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The students react to work-to-rule

By Julie Ann Sosa

The apathy of the "me" generation has suddenly been replaced by concern at Bethlehem Central High School. The week-old work-to-rule policy by BC teachers has generated student fears that their education has been, or will be, tampered with.

Undeniably, school morale and pride were at a low ebb during the first week of work-to-rule as a tide of tangible tension and rumors swept the school. Most of the student body remained uninformed or misinformed by classmates fearing the worst; even before the job action started a few students had taken the initiative to voice their biases:

For the past few months, our teachers have been on quiet strike in an effort to gain a contract. Until the teachers have their contract, there will be no field trips, no extracurricular activities and no extra help. Only we have the power to put an end to this. BC students will go on strike . . . We are on their side.

Those were the claims and appeals of an anonymous pamphlet that circulated among the students the week before the teacher's work-to-rule protest was implemented.

The walkout planned by word-of-mouth for last Wednesday was aborted. Only one of fewer than 20 protesters actually left the school unswayed by acting Principal Jack Whipple, who was convincingly stationed at the front door. Still, Channels 6 and 10 had TV cameras on hand for interviews.

Since then, the BC Student Senate, a group of 28 elected student representatives, has assumed the role of a student voice. Two open meetings, called to brainstorm what course of action was both necessary and appropriate, drew disappointing audiences of seven and 30 students respectively. They left Student Senate President Thomas Denham, a senior, wondering whether the entire situation had not been exaggerated by a handful of discontents eager for media attention and a day off school. The forums did see constructive talk of having a general assembly to educate the student body about the ongoing contract dispute between the school board and the teachers' union and what work-to-rule means.

Ultimately, a letter was written to be read by a group of concerned students at Tuesday's Board of Education meeting. It was an understated, nonpartisan message to both sides that students are concerned and unwilling to be used by teachers as a bargaining chip or an avenue to parents in order to resolve the conflict. A quick resolution was, of course, encouraged.

What is fact and what is fiction? Students, especially juniors looking toward the fall college application process, don't want their education threatened. They have been intimidated by the teachers' solidarity marches into and out of the school at 7:30 a.m. and 3 p.m.

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At 7:30 a.m. each schoolday, Bethlehem Central High School teachers enter the school en masse from the parking lot as part of a job action in contract negotiations. Tom Howes

Village tax rate down, but all eyes on Bates

By Tom Howes

Normally, a municipal board presenting an annual budget with a 60 percent reduction in the tax rate might be expected to play it to the hilt. But last week the number-crunching added up to second place as the trustees applauded the political career of Mayor Milton F. Bates, chairing his last Voorheesville Village Board meeting.

One by one, the trustees offered congratulations to Bates, retiring after 12 years of village service, the last four as mayor.

Daniel Reh called him "a damn good mayor" and said "I hope I can draw on him for his experience."

Bates' service has made "the village a lot better off" said Richard Langford. Under Bates' direction as mayor, Langford added, the village board could only be faulted for not publicizing its accomplishments.

Douglas DeDe expressed gratitude for the opportunity to work with Bates and said there "hasn't been a mayor (who has) spent as much time as he has (on the job)."

Village Counsel Donald Meacham said the village was "lucky to have a board and mayor like you."

It was left to Trustee Larry Dedrick to disappear offstage for a moment and return with a plaque commending Bates "For outstanding leadership and dedicated service as mayor of Voorheesville, New York, April, 1984, Board of Trustees, Voorheesville, New York."

"I think I could actually call Milt 'Mr. Voorheesville,'" Dedrick said, handing him the plaque.

For his part, Bates spoke with emo-



Milton F. Bates

tion, and returned the kudos with his own, thanking the board, village officials and residents "for electing me six times."

The current board, he said, "reflects on everyone who's been a part of the village board," and congratulated the board on its "conservative" fiscal management.

"It's a good budget...a lot of flexibility," he said. "It's not a bare bones budget...I wouldn't want to see one."

The estimated 1984-85 tax rate is \$1.45 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, down more than two dollars from the 1983-84 figure. Monies received from the real estate tax will drop from last year's \$121,420 to \$44,713.

On the receipt side, earnings on certificates of deposit invested by the village, road improvement funds from the state's CHIPS program, and Albany County Sales Tax figures play a role in the reduced tax rate.

The board announced an April 9 public hearing on the budget, at 7 p.m. at (Turn to Page 3)

BC tax rate up 10 percent despite last minute trims

By Caroline Terenzini

A proposed \$16.78 million Bethlehem Central School District budget was to get the imprimatur of the school board Tuesday evening, with district voters having the final say on May 9.

The proposed budget's dollar amount is up 8½ percent from the current year's figure, and the tax rate increases to support that budget total are projected as 10 percent for Bethlehem property owners and 9½ percent for New Scotland residents of the district. With the district tax base yet to be finalized, the tax levy per \$1,000 of assessed valuation is estimated to be \$166.47 in Bethlehem and \$278.95 in New Scotland.

As the board has wrung out the budget figures in late-night and weekend sessions, tension has mounted and tempers have flared. Comments by board members during the budget discussions raised the possibility, too, that the vote by the six-member board would not be unanimous.

The amount of taxable property

behind each pupil puts Bethlehem in the category of "wealthy" districts, meaning that Bethlehem's share of the ballyhooed increase in state aid to education is one-tenth of 1 percent or \$6,000 — an insignificant sum in a \$16.78 million budget. And, for the fifth year in a row, the district comes under the "save harmless" provision of the state aid formula, meaning it will get the same number of dollars in operating aid that it got five years ago. Local property taxpayers, then, are having to cover the district's increased costs.

The possibility of a bond issue to finance capital projects such as roof replacements and heating system repairs has been put on the back burner and the proposed budget has about \$250,000 for capital expenditures, about the same figure as in the current budget.

Suggestions during the budget debate for trimming the tax increases included accepting tuition-paying students from outside the district and putting bus

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Diane Clyne, arriving at Normanside Country Club with husband James, had good reason to be surprised. About 200 friends, swimmers and parents of young swimmers — and the *Spotlight* cameraman — were waiting to honor the retiring coach of the Delmar Dolphins at a surprise dinner Saturday night.

Tom Howes

Talk on furniture

Guilderland town historian Roger Keenholts will give a slide-talk on "New York Federal Furniture" at the (Dutch Settlers Society) meeting on Tuesday,

April 10, at 8 p.m. at the Dutch Reformed Church in Albany. A social hour will follow the program. Call Ruth Baumbach at 765-4419 for information.

Contests loom for 2 BC seats

Two contests appear to be shaping up in the sometimes ho-hum Bethlehem Central school board election. Voting on the proposed budget and to fill three board seats will be May 9.

Incumbents Sheila Fuller and Jed Wolkenbreit both plan to seek re-election, but as of Monday only Wolkenbreit had submitted nominating petitions to the district clerk. These are due Monday, April 9. Mrs. Fuller, currently serving as board president, will be seeking her third term and Wolkenbreit his second. Velma Cousins of Delmar, a teacher in a neighboring school district, has said she plans to challenge Wolkenbreit.

The third seat to be filled was held by Robert Zick of Glenmont, who resigned several months ago because of a job move. Barbara Coon of Delmar, who is active in the Capital District Parent-Teacher Association, has announced her intention to seek that seat and so has Paul Scudiere of Delmar, who is director of history and anthropology at the State Museum downtown.

The contests should spark voter interest, although a recent candidates' forum at Clarksville Elementary School drew fewer than 20 observers.

Caroline Terenzini

The high school reacts

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School officials say the spring National Honor Society and scholarship selection process will continue as planned. The junior prom and senior ball will be chaperoned — by someone. The Stage 700 musical "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers" will open on April 12. The new intramural lacrosse team will have an advisor in the person of Ray Sliter.

But there are unknowns. There is talk that such traditional field trips as the A.P. Biology what watch and the wind ensemble exchange program will be cancelled soon. The Bronx Zoo trip set for last Friday was cancelled — two weeks before work-to-rule was passed. Although students say that teachers are refusing to give them afterschool help except for the one day each week assigned to their subject, Whipple says that he has not been approached with any formal complaints. If he is, he says he will speak to the teacher personally to encourage a return to normalcy.

Must Bethlehem Central's 50th anniversary celebration end prematurely after only "49½ Years of Excellence"? The students are in agreement — they hope not.

BC budget

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purchases to a vote separate from the budget, but neither won acceptance.

Board President Sheila Fuller has had several "coffees" at her home to provide an informal setting for district residents to quiz administrators about the budget and express their opinions. Future coffees will be April 9 and 30 and May 7, from 10 a.m. to noon at 31 Albin Rd. in Delmar.

Correction

Due to an editing error, a report in last week's *Spotlight* on Bethlehem Central teacher contract negotiations incorrectly stated that Thelan Associates, the school board's hired negotiator, does not get paid according to the length of the negotiations. In fact, the board's contract with Thelan Associates was for a one-year period, which has expired, and the firm is now working on a quarterly basis.

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Task force opposes architectural review

By Vincent Potenza

As the Delaware Avenue Task Force moves slowly but deliberately toward a public forum promised by Chairman Charles Redmond, the group has reached a consensus on some matters of importance, chiefly the notion of architectural review.

Last week a discussion centering around the conclusions drawn by planning board member John LaForte's aesthetics subcommittee generated among the entire group present the conclusion that a separate architectural review board for the town would not be necessary.

Previous discussion about clarifying the current site plan approval regulations to give developers guidance as to what sort of architectural style was desirable was again brought up. "I don't think we should so much dictate style as design," LaForte said. "Such as, the signs should be affixed flush to the building, there will be no neon signs, there should be so much percentage of green space and it should be between the building and the street, and so on."

However, Bernard Harvith, who teaches planning law at Albany Law School, said he would feel better if there were "guidelines for the planning board... some general language."

Planning consultant Edward Kleinke said he agreed. "We should have some general statements, even if it only applies to residences." One of the biggest problems the town has had in dealing with building design was in two-family houses, Kleinke said. Board member Marcia Nelson agreed with him on that point.

Joshua Effron, an assistant town attorney who was asked by LaForte to address the group on architectural review, stated he thought the process "a can of worms that's not necessary." He summarized the architectural guidelines of three other townships and the group agreed that the best way to handle the problem was simply to state that no building would be "excessively similar or excessively dissimilar" to those within a certain distance from the site.

LaForte noted that the town planning

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board had exercised site plan review in only two or three commercial cases and had been fairly timid in doing so, at that. He questioned whether the ordinance had to be strengthened before it was really even used.

"I understand what you're saying," Harvith told LaForte, "but I'm afraid that the price for finding out what's needed in the ordinance may be several lost court cases."

Redmond suggested to the group that subcommittee members begin drawing up proposals for all the suggestions they'd come up with, and Harvith said he thought a list of items with an explanation of intent should suffice for the group's recommendations to the town board. He said the language for the ordinance itself would probably be left up to the town attorney anyway.

With that in mind, Redmond reminded group members that he would like to have something definite together shortly so the group could hold a public forum and get the residents' reactions to their proposals. He would like the group to meet at least once more after that to consider those reactions before finally forwarding a package to the town board.

"It looks like we're not going to make the April 1 deadline," he said, referring to the original target date for a proposal to the town board. He would like to get things together as quickly as possible, he said, and hoped members could accommodate him. Redmond set the group's next meeting for April 10, 7:30 p.m. at town hall.

Workshop postponed

The Capital District Regional Workshop for the State Middle Grades Association that was to be hosted by the Bethlehem Central Middle School on Saturday, April 7, has been postponed until the fall. It was to have included teachers, parents and students with ideas for improving their schools.



Mary Edwards, center, Teige Sheehan, right, and classmates rehearse a scene for Thursday night's Slingerlands School choir production, *Sis Boom Bah*. Tom Howes

Voorheesville budget

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the village hall. Copies of the budget are now available at the village office.

For the first time, the Voorheesville Ambulance Squad budget has been included in the village document. Dividing the cost with the Town of New Scotland, Voorheesville lists the \$14,950 plan as a separate item.

Also retiring and attending his last board meeting was Trustee Douglas DeDe "another asset to this village" according to Daniel Reh.

In other action:

- Bates said a Price Chopper realty department spokesman has shown interest in "portions" of the Grand Union building. The spokesman indicated the outlet might be considering something between a mini-Chopper and a regular Price Chopper, Bates said. "Price Chopper and Bill Candido are trying to work out something for that property," Bates said. Candido declined to comment on the report and a spokesman for Price Chopper was not available.

- Bates acknowledged there was no substantial progress in the sewer negotiations with Rosen and Michaels. The discussions are currently bogged down over cost of maintenance figures, and

Bates said engineering consultants Clough, Harbour and Associates were doing flow studies on the Salem Hills property in order to better determine those figures.

- Approved a Federal Revenue Sharing hearing for April 9, to follow the budget hearing.

- Announced a \$2 per ton increase in the fee to use Albany's ANSWERS plant. The rate, now at \$4 a ton, will increase to \$6 a ton on May 1.

The Lions are cooking

The Bethlehem Lions Club will serve all the pancakes you can eat at a breakfast fund raiser on Sunday, April 15, from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elmsmere. Tickets for the eating event are \$3.50 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. For information call John Gardiner at 439-2581.

Middle school sports night

The volleyball and basketball courts at the Bethlehem Central Middle School will be filled with students and their parents competing in the Parent-Faculty Organization's annual sports night on Thursday, April 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Refreshments will also be sold.

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North, South Beth to get new parks

For most people, the Bethlehem park system begins and ends at Elm Ave. But over the years the town has gradually sought to supplement that all-purpose complex with a system of smaller regional parks. Last week, the town board added more to the list, one in North Bethlehem and one in South Bethlehem.

The board agreed to purchase a railroad right-of-way that will allow it to develop a neighborhood park off Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem. It also looked at plans prepared by Edward Kleinke, the town's planning consultant, for a 25-acre park off Russell Rd. in North Bethlehem. However, residents of those two areas probably won't be walking the trails or picnicking this year.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan said he expects to use town employees to work on the two sites. That means the work will get done on an as-available basis, and those crews are still trying to finish up the new picnic pavilion at the Elm Ave. Park, started last spring, as well as continue development work at the Henry Hudson Park.

But some work has already started on the North Bethlehem Park, which is being developed from land acquired by the town about five years ago. Corrigan said Highway Department workers cleared some brush at the park last month, but got bogged down by spring thaws and had to quit.

Kleinke's plans call for a "passive" park, with the emphasis on neighborhood use. The entrance off Russell Rd. provides for some parking, but the entrance from Beverly Dr. will be for pedestrian use only. Eventually, there will be a ball field and a fitness trail to complement the picnic area.

Corrigan said the town has pursued the idea of a park in South Bethlehem for several years, and just recently concluded negotiations with Penn Central Railroad, which owns the abandoned right-of-way through a subsidiary. Part of the 2-mile

stretch is a 300-foot wide plot on the south side of Rt. 396, which the town plans to develop for recreational uses again, using town labor. The board approved the \$25,000 purchase price and passed legislation setting up a 30-day permissive referendum period, during which time citizens can petition for a public vote on the expenditure.

In other business, the town board:

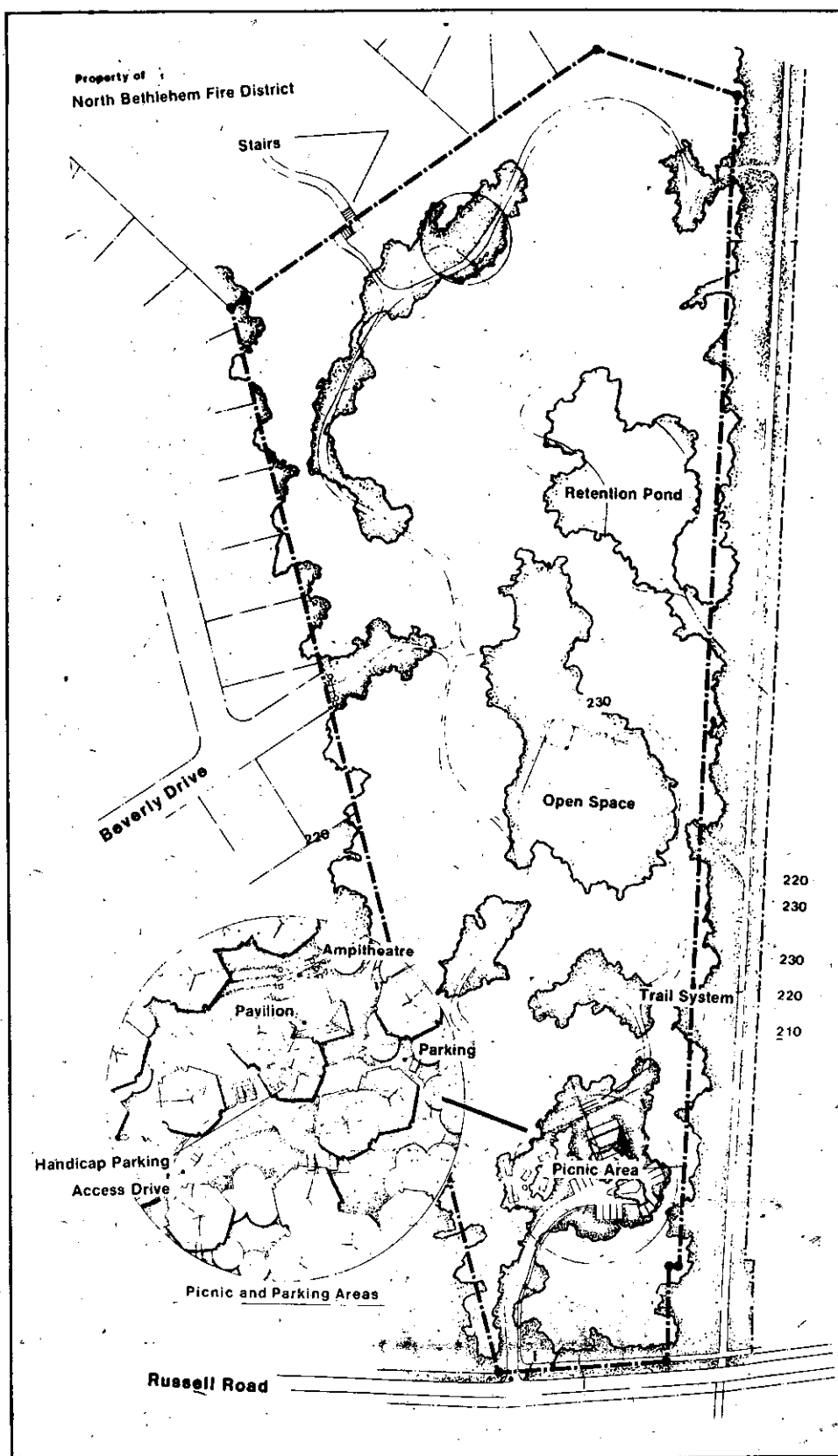
- Awarded a contract to resurface the L-shaped pool at the Elm Ave. Park to K&K Coping Co., Inc., for \$12,491.

- Authorized Highway Superintendent Martin Cross to post a four-ton limit on Monroe Ave. in North Bethlehem. Corrigan said the road is currently being used for construction vehicles working on a subdivision just across the town line in Gunderland, and Cross is concerned that the road won't stand up to such wear.

- Instructed Laberge Engineering, which had applied on behalf of the town for state funds for sidewalks along Delaware Ave., to shift its focus and go after funding for water and sewers for Halter Rd. in Glenmont. Corrigan said it is apparent that Bethlehem can't qualify for the sidewalk funding because the town can't demonstrate enough need; Halter Rd. is in dire need of water and sewer services, and property values alone won't support the expenditure, he said.

- Authorized Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor to proceed with a proposed extension of the water district for the Crossgates subdivision in Glenmont. Secor said the developer has already paid \$4,000 to cover the cost of planning the extension, and will cover the cost of extending a 12 inch line to open up new areas of the subdivision for development.

- Received a \$25 amusement license fee from the Jericho Drive In. Corrigan said the Jericho is the only establishment in the town still requiring the amusement license. "We really ought to look at this law," Corrigan said.



Landscape architect Edward Kleinke's plan for the neighborhood park for North Bethlehem. The main entrance is off Russell Rd., with a pedestrian access from Beverly Dr., and a set of wooden stairs leading to the land owned by the North Bethlehem Fire District. *Spotlight Map*

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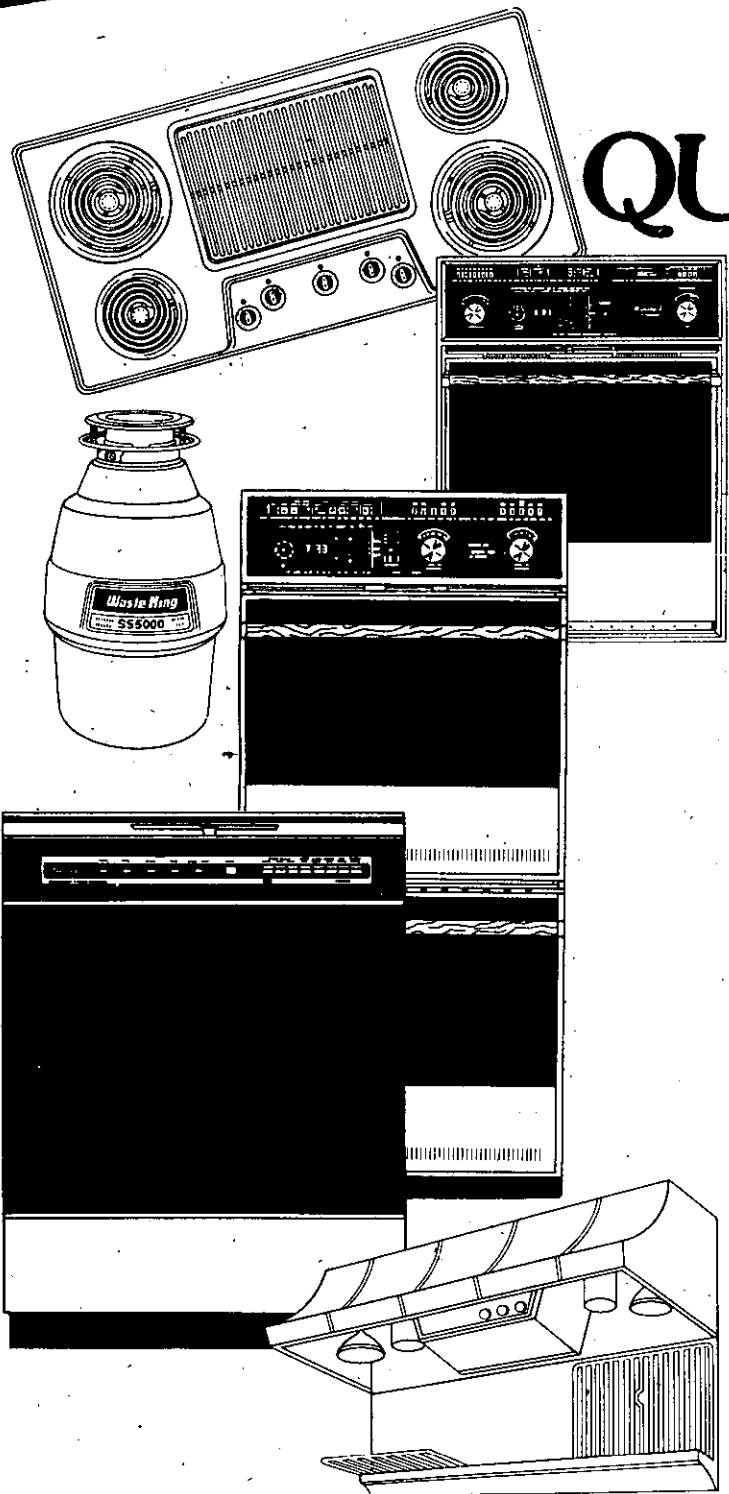
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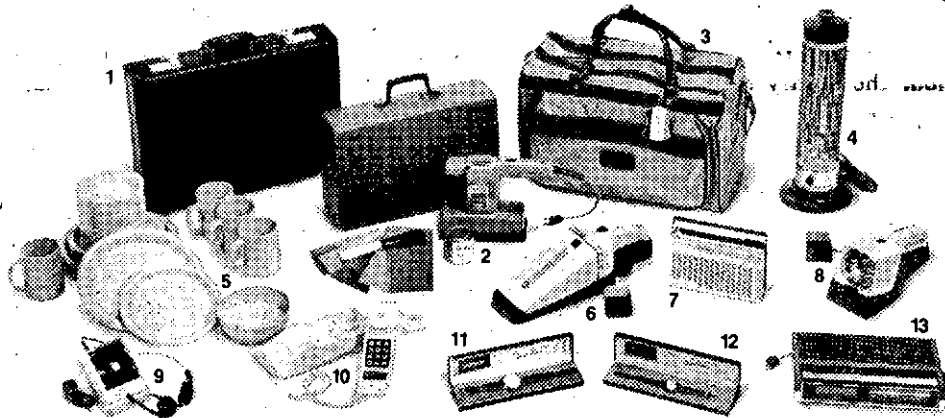
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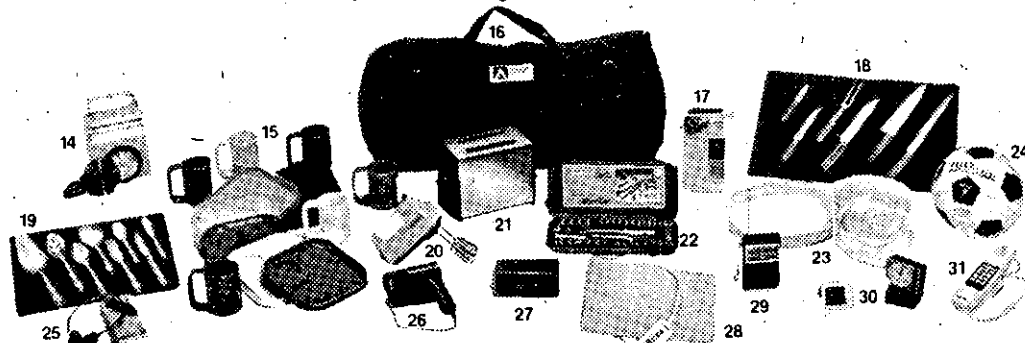
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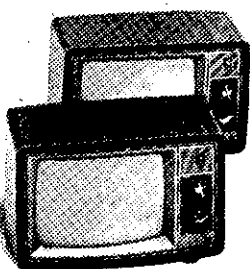
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That expensive hole is filled

The gigantic hole on Kenwood Ave. is filled in and the antique sewer line running underneath it is repaired. But it will be a few days more before traffic can be permitted on the torn up street, and a few days after that before Bruce Secor can total up the costs of the episode.

The street just east of the Bethlehem Central Middle School has been out of commission for nearly two weeks following the collapse of the 55-year-old clay sewer main. "We're going to get traffic back on the street in a day or so," Secor said Monday. The problem now is that area blacktop plants aren't open yet, and there's too much damage to the road to open it without repaving.

The break quickly became a major project because of the depth of the old pipe — 18 feet — and the fact that the collapse of one section produced a chain reaction that spread nearly 70 feet. Because the soil around the old pipe was sandy, part of the street also collapsed. For the first few days, town crews had to pump the sewage around the break.

The main links the old Delmar sewer district to the old treatment station on the Normanskill; from there it is pumped to the present treatment plant at Cedar Hill.

In all, Secor estimates, the cost of repairing the break and the road will approach \$20,000 — \$7,000 alone for the large backhoe the town had to rent. Next on the agenda is a self-propelled television camera that will crawl through the new ducted iron pipe to inspect for soundness. "We'll be able to show the town board some dirty pictures," Secor said.



The hole is filled in Friday. The top pipe is a town water main.

Tom Howes

Library maps contest

National Library Week is April 8 to 14 and the staff of the Bethlehem Public Library will be blowing their own horn — literally. Once each hour the library is open that week a horn will sound to call attention to the library and its services, and to alert everyone to a survey that will count library patrons and materials used in the library. People who visit the library will be asked to leave all materials used there on a table where they can be counted.

A highlight of the observance in Bethlehem will be a contest to see who can guess the total number of people who will visit the library during the week. Entries are due at the library before April 8. The winner of the contest will be notified April 16 and will receive the game "Trivial Pursuit," donated by Michael Aikey, owner of Lincoln Hill Bookstore.

At the Bethlehem library, which is open 70 hours a week, the number of items borrowed has increased by 11 percent in the past three years. Last year, 328,649 items were borrowed, which is an average of 13 items for each of the 25,000 area residents. The average statewide is 4.81 items.

Choral concert Monday

The Monday Musical Club's women's chorus will present its spring concert in a cabaret setting Monday, April 9, at 8 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art. For this program the chorus will be joined by the RPI Men's Glee Club. Both groups are under the direction of Ralph Enokian, a music teacher in the Shenendehowa School District.

Accompanist is Rachel Worth of Delmar, organist and choir director at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elmsmere. Admission is \$3, senior citizens \$1.50.

Births



St. Peter's Hospital

Son, Sean Patrick, to Mr. and Mrs. Edward L. Boyle, Jr., Slingerlands, March 21.

Son, Peter Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Scott Bird, Selkirk, March 23.

A daughter, Christine Lynn, was born Jan. 12 to Janet and John Steele, Alexandria, Va. Mrs. Steele's parents are Nancy and Herb Steele of Delmar, and her grandparents are Rev. and Mrs. Leonard Steele of Nelson House, Albany.

2 charged with DWI

Bethlehem police made two arrests on charges of driving while intoxicated this week, one of which is a felony count. A Schenectady man was stopped about 1 a.m. last Tuesday on Rt. 144 near the Job Corps Center and charged with DWI as a felony because of a prior conviction. The motorist wanted an independent blood alcohol test performed, so was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by police before getting a ride to the Albany County Jail. In the second DWI incident, a man from Delaware was stopped about 2 a.m. Thursday at Elmsmere Ave. and Rt. 32. Back at the station, he refused to take a breath test or to be fingerprinted and photographed, according to police records, so he faces a charge of obstructing governmental administration in addition to the DWI count.

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Alden Countryman, second from left, was installed Saturday as exalted ruler of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge. Among other officers at the ceremony were Richard H. Warnken Jr., left, esteemed leading knight; Raymond Kalendeck, esteemed loyal knight, and R. William Vollbrecht, esteemed lecturing knight. *Tom Howes*

Sensitive topic

Kristin Frederick will give mothers tips on how they should respond to young children's questions about death at the next Mother's Time Out meeting on

Tuesday, April 10, at 10 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. The Christian support group for preschoolers' mothers meets weekly. Child care is provided. Call 439-9929 for more information.

Group home is planned for Rt. 9W residence

Hillside House of Coeymans, Inc. has notified Bethlehem officials of intent to establish a community residence for developmentally disabled adults in the former VanAllen homestead on Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The residence, fourth of its kind in the town, will be located just north of Dowerskill Village. Dr. Frank J. Filippone, executive director of the Ravena-based agency, said the five bedroom dwelling would have a capacity of 10 adults, some of whom may be non-ambulatory. The residence will provide housing, meals, companionship and around-the-clock supervision of all activities.

"One of our major goals is to enable developmentally disabled individuals to reside in communities close to family, friends and opportunities for normal life-enriching experiences," said Filippone in his letter to the town. Hillside House has been providing residential, transportation and recreational services to developmentally disabled individuals in Coeymans since 1975, he said.

Hillside House is required by law to notify the town prior to establishing the new residence, but no formal town approval is required. Bethlehem has three other community residences, all sponsored and operated by Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental services. After some initial neighborhood concern, all three residences have established strong community ties and volunteer support networks.

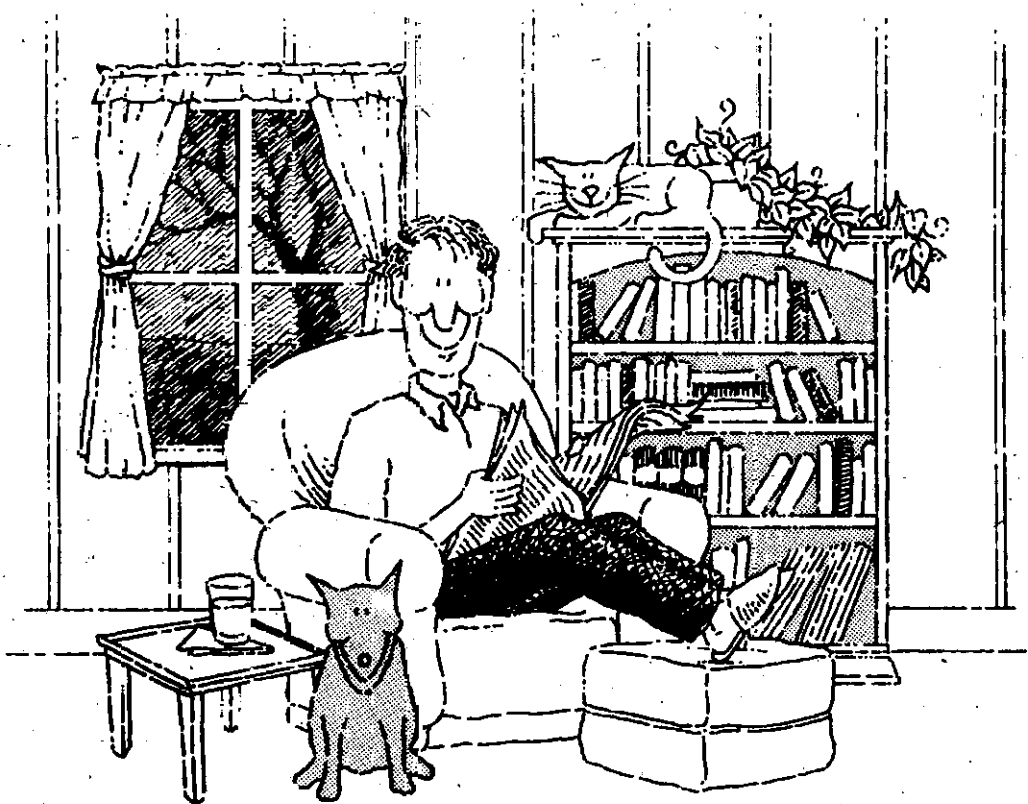
On the arms race

"Nuclear War, the Arms Race and Foreign Policy" will be the theme of the ninth annual interscholastic conference hosted by the Doane Stuart School on Tuesday, April 10. Bishop Howard Hubbard will reflect on a recent pastoral

letter in his keynote address. The day of films and panel workshops headed by politicians and academicians is open to students and faculty from all local public and private high schools.

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RCS seeking adult volunteers

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District is about to embark on a pilot study utilizing adult volunteers in the elementary schools. The district is seeking adults who would be interested in assisting with the educational program in the district grade schools. Any adult who would be willing to volunteer an hour or more a week to this pilot program will be welcome. Information may be obtained by contacting any of the elementary school principals: Ravena Elementary School, Donna Grant, 756-2155, extension 133; Pieter B. Coeymans Elementary School, Kathleen H. Mrozak, 756-2155, extension 128, and A.W. Becker School, Albert Keating, 756-2155, Ext. 135.

Hannakrois DAR to meet

The April 9 meeting of Hannakrois Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will be at the home of Mrs. Gilbert E. Houk in Selkirk at 7:30 p.m. Mrs. Houk will present a demonstration on how wool increases the strength of hooked rugs. Hostesses for the evening meeting and program will be Mrs. Harry C. Dinmore, Mrs. Cecily M. Greenley and Mrs. Cecil A. Grist. Hannakrois Chapter members are planning a chartered bus trip to Washington, D.C., April 15 to 21 to attend the 93rd Continental Congress. Mrs. S. Benjamin Meyers of Voorheesville is bus hostess. Prospective members are welcome and may call 767-3356 for more information.

Easter play tonight

An Easter play entitled "The Kindled Flame" will be presented by members of the United Methodist Women this evening, April 4, at the group's regular meeting. All area women are invited to attend the program at 8 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem. Program leader will be Mrs. Mary

News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Dushek. Refreshments will be served, with Mrs. Wilma Currey and Mrs. Myrtle Cheney the hostesses.

Fish on Friday

The Selkirk Fire Company No. 1 auxiliary of Selkirk plans another of their popular fish fries for this Friday evening, April 6. Possibly the last "fry" of the Lenten season, the dinner will begin at 4:30 p.m., with servings until 7 p.m. at the firehouse on Maple Ave. The menu consists of fish, French fries, coleslaw and a beverage, and the meal can be enjoyed there or purchased for takeout. The cost is \$3 for adults and \$2 for children under 12. Purchasers should supply containers for takeout orders.

New look at Glass House

"The Rensselaer Glass House, Yesterday and Today" will be the topic of a slide show and talk by Mrs. Henry Rowe at the Bethlehem Historical Association's April 19 meeting. Mrs. Rowe is a member of the state Local Historians' Association, as well as a member of the Fort Crailo Daughters of the American Revolution, and is one of the founders of the Sand Lake Historical Society. She has done extensive research on the Rensselaer Glass Factory, which existed from about 1803 until 1952 in the Glass Lake area where Mrs. Rowe lives. Many buildings from the Glass House remain.

She will have examples of glass from the factory and will answer questions

from the audience. The public is invited to attend the program, which will begin at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk. Refreshments will be served.

Fiction tips given

Eleven students from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High attended a "Minds On" workshop in March at the Rensselaerville Institute. The focus of this workshop was "Myths from Life." Cynde Gregory, a teacher of creative writing in the Capital District, was leader of the workshop.

The students learned about creativity, character development and use of language in fiction writing. Students from RCS were Mary Baker, Lisa Foronda, Melissa Shea, Sonya Mann, Matt Clouse, Pam Carras, Michael Gleason, Dave McNessor, Bridgette Kelly, Nadine Feasel and Celia Shubert.

Grange dinner Saturday

A home-style roast beef dinner sponsored by the Bethlehem Grange will be held Saturday evening, April 7, at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Becker's Corners, Selkirk. Beginning at 4 p.m., the dinner will continue until all have been served. The Women's Activities Committee will also have a "This and That" sale during the evening. The public is invited, and tickets will be available at the door.

She's a winner!

Jennifer Bull, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Jeff Bull of Twin Maple Farm, Selkirk, has been awarded the President's Scholarship from Rochester Institute of Technology. Two hundred students were tested for the six available scholarships. She has also been offered the Bausch and Lomb Scholarship from the University of Rochester. Jennifer is ranked No. 1 in this year's senior class at Ravena-



Jennifer Bull

Coeymans-Selkirk. She is a Regents scholarship winner, and has received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship Corp.

She was awarded the Bausch and Lomb Science Award for having maintained the highest science average over a four-year period at RCS. Jennifer will be one of four RCS representatives on "Answers Please" in April. She is secretary of the National Honor Society Chapter and president of the Spanish Club. She also is a member of her class steering committee, and is active in 4-H. In addition, Jennifer works part time at the Delmar Animal Hospital as a veterinarian's assistant. She plans to study biomedical photographic communications.

Squares for beginners

Square dance students can learn the steps at a special Tri-Village Squares dance "called" especially for them on Sunday, April 7, at 7:30 p.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. There will also be a mainstream tip for experienced dancers. Duane Silver of Delmar will call the squares. Admission prices will be reduced for the beginners.

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Richard Oden, Jr., left, and Edward Volkwein are National Merit Scholarship finalists. The two are seniors at Voorheesville's Clayton A. Bouton High School and are among 13,500 finalists nationwide. Oden is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Oden of New Scotland and Volkwein is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fredericks Volkwein of Voorheesville.

Voorheesville inventors honored

Dr. George Rupprecht and Harvey Patashnick, both of Voorheesville, have been honored by the Eastern New York Patent Law Association for their invention of a device that can measure the mass of minute particles. They have received two patents on the invention, called a tapered element oscillating microbalance. The device collects particles on an oscillating element and measures the change in the frequency of oscillation, permitting computation of the mass of the particles. The instrument can measure a mass smaller than one billionth of a gram, the inventors said. It is used to analyze exhaust from auto engines and fossil fuel-fired plants, among other uses.

Dr. Rupprecht received the doctoral degree from the University of Erlangen, Germany. For several years he worked on the Skylab program at the Bendix

Research Laboratory in Denver, Colo. He holds a number of patents. Patashnick received a master's degree in physics from the State University at Albany, and was a research associate at the Dudley Observatory before teaming up with Dr. Rupprecht. Patashnick has received the NASA Technology Award. The two have formed a company, Rupprecht & Patashnick Co., Inc., to further develop and market the microbalance.

Dinner and bazaar

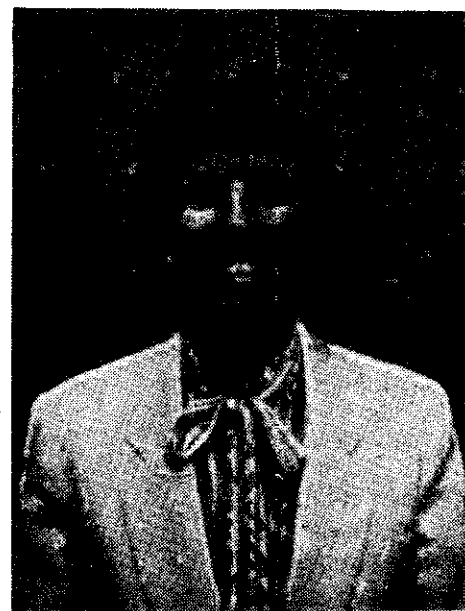
The Women's Guild of the New Salem Reformed Church on Rt. 85 just east of Rt. 85A, will be serving their annual spring roast beef dinner on Saturday, April 14. The public is invited. Servings will be at 5, 6 and 7 p.m. and takeout dinners also will be available. Reservations should be made by calling Nellie Sheehan at 765-2197.

Elementary head named

Donna L. Grant of Delmar, assistant principal of Ravena Elementary School, has been named principal of Voorheesville Elementary School. She will succeed Robert Farrell, who has been principal at Voorheesville for 26 years.

Miss Grant joined the Ravena faculty in 1973 and began an administrative internship there after teaching for several years. She was named assistant principal of the 350-pupil school three years ago. A native of Long Island, she has a bachelor's degree in elementary education and art from the State University College at New Paltz and a master's degree in reading from the State University at Albany.

The Voorheesville Elementary School has more than 600 pupils in kindergarten through sixth grade. Miss Grant will assume the new post July 2. She said it is "a new challenge and I am very much looking forward to it."



Donna L. Grant

Garden classes, clinics start

The 1984 series of garden lectures and soil-testing clinics sponsored by the Albany County Cooperative Extension will get underway next week, starting with a program Wednesday, April 11, at the Resources Development Center on Martin Rd., Voorheesville. The free 90-minute sessions are preceded by a half hour allotment for soil testing.

The opening lecture on April 11 will run from 1:30 to 3 p.m., with testing between 1 and 1:30.

Other lectures on various gardening topics will be held at the Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, on two consecutive Wednesdays, May 2 and May 9, from 7:30 to 9 p.m., preceded by soil testing between 7 and 7:30.

Free soil testing is also scheduled for Saturday, April 28, at Jeffers Nursery, 1000 Route 92, Delmar.

Slingerlands, between 10 a.m. and noon, and at Price Greenleaf, Inc., Delmar, between 1 and 3 p.m., and on Saturday, May 12, Bethlehem's annual Garden Day, at the town garage on Elm Ave. East between 9:30 and 11:30 a.m.

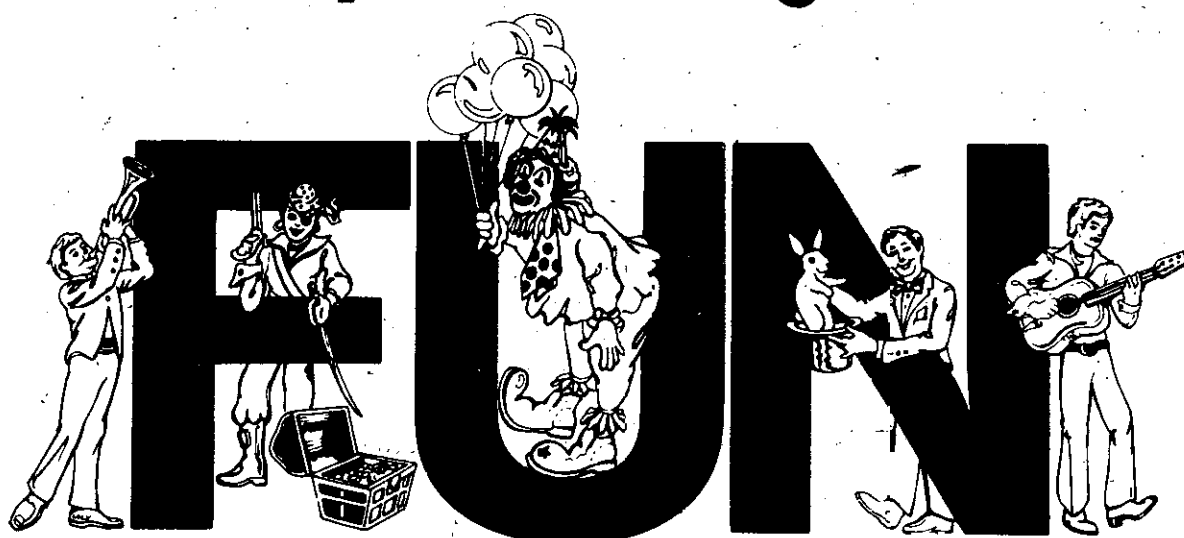
For testing, gardeners are asked to bring a small sample — a thimbleful will do — of soil from each garden area. Gardeners may leave a 50-cent donation if they desire.

Clarksville PTA meets

The Clarksville PTA is sponsoring a program on Child Sexual Abuse on Tuesday, April 8 at 7:15 p.m. at the school in Clarksville. Judy Condo from the Albany Rape Crisis Center will present the program. The public is invited.



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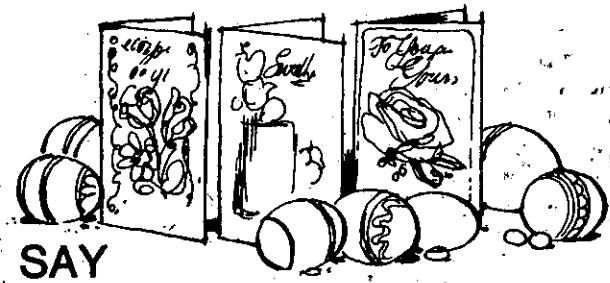
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Young swimmer stars

Here's one young swimmer who is definitely not all wet. Congratulations are in order for Cathy Jo Dedrick of the Voorheesville Swim Club, who "swam" away with two first prize medals last week at the Junior Olympics meet in Burnt Hills. The 9-year-old took first place in the 100-yard backstroke and also placed first in the 50-yard backstroke, setting a new meet record.

Due to her efforts she qualified to swim on the Adirondack Regional Team in the Eastern Zone Regional Championship to be held in Richmond, Va., April 5-7.

The fourth-grade student at the elementary school is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Larry Dedrick of Circle Dr. It seems that swimming skills run in the family. Her father returned last year from the Empire State Games with medals in the masters swim competition.

Although Cathy Jo is the only member of the Voorheesville team to be selected, another familiar face will be with her in Virginia. Team Coach Steve Casabella was also selected to be one of four coaches to work with the Adirondack team.

Mass for teenagers

In celebration of the diocese-wide RENEW program, St. Matthew's Church will hold a special liturgy for teens at the 5 p.m. mass on Saturday, April 7. The service was planned by members of the youth group and will include music and readings geared to teenagers, with youth group members taking part in the mass itself. All are welcome to attend. A reception will follow.

The youth group will also hold a dance that evening at 7:30 in the old church on Pleasant St.

Final awareness session

On Sunday, April 8, the last session of the Alcohol Awareness program will be held at 7 p.m. at St. Matthew's Church. This final session is entitled "Youth and Alcohol" and will deal with such topics as why teens drink, what alcohol does to them, drinking and driving, and dealing with alcoholism in the family. Only teens are invited to attend this meeting. This

session will end the four-week series featuring alcoholism counselor Justine Caldes. The program under the direction of the Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee was sponsored by St. Matthew's Parish Council.

The committee will hold their monthly meeting on Monday, April 9, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. All interested persons are welcome to attend.

Junior Carnival coming

To students in Voorheesville April means one thing — Junior Carnival. The popular junior class fund-raiser will take place on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. Children of all ages are advised to keep this date open.

Presently the white elephant committee is in need of donations for their booth. Anyone having an item to contribute may contact Ed Mitzen at 765-3601 or Peter Fisch at 765-4793.

Album contest to start

April also means National Library Week, which will take place from April 8 to 14. To celebrate the occasion the Voorheesville Public Library has two special events planned. Again this year the library will sponsor the popular "Win Your Favorite Album Contest." Anyone between the ages of 12 and 18 is invited to come into the library during that week and vote for their favorite album. At the end of the week five winners will be drawn at random, and those lucky teens will receive a copy of their favorite album. Winners will be notified by mail. Also as an added bonus the five most popular albums will be added to the library's rapidly growing collection.

For the younger set the library will show several afterschool movies, on Wednesday, April 11. At 4 p.m. two short films, including *A Boy, a Dog and a Frog* will be shown for young children, with one long movie, *Amy and the Angel* being shown for the older children at 4:30 p.m. The entire program will last about an hour.

Junior High orientation

Parents of sixth grade students will get an education themselves on Thursday, April 12, when they attend a special



Kyle Relyea and Lori Trembley are the winners in the Voorheesville School District's recent spelling bee. The two will represent the district at a Board of Cooperative Educational Services spelling bee Wednesday, April 4, at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady.

orientation program to be held at the high school library at 7:30 p.m.

The meeting is designed to review the offerings of the junior high school curriculum and discuss the overall program at Voorheesville. Parents of children entering seventh grade in the fall will also have an opportunity to learn about the personal and social aspects of Junior High School. The program will also give parents a chance to ask questions concerning the school curriculum or programs.

Directing the meeting will be junior high guidance counselor, Lady Rudzinski, Principal O. Peter Griffin and guidance counselor Terry Barlow. Sixth grade students will get a chance to learn about their new school setting at a special student orientation program scheduled for June 1.

Green thumbs at work

Helderview Garden Club will feature speaker Dave Elgie of the Schenectady Rose Society, who will speak on the subject of mini-roses at their April meeting on Thursday, April 12, at 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville.

Also at that time Ann Kodra, second vice president and community chairman will discuss plans for the planting of the six village flower boxes, the garden at Rts. 85A and 155, and the shrubs at the Voorheesville Elementary School. She will also report on the plant sale

scheduled to be held on May 12, which this year will feature many prizes to be raffled due to the generosity of area merchants.

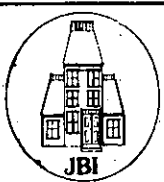
The agenda will also include the nominations and elections of board members for the 1984-85 term.

Top spellers advance

C-o-n-g-r-a-t-u-l-a-t-i-o-n-s go out to Lori Trembley and Kyle Relyea, sixth grade students at the elementary school, who walked away with the school district's honors at a recent spelling bee held at the high school. The contest pitted 10 students each of the sixth, seventh and eighth grades against each other, with Relyea and Trembley being the first two sixth graders in the history of the competition to take the title. The two top spellers will represent Voorheesville at an area spelling bee to be held this week at Proctor's Theater in Schenectady where they will vie against other students from local schools.

Now it can be told

Bravos go out to the cast and crew of the Voorheesville drama club, the Dionysians, who presented the comedy *Harvey* last week at the high school. Omitted from the previously published roster of cast members was Ted Teuten, who was not overlooked due to oversight but for "security reasons." For those who were unaware, Ted was responsible for the surprise ending, portraying the "not-so-invisible" rabbit, Harvey.



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Town of Bethlehem, Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

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

Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

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

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during school year. Call 439-2238.

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

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jenkins at 439-8096.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89 meets Wednesdays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

Protect Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Amerada Hess Corporation for modification to previously granted special exception for extension of time to permit construction of canopy at premises, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 8 p.m.; Robert Finke and Sons, Inc., for variance to permit construction equipment at premises, west side, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Bethlehem Business Women's Club meet first Wednesday of month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

"Basic Bread-making," home economics class at County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon, for \$3 registration, 765-2874.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. James Daley of St. Thomas Church, Delmar Reformed Church, 10 a.m.

RENEW Evening of Recollection, "Praying With Scripture" instruction, St. Thomas Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

"Wonderful Wednesday" Community Fellowship, 5-part Lenten series includes supper, study, discussion, movies and arts and crafts, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 6 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, IRS tax counselors help older taxpayers with federal and state income tax returns, Delmar Key Bank Community room, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Wednesdays through April 11. Information, 439-3449.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

"Sis! Boom! Bah!" fifth grade choir musical, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Pesticide Certification Training, for private and commercial applicators validation, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 1:30 p.m. For \$10 registration, 765-2331.

Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Bethlehem Democratic Committee, Thruway Hyatt House, speaker, Lt. Gov. Alfred Del Bello, cocktails 7 p.m., dinner, 8 p.m. Tickets 439-0986.

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

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

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4 p.m. Thursdays through April 12. For appointments, sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meetings.

Middle School Sports Night, PFO sponsors athletics for students and parents, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

Elmwood Park Fire District, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

Childrens Films, for pre-schoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m., and all ages, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Free.

Recovery Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Fish Fry, sponsored by ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 4:30 p.m.

Legal Clinic for Senior Citizens, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11 a.m.-1:130 p.m. Free; for appointments, 439-4955 (Senior Services office) weekdays or attend Thursday Senior Citizens meeting.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

"The Sound of Music," student musical at Ravena High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

Career Alternatives for State Workers, workshop at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Free; for registration, 439-9314.

Roast Beef Dinner, at Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Tri-Village Squares Dance, geared for square dance students, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-10:30 p.m.

New England-Style Contradancing, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Hypothermia Canoe Classic, Hudson River canoe race benefits American Red Cross, starting line at Corning Park, noon. To enter, call 462-7461.

"Youth and Alcohol," Alcohol Awareness Program with speaker Justine Caldes for teens only, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Free.

Readings at the Library, Sundays at Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

Money Management for Senior Citizens, estate and investment planning program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free; for registration, 439-9314.

Career and Education Advise-ment, Mondays and Tuesdays, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9 p.m. Free; for appointments, 439-9314.

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

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, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information 439-4581.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"How to Succeed in Business Without Really Trying" (Heritage Artists in their final musical of the season), Cohoes Music Hall, April 6 and 7, 12-14, 8 p.m. Reservations, 235-7969.

"The Mousetrap" (Agatha Christie kills them off in a snowbound English inn), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 4, 5, and 7, 8 p.m., April 6, 7, 10 p.m. Reservations, 457-8606.

"The Threepenny Opera" (Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts' cabaret production of the Brecht-Weill classic), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, April 6 and 14, 8 p.m.; April 11 and 12, 10 a.m.; April 8, 2 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

"The Wake of Jamey Foster" (Capital Rep in first regional presentation of Beth Henley's Broadway comedy), Market Theatre, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 15 (Tuesday-Saturday, 8 p.m.; Sunday's 2:30 p.m. box office, 462-4534).

"Sleeping Beauty" (ESIPA revives its Kabuki-style rendition of the fairy tale), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 6, 9, and 13, 10 a.m.; April 7 and 13, 8 p.m. Tickets Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3740.

MUSIC

Academy of St. Martin in the Fields Octet, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, April 5, 8 p.m.

CSR Guitar Ensemble (11 CSR music students present a "Spring Musical Potpourri"), Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, April 5, noon.

Hungarian State Folk Ensemble (100 dancers, singers and musicians), Proctors Theater, Schenectady, April 5, 8 p.m. Box office, 346-6204 or at Community Box Office.

Spring Choral Concert, Sage Women's Chorus, Bush Memorial Center, Troy, April 6, 8 p.m.

Carol Lynn Youtz, mezzo-soprano, song recital in SUNY faculty showcase series, Performing Arts Center, April 7, 8 p.m.

Robin and Linda Williams (direct from the "Prairie Home Companion" to "somewhere outside Albany"), St. Mark's Community Center, Guilford Center, April 8, 3 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office and Records 'N Such.

Pianist Findlay Cockrell plays Gershwin, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, April 10, noon.

Organ recital, Nancy Frank, First Church in Albany, April 10, noon.

Jazz Pianist Marian McPartland performs as part of Schenectady County Community College's week-long arts festival, auditorium, April 11, 8 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Sibelius, Mozart and American composer Benjamin Lees), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, April 13, and Albany Palace Theater, April 14, 8:30 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office, music hall box office (273-0038) and Palace box office (465-3334).

DANCE

Hubbard Street Dance Co. (jazz, tap and ballet), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, April 8, 7 p.m.

POETRY

Reading by members of the Hudson Valley Writers Guild, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, April 8, 3-5 p.m.

Poet June Jordan reads and discusses her work, Albany Public Library, April 8, 3 p.m.

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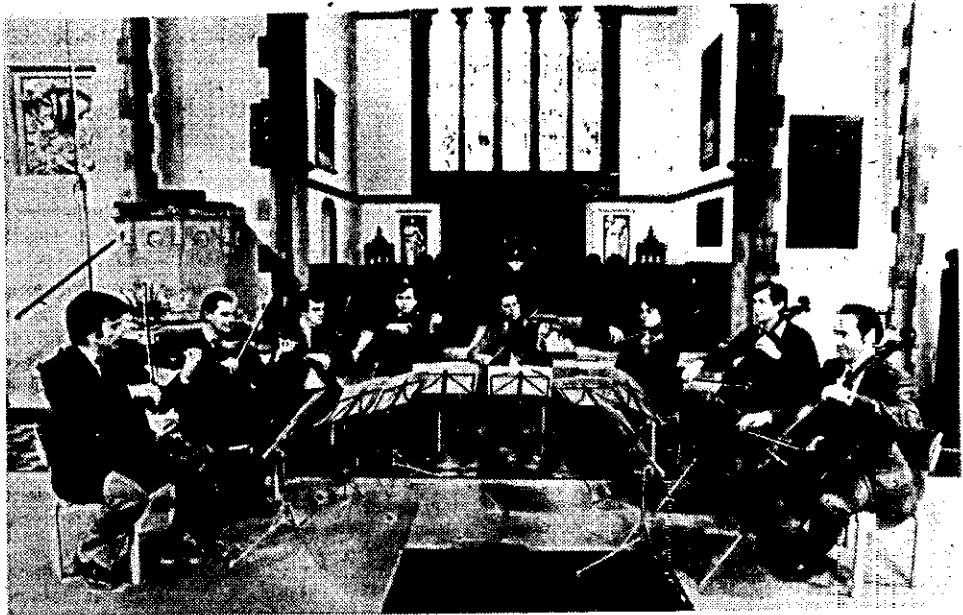
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AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 4

"Stop Dieting," orientation to 6-week weight management program, Fitness Studio, Hamilton St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Managing Crises in Adoptive Placements, workshop for parents and professionals, Parsons Child and Family Center, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 447-5211.

Investment Strategies for the '80's, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m. Free.

Artist Lecture Series, pop artist speaks, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon. Free.

Albany Association of University Women, dinner meeting with guest speaker Peg Breen, Best Western Thruway House, Washington Ave., 5:30 p.m. For reservations, 439-0308.

"The Middle East Update: The Dynamics of Crisis," lecture series at Siena College, Rodger Bacon Hall, Loudonville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

Empire State College Information Session, for prospective students, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, noon.

"Women and the Oral Tradition," Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series lecture, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

THURSDAY, APRIL 5

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Writers Workshop, with guest speaker Sara Cohen, SUNYA professor, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 6

"Computers and More in '84," home and small business computer exposition, Siena College (George Foy Campus Center), 1-7 p.m., and tomorrow, noon-5 p.m.

4-H Public Presentation Day, Farnsworth Middle School, State Farm Rd., Guilford, 6-8:30 p.m.

"Moulin Rouge," classic for senior citizens, Senior Services Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 1 p.m. Free.

I Love N.Y. Spring Garden and Flower Show, weekend of exhibits, panel programs, farmers' markets, fashion shows, music and prizes, RPI Field House, noon-10 p.m. Information, 489-7825.

SATURDAY, APRIL 7

"Rare Plants of New York," Tuesday: Topics lecture, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Travel Expo '84, weekend travel trade show with travel agents and tour group leaders, Empire State Plaza Convention Center.

Birding Field Trip, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk bird Club, leaves from Joy Dept. Store, Rts. 9 and 20, Rensselaer, 8 a.m. Information, 377-1453.

Association of Ladies of Charity, benefit party and silent

auction-affle, Aurania Club, Albany, 5:30-8 p.m. For \$15 reservations, 439-5402 or 439-5575.

SUNDAY, APRIL 8

Freihofer's Run for Women, TAC national championship 10 km road race and 5 km fun run, starting line at Empire State Plaza, Albany, 10 a.m. Information, 465-4573.

Soroptimist Club, meeting and brunch, Wolfert's Roost Country Club, noon. For \$10 reservations, 482-1723.

MONDAY, APRIL 9

"Hawking the Hawk," Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club annual meeting and slide program, Price Chopper Community Room, Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 8 p.m.

Spring Concert, performed by Monday Musical Club Women's Chorus and RPI Men's Glee Club, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 10

Adirondack Mountain Club, meeting and panel discussion, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., 8 p.m.

Women's Council of Realtors, dinner meeting, Golden Fox Restaurant, 6 p.m. For reservations, 438-6287 or 462-0512.

Safe Place, support group for families and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House, 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

"In Afghanistan — An American Odyssey," Friends of the Library book review, Albany Public Library, noon.

N.Y. Legislative Forum, with speaker Arthur Webb, of Glenmont, commissioner of mental retardation and developmental disabilities, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

"Mental Health Treatment: Have Two Decades Made a Difference?" lecture sponsored by Public Health Association, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, 12:15 p.m.

"Crimes of Passion — Crimes of Reason: Philosophical Themes of Tragedy," Capital District Humanities Program lecture series, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7-9 p.m. For \$20 registration, 457-3907.

Dutch Settlers Society of Albany, meeting at Dutch Reformed Church, No. Pearl St., 8 p.m. Information, 765-4419.

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Occupational Nurses Association, meeting at Montcalm South Restaurant, Rt. 9, Glens Falls, 6 p.m.

"Cormier and the Dilemma of Being Franco-American," lecture series at Schenectady Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Salmon Fisheries Lecture, SUNYA Lecture Center 7, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

Gansevoort Chapter, DAR, grave-marking ceremony, Albany Rural Cemetery, 11 a.m. Information, 436-8561.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

Institute at the Egg, slide show about history of ESIPA, Albany Public Library, noon.

"The Photographer's Eye," lecture and photography exhibit of Albany landscape, SUNYA main library, Washington, Ave., noon-2 p.m. Free.

Art at the Plaza Lecture, color-field painter Edwin Ruda discusses his "Tecumseh" painting, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, noon. Free.

"What You Should Know About Wills," workshop sponsored by County Cooperative Extension, Colonie Town Library, 1:30-3 p.m. For \$2 registration, 765-2874.

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"New York Supplies the Civil War," military history lecture, College of St. Rose Campus Center, 420 Western Ave., 3 p.m. Free.

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TUESDAY, APRIL 10

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

"Sisters," reviewed by adult book discussion group, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

Tri-Village Peace Breakfast, first United Methodist Church Fellowship Hall, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7 a.m.

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

Mothers' Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers, meets Tuesdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

Income Tax Assistance for Seniors, Glenmont firehouse, Rt. 32, 1-4 p.m. No appointment necessary; information, 439-3449.

"Nuclear War, the Arms Race and Foreign Policy," interdisciplinary conference for students and faculty from public and private high schools, Doane Stuart School. Information, 465-5222.

Albany Panhellenic Association, spring program for members of national collegiate sororities, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 11

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

Support Group for Parents of Asthmatic Children, organized by American Lung Association, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-6323.

Getting Into Print, guidelines for how to get literature published, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," free preview for senior citizens, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.

Red Men (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Senior Ball Planning, meeting for student and parent volunteers working on after-the-ball activities, Bethlehem Central High School library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4154 or 439-6156.

"Landscaping Your Yard," spring garden lecture, Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 1 p.m. soil testing, 1:30 p.m. lecture. Free.

Children's Movies, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m. Free.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, second and fourth Wednesdays, American Legion Post, Voorheesville, 8 p.m.

Job Club, support and guidance for unemployed, Wednesdays at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

Juried Art Show, sponsored by Bethlehem Art Association, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. For information, 439-5069.

Sunshine Senior Citizens, Vermont trip leaves from First Reformed Church of Bethlehem at 7 a.m.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," opening night for Stage 700 musical, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$4 and \$5.

"Small Business Insurance" Workshop, sponsored by the County Cooperative Extension, County Resources Development Center, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m. \$3 registration; information, 765-3635.

Mohawk Chapter, DAR, meeting at home of Mrs. Edward Stasio, McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, 2 p.m.

Children's Author Daniel Pinkwater Speaks, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. \$2 admission.

Sixth Grade Parents Orientation, Voorheesville High School 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Ramona Quimby Day, fun programs for children 7 and older, Bethlehem Public Library; registration, 439-9314.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," Stage 700 musical, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$4 and \$5.

SATURDAY, APRIL 14

Glenmont Craft Fair, quality hand-made items exhibited and sold, Glenmont Elementary School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-2763.

"Seven Brides for Seven Brothers," closing night for Stage 700 musical, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets \$4 and \$5.

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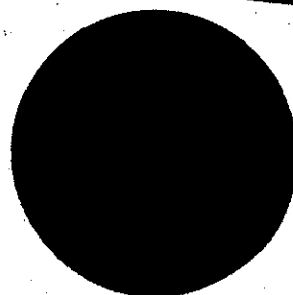
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I spent a lot of my childhood on the street in front of my house. There were plenty of kids my age living on Northview Terrace bounded by St. Paul Street and Conkey Avenue, and the street itself held an almost magical fascination for all of us.

I can't really recall the first time I was permitted by my parents to cross that quiet urban neighborhood street all by myself, or ride my bicycle down one driveway across to the other driveway on the opposite side, but the memory of settling into that paved, narrow playground sticks to my brain as vividly as skimming the cream off the top of Kindergarten milk.

My peers and I shared the plateau around the same time of our lives, it seemed, and we reveled in weaving in and out of the roadway in perpetual exhibition of an important right of passage we

Family MATTERS

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driven back up the curb by a car and still maintain a position of respect in the neighborhood.

Then came the day we all entered the world of adolescent truth and gutsy rebellion. Our leader into this new and wonderful plane of excitement was Paul Giancursio, the Bull. Paul was slow and deliberate in both movement and intellect, but he was massive for an eleven year old. His vocabulary consisted mostly of hard consonant sounds and one vowel utterance, something like "uhh."

That day when we all learned to declare our children's crusade against the four-wheeled mechanical beast was truly Paul's day.

had earned. The joy of running in the street was magnetic to my friends and me. It was like a huge sidewalk without the cracks and lines. It was a longer and wider football field than a driveway. A game of catch was no longer interrupted by little kids toddling by. Chinese Baseball could now be played off the curb instead of the porch steps. But most of all, we could ban together to face the adult world's dreaded road menace, the car.

I suppose each neighborhood has its own system of protection from automobiles racing down a residential street. With us it was a straightforward shout, "Heads up!" issued by the first kid to spy the oncoming vehicle. At the sound of this compelling phrase, usually issued as sharply as a beaver tail slapping the pond, 10 kids could barely be seen with the naked eye as they leaped for safety up on the curb. When the danger passed, we filled up the street again like waves rushing back into the sea.

As we grew older and bolder, the car no longer scared us like it used to. We had ultimate confidence in "Heads up." It always worked, so much so that when the command was now issued, its tone was more of casual disgust than of stark fear. Not one of us scurried to the curb anymore. We sauntered toward it, rarely even mounted it, and all the while we glared at the approaching intruder with arrogant disdain. The silent code demanded that no grown boy would be

It didn't matter to us what Paul said or how he said it, because he didn't talk much anyway. He didn't have to, because the Bull hit hard. He was the Winter Exterminator whose ice snowballs left welts on your thighs for days. We'd fight with one another to get Paul on our team. Paul was the honored-feared neighborhood brute.

The day when we all learned to declare our children's crusade against the four-wheeled mechanical beast was truly Paul's day. We were arguing in the middle of the street at the time about whether or not Paul had touched second base, which was the big manhole cover in the center of the pavement.

Paul was getting hot under his collarless tee shirt. You could tell when his nostrils flared with each exhale. He had begun to lumber toward the opposing team when a yellow and black Ford convertible screeched around the corner. That tread-burning sound captured our attention suddenly and fearfully. We all had enough sense to steer clear of the crazy teenage drivers who occasionally invaded our otherwise placid neighborhood.

The car loomed toward us gaining momentum, its V8 engine screaming in rising decibels. All of us scrambled for the curb, all of us, except Paul. His anger from the baseball argument had peaked, and Paul just wasn't flexible enough to let

go of it even for a moment. He turned scowling in the center of the street squared against the onrushing auto.

The faceless driver must have been utterly disconcerted by the immovable tyke challenging his 3,000-pound machine, because he began veering unsteadily toward the curb slightly letting up on the gas pedal. Paul looked awesome to us as he stood his ground against the menace, and then he did something that earned him a special place in our masculine guts. With the smug aplomb of a matador, Paul reached out as the Ford streaked by him and slapped its metal tail fin so hard that the resounding slap was heard well into our junior high school days.

We rushed over to him, but not too quickly. One simply does not maul royalty. Paul graciously held out his hand for us to see. No blood, no loose skin hanging, no wound, not even a scrape. It was red, like his ear lobes. And his nostrils were flaring audibly.

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Girl Scouts at conference

Seven Cadette Girl Scouts from Delmar and Slingerlands will attend the eighth Cadette Conference April 8 to 10 at the Empire State Plaza in Albany by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council.

The girls are Holly Foresman, Shama Hotchin, Janet Joachim, Diane Steffens, Portia Wu and Susan Zolezzi, all of Delmar and Tammy Coleman from Slingerlands.

Approximately 130 girls and 40 adults from the Hudson Valley Council will attend the conference, as well as 200 girls and adults from 18 other councils throughout the state.

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In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at Toll Gate, Snuffy's, Stonewell, Falvo's and Hoogy's.

Party hats

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club of Delmar won't be all-business over dinner at its monthly meeting today (Wednesday) at the Albany Motor Inn in Glenmont. Dorothy Geyer's talk on "Spring Flower Arrangements" will be followed by a special hat show. Members should wear hats of their own creation. The social hour begins at 5:30 p.m.

For information, call Janet Johnson at 439-0610.

Graveside ceremony

The Gansevoort chapter of the DAR will be at the graveside of Revolutionary War patriot Private Charles Webster for a grave-marking ceremony on Tuesday, April 10, at 11 a.m. in the Albany Rural Cemetery. The event, which has been in the making since last summer, will be a joint venture with the Yosemite chapter of California.

For information, call Mary Van Deezer at 477-7463 or 436-8561.

Next week's speaker

Rev. Susan Hager-Smith of the Delmar Methodist Church will speak Wednesday, April 11, at the Delmar Reformed Church to the Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study Group at 10 a.m. Her subject will be "Obedient Servant." A coffee hour at 9:30 a.m. will precede the discussion.

Craft winners

Four members of the Creative Arts Group of the Delmar Progress Club won first prizes at the Third District arts and crafts competition of the Federated Women's Clubs. Among the top winners were an oil painting by Marion Davis, a watercolor by Edna McCoy, a reed basket by Dorothy Geyer and an applique quilt by Mary Johnson.

Second prize awards went to Helen Schoenthal, counted cross stitch, and Doris Fry for a pierced lampshade. The winners have been invited to display their items at the annual Tulip Show at the Albany Institute of History and Art next month.



The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free legal clinic for senior citizens on Friday, April 6, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Appointments are required. They can be made by calling the Senior Services office at 439-4955 weekdays, or by attending the Senior Citizens Organization meeting on Thursday at 12:30 p.m. at the town hall.

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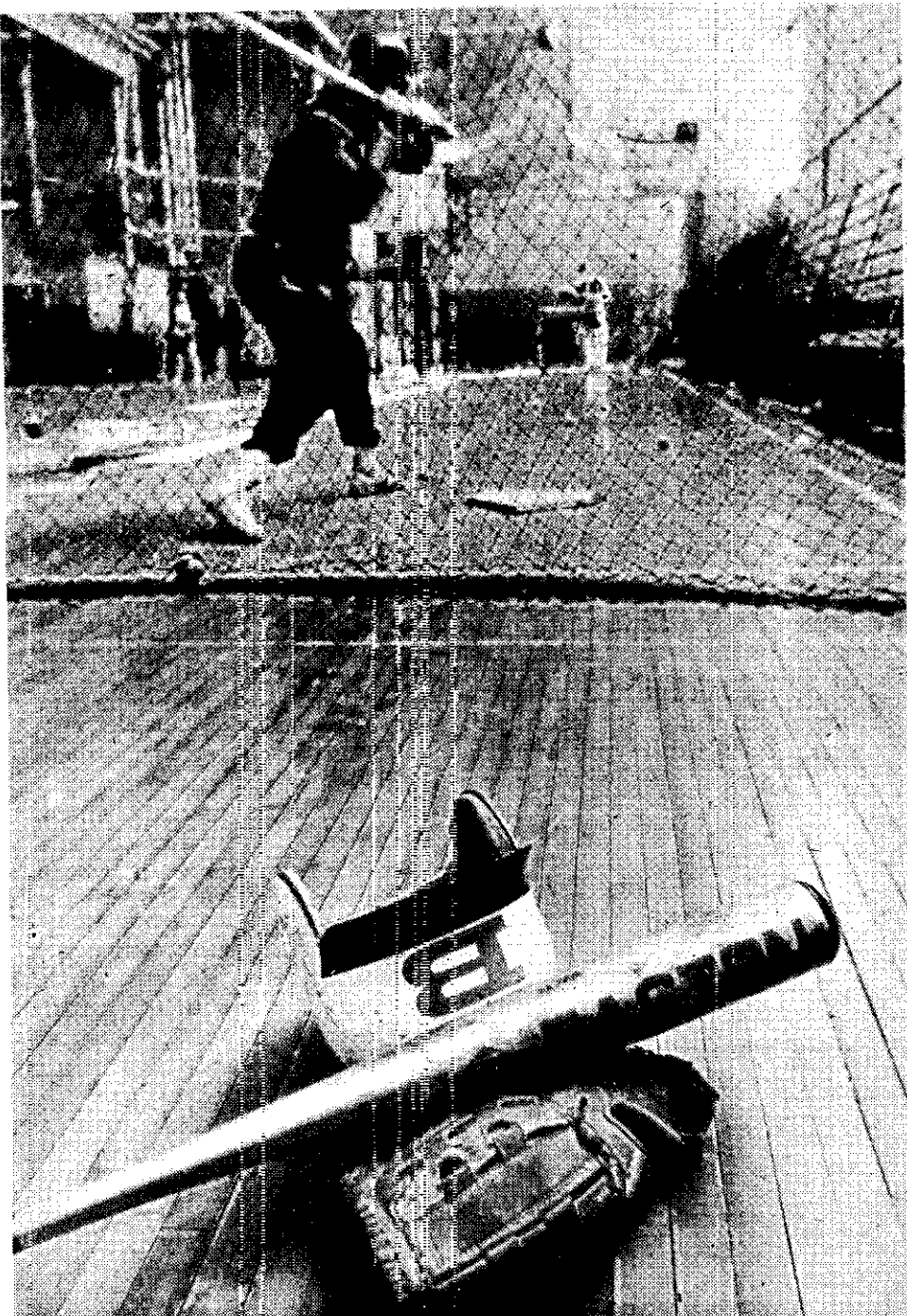
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Eagles have good players, but do they have enough?

BASEBALL

Bethlehem Central baseball has only one way to go up — after another disastrous season last year. Two wins in the upcoming 19-game schedule will double the 1983 total.

Art Ritchko, who retired from coaching football five years ago this week but has continued to chaperone BC baseball players, was hoping to get a few workouts outdoors this week. "We've only been out twice so far," he said over the weekend after the playfields were covered with another snowfall. "We've got the machine, but you can say we're untested."

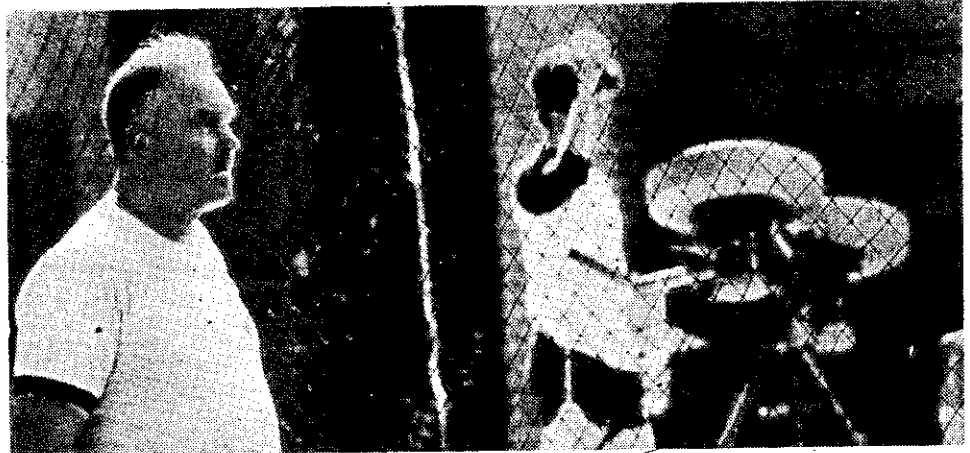
BC's problems may go deeper than those late snows. The school has been plagued by a deteriorated baseball program over recent years, and even "the machine" (batting cage with pitching device) can't compensate for a small turnout and a shortage of talent.

The Eagles have some pretty good ball players, but not enough, which indicates that this season will be more recreational

than competitive. Kevin Roohan, a catcher who played Legion ball last summer, and Mike Cronin, a dependable centerfielder, are the only proven mainstays, although Scott Myers and Howard Thompson did some pitching for the 1983 varsity and Jim Dering saw some action in the pastures. All are seniors.

Myers pitched mostly in relief last year, and as the only dealer with varsity experience, is slated for starting duty. Howard Thompson, a big righthander, finished strong last year, and should get people out with what Ritchko calls "a pretty good curve ball."

But when the weather in this part of the land piles up games over the last half of the schedule, high school teams go through pitchers like a bag of potato



With the ballfield unplayable, BC Coach Ritchko was grateful for the batting cage provided by sports boosters. On the cover: senior lefthander Steve Mendel loosened up his arm in the gym before going outdoors. Tom Howes

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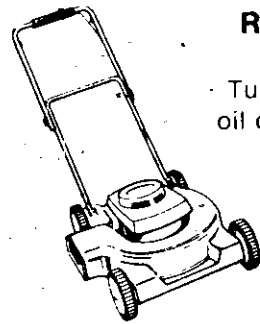
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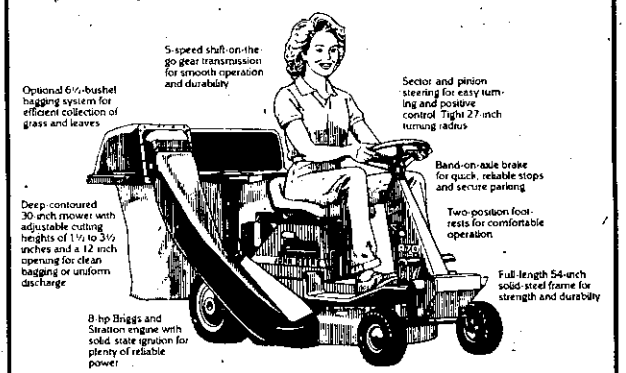
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chips, which means a team has to have a dozen pitchers. The Eagles have two lefthanders up from the jayvees, Steve Mendel and Ray Roohan, to back up the two righties. When Roohan is serving, BC will have the only twin-brother battery in the league.

Dering is working out at first base, and the rest of the infield is up for grabs. It's a good bet that one of the starters will be Tom McTague, who can play anywhere in the infield. "He's an aggressive kid, pretty quick," says Ritchko. "We'll have to find a place for him."

That probably won't be difficult. With Kevin Roohan behind the plate, Dering on first and Cronin in center, there are a lot of positions open.

With only 20 players out for the varsity, Ritchko may not have to cut anybody. The Eagles will field three teams again this year — Ken Hodge has about 25 on his JV squad, and Nelson Herrington returns as coach of the modified (freshman) team.

The Eagles are scheduled to open at home with Scotia on Monday, go to Niskayuna next Wednesday and entertain Columbia Friday the 13th.

Nat Boynton

Aquatic training set

The American Red Cross will conduct an Aquatic First Aid and Small Craft School from June 23 to 29 at Camp Chingachgook on Lake George. The school will help meet the need for Red Cross-trained people in water safety, lifesaving, first aid, CPR, sailing and canoeing. The school uses volunteer instructors, and offers an opportunity to train people to conduct in-house courses to help businesses comply with the requirements of the Occupational Health and Safety Act of 1970. The cost of \$110 includes room, board, books and materials.

People 17 or older who are above average swimmers and physically fit are eligible for instructor training. Advanced lifesaving students must be at least 15 years old. First aid instructor candidates are not required to have swimming ability, but must meet fitness requirements. For information, contact the Albany Area Chapter, American Red Cross, 462-7461.

Good pitch, no hit, new coach

By Mike Larabee

A new coach, a new attitude and hard work are giving the Voorheesville baseball team hopes of reversing past trends on the field. First-year coach Jerry Gordinier comes to the high school ball field after six seasons of coaching the local American Legion team.

Gordinier inherits a squad that last year batted just .167 enroute to a 4-10 record. Nine of 15 players have varsity experience, but just four of the nine are seniors. Despite these statistics, Gordinier remains optimistic and says, "We should surprise a lot of people. Although we're young we have a lot of talent."

The talent certainly is present, especially in the critical areas of pitcher and catcher. The team has what Gordinier calls "three real Colonial Council

starters" as well as a number of players who should see limited action on the mound. Frank Baker is the only senior pitcher returning from the 1983 season. Gordinier says: "If Frank can spot his fastball and use it to compliment his junk, he will be tough to hit against this year."

Supporting Baker will be juniors Brett Hotaling and Gerry McNamara. Hotaling has looked strong during early practices and tied lefthander McNamara last season for low team ERA honors. Kevin Conley, Joe Rissberger and Brian Rubin, juniors with JV pitching experience, will be used to rest the starters during the Blackbirds' busy schedule. John Ryan and Matt Beals are likely to platoon as catchers. They possess equally strong arms and Ryan has the ability to hit the long ball.

The poor performance at the plate last season raises questions about the 1984 Blackbirds' ability to score. Rubin had a .550 slugging percentage a year ago while batting .313. He and Ryan provide the Blackbirds with their only legitimate deep threats. McNamara batted .333 last summer under Gordinier in American Legion and should hit in the heart of the lineup. Mike McCarty has shown excellent speed and will probably lead off.

Defensively, the Blackbirds are improved from last season when they allowed 48 unearned runs. They line up with Ryan or Beals catching, slick-fielding Rissberger at first, Tom White, Charlie Ricci and Baker sharing second, shortstops Hotaling and McCarty, and sophomore Billy Kelly at third. In left will be Rubin, where he did not commit an error last season; in center McNamara and either Peter Fisch, Ken Kerton, Jake Herzog or Conley in right. That depth enables Gordinier to shift his lineup according to who is on the mound for the opposition.

The bad weather has caused problems for area teams, and Voorheesville is no exception. Snow has kept them in the gym and away from the field. An early scrimmage with Guiderland was lost, and Thursday's opening game with Bishop Gibbons is in jeopardy. The Colonial Council season is scheduled to begin next week with games against Cohoes, Schalmont and Lansingburgh.

In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at Toll Gate, Snuffy's, Stonewell, Falvo's and Hoogy's.

New coach accents defense

By Damon Woo

The Bethlehem Central girls' softball team is taking shape in preparation for the tough, competitive season ahead. The seven returning varsity members from last year's squad found a familiar face in new coach Jesse Braverman, who has been working with the JV team since 1977, and in moving to the varsity has the opportunity to work with 14 of the 16 players on his team last year.

Braverman feels that his team has abundant talent, but success hinges on pitching and defense. Barb Cebry, the team's only pitcher with varsity experience, will be needed to carry much of the load at the start of the season. Karen Burke and Alesia Harder will also need to help carry the pitching load. Two newcomers to the high school softball program, Sandi Blendell and Laura Treadway, both pitchers, may need to gain some quick experience in order to be of some help.

"We have good hitting; it's probably the team's strongest point," Braverman said this week. "There is also a great deal of speed on the team, which is important with the short bases. We have many ways to score runs and we will score. I think our offense is very good."

Of the highly competitive Suburban Council Braverman noted: "Many towns have formed summer programs like Bethlehem's Tomboys league, and devel-

oped a lot of good players in these leagues. We have also added more games to our season by playing teams like Middleburgh. There will be no rest this season."

In the competitive Council games are often very close, Braverman says, and the most important factor is the defense. BC's defense will be led by all-around athletes Kelly Burke and Colleen Nyilis. Both played varsity last year as juniors. Burke at shortstop and Nyilis at first base.

The season is scheduled to start on Monday in the league opener against Burnt Hills.



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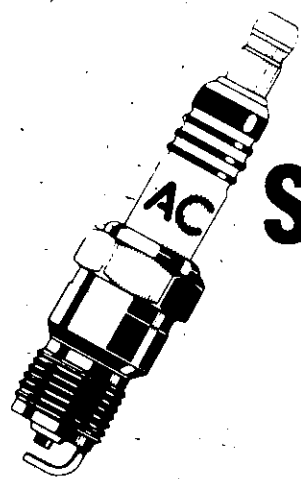
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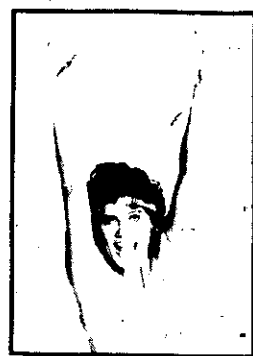
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Balky spring weather has set back scholastic teams so tracksters Helene Richardson, a junior, and Marisa Weaver, a senior, have been practicing sprints in the hallways at BCHS.

Tom Howes

Suitcase, check stolen

A visitor from out of town told Bethlehem police Friday that her suitcase had been stolen from her car, parked in

the driveway of a home on Mosher Rd. in Delmar. The suitcase was valued at \$150 and the clothing it contained, at \$600. In addition, it contained a \$600 check, according to the police report.

After the Volkweins, all spots are open

By Peter Fisch

One of the most difficult aspects of sports is attempting to follow a successful season. With only two seasoned veterans returning to the squad, the Voorheesville High School tennis program faces a long, uphill climb.

With standout Alex Saez at the helm last season, the Blackbirds racked up an impressive 12-2 mark, including a 9-2 league record in the Colonial Council, and capped the year with the Class C Sectional title. Now, with Saez having graduated, the No. 1 singles spot will return to senior Ed Volkwein. From eighth grade through his sophomore year, Volkwein manned the top singles and doubles posts. Upon the arrival of Saez, Volkwein relinquished the top slot. In his career, the lanky senior has amassed the most singles victories in VCHS history.

Behind the elder Volkwein stands his sophomore brother, Jim, in the No. 2 singles position. Last season, amidst a senior-dominated team, the younger Volkwein saw limited action. After the Volkweins, there is inexperience and unfamiliarity. Only two other players, sophomores Paul Nichols and Dean Solomos, have experienced tennis on the varsity level in very limited quantities.

"Everyone will be trying to hold his

own, hopefully resulting in a winning season," noted veteran VCHS coach Tom Kurkjian late last week. "Luckily, Ed (Volkwein), the only seasoned player, will be playing the best player on every team."

The battle for positions on the team will be a massive shoot-out. Several young returning players, who saw very little action last season in exhibitions, will battle with a host of newcomers.

Vying for the open spots will be sophomore Kevin Herlihy, freshmen Dan McKenna and Jon Flanders, and eighth graders John Lawrence, Jim Meacham and Steve Smith. "Our other players (aside from the Volkwein duo), all sophomores at best, could become a sectional power in a season or two," speculated Kurkjian.

The Birds open their season with two consecutive Colonial Council league hookups. Next Monday the netters travel to Ravena and Wednesday brings a tangle at Schalmont.

Only time will tell if the young squad can handle their more experienced varsity foes. "If I can help cushion the effects of losing matches," concluded Kurkjian, "it will help us to get a few more wins and be tougher for the next tennis season."

Tennis rankings are out

The Jones family of Slingerlands has captured most of the single digit rankings among local players listed in the Eastern Tennis Association's 1984 yearbook just out.

Craig Jones and Delmar's Phil Ackerman were ranked No. 7 in ETA men's doubles, and Jones and Louise Halle of Clifton Park were sixth in mixed doubles. Jody Jones, a member of the Bethlehem Central girls varsity, teamed with Chris Jones of Niskayuna for a ninth-place ranking in women's doubles, and Jody's younger sister, Kristen Jones, was ranked No. 7 in girls 10-and-under singles.

Other local players listed in the 1983 final rankings included Dave Denny of Delmar, No. 29 in men's singles; Cliff Montgomery of Glenmont, No. 11, and Craig Jones of Slingerlands, No. 40 in men's 35 singles, and Linda Anne Burtis of Elsmere, No. 10 in women's 35 singles.

In District 10 (Capital District) ETA rankings, Eric Lee of Delmar was ranked No. 1 in boys 12 singles and brother Stanley Lee No. 4 in boys 14 singles. Mike Cole of Delmar was second and Charles Marden of Delmar fourth in boys 18 singles, Kristen Jones second in girls 14 despite her age (10), and Jody Jones fourth in girls 18 singles.

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Fri., April 6		Track, Boys, BCHS, Away 4:00
Sat., April 7		
Mon., April 9	Baseball, Scotia, Home 3:45 Tennis, Mohonasen, Home 3:45 Softball, Girls, Burnt Hills, Home 3:45	Baseball, Cohoes, Away 4:00 Softball, Girls, Waterford, Home 4:00 Softball, Girls, Watervliet, Away 3:30 Baseball, Waterford, Away 3:30 Tennis, Voorheesville, Home 4:00
Tues., April 10	Tennis, So. Glens Falls, Home 3:45 Track, Boys, Shaker & Shenendehowa, Home 3:45	Track, Ravena & Chatham at Chatham 4:00 Track, Boys, Chatham, Away 4:00 Track, Girls, New Lebanon, Home 4:00

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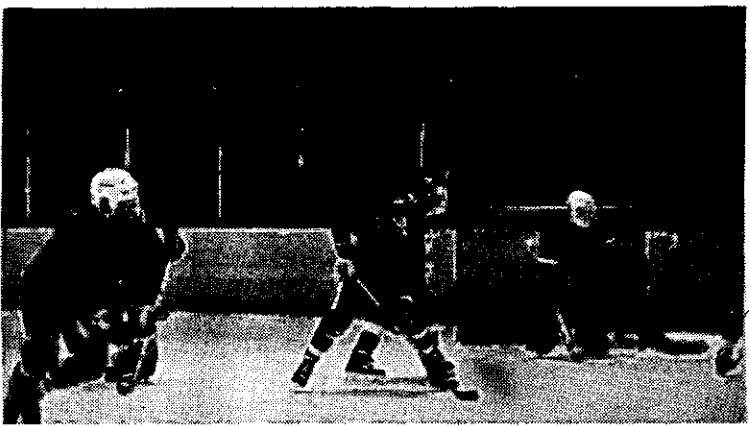


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Dave Underhill, left, and Mark Wilkens, in light shirts move in the attacking zone for the Delmar Hockey Club in the final playoff against Latham at the Frear Park covered rink in Troy. Delmar won, 5-2, to sweep the championship series.

A Delmar hockey team? Yes, and they're champs

Add another champion to Delmar's list — the unpublicized achievement of the Delmar Hockey Club in winning the 1983-84 Hudson Valley Amateur Hockey Association crown.

The Delmar team, which has no nickname like several of the other six teams in the league, won the Crailo Cup defeating Latham, 5-2 last Wednesday, completing a sweep of the final playoff series. Delmar won the series opener, 3-2. Earlier the Delmar skaters swept best-of-three series with Averill Park and Pacific Pools. In the playoffs Delmar outscored their opponents by 29-11.

The team, coached by Butch Blanchard of Delmar, ended the league schedule in first place and had an overall record of 20 wins, seven losses and two ties.

In the championship final, Harold Barrett pulled a hat trick with three goals

while Dan Sheehan and Greg Manion added one apiece.

The league, a full-contact circuit, was formed in 1971 and consists of players from 17 to 36 years of age with experience in junior leagues, high school and college.

The Delmar team, which was formed two years ago, has 20 skaters and two goaltenders, most of whom live in the Tri-Village area. A number of them formerly played for Albany Academy.

On the current roster are: Harold Barrett, Butch Blanchard, Jeff Blanchard, Greg Blanchard, Bruce Bourque, John Cannizzaro, Jack Dalton, Dan Dopp, John Grosvenor, Dan Harder, Tom Harder, Greg Manion, Don Peal, Steve Pelletier, Ed Roots, Dan Sheehan, Chris Southard, Bruce Southard, Will Textores, Doug Underhill, Phil Volpi and Mark Wilkens.

2 for Cathy Jo

Six members of the Voorheesville Swim Club made the finals in last weekend's Junior Olympics qualifying meet at Burnt Hills, and one of the youngest of them broke a meet record in winning two events.

Cathy Jo Dedrick, swimming in the girls 10-and-under age group, set a new meet record of 36.33 seconds in winning the 50-yard backstroke. She also won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:19.44. She also got a sixth place in the 100 IM.

Other finalists were David Washburn (3 events), Angela Washburn (3), Erin Martelle (2), Rachel Martin (2) and Nicole Leach. Overall, 14 Voorheesville swimmers competed.

4-H day Friday

The Albany County 4-H will hold its public presentation day on Friday, April 6, from 6 to 8:30 p.m. at the Farnsworth Middle School in Guilderland. The 4-H members, ages eight to 18, will compete for prizes by giving illustrated talks and demonstrations of their club's work. For details, call 765-2327.

Soccer coaches needed

The Bethlehem Soccer Club needs coaches and assistant coaches for several teams of players aged 14 and younger. Anyone interested in volunteering is urged to contact club President Dick Matarrese at 439-9595 or at the Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza. No experience is necessary.

Each player who has registered to play in the Bethlehem Soccer Club's intracub program will be required to have a soccer ball sized for their age. The club has purchased a number of soccer balls and these will be available, for a \$7 donation, at the Paper Mill.

Planning for the ball

WANTED: Seniors and their parents to begin planning after-the-ball activities on Wednesday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Central High School library. The senior ball marathon is set for June 1, and volunteers are needed to sign up for committees and make suggestions for the post-ball fun.

For more information, call the Fritts at 439-4154 or the Fullers at 439-6156.

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Prep Boys — Kevin Frazier - 187, Tony Foster - 458.

Prep Girls — Tanya Wilson - 147, 435.

Note: Lyman Cross made 7-10 split.

Spring training

Baseball players aged 16 and older are urged to sign up for the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department's Recreation Baseball League 1984 season. Residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District are eligible to play.

Registration will be held from 10 a.m. to noon Saturday, April 14, at the park office, Elm Ave. Park. Additional information is available from Bruce Austin, 439-1027.

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PUBLIC NOTICE

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, by resolution duly adopted as its meeting held March 28, 1984, does hereby temporarily exclude vehicles with a gross weight of over

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TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk

Dated: March 28, 1984

(April 4)

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Bids will be received up to 2:15 P.M. on the 16th day of April 1984 at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem in the County of Albany, State of New York has on the 28th day of March, 1984 duly adopted, subject to permissive referendum, a resolution, an abstract of which is as follows:

The Owasco River Railway, Inc. have presented a proposal to sell a parcel of land consisting of approximately twenty-six acres located within the Town of Bethlehem, commencing at Bell Crossing Road on the north and terminating at the Bethlehem/Coeymans townline containing 2.2 miles, more or less. The Town of Bethlehem proposes to purchase this parcel of real property to be used for recreational purposes for the sum of 25,000.00.

Said resolution authorizes the Town Board to purchase that certain lot piece or parcel of land as more fully described in a legal description filed in the Town Clerk's office, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York.

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More, not less protection

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a resident of Central Delmar for nearly 30 years, I feel compelled to address some of the arguments raised in support of the proposal (albeit one of many) to rezone the area between Adams St., Adams Pl., Herber Ave. and Delaware Ave. from residential to commercial.

In response to our initial reaction of skepticism, if not disbelief, Supervisor Thomas Corrigan responded in more or less the following: "Well, we have to make room for the commercial interests somewhere" and "where else can they go?" In the same vein, the realtors were heard to say that the commercial space along Delaware Avenue has become too expensive for the small business man; so now, apparently, the town feels obligated to make room for commercial development in our residential neighborhoods.

It would undoubtedly be more affordable for small businessmen, but at whose expense? The answers are obvious — at the expense of the residents who have been chosen to live and improve their homes in these residential areas because of their charm and stability, at the expense of the very people whom the zoning ordinance was designed to protect, and at the expense of the people the town officials have sworn to serve and represent.

When asked why the residents were not given representation on the task force, Mr. Corrigan responded that the residents have too great an interest in the matters to be studied. At the same time, when asked why the Chamber of Commerce was given representation on the task force, he stated that the businessmen had "special problems" which needed attention.

One need not be skilled in logic to see the irony in this situation. Why should the "special problems" of business interests be paramount to the interests of town residents when the questions being studied concern the possible rezoning of their own residential neighborhoods? If any group is to be represented, the interests of the residents affected ought to be paramount to those of prospective outside business interests.

Looking for the moment at the specific area outlined by the town's consultant, Edward Kleinke, as a possible area for commercial expansion, other paradoxes arise.

First of all, Mr. Kleinke feels that the Delaware Ave. commercial zone ought to be bordered by a street rather than the present line, which runs parallel to Delaware, and 225 feet therefrom. It is odd that none of the residents in the area affected feel that way and odd that the present boundary has worked so well in dividing the commercial and the residential zones since the zoning ordinance was enacted in 1944. If the boundary were moved to the next street (e.g. Adams Pl.) one would be pretty naive to think that one side of the street would be commercial and the other side of the street would remain residential. The commercial zone would soon begin to creep in the other direction down Adams Pl., Hawthorne, Adams St. and other side streets in blockbusting fashion. Before long we would have a hodgepodge of residences, businesses, absentee landlords and combinations similar to the situation which now exists on Delaware Ave.

Furthermore, as much as we dislike the traffic on this section of Adams Place now (where more than 35 young children play and walk to the three schools nearby), imagine what it would be like with drivers stopping along the way to shop or visit offices, looking for parking places as they tied up traffic.

Once the commercial zone is expanded, there will be no way to stop its further expansion. If more commercial services are needed in the town, they should be confined to the shopping centers and commercial zones along Delaware Ave., or clustered in well-planned zones

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Central Delmar can stand no more commercial development and our efforts should be directed toward reducing the congestion rather than increasing it.

Timothy B. Thornton

Delmar

Keep it residential

Editor, The Spotlight:

One more letter on the Delaware Ave. Task Force. I understand that it has now apparently become the Adams Pl.—Herber Ave. Task Force. Was the task force really created for this purpose rather than improving Delaware Ave.? Having failed in the effort with the Byer property it would seem that the approach is to turn the whole neighborhood into a commercial zone. Next thing we know we will have an industrial site like Main Bros. on Adams Pl.

Most people come to Delmar because it is a beautiful residential community. I have not seen nor heard of any mass demand by the residents for expansion of the commercial zone. There are many advertised commercial vacancies on Delaware Ave. now. The only ones interested are the "planning" board and the commercial entrepreneurs.

So what if there isn't room for more stores, etc. Let them go elsewhere and let us enjoy our homes and our neighborhoods. Let's keep Delmar residential.

Philip R. Johnston

Delmar

Tribute to staff

Editor, The Spotlight:

During the period Feb. 14-16, professional staff from the Albany area office, New York State Department of Health, Office of Health Systems Management, conducted the annual Article 28, and Title XIX, Medicaid facility survey at the Good Samaritan Home. A final report was received at the home on March 28 with the findings "no deficiency found" in the following administrative, service, resident care areas: nursing, food nutrition, administration, resident rights, leisure time activities, cleanliness and safety, social work, medical care, rehabilitation therapies, building features and pharmaceutical services.

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The purpose of this letter is two-fold: to make the Bethlehem community aware of this accomplishment by one of its neighbors, The Good Samaritan Home, and to publicly express the appreciation of the board of directors and the administrator to the personnel and volunteers at the home — a group which best exemplifies the term "colleague."

Richard R. Thomas, Jr.
Administrator

Delmar

Pricing clarification

Editor, The Spotlight:

We enjoyed reading your article on the new Elsmere Grand Union and the Delaware Plaza in general. We do have one correction, however, and that is the statement on matching prices. The statement should read...

"The company's policy is to match, price for price, all regular retail prices, (excluding specials) of the top low-price supermarket chain in each area." The company will continue its Red Dot specials — these are listed in the new Grand Union Price Finder for Specials.

Norine M. Murray
Grand Union

Waterford

Manipulation

Editor, The Spotlight:

As a student at Bethlehem Central High School, I would like to expose a view which has so far been ignored by the coordinators, mediators and school board in examining our teacher protest.

The Bethlehem teachers are taking away student privileges to manipulate the school board for their own purposes. The protesters are justified in some of their demands, but their method of obtaining results is wrong. These teachers — who are supposed to be helping the students — refuse to write job, college, or honor society recommendations. They will only give after-school help one day a week, during a 45-minute time period. When each teacher conducts six classes a day, the time devoted to each student who needs help is not adequate during this after-school period.

It is upsetting that our school board will not compromise to help the teachers. However, the Bethlehem teachers already comprise one of the highest-paid faculties in the area. When they first signed their contracts, they agreed to do a number of specific things; for example, each gym teacher must, in addition to conducting regular classes, coach two after-school sports. Now, those same teachers want to be excused from that duty while being given a pay increase.

These teachers want to be treated as professionals. They are acting as greedy five-year-olds might — so they should be expected to be treated as such.

Name submitted

Delmar

Who's obstructions?

Editor, The Spotlight:

After reading an article in the *Times-Union* on Tuesday where students, especially seniors, are really being hurt by the Bethlehem teachers decision to "work to rule," I got the impression that the students were on the side of the teachers, maybe naturally so, since they probably only hear one side of the dispute.

After speaking to teachers, adminis-

The editor's views

So far, the prize for most common sense in the Bethlehem Central contract impasse goes to the high school students, who decided not to walk out last week.

The students are, of course, very much in the middle of this dispute, and if work-to-rule continues for any significant period of time many students stand to lose substantially. But that hasn't happened yet, and the temptation to come down hard on one side or the other was very wisely resisted.

Of course, it is not just the students who are "in the middle." It appears that many teachers and just about all of the district's parents and taxpayers are in that position. That is why the restrained reaction is so remarkable.

Assigning blame for this sorry situation is difficult indeed. The chronology of negotiations, now a year old, shows nothing so much as a lack of sense of urgency on both sides, compounded by a state-mandated bargaining system that seems almost designed to prolong the agony.

Negotiations, by necessity, have to be conducted by a few representatives of either side. There has to be a certain amount of secrecy. What seems to have happened in Bethlehem, though, is a gradual institutionalization of the negotiating process.

On the union side, it seems clear that much of the rank and file has been willing to give greater and greater authority to the leadership. Many teachers say they are not familiar with the major issues; one suspects that some simply don't want to be involved. This is not to say the teachers are not behind this job action: they are.

On the other hand, the situation is less straightforward. The union's charge that the school board lets a professional negotiator do its thinking for it doesn't seem to hold water. Historically — and certainly this year — the board appears to have been very well informed every step of the way. But the board is supposed to represent the community, and the longer these negotiations drag out the less community support it can expect, if for no other reason than that the negotiating process limits what it can say.

The negotiations are currently hung up (pending Tues-

day's bargaining session) over the teachers' demand for an arbitration clause in future contracts. Board members are adamant that they will not give up that final control.

Can the issue be negotiated? "Finality is the real issue, arbitration is just one way," says the chief negotiator for the teachers, Gordon Molyneux. In fact, "finality" does exist under state law for many public employee bargaining units, although in most cases it is the legislative body (in this case the school board) that has the final say. We're not so sure the teachers would go for that.

The appeal of "finality" at this point is it would avoid a repetition of this slow poison on the system. But that ignores the underlying causes of the situation. This impasse is not a product of one year's worth of inertia — it stems from a decade-long hardening of positions, of mounting insensitivity on both sides. Until some effort is made to repair that damage, no new bargaining system will heal this rift.

In all the recent controversy surrounding the Delaware Avenue Task Force and the outcries from several neighborhood groups over just whose interests the committee is primarily concerned with, a simple but important fact seems to have escaped the attention of those complaining they have no representation on the task force.

Do the words *elected representatives* ring a bell? Robert Hendrick and Scott Prothero, two members of the task force, were elected as town councilmen, quite handily at that. Supervisor Tom Corrigan, who formed the committee, ran unopposed last year. The members of the town planning board, who head up the task force subcommittees, were all appointed by elected officials at town board meetings where no one opposed those appointments.

Our view is that the task force is doing the best it can considering the late hour and the tools at hand. This is, of course, open to debate. But to say the residents of the town have no voice in deciding what the future of Delaware Avenue will be is to ignore reality.

Tom McPheeters

trators and other parents, my feeling is that no one, not even the teachers, is fully aware of what has been offered by the school board or what has been flatly turned down by the union negotiator without ever being taken back to the teachers for discussion.

I have read that the teachers want dignity: no contract can give them that, it comes from within each person.

A copy of the fact finders report is available to each resident of this district at the Bethlehem School District Office. Maybe if more of us read it, pressure could be put on those people who are denying students, teachers and parents a contract that is fair to all involved.

Name submitted

Delmar

Aid formula unfair

Editor, The Spotlight:

Governor Cuomo and the New York State legislature have reached agreement on the 1984-85 state budget. It includes an unprecedented \$5.3 billion appropriation for education. Many school districts will receive increases in categorical aid and some in operating aid. Unfortunately, the Bethlehem Central School District is not among them.

This year's state budget includes a paltry one tenth of one percent increase for the Bethlehem School District. It is the lowest percentage increase for any school district in the area. The aid package was based upon a new formula that takes into account household income as well as property values. In other words, the higher your income the lower your state aid. Only the "save harmless" provision of the aid program, which protects a district from losing aid below its previous year level, prevented a decline in aid. But the state's effort to increase aid to less wealthy districts is putting severe pressure on the "save harmless" provision. If the current trend continues, state aid for the Bethlehem Central School District will decline in the face of increasing state mandates. Pressure on the local tax base will intensify. Excellence will give way to accommodation as the district struggles to sustain a tradition of quality.

I do not argue against the need to help less wealthy districts improve educational services. It is an admirable policy that should be sustained. But with 85 percent of a school district's budget needed to support state-mandated programs — and that will increase with the recent approval of the Regents Action Plan — is it unreasonable to expect that even more affluent districts will require a larger share of state support in order to survive?

I don't think so. New York State ranks 13th in the nation in overall spending on education. For the second most populous state in the country, we should be doing better. If the pool of state aid was larger, all districts could benefit and still not do violence to the principle of equity. An increase in federal support would help facilitate this.

The 1984-85 state budget process is now history. However, if we begin planning for next year's budget now, we can more systematically articulate our needs, protect the aid we now receive and achieve a fair share of increased state support. I call upon the school board to convene a series of education dialogues on the aid issue in order to develop goals, objectives, and strategies for the 1985-86 state budget. We must tell our political leaders at the state and federal levels that education worth paying for is as much their responsibility as it is ours. And hold them accountable if they fail to listen.

Paul Scudiere

Delmar

Paul Scudiere has declared his intent to run for the Bethlehem Central School Board in the May election.

Garden club meets

The Bethlehem Garden Club will meet at 1 p.m. Wednesday, April 11, at the Bethlehem Public Library. Alice Howes, chairman for the day, will present the speaker, Evelyn Sturdevan, whose topic is "Flowers of the Bible."

Glenmont craft fair

The Glenmont Elementary School PTA will sponsor its third annual craft fair on Saturday, April 14, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the school. More than 700 professional exhibitors from this area will be selling quality handmade items that will include woodcrafts, stained-glass, quilts, flower arrangements, ceramics and jewelry.

For information, call 439-2763.

Jewish immigrants

"A Storm of Strangers: Jewish Immigration to America" is the title of a six-session course being offered by Congregation Ohav Shalom this spring. The class, to be taught by Dr. Beth Klopott, will meet at the synagogue on Monday evenings beginning this week. Dr. Klopott, who teaches American history at the State University at Albany and at Russell Sage College, will discuss the lifestyles and social atmosphere of Jewish immigrants to New York City. Enrollment is open to the entire community. Interested students should call 489-4706.



Joan Elizabeth Cuffney

Cuffney - Dinnel

Mr. and Mrs. William C. Cuffney of Vestal have announced the engagement of their daughter, Joan Elizabeth, to Thomas John Dinnel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Dinnel of Delmar.

The bride-to-be will be a May graduate of the State University College at Potsdam. Her fiancé is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed at Micrognosis, Inc., Danbury, Conn., as a software engineer.

A Sept. 8 wedding is planned.

Velhage - Keefe

Mr. and Mrs. Francis W. Velhage of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Melissa, to Brian Thomas Keefe, son of Dr. and Mrs. Arthur D. Keefe of West Hartford, Conn. The wedding is to be Oct. 20.

The bride-to-be graduated from Williams College and holds a master's degree from the Graduate School of Library and Information Science at Simmons College in Boston. She is a medical librarian at the University of Connecticut Health Center in Farmington.

Her fiancé is an alumnus of the University of Connecticut at Storrs, with a degree in Soviet and East European studies. He is studying at the University of Connecticut School of Medicine under a Navy scholarship.

Cleanup month

The Bethlehem Highway Department is conducting its annual Spring Cleanup campaign in the town during the month of April.

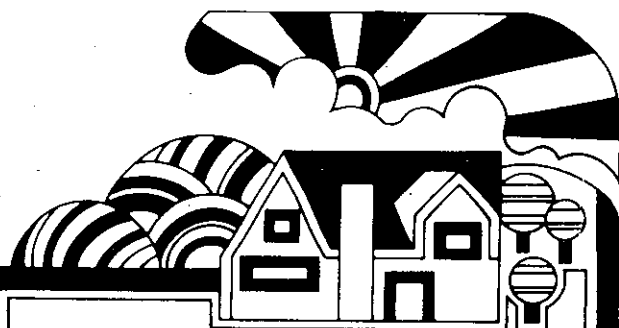
Trucks from the Highway Department will travel through the town, picking up refuse that has been left at the edge of the street. Items which are too heavy to lift, such as tree stumps, old refrigerators or water heaters, will not be collected and residents should arrange with a private collector for disposal of such items. The program will continue through April 27.

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That's in case you missed *Harvey* at Voorheesville High School last week!

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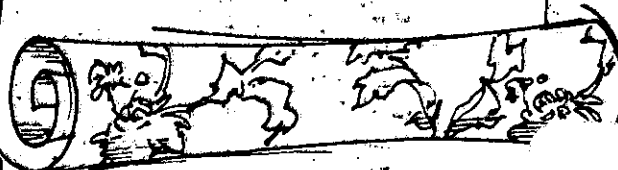
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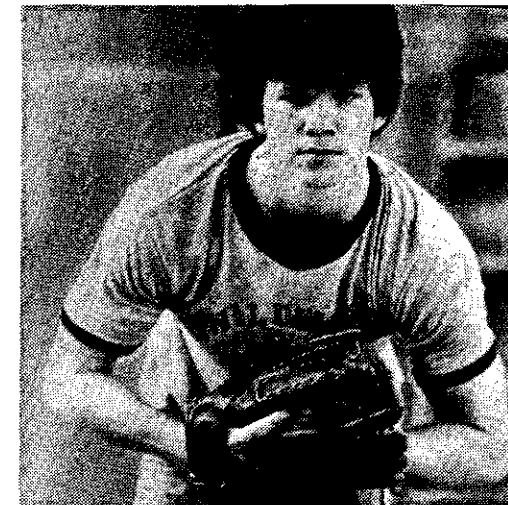
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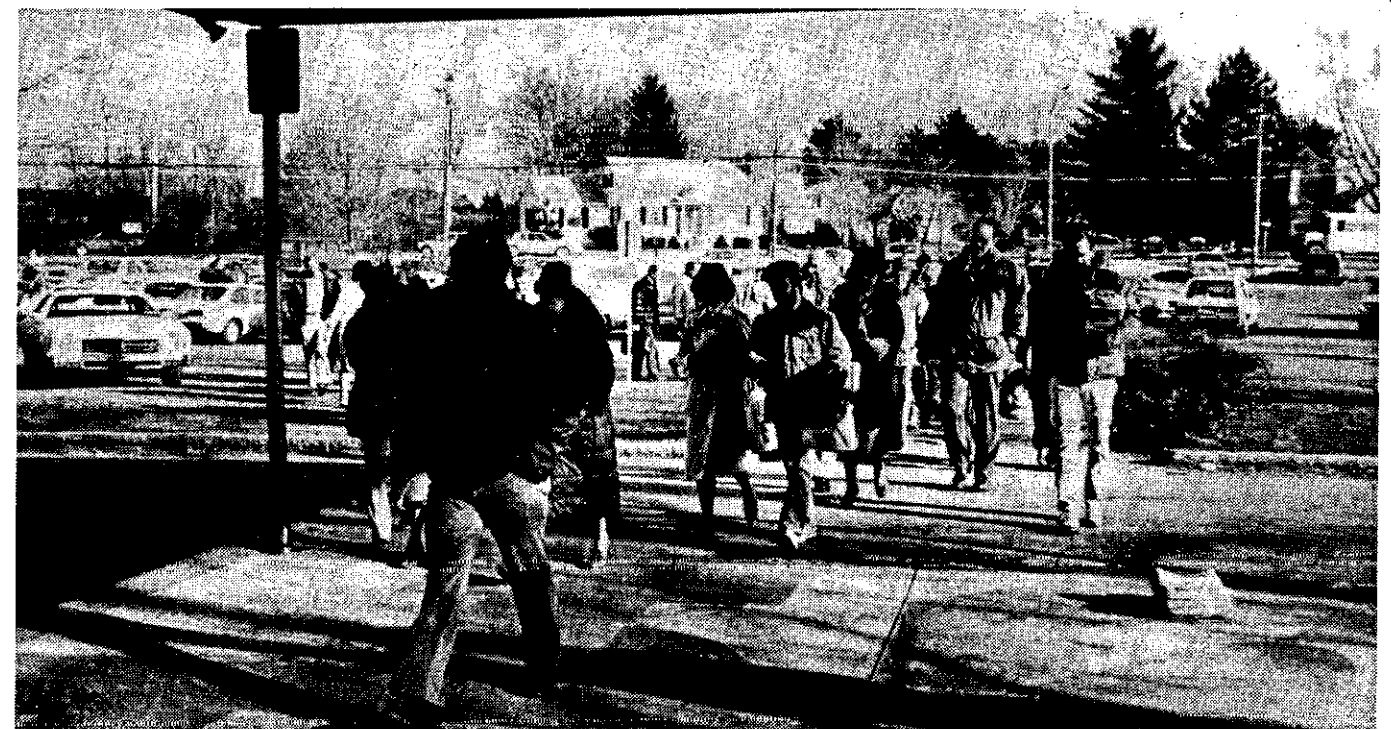
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