the occasion at the Convention Center at the South Mall this Saturday, May 7. A multitude of events are scheduled between 9:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. including the ceremonial "cutting of the cake" at 1 p.m. The public is invited to celebrate with them.

Film at library

To help honor mothers the Voorheesville Public Library has arranged to show

the heart-warming film, *I Remember MaMa* on Saturday, at 2 p.m. The classic film starring Irene Dunne and Barbara Bel Geddes is a special way to spend part of Mother's Day weekend.

Soccer sign-up this week

A reminder to those interested young soccer enthusiasts that registration for the late-summer/fall soccer league sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis Club will be held this evening (Wednesday) from 7 p.m. until 8:30 p.m. and Saturday from 9 a.m. until 11 a.m. at the elementary school. Those presently in grades 3-5 are eligible to join the league, which begins practice in late August and runs through the end of September. A \$6 registration fee covering shirts and insurance should be paid at the time of registration.

Salem Hills has a sale

Salem Hills homeowners can clean house and make a little money, too, in the Salem Hills Park Association's second annual neighborhood garage sale, planned for Saturday, May 14. Hours are 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. Residents can put out sale items at their own homes and the association will take care of advertising and signs. Last year more than 150 homeowners participated. Candy Meeker, 765-2379, is coordinator for this year's sale.

Cited at university

Harvey Huth of Voorheesville is one of three staff members receiving awards for professional service at State University of New York at Albany.

Huth is director of student accounts, a position he has held for the past three years. He directs a full-time staff of 35 overseeing 42,000 yearly payment transactions and coordinating \$36 million in gross annual collections. Following a 1980 reorganization, Huth took charge of the administration of the offices of student accounts, bursar and revenues accounting. He has been a university employee for 13 years.

In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at the Convenient Food Market, Toll Gate, Snuffy's, Stonewell and Falvo's.

RCS voters to get four propositions

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District voters will be getting "an opportunity to make some choices about their educational program," according to district Superintendent Milton Chodack. The school board Monday decided to place four propositions on the June 23 ballot along with the district's 1983-84 budget plan and candidates for three seats on the nine-member board.

The propositions will call for establishment of a crisis intervention program, a summer enrichment program, roof replacement at Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School and the purchase of 10 to 15 microcomputers to provide a computer center at the high school.

Chodack said district parents and school staff, aided by professionals in Albany, had been working on a crisis intervention plan for a year, prompted by concern about the causes of discipline problems in the schools. The proposition will call for hiring another school psychologist (the district now has one) and two counselors, and carries a price tag of \$70,000, which would add "a little over \$2" to the tax rate, Chodack said.

The six-week summer enrichment program would include such courses as art, gymnastics and literature, at a cost to the district of \$7,500. The computer proposal calls for an outlay of \$25,000, and the roof work will be in the range of \$125,000 to \$150,000, Chodack said.

The terms of three board members are expiring this year — those of Susan Gottesman, Howard Engel and John Coons. Candidates for the three-year terms may obtain nominating petition forms from the clerk of the district, Charles Emery. The forms bearing 27 signatures, are due back May 23.

Wins college prize

Laura J. Hartheimer, a senior at Skidmore College, is the winner of the 1983 Jesse Solomon Memorial Award at the college. The prize is awarded to the senior who shows promise in painting. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hartheimer.

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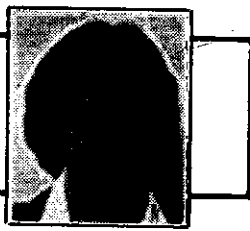
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Wrestlers honored

The RCS Wrestling Booster Club sponsored a pizza party for the varsity and modified wrestling teams and their parents April 13. The party was made possible through funds earned from a Booster Club bake sale headed by Neil Brown and Sue Gottesman. After enjoying pizza, mini-sub, soda and coffee Stuart Nock, athletic director, spoke. Coach Gary Vanderzee presented the 28-member modified team with certificates. Coach John Vishneowski presented the awards to the varsity team.

Winners of the JV letters were Dave Brown, Gary Appleby, Chris Chimielewski, Scott Lewis, Russell LaRose and Scott Keating. Varsity letters were awarded to Paul Persico, V.J. Carrk, Jeff Radliff, Mike Bauer, Daren Brown, Bob Gallagher, Bob Lewis, Scott Galusha and Henry Traver.

Chris Chimielewski was recipient of

the Blood and Guts award given to the individual who gave the most of himself during the year. V.J. Carrk took home the trophy for most takedowns and one for the most improved wrestler. Paul Persico received the award for Greatest Pin Differential and Most Team Points.

Elks honor charter member.

In recognition of his service and efforts for the organization, George Merkley has been awarded an honorary lifetime membership in the Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233. A member since it was established in 1961, Merkley, who lives on Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, is the first ever to receive the honor in the 22 years of the lodge's existence.

Senior citizens active

An evening at Albany's St. Andrew's Dinner Theater is the first of a number of activities scheduled for the Sunshine Senior Citizens of the South Bethlehem-Selkirk area this month. Planned for May 6, the group will dine and see the Neil Simon play, *Chapter Two*. On Monday, May 9, they will hold their regular monthly meeting at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. The

meeting will be preceded by a covered dish luncheon at noon.

Church marks anniversary

The Glenmont Community Reformed Church will celebrate its 25th anniversary on May 14. The observance will be held at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. A turkey dinner is planned for 6 p.m., followed by a program which will include slides showing the construction of the church in 1958.

Rev. Jack Cooper and former pastors, Rev. Boyce and Rev. Nordsey of the Glenmont Community Church and Rev. Allan Janssen of the First Reformed Church, will be among those participating in the festivities. Church members may make reservations by calling Ruth Hollner, 439-3870.

Girl Scouts celebrate

Approximately 40 RCS Neighborhood Girl Scouts will be taking part in the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council Celebration May 7 in the Convention Center of the Empire State Plaza, open to the public from 9:30 a.m. until 4:30 p.m. Each troop will have a booth displaying activities they have participated in during the year. Most exhibits will allow the public to take an active part

Representing the RCS Neighborhood Girl Scouts will be Troop 97 (Juniors) and leader Charleen Denny, a display on computers; Troop 177 (Cadets) and leader Carol Penk, an exhibit on the history of Girl Scouting; troop 189, (Brownies), leader Laura Lindsey,

exhibit on family games; Troop 290 (Cadets), a display on photography; Troop 270 (Seniors), leader Ro Woodward, exhibit on architecture in the Town of Coeymans, and Nancy Carrk will have a booth displaying awards.

The day's activities will also include guest speaker Carol Manning, representing The Girl Scouts of America, a special cake cutting ceremony and music provided by the Delmar Fife and Drum Band.

Kindergarten screening

State law requires all new school entrants to participate in a diagnostic screening to determine developmental levels of performance. The screening involves checking prospective kindergarteners for vision, hearing, large and small muscle control as well as developmental tasks.

The RCS Central School District will hold the screening May 17, 18, 19, 23 and 24 between 8:30 and 10:30 a.m. and 1 and 3 p.m. Parents may make appointments by calling 756-2155. Appointments will be on a first-come, first-served basis.

For fathers and sons

A father-son dinner will be held Saturday evening, May 14, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. Sponsored by the United Methodist Women, the family-style roast beef dinner will begin at 6 p.m. An invitation is extended to all men of the community, fathers and their sons or individuals, to come enjoy the meal and live entertain-

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This week's menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena beginning Thursday, May 5, will be: Thursday, sauteed liver with onions, potato pancakes; Friday, corn chowder, cheese omelet; Monday, beef stroganoff over noodles; Tuesday, veal parmesian, zita with tomato sauce; Wednesday, roast pork, hash brown potato, and Thursday, hot turkey sandwich, baked sweet potato.

Musical at Slingerlands

The musical, Papa John's Musical Garden, will be the dramatic highlight of Family Night at the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church on Tuesday, May 10. Lead roles will be played by Harry Howes, Lisa Vancans and Russell Ruckterstuhl. Other cast members are Lisa Ballou, Hillary Bollam, Jack Clark, Kathy Ford, Wendy Thompson and Kristine Vancans. Rhonda Ballou, assisting by Jane Stolz, is directing.

Donate food items

The Regional Foodbank will be relying on the generous hearts of local grocery shoppers when it asks for food donations to needy Albany County residents on Friday and Saturday, May 6 and 7. Foodbank volunteers will be manning the Grand Union supermarkets in Delmar and Voorheesville from 6 to 10 p.m. on Friday, and 10 a.m. to 6 p.m. on Saturday. Last year, the emergency food task force netted some 9,673 edible items for total value of \$8,101 from Albany County.

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Focus On Faith

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It is obvious that faith is the foundation of all authentic living.

Most people tend to identify faith with certain religious beliefs. For them faith and belief are synonyms. If they belong to a specific religion, they will tend to see themselves as "orthodox" to the extent that they hold the "right" beliefs.

Now different religions promote different canons of orthodoxy and thus different beliefs. These beliefs divide people, and religious divisions can lead to hostile fanaticism. Today many sensitive people dismiss these contending "orthodoxies" and come to view religion from a standpoint of cultivated indifference.

Belief, however, is not the whole of faith. It is faith's attempt to express itself in language in order to bring people together in a common perception of the meaning and value of life. Such beliefs, however, pre-suppose something far more profound — something at the heart of being fully human. This depth experience of faith is worth exploring.

Ordinarily on the occasion of some extraordinary event some reflective people find a graciously given answer to the questions of life. The people of Israel found ultimate meaning and value revealed in the liberating experience of Exodus and Covenant. Later Judaism found ultimacy in the revelation of the Law. Christians find out what life is all about in the life, death and resurrection of Jesus Christ. For them he is the "Wisdom" of God, the ultimate revela-

creation. In him humanity is revealed as God's plan or purpose, God's "glory."

Thus faith is response to an event seen as a revelation of a Power that is beyond us but graciously for us. This faith-response is less a matter of the mind and more a matter of the heart or will. Indeed, in some people this faith may remain rather "anonymous" in the sense that it is never translated into explicit beliefs.

Explicit faith is genuinely religious when it is no longer a blind confidence or trust ("somehow" it all makes sense in the long run). It is able to answer the questions of life. These faith engendered answers become the "beliefs" which guide further discernment and more authentic living in light of the meanings and values discerned.

Only the fool says in his heart that there is no God. Ultimately, to be human is to "believe" — to commit oneself to whatever promotes human life and to struggle against the obstacles to human living. Faith is a life seeking justice and love for all. Faith is fidelity to self in solidarity with others. Faith is the energy to transform a dehumanized world.

Church to celebrate

The Glenmont Community Reformed Church will turn 25 on Saturday, May 14. The congregation will celebrate the anniversary with a turkey dinner at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk at 6 p.m. Rev. Jack Cooper will serve as toastmaster, and two of the church's former pastors will be there, too.

A special birthday commemorative service will be held at the Glenmont church on Sunday, May 15.

Choirs plan musical

"One Hundred Percent Chance of Rain" isn't a weather report. It is a 30-minute musical to be performed by the junior and intermediate choirs of the Delmar United Methodist Church on Sundays, May 15, at the 10 a.m. service. The performance is open to the public, and accessible to wheelchairs. For information, call Ray Stees at 439-9976.

Second milers to rest

The Second Milers, a group of retired Bethlehem men, will take the summer off from meetings after electing new officers at their noon luncheon on Wednesday, May 11, at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. After lunch, John Klim will show slides of the old Erie Canal. For information, call Alan Hoffman at 439-2404.

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Another pharmacist pulls out

"A side of the story that doesn't get told" was part of the reason George M and Helen George of Delmar sold the Plaza Pharmacy at Delaware Plaza, Delmar, after 27½ years as proprietors. Personnel of the Brooks drugstore chain took over the store April 26.

George said the decision to sell could be attributed to "a lot of factors coming together, but third party payment was the deciding one. Insurance companies are slow to pay," he said, "and they make a lot of mistakes. But the cost of the mistakes is borne by you. If it's our mistake, we wait for our money; if it's their mistake we wait for our money.

"What we see," he said, "is some poor woman shelling out \$40 for the same prescription a person who can afford it is getting for two or three dollars. The poor family that cannot afford insurance coverage ends up paying higher prices because everyone has to bear the administrative cost." George said pharmacies might be paid a fee of \$2 or \$3 for dispensing a \$100 prescription.

Bowling alley closes

Work has begun on renovation of the former Sporthaven Lanes, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, which will be the future home of the Peter Harris clothing store now at the Four Corners.

Store employees said the work is expected to take several months and they're "hoping for a July opening." The clothing store has been at the Four Corners almost nine years, and is the fourth in a chain of eight Peter Harris stores.

John Treffiletti of Albany, owner of the building Peter Harris will vacate, said there has been no decision on what will go into that space.

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"This is the side of the story that doesn't get told," he said.

George said he approached the Brooks chain about buying the business because Brooks was the "logical choice" and it "seemed the time was as good now as later." He added that, had he and his wife remained as proprietors, "we would have had to refurbish and look for more space, which comes at a higher rate." He added that "lease complications" also were a factor in the decision, as were the long hours at the Plaza.

The Georges also own the Plaza Pharmacy at Empire State Plaza, Albany, which they opened 4½ years ago, but that store is closed evenings and weekends. "Last Saturday was my first Saturday off in I-don't-remember-when," he said. George also said the downtown store is larger than the one at the local plaza and has a broader product mix. In addition, the younger population it serves means that third party payment is less of a problem there.

The Delmar Plaza Pharmacy had more than 30 full-time and part-time employees on the payroll, George said, and "we will sorely miss the people who were working with us" as well as the friendly connections the Georges had over the counter.

One employee, who preferred to remain nameless, said the Georges' Tri-Village area customers also will miss them and the personal service they provided, such as making deliveries to Westerlo and deliveries when they got out of work at night. The employee, too,

assailed third party payment. "You don't make any money on it, and there are a lot of loopholes," she said.

Some of the pharmacy employees have been retained by Brooks, which is owned by Adams Drug Co. of Pawtucket, R.I. Adams has more than 500 stores along the East Coast, according to Noreen Eaton, manager at Delaware Plaza's second Brooks. "Eventually we're going to merge the two stores," Eaton said, "but it'll be several months before a decision is made."

Hamagrael essay winner

Bryan Staff of Delmar, a second grader at Hamagrael Elementary School, won first prize in his age group in the annual Stuyvesant Plaza Mother's Day essay contest. More than 1,450 entries were submitted, with more than 80 area schools represented.

In his essay, Bryan had a ringing endorsement for mothers: "I think moms always know what to say to make a guy forget his troubles . . ."

Guiding convention

Three members of the Business Education Department of Bethlehem Central High School are serving on the local arrangements committee for the thirty-first annual conference of the Business Teachers Association of New York State.

Jo Ann Davies, supervisor of business education, is serving as publicity chairman. Barbara Linford and Maureen O'Brien are serving as co-chairmen for conference registration.

The conference will be held on May 6 and 7 at the Hilton Hotel in Albany. This year's conference will center around the theme "BTA: Your Professional Link to Business and Marketing Education."



Rob H. Geyer

Bank names manager

Rob H. Geyer of Delmar has been named manager of the new office of Albany Savings Bank that will open May 16 at Delaware Plaza.

Geyer is a native of Watertown and a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He received a bachelor's degree from Hartwick College, and previously was manager of the bank's East Greenbush office. Geyer is a communicant and elder of the Delmar Reformed Church and a member of the Albany chapter of the American Institute of Banking.

The Delaware Plaza office will be the bank's 27th.

Owens-Corning earnings

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp., which has a plant in Delmar, has announced sales and earnings for the quarter ended March 31, 1983.

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John M. Finley II of Slingerlands has been promoted to the new post of chief operating officer for Oxygen Enrichment Co., Ltd., of Schenectady, a manufacturer of medical respiratory products. Finley, who has been vice president of finance for the company since November, 1981, will report to the board of directors.

Finley, who also was recently elected a director, has a bachelor's degree from St. Lawrence University, Canton, and a master's degree in business administration from the University of Rochester.

OECO develops and manufactures membrane oxygen enrichers and related medical equipment for hospital and home health care. The company was formed in 1977 when Richard H. Blackmer, chairman and president, and Jonathan W. Hedman, executive vice president, bought product and patent rights to the membrane oxygen enricher from General Electric Co.

Fryer in Tax Dept.

Gary G. Fryer of Slingerlands has been appointed public information director for the state Department of Taxation and Finance. Fryer has been communications director for the Civil Service Employees Association in Albany for the past four years.



Dale E. Walts

Named a supervisor

Dale E. Walts of Glenmont has been named staff supervisor in Albany for the Griffin Agency of Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co. Walts joined the company in 1980 after 17 years as an athletic coach. He is a member of Mass Mutual's Legion of Excellence and a qualifying member of the Million Dollar Round Table. He and his wife, Carol, have two daughters.

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Marie-Louise McHugh, an artists' representative and art consultant will serve as director of the Plaza Festival this year.



Colin W. Getz

Heads development group

Colin W. Getz, who recently retired as a vice president of New York Telephone Co., has been named to head the Downtown Development Corp. Getz will succeed Victor J. Riley, Jr., president and chief executive officer of Key Bank, who will remain on the development corporation's board.

Getz, a Delmar resident, is a director of the Albany Institute of History and Art, Siena College, the State Bank of Albany, and the Fort Orange Club. He formerly served as a director of the Albany Boys' Club and as chairman of the board of trustees of St. Peter's Hospital. He and his wife, Delma, have three children.

Recognized for service

Four local residents recently were honored for their service in the State Education Department. Charles Saxe of Glenmont, an employee in the state library, was cited for 30 years of service. Yngvar Isachsen of Delmar, working in

the geological survey, received a 25-year award, while Norman D. Kurland of Delmar, in adult learning services, and Richard J. Sauer of Voorheesville, an associate commissioner for administration, were recognized for 20 years of service.

Ad firm a winner

Herman Schnurr and Associates, Inc., an Albany advertising agency, came home a winner from a recent competition sponsored by the Ad Club of Northeastern New York. The year-old firm had winners in every category it entered, including gold medals for its work for the New York State United Teachers, Saratoga Performing Arts Center and the Albany Hilton. Schnurr and his family reside in Delmar.

Traffic Patterns

Roger Creighton Associates, Inc., a Delmar consulting firm, has developed three computer programs for traffic engineers and transportation planners. The programs calculate intersection capacities, estimate traffic volume and assign traffic over a road network. Creighton Associates programs are designed for Apple II-Plus and IIe microcomputers and the IBM Personal Computer. The firm expects to have similar programs for Radio Shack microcomputers soon.

Vichot to retire

Lt. Col. George T. Vichot of Glenmont will retire from the Air Force Active Reserves on May 6, after a total military career of 29 years and four months of commissioned active and reserve duty. For the past nine years, Vichot has been an executive support officer in the Operations Office at the Rome Air Development Center here. He has been a senior economist with the state Department of Health since 1975.

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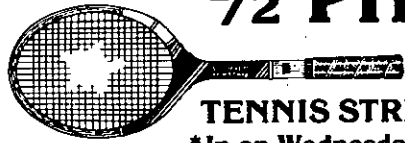
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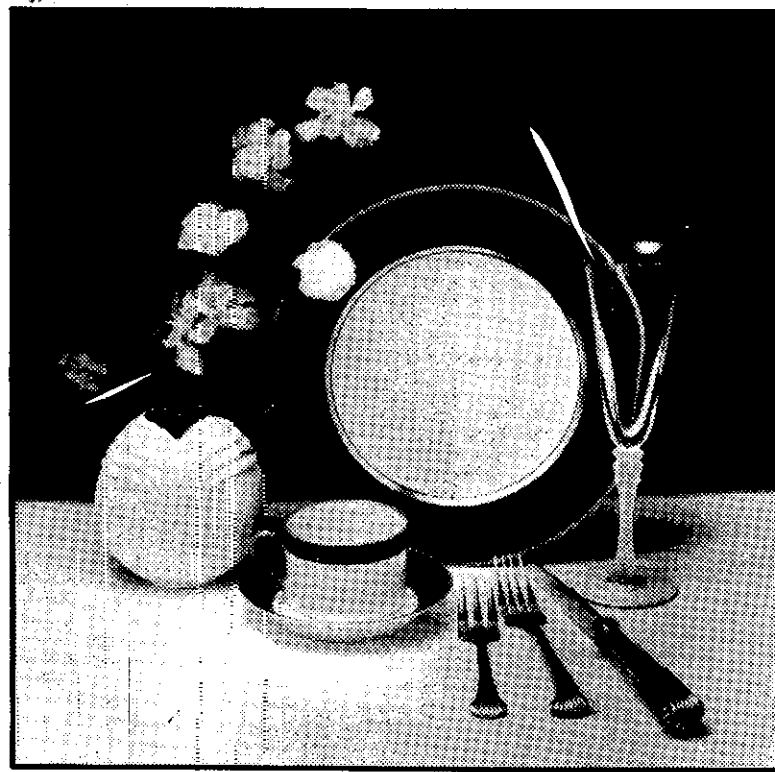
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MONDAY, MAY 9

R-C-S Kindergarten Registration, Becker School, beginning at 1:15 p.m.

Spring Concert, Bethlehem Central High School.

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Church, October through April. New members welcome.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra Concert, at Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Sunshine Senior Citizens, covered-dish meal at noon followed by meeting, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Slingerlands Home Bureau, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, at 7:30 p.m.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, spring luncheon and fashion show, Albany Country Club, Wormer Rd., Voorheesville, noon-3 p.m. Information, 439-2165.

Bethlehem School District's Annual Meeting, presentation of budget and board candidates, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Blood Pressure Clinic, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m.

Church Family Night, with musical "Papa John's Musical Garden," Slingerlands Community Methodist Church. Information, 439-3078.

Voorheesville School District Annual Meeting, presentation of budget and board candidates at the high school, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Bethlehem School District Vote on school budget and board candidates, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7 a.m.-9 p.m.

Second Milers, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m., except June, July and August. Reservations, 439-3569.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

Slingerlands Fire District, second Wednesdays at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

"Vegetable Gardening Basics," Cooperative Extension lecture at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free soil testing.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Visiting Nurse Assn. Slide Show, presented to Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 auxiliary, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 7 p.m.

Voorheesville School District Vote on school budget and board candidates, at the high school, 2-9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 12

Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185 meets second Thursdays of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar, information, 439-9836.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire Department Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of each month except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

Garage Sale, baked goods and crafts, sponsored by Voorheesville Community Nursery School at Francis Lane, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, 45th anniversary observance honoring charter members, at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

Animal Care Workshop, second of four-part series for children 7 to 12 on pet care, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Spring Music Festival, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS
Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 4

College Fair, college representatives answer question on admissions, Empire State Plaza, Convention Center, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m. and 6-9 p.m.

Israeli Peace Activist Speaks, Meir-Pa'il discusses possibilities for peace between Israelis and Palestinians in West Bank, SUNYA Lecture Center 7, 7 p.m.

Epilepsy Association, attorney speaks on "Epilepsy and the Law," at First Presbyterian Church, State and Willett sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 5

Concerned Friends of Hope House, Capital District Psychiatric Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays.

FRIDAY, MAY 6

Columnist Jack Anderson, Pulitzer Prize winner, speaks on "News Behind the Headline," Union College Memorial Chapel, 8 p.m. Free.

Art Auction, to benefit New York State Nurses' Association, at Veronica Driscoll Center for Nursing, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 8 p.m. \$3 admission.

Book Sale, two days of bargains at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Natural Family Planning, series of four classes on human reproduction, St. Peter's Hospital Cusack wing, Rm. 3513, 8 p.m. Information, 463-1176.

Business Teachers Association two-day statewide conference at Albany Hilton Hotel. Information, 439-4921, ext. 262.

Word Processing Seminar, for business managers choosing systems, SUNYA Division of Continuing Studies, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 455-6121.

SATURDAY, MAY 7

Rummage Sale, Bethany Community Church, 760 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Girl Scouts 25th Anniversary Celebration, booths and displays by 115 Hudson Valley troops, Empire State Plaza Convention Center, 9:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. \$1 admission.

Chicken and Biscuits, Calvary United Methodist Church, W. Lawrence and Morris sts., Albany, 5-7 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra Concert at German-American Club, 32 Cherry Ave., Albany, 8 p.m.

Historic Albany Spring Fest, music, clowns, puppets, plant sale at Schuyler Mansion, 32 Catherine St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m. \$3 admission for walking tour of site.

Conference on Head Injury, for health care professionals and families of head trauma victims, Empire State Plaza, Legislative Office Building, 8:30 a.m.-5:30 p.m. \$25 registration, 434-3037.

MONDAY, MAY 9

Vital Signs Course, how-to's of taking pulse count, temperature, blood pressure and respiration, American Red Cross chapter house, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon. Two-day course, registration \$7, 462-7461, ext. 257.

"Dutch-Iroquois Relations in New Netherlands," lecture, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

Photography Workshop, with photographer Mark Van Wormer, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 10

Nuclear Freeze Talk, national coordinator of the Nuclear

Weapons Freeze Campaign speaks on "The Freeze: Where Do We Go From Here?," First Church, 56 Orange St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Empire State College information session, Environmental Conservation Building, 50 Wolf Rd., Colonie, 4 p.m.

Lecture Series on Dutch, "Albany: May 1863," Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

"Wildlife and Toxics," wildlife pathologist Ward Stone speaker, SUNYA Lecture Center 7, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

Architectural History lecture by historian Chester Liebs, Russell Sage College campus center, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Suicide Survivors Group, for family and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 11

Albany Roundtable, civic lunch forum to discuss "Conventions and Tourism: The Visitors are Coming," Empire State Plaza concourse, Meeting Room 5, 12:15 p.m. \$6 reservations, 474-5842.

Expectant Parents Workshop, eight-session series sponsored by Albany Catholic Family and Community Services. Information, 436-9745.

Senior Citizen Pulmonary Screening, Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Starting a Small Business, workshop for prospective businessmen and those in business less than three months, Sheraton Airport Inn, Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m. \$10 registration, 447-4385.

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After working for many years for 7 days a week, and then gradually cutting down to 6 days a week, we are looking forward to more free time. We have no intention of retiring as we shall continue to operate our Pharmacy in the Empire State Plaza. We are looking forward to doing things that we have postponed time and time again.

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What is a mother?

By Norman G. Cohen

A mother is one who can spend an entire day preparing scrumptious dishes and then content herself with one bite of the feast because she is dieting.

A mother is one who can nurse the whole family through sickness and when everyone is back on his feet cares for herself when she comes down with the same sickness everyone else had.

A mother is one who can transform herself within an hour from a Cinderella scrubwoman to a Princess of the Ball.

A mother is one who has learned more than anyone else about combining a career with the family.

A mother is one who helps shape the smile and the sob of our children.

A mother is one who has all too often been left with the messes, the chores, the children and the overdrawn checking account.

A mother is one who can nurture the runt of the litter, soothe the savage beast, enable the disabled and humble those too big for their britches.

A mother is one who can make medicine palatable, oatmeal delicious, mosquito bites stop itching, nightmares disappear and sunshine seem brighter.

A mother is one who teaches us to turn stubbornness into perseverance, drudgery into devotion, timidity into humility and flightiness into flexibility.

A mother is one who will cancel her appointments, forego her pleasures and postpone her parties so that we can have ours.

A mother is one who can negotiate a loan with a bank executive over the telephone and then kneel on the kitchen floor to play in a pots and pans band with her toddler.

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Family MATTERS



Norman G. Cohen

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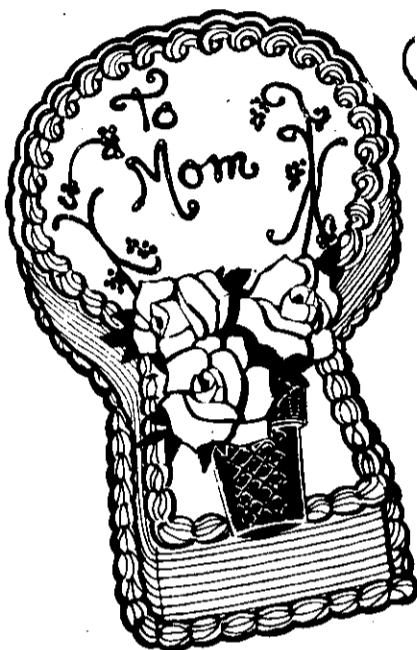
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Games slip away from BC

By Nat Boynton

Bottom of the fifth. Bethlehem gets three runs on five walks and an error to tie the score, 5-all. Saratoga coach puts in his best pitcher, who stops the rally.

Top of the sixth. BC Coach Art Ritchko counters by sending in his best pitcher to go the last two innings, although he had pitched the full seven the day before at Guilderland.

Rob Kistler retires the first two batters. The third hits an easy bouncer to third. The third baseman pumps, then throws. Runner is safe on a hairline call.

"I've been telling him not to pump, just throw the ball," says Ritchko, unleashing another salvo of tobacco juice.

Easy fly to short center. With two out, runner on first takes off. Outfielder had ball in glove, drops it. Runner keeps going as throw-in is short. Winning run scores.

At Guilderland a day earlier, Kistler had a 5-2 lead in the fifth when errors did him in. The Dutchman got two in the fourth on a home run and tied it in the

sixth on an infield boot. Kistler smote a three-bagger to open the seventh, but was stranded. In the home half, with a runner on first, a Bethlehem infielder deflected a line drive, the ball rolled to the fence and the deciding run scampered home.

That was the story of BC baseball last week, and perhaps the 1983 season. "He pitched good enough to win," said Ritchko of Kistler after the game.

The strong-armed junior, a fine pitcher but the only one in town, has now permitted only two or three earned runs in 10 innings on the rubber. The exact statistic is somewhat fuzzy, because scholastic scorers give hits on almost every fair ball that isn't an out.

Those were the only BC games of the vacation week. Monday's damp meteorology put further pressure on a team woefully devoid of pitching. Scott Myer, a junior, did a credible job for five innings against Saratoga, 2-6 at the time, and Warren Sunderland, a lanky first baseman, is suspected of resembling a pitcher.

Ritchko plans to use both those arms in whatever games the Eagles can get on



BC's Rob Kistler starts for the "bullpen" after getting a call to relieve. *Spotlight*

the books this week. Besides the three scheduled games, the Eagles are backed up three more, and that means a game every weekday the climate is favorable.

Ritchko plans to give two other pitchers an opportunity to rest up from their sun-belt vacations. The veteran coach is still seething that squad members

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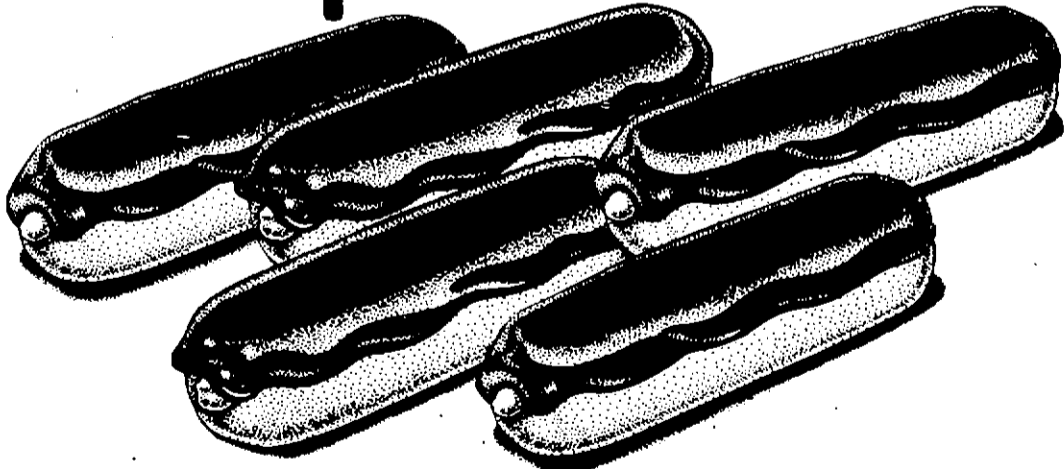
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But anemic batting and thin pitching may cause Ritchko to mellow as he nears retirement. If he turns soft, he may let the tourists out of the doghouse after serving only a brief term of bench incarceration, not the "two or three weeks" he indicated previously. A check with the calendar shows there are only two more weeks of the season after this one, not counting the Sectionals.

BC's fortunes in the remainder of the season depend more on the misfortunes of opposing teams than their own. Saratoga pitching for the first five innings was no more fearsome than you see in afternoon practices, yet the runs came on walks and errors.

"I have no hitters," observed Ritchko. "And they're struggling against routine fly balls. I don't have the talent, only three, maybe four ballplayers, nothing special. Kistler is the first pitcher we've had in more years than I can remember. But the kids are good kids, they work hard, they're really trying. They come to practice and they have good spirit. They like the game."

Babe Ruth sets season warmups

Bethlehem Babe Ruth teams were hoping this week the weather would clear up in time to permit them to get started on an eight-game pre-season schedule to warm up for the regular season starting May 27.

President Bob Cronin said the 30-game schedule for each of the five teams would be the most ambitious in the league's history. After the close of the regular schedule on July 24, the league will hold a double elimination tourney.

The expanded schedule, Cronin said, is in response to "tremendous interest on the part of the players." The pre-season "exhibition" slate, he said, is intended to "provide those players not playing high school ball an opportunity to sharpen their skills." This, he added, would be particularly helpful for first-year players.

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Competition keeps Montgomery sharp

By Linda Anne Burtis

It was late summer in 1966 and Cliff Montgomery was in his heyday — playing in the first round of the Nationals at Forest Hills, he had just broken Chuck McKinley's serve to go up 4-1 in the deciding set.

Montgomery didn't make it into the second round that year, or any year. McKinley, one of the top seeds, ripped off the next five games to take the match. This year Cliff is just as likely to be celebrating the anniversary of his tennis go-go years in the green walls of a hospital delivery room as on the green lawns of Forest Hills. He's now a weekend player, albeit a very good one. Rather than the pro circuit, this Delmar resident is a fixture on the local circuit and happy to have the competition, more intent on his career at GE and his growing family.

"It's not the same playing tennis today. It was an amateur game... There were good players around but there wasn't the depth."

Cliff's story is a mixture of natural ability, geography and good timing. This all-round athlete grew up on Long Island, a breeding ground for young ranked players, Dick Stockton among them. He played at the Roslyn Country Club, taking full advantage of the fine competition. Cliff calls Long Island "the heartbeat of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association, with an active junior program."

During the 50's and 60's the tennis world had yet to experience its big bang. Amateurs and pros were solar systems apart, unlike today with megabucks drawing great numbers into tournaments. Cliff, playing well on the junior circuit, was rewarded by invitations to play national tournaments, which, in turn fed into a college scholarship and

ultimately, the nationals for several years at Forest Hills.

He began competition early playing "13 and under events, working my way up to the 18 and under." By 1965, when he was 18 years old, he was ranked 40th in the nation. The leap from local to national recognition occurred because of the Eastern Lawn Tennis Association. Early success meant an invitation to play junior Davis Cup for the East. His Davis Cup team travelled to the national tournaments, financed by the tennis organization. This included the prestigious Orange Bowl event in Miami, Fla.

He landed a tennis scholarship at Rollins College in Winter Park, Fla. Rollins is a budding world class player's paradise, producing the likes of Jack Kramer and Wendy Overton, who was at Rollins the same years as Montgomery. His athletic ability also shone on the soccer field, a second sport he holds in common with John McEnroe. Cliff made All-Florida in soccer, but the sport had an impact on his career choices. He had intended to try the pro circuit after college, but a rotator cuff injury from his soccer days spoiled those dreams.

College summers meant the elite grass court tourneys at such places as Longwood, Mass., and Newport, R.I. These tournaments ended with the Nationals on the world famous grass courts in Forest Hills. Cliff played Forest Hills in 1966, 67 and 68. In 1968 the tournament was dramatically changed by opening play to the pros (that was the year Arthur Ashe won the men's singles.) Montgomery met Torbin Ulrich of Sweden in the first round. Although he was eliminated in straight sets, he did have his moment in the sun — he won his first service game with four consecutive aces!

Montgomery is quick to point out that "It's not the same as playing tennis today. It was an amateur game. Most of us were just playing for expenses. There were good players around, but there wasn't the depth and it was easier to get in these tournaments."

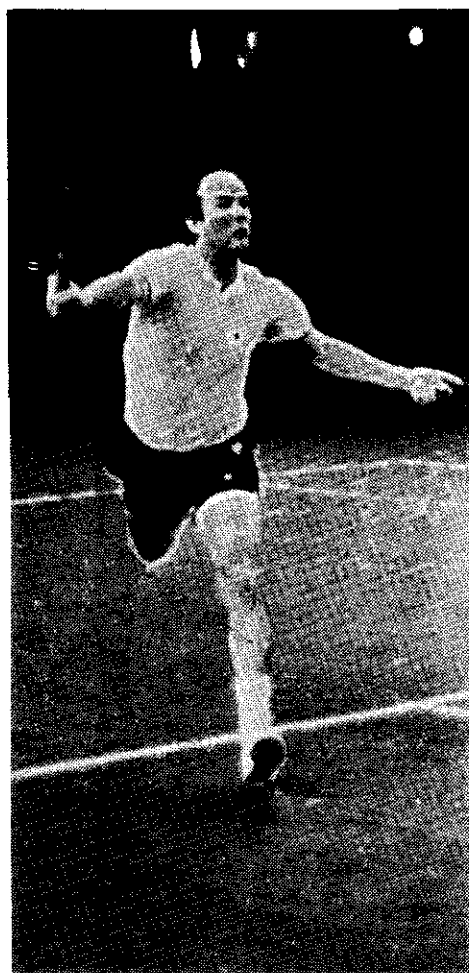
His "rotator cuff injury was a blessing in disguise," he feels now. "There is no reason to believe I would have done great."

Now, after an eight year layoff, a graduate degree in business administration, launching a career with General Electric and family life, Cliff has become a weekend player. Still, he is a commanding presence on capital area courts. Last year he captured the spring and fall Bethlehem Tennis Association Men's Singles titles. He plans to defend those titles this year.

The highlight of last summer's play was winning the men's 35 event in the Miller Lite Open at Schenectady Racquet Club. This win was partly responsible for his number nine men's 35 Eastern Tennis Association ranking. Such a high ranking in this competitive group is all the more remarkable considering his limited training time. Family and career obligations allow Cliff only one hour each week of practice play. He gets up at 6 a.m. to jog a few miles daily, "to keep my stamina and strengthen my legs." And he spends some time at Nautilus.

Montgomery is tournament hungry. He would like to see more tournaments and asks, "Where are the clubs? Schenectady Racquet Club is the only one, with the exception of Ridgefield, that really takes an interest in tournament play." He suggests that more clubs emulate the model used on Long Island: tournaments run from Monday through Sunday, one match a day, after 5 p.m. This format is also attractive because it eliminates the gruelling pace required to win five or more matches between Friday and Sunday, he points out.

Why keep playing competitive tennis? "It makes my heart beat faster, says Cliff." Laid back though he appears, Cliff admits that applause is the reinforcer. His competitive attitude, natural for him he claims, is very positive. "I haven't given myself permission to lose. If you believe its okay to lose, you will." However, when the gods are not on his side and he



Cliff Montgomery moves in fast for the net after a serve in a match at Southwood.
Tom Howes

does lose, his temper can take it. "I've mellowed. Age tends to season us all."

Despite his credentials, Cliff is not storming through the Capital District circuit. Schenectady Gazette Top Ten list ranked him number six in the area, with the likes of Bethlehem's Dave Denny ahead in the number two spot. So, there's lots to challenge Bethlehem's newest tennis star.

And too, opponents should note that other challenges loom ahead for him this season. Cliff and his wife, Peggy Joe (P.J.) are expecting their second child in September, which will mean a different sort of challenge this fall. One supposes this affable man is not exactly eating his heart out at that life he opted out of.

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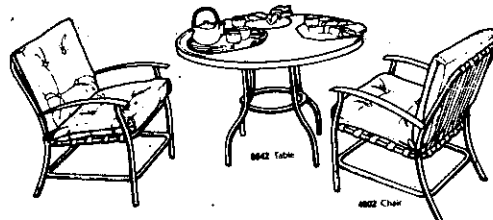
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'Birds in a building year

By Peter Fisch

Along with the changing weather and the birds from the south, another sure sign of spring is back in Voorheesville — the track season. Despite the bad weather in past weeks, the boys' and girls' squads are off and "running."

Both squads seem to be in a building process. Due to a lack of juniors and seniors, the teams are mostly a combination of freshman and sophomores.

According to veteran coach Ken Kirik, a social studies teacher presently in his 17th year as track coach, and first year coach Todd Thorton, also a teacher at Voorheesville High School, the team has several solid performers. Leading the squad in field events will be senior Butch Rathke, who finished second at the Class C sectionals last season. Rathke is ranked No. 1 in the discus in Section 2, and is among the top 10 in the shotput. Slated for the long jump will be a surprise performer, freshman Ed Donahue.

Shaping up the distance runners will be the combination of sophomores Lee Kraus, Craig Applegate and Mark Jamason, and junior Adam Clark in the 400-meter relay, undefeated so far. Clark will also be performing in the 400-meter run and the hurdles. Rounding out the distance corps are seniors Tom Dolin and Dave Reilly, sophomore Adam Schaible, eighth grader Chuck Rogers and seventh grader Len Mertens.

Presently, the squad has compiled a 2-2 record by defeating Berne-Knox and league foe Schalmont. Last season the Birds finished third in the Colonial Council and the Class C sectionals.

Kirik's main goal for the season is to be able to cover every event and to "be respectable."

TRACK

Girls' coach Phil Davis, an English teacher at VCHS, also has a large, young team with an eye for the future. Many of the runners are out for the team for the first time.

Although they are winless after one meet, a loss at Lansingburgh, the team is set on improving last season's mark and are attempting to repeat their second-place finish at the Council meet a year ago.

Leading the sprinters is junior Fran Spreer, competing in the 100-meter run and a member of the 400-meter relay team. Two years ago, Spreer finished third at the Class C Sectionals in the sprint. Sophomores Kerry Rapp and Heather Sanderson are also expected to perform well. Sanderson is a middle distance runner in addition to junior Tami Tate and sophomore Erin Neighmond.

Another event packed with talent is the 3200-meter relay, comprised of senior Kirsten Ford, and sophomores Vicki Ross, Kim Bellanger and Erin Neighmond. Ford, while competing in the 3200-meter run, broke the school record by 20 seconds at Lansingburgh. Senior Kathy Weaver handles the high jumping duties for the squad.

Davis, who hopes to have a few girls at the state meet, says his goal is "to have every girl improve her time and to have every girl do her best."

Thus far, two items have been factors in the lack of success of both teams. First,

snow and rain have postponed several meets. Second, Voorheesville does not have a track to run on for practice or home meets. As Davis puts it, "We try to do the best we can without a track at the school."

The girls' squad will travel to Ravena on Saturday for an invitational, and has a scheduled meet with league foe Schalmont in the near future. The boys' have an invitational at Middleburgh on Saturday.

TENNIS

Voorheesville ready for cadets

Voorheesville's tennis team trampled league foe Mechanicville, 7-0, Wednesday in preparation for this week's double showdown with arch rival, undefeated Albany Academy, for sole possession of first place in the Colonial Council.

With the victory, despite the absence of three starters, the Blackbirds improved their league record to 3-0 and upped their overall record to 4-0. Thus far, the Birds have faced no real challenge in any of their matches.

Registering singles victories were junior Ed Volkwein (6-1, 6-2), senior Peter Zeh (6-0, 6-1), senior Brian McKenna (6-1, 5-7, 6-4), freshman Jim Volkwein (6-3, 7-5), and senior Tom Ubbens (3-6, 6-0, 6-3). Zeh and Ed Volkwein remained undefeated at 4-0. The victory was achieved in the absence of the team's No. 4 and 5 players, Kevin Seim and Dave Carver, in addition to their No. 1 man, Alex Saez. Seim and Carver are also undefeated with 3-0 records while Saez's record stands at 2-1.

In doubles play, the combination of Ed Volkwein and Zeh tallied an 8-2 victory, while the younger Volkwein teamed with McKenna for an 8-4 win.

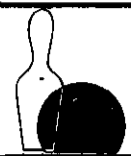
Mother Nature has proved to be a

major factor with the season thus far as three matches have had to be postponed due to snow and rain.

The Blackbirds were scheduled to travel to Academy on Tuesday and then face another head-to-head showdown with the Cadets at home today (Wednesday).

Peter Fisch

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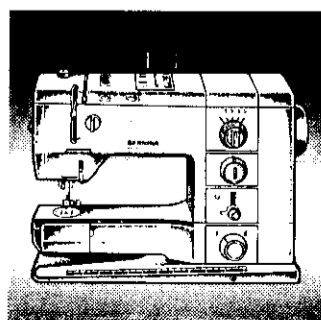
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Blackbirds find new talent

You can't tell from the linescores, but several new players are giving Voorheesville baseball a lift.

With five starting players absent on vacation, the Blackbirds lost two games last week and skidded to 0-3 in the Colonial Council, but Coach Bob Crandall says he's "not that disappointed."

With only nine players in uniform, plus one spare borrowed from the jayvees in case of a medical emergency, the Birds succumbed to Ravena, 11-3, and Cohoes, 11-5, in back-to-back outings Thursday and Friday. They were in both games until the late innings.

This week the schedule called for league games with Schalmont and Lansingburgh at home and a Thursday trip to Duanesburg, plus the probability — that is, the necessity — of squeezing in at least one of the stacked-up washouts. The Blackbirds have lost three league games to the weather, which leaves them with 13 to play in 14 days not counting weekends and non-league games.

Going into this week, Crandall was insisting he was going to give the absent players at least another week of vacation from baseball regardless of his need for personnel. Three of them are pitchers. The need for discipline has priority over the need for personnel, he feels.

In the emergency, Crandall discovered some hidden talent. Gerry McNamara, a sophomore lefthander, got a chance to start a varsity game, and pitched surprisingly well against Ravena, a sharp hitting team. The Indians got a cluster in the fourth when a dropped fly in the outfield with two out opened the gates for five runs. There were other errors on routine fly balls, but the young southpaw was stingy with walks and only three or four of his pitches were well hit.

"It's heartbreaking to see a kid pitch that well in his first varsity game and get

beat," said Crandall.

The same pattern befell Jim Meacham on Friday. The senior righthander was touched for 11 official hits, but four should have been caught. Voorheesville was down by only 6-4 going into the sixth and Meacham had two out and two strikes with two on when a Cohoes batter stuck his bat out on an outside pitch and the ball squirted through the infield.

"Jim walked too many, but he fanned eight," noted Crandall. "What was encouraging was that he seemed to get stronger and faster as the game progressed. That's a good sign."

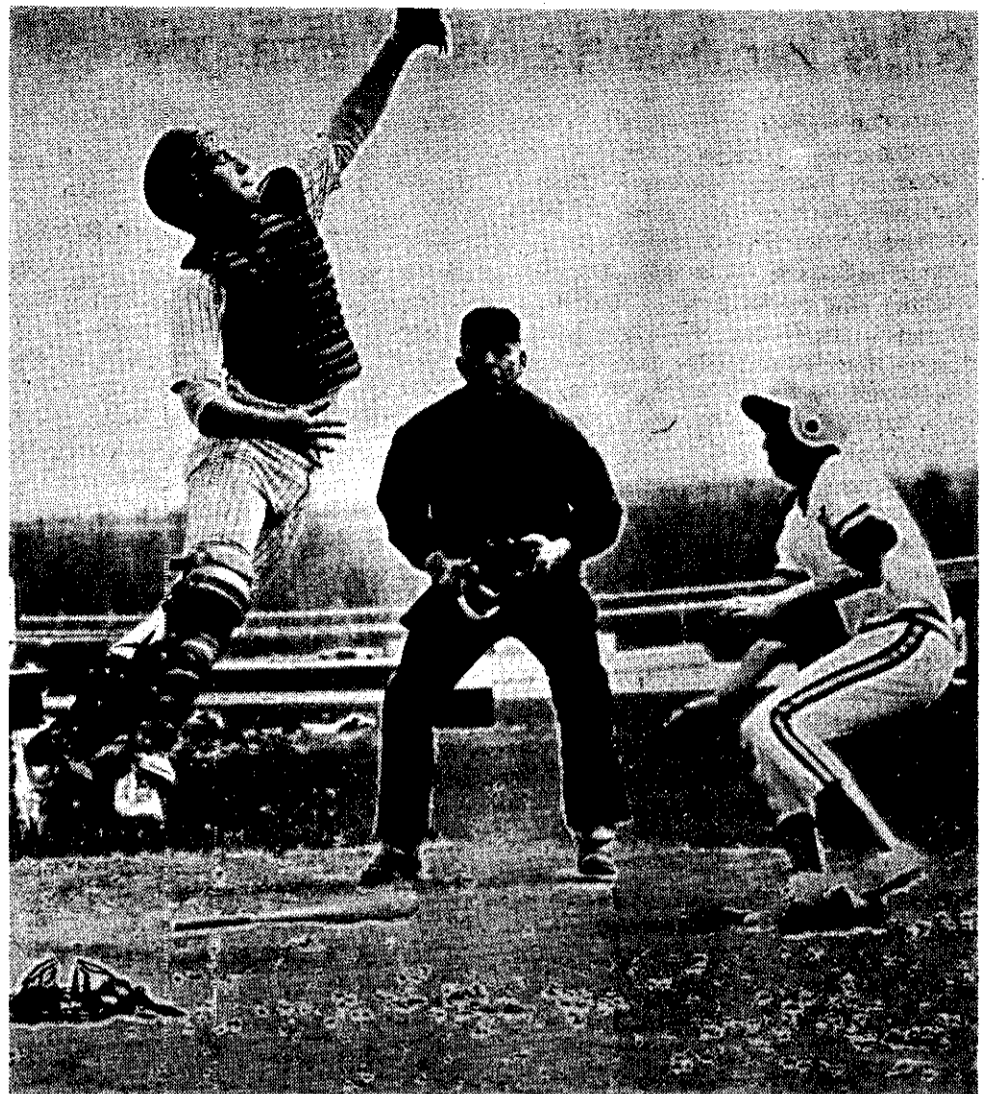
The hitting was better, too. McNamara went 4-for-8 in the two games, including a triple and two singles against Cohoes while playing second base. John Ryan, who has taken over behind the plate, put a shot out near the gang mowers, but the big fellow is not known for speed and he was cut down trying for third. He also had two singles in a 3-for-3 day against Cohoes.

Eric Phinney, a junior assigned to left, showed a good stick, as did Mike McCarthy. Meacham has started to hit, delivering two runs Friday on a triple and two singles along with a long out.

Women, on your marks

The Hudson Mohawk Runners Club will sponsor its third annual Mother's Day Race on the "big-day" - Sunday, May 8. The three-and-a-half mile endurance test will leave from the Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, at noon. The mother-daughter running teams will compete for prizes that include free dinners at area restaurants.

The entry fee is \$2. For registration information, call 456-0663 or 477-8087.



Gerry McNamara ducks a throw to the plate as he scores for Voorheesville against Cohoes in Colonial Council baseball action. *Tom Howes*

Local runners win

Two Delmar runners were part of the recent victory for Christian Brothers Academy at the Dutchess County Relays April 23 at Pine Plains. CBA runners Tom Thorp, senior, and Dennis McKenna, junior, contributed to a new meet and school record time of 18:28 in the 4-mile relay. Thorp also anchored the second-

place distance medley.

Other locals, John Hayes, who vaulted 12 feet, to place second, and Rich Lehner, who came in third in the discus (135-4), also helped CBA win the meet.

Sails at Union

James Carroll of Delmar, a senior managerial economics major at Union College, is a member of the sailing club,

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RCS rebounds for 3 straight

Rebounding from a 19-5 pasting in the Colonial Council opener against Albany Academy, Ravena's baseball Indians have won three straight and loom as a contender in the class B ranks.

The Indians have shown some fair pitching and steady fielding, and have started to hit the ball. But what pleases Coach Bob Lammlly the most is that "we're starting to play as a team, talking as a team, not as individuals worried about batting averages."

After the Academy debacle, the Indians scalped Watervliet, 7-2, Voorheesville, 11-3, and Waterford, 19-0, all on the road. The miserable weather has hurt them more than opposing teams — Ravena has five games scheduled this week, five next week and seven the final week.

Even if some of those games never get played, the Indians are in pretty good shape for pitching. They have three starters, all righthanders, and two relievers. Donny Baker fanned 13 in fashioning the Waterford whitewash. Jeff Bivona showed good control at Voorheesville, and Jim Golding is certain to win a few with good support. Rich Kinley, the catcher, and Jay Askew, who plays second or the outfield depending on who's pitching, can spell the starters.

The left side of the infield is one of the best in the league and also leads the team in run production. Chris Apple, the shortstop, was 6-for-10 going into this week, and Sam Chalk at third has been meeting the ball consistently. These two, with Bivona and Baker, who had a two-run triple and two singles against the

Blackbirds, are not only line-drive hitters, but they can bunt, as Waterford found out.

Lammlly has Fred Phillips, a junior, and seniors Al Nunziato and Jeff Driscoll in the pastures, not experienced, but playing steady ball.

Run for the orchestra

"Fun Run '83" is on the calendar for May 22 to benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra. The orchestra's Vanguard organization, sponsor of the event, urges those weighed down by winter to "sprint into spring" in either the 10-kilometer or 5-kilometer race. Runners will line up at the Palace Theater at 11 a.m. and race to and through Corning Riverside Park.

Advance registration fees are \$5 a person with a discount to \$3.50 for groups of five or more. Ages 12 and under and 65 and over pay \$2. Application forms may be obtained by calling 465-4755 by May 12. After that date advance registration may be made on Saturday, May 21, from noon to 4 p.m. at the Capital Repertory Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany.

The first 200 entrants will receive a T-shirt. On the day of the race, registration will begin at 9:30 a.m. The fee then will be \$6 per person with no group discount. The \$2 fee will remain for the younger and older runners. Awards will be given for best times in class, closest to own estimated time, and the group with the largest number of entrants. For information, call 465-4755.

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BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

Marion T. Camp
Town Clerk of the
Town of Bethlehem

Dated: April 27, 1983.

(May 4)

NOTICE CONCERNING THE EXAMINATION OF ASSESSMENT INVENTORY AND VALUATION DATA (Pursuant to section 501 of the Real Property Tax Law)

Notice is hereby given that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Bethlehem which will be filed on or before June 1, 1983. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-439-4955 Ext. 53.

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Thurs., May 5	Track, Boys, Sch. invit.	Baseball, Duaneburg, Away 4:00	Softball, Watervliet, Away 4:00 Track, Boys, Sch. Invit., away 3:00
Fri., May 6	Baseball, Scotia, home 3:45 Tennis, Mohonasen, home 3:45 Softball, Burnt Hills, home 3:45	Tennis, Ravena, home 4:00	Softball, Mechanicville, home 4:00 Baseball, Watervliet, home 4:00 Baseball, Watervliet, home 4:00
Sat., May 7	Track, Boys, Colonie Relays Track, Girls, Colonie Relays	Track, Girls, Ravena Invit., away 9:00 Track, Boys, Middleburgh Invit., away 10:00	Track, Girls, RCS Invit., home 9:30
Mon., May 9	Baseball, Niskayuna, away 3:45 Track, Girls, Ravena, home	Baseball, Waterford, away Softball, Ravena, away	Softball, Voorheesville, home 4:00 Tennis, Mechanicville, home
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Error in A's front office

For professional myopia in an advanced state I give you Rick Lynch, promotional manager and alleged director of public relations for the Albany-Colonie A's.

Rick's impaired-business vision has led him to disdain Capital area weekly newspapers as unworthy of helping him publicize the city's new baseball team, an enterprise that needs every bit of promotional hoopla it can get.

It was with some hesitation that we at *The Spotlight* decided to consider the new ball team ours as well as Albany's and include it within the precepts of our charter as a strictly local community newspaper. The decision was partly on the basis of serving sports fans in Bethlehem and New Scotland, and partly because of the low priority publishers of the Capital Newspapers give to the sports section. (You recall Bud Kenyon's reference to the *Times-Union* as the Albany edition of the *Racing Form*, and you recall the token coverage given the late-lamented soccer Eagles and the fragile basketball Patrons.)

I went along with the decision despite being the guy who would have to commit a fair chunk of my summer to writing baseball.

But this Lynch fellow, an elusive citizen uncharacteristic of your generic

Media Rare

An occasional commentary on the world of newspapers, radio and television.
By Nat Boynton

PR image, has saved me and my summer. When I made a routine call to the A's office a few weeks ago to arrange working press credentials, the PR man wasn't there, but his secretary took my name and number.

A week later, when the Shaker uprising quieted down and the weather permitted the team to exercise its franchise, I realized the A's hadn't returned my call. I dialed Lynch again. Out at Blecker, said Heather Williams, who identified herself as a Delmar resident.

That's okay, I said. Just mail it to PO Box 152.

Heather hesitated, then confessed that "I heard Mr. Lynch say he wasn't going to put weeklies on the list." The reason, she went on to explain, was that "we already have over 30 newspapers and radio stations."

I couldn't believe that even someone pretending to be a PR man would think like that, so I told Heather to mail the credentials to PO Box 152 and we'd get to work.

(I count four daily newspapers, three

TV stations and three radio stations with news staffs, as distinguished from people who read newspaper stories over the air.)

Well, nothing happened, so last week we decided to leave the coverage to the Albanians and electronics, as exemplified by Rip Rowan, the beneficiary of the sizeable TV audience built up by Bob Kovachik. The radio stations will be reading the scores on the air every morning and the *Schenectady Gazette* will continue to staff the games regardless of where the A's are in the standings.

Since Lynch doesn't return phone calls to weeklies, I can't tell you much about him. Heather Williams says he comes from out-of-town, so, in fairness, he can be forgiven for not knowing that the four paid-subscription weeklies in the intimate Capital District circumference have a far deeper penetration of the reading public in their areas than the *Times-Union*, and have a combined circulation in those domains as much as 2-to-1 over our favorite Albany morning paper.

Even an amateur publicity director for a new ball team would have been out in March calling on every editor of every suburban paper within 40 miles to court coverage. There are a lot of fans out here, and a lot of fans in Guilderland (the *Altamont Enterprise*) and Ravena (the *News Herald*). And don't forget the Greenbushes, where more people read the *Greenbush Area News*, a statewide award winner, than listen to Bob McNamara.

If I were Rick's boss, I would wonder why the Shakers got more publicity for the A's in the local dailies than he did. Then I would start wondering whether he had made pre-season approaches to chambers of commerce (he hasn't in Bethlehem) or local businesses to peddle booster season tickets (not in the noticeable suburbs).

Then I would wonder what Rick is going to do when the novelty of the A's wears off and maybe the team is in sixth place in August and he's going to have to drum up some special promotions to beef up sagging attendance. Will he ask the *Spotlight* to stir up a publicity storm for Delmar Night or Voorheesville Night at the ball park with a lot of hoop-de-doo for four, five thousand fans?

Will he look up "Newspapers" in the Yellow Pages and ask Tony DeBello to publicize Greenbush Night in the *GAN's* excellent sports section? Will Jim Gardner at the *Enterprise* be asked to deliver a few thousand fans for Guilderland Night, and will George and Rich

Bleazard be persuaded to whoop it up for Ravena Night?

Maybe you won't need these people, Rick. You've got the T-U and Rip Rowan in our midst, providing, of course, that they do business inside the city limits.

We're not mad, just sad.

As for me, I've never complained about buying a ticket to a baseball game, having seen maybe 6,000, maybe 12,000 in my jaded career. Buying a ticket means I can go home in the seventh if the game is a summer. I love baseball, I'm elated that we have a team here (using that word advisedly). After working so many games, it's nice in my senior citizenry to go to the ball park and just watch.

Auxiliary elects slate

The auxiliary of Bethlehem Memorial Post 3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, has elected Frances Gathen of Delmar as president. Other officers for the coming year are Marie Griffin, senior vice president; Irene Staph, junior vice president; Dorothy Way, chaplain; Marie Privler, conductress, and Valerie Mosley, treasurer. Rose Price, guard; Colleen Bassett, secretary; and Jo Pratt, patriotic instructor. Trustees are Hazel Martin, Marie Privler and Jo Pratt.

Quilt expert here

Chris Wolf Edmonds, well-known quilt designer and teacher from Kansas, will present a slide lecture "New Dimensions in Quilt-making" at the meeting of Q.U.I.L.T. (Quilters United in Learning Together) on Friday, May 13, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar United Methodist Church. She will bring many quilts to display, and will answer questions after her presentation. For information, call Jackie House at 482-0752.

Arrested after accidents

A Delmar man and a Selkirk man face driving while intoxicated charges following accidents in Bethlehem last week. There were no serious injuries in either incident.

John L. Hill, 33, of 79 Breckenridge Village, Selkirk, was arrested Friday by Bethlehem police following a two-car accident on Rt. 9W, according to police reports.

Thomas Hotaling, 32, of 383 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was charged by Bethlehem police Saturday after his car crossed the center lane of Delaware Ave. near Elsmere Ave. and ended up on the Bankers Trust lawn.

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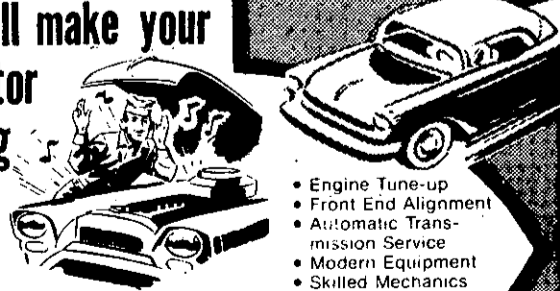
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Bike safety — who's responsible?

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the short time that I have lived in this community, I have heard glowing reports of the efficiency of the local police force. I am happy to be living in a community where there is special concern for safety on the roads.

However, enforcement of safe practices seems to be limited to automobile operators. I would like to know why this concern does not appear to extend to bicyclists. I have seen countless bicyclists in this community riding without concern for their own safety. Riding is done on the wrong side of the road. Riders have no concern for traffic control devices. And, most importantly, I have yet to see a bicyclist riding at night with a light; many do not even have reflectors.

Those who do not drive do not realize their lack of visibility (as pedestrians or bicyclists) to automobile drivers. Something must be done to achieve such awareness. Parents must emphasize safety concerns with their children; all cyclists must take responsibility for riding safety, and the local police force should stop and warn or summon those at fault, just as they do for violators of motor vehicle law.

I suggest that action be undertaken before there is a tragedy in this community.

Cheryl Forbes

Delmar

Bethlehem police conduct regular clinics on bike safety at all schools and

sponsor a Bike Rodeo each year. Officers can only hope that teenagers and adults remember the rules learned in grade school.

Auxiliary notes birthday

Installation of new officers of the Elsmere Fire Co. Ladies Auxiliary took place at the Century House recently. Those elected were: Linda Watt, president; Janice Blodgett, vice president; Edrie Pregent, corresponding secretary; Lottie VanDyke, recording secretary; Connie Rukwid, treasurer.

On May 12 the Auxiliary celebrates its 45th anniversary. Charter members being honored are Gwen Adams, Pearl Adams, Edna Hunt, Alice McKnight, Dorothy Sanford, Gladys Smith, Betty White and Zilpha Wright. Charter members to be memorialized are Ada Adams, Anna Berschwinger, Anna Freis, Edith Freeman, Francis Green, Ada Klein, Marion Markell, Catherine May, Myrtle Oswald and Hazel Saulsbury. A regular meeting is scheduled for 8 p.m. with refreshments planned for this special evening.

Retirement fete planned

Albert H. Forrest of Delmar will be honored at a retirement dinner May 12 at Jack's Oyster House, Albany. Forrest has retired after 41 years as a state court reporter. He attended Columbia University, and is founder and past president of the Northeastern Shorthand Reporter's Association and founder of the Stenotype School, Albany. Forrest will continue as editor and publisher of Winter Sports magazine, a regional sports and travel publication.

The dinner is open to the public and reservations should be made by May 5 with George Deyo of the state Court of Claims, 465-8881.

Plant sale at plaza

The Bethlehem Garden Club will be at the Delaware Plaza in Elsmere holding its annual plant sale on Friday, May 13, at 9 a.m. For information, call 439-4017.



Mrs. Raymond J. Neubauer

Delmar man weds

Janice A. Carpenter, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John A. Carpenter of Troy, became the bride of Raymond J. Neubauer, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond F. Neubauer of Delmar, April 30 at St. James Church, Albany.

Maid of honor was Kathy Galletta, and Lauren Galletta was the flower girl. Bridesmaids were Cindy Carpenter, Judy Kellogg, Donna Dolan and Lisa Galletta. Paul Deering was best man. Ushers were

Mike Dolan, Mike Stewart and John Carpenter, brother of the bride. Ring bearers were John Carpenter, nephew of the bride, and Jerime Allen.

The bride is a graduate of Averill Park High School. The bridegroom graduated from Christian Brothers Academy and St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt. The couple will reside in Hoosick Falls.

Pollard-Johnson

Dr. and Mrs. Sydney T. Pollard, Jr. of Glenmont announce the engagement of their daughter, Diane, to Chester P. Johnson, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Chester P. Johnson of Delmar.

Miss Pollard graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and from Bentley College with a BS in marketing management. She is employed as a manager with K-Mart Enterprises in East Greenbush. Her fiance graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and from the State University College at Morrisville with an associate degree in environmental engineering. He is regional director for Epoxy Industries in Ravena.

A June, 1984, wedding is planned.

Business women install

The Business Women's Club will present awards and install officers after dinner on Wednesday, May 4, at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. For meeting details call Helen Harder at 439-4445.

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Ride in Safety
Saturday bicyclists of all ages will converge on Bethlehem Town Hall for the eighth annual Bike Day, sponsored by the police department's Youth Bureau. Bicycle safety inspections and registration will be offered from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. that day and everyone who shows up will be invited to ride through a rodeo course that emphasizes bicycle safety skills.

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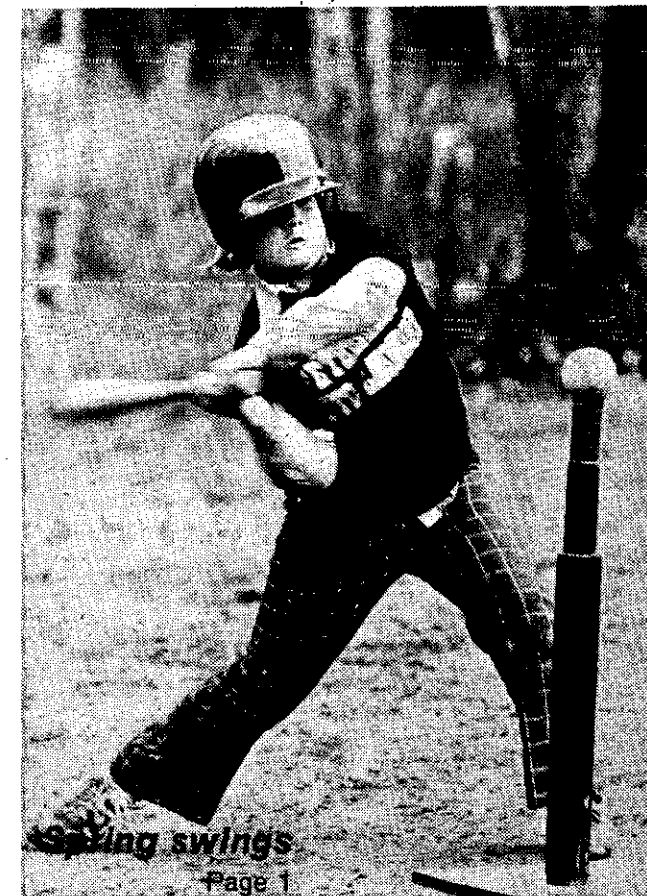
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