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Budget fight looms, contract talks simmer

Board passes largest budget, 5-1

By Caroline Terenzini

The battle lines have been drawn. With the Bethlehem Central School District budget vote only four weeks away, five school board members are preparing to defend the largest property tax increase in memory, while veteran board member John Clyne has branded the \$16.78 million plan "reckless spending" and is urging a "no" vote.

The budget plan that will go before voters May 9 calls for an estimated 10 percent tax rate increase in the Town of Bethlehem and a 9½ percent boost for New Scotland residents in the district. The tax rolls are due Aug. 1, so next fall's tax rates are only estimates at the moment, but it looks like about \$166 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Bethlehem

and approximately \$279 per \$1,000 in New Scotland.

The increase is necessary to keep the schools operating at present levels, says district administrators, and a majority of the board agreed last Tuesday. All except Clyne, who called the figures "horrendous."

Clyne already has a significant number of district residents in his corner: hundreds of voters annually go to the polls to vote "no" on the school district budget, whatever figures it includes. And, with perhaps 70 percent of the district's residents having no children in the public schools, Clyne has a large pool from which to draw his "no" votes. If that

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How 'final' will negotiations be?

By Caroline Terenzini

The stalled Bethlehem Central teachers' contract talks have grown into a dispute now involving students and parents, in addition to the teachers and the school board, but it is difficult for the outsiders to pin down what the real issues are.

The sole issue of principle in the painful, protracted process appears to be the union's demand for some way to obtain finality in negotiations. The state's Taylor Law provides for arbitration in contract disputes involving police and fire fighters, but not teachers.

The Bethlehem Central Teachers Association has been holding out for an agreement that would include arbitration or some variant thereof, but the board is

dead set against it, calling arbitration an abdication of responsibility and local control. So far, no one has identified what besides arbitration could bring finality.

Now, the BCTA negotiating team in a bulletin to union members that also was sent to members of the school board offered to drop its bid for finality in exchange for a two-year contract (meaning new negotiations would have to start a year from now, if not sooner), voluntary rather than assigned coaching, a requirement that teachers attend only one evening function a year, and restoration of a personal leave day rather than a personal business leave day.

BCTA President William Cleveland said Monday that if a two-year contract is agreed to, the union would accept the fact finder's recommendation of pay increases of 6 percent (plus increments) in each of the two years.

Mediator Herbert Marx, in a fact finding report submitted in January, wrote that the district "places some importance" on a requirement that teachers participate in two evening functions a year and that he found such a requirement "not stringent." Concerning personal leave days, Marx suggested separating the personal leave day from the sick leave provision and added that the "wide variety of options" for which personal business leave days may be used did not appear "unduly restrictive."

Marx also recommended trying a voluntary system for coaching, with a "sunset" clause that would require physical education teachers to coach one seasonal sport taking effect in July, 1985, if no other agreement is made.

More heat than light has been shed on the stalled talks in recent weeks, including at last Tuesday's school board meeting where some 100 teachers and students showed up. The teachers, many with signs, paced the intersection of Adams St. and Adams Pl. before the meeting, while the students found seats inside and a Channel 10 camera crew looked for the best angle.

At the same moment, negotiators for the district and the teachers' union were

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The curtain will go up Thursday on Stage 700's production of "Seven Wives for Seven Brothers." The cast includes, from left, front, Amy LaForte, Lisa Clark, Julie Corbett holding young Erich Minnear, John Budzyna, Carol Hernandez, Loretta Romero and J.P. Shepherd; back, Todd Allen, Cary

Fields, Colleen Nyilis, Jay Rosenbloom, Eric Stilan, Kara Mackey and Scott Olmstead. Curtain time is 8 p.m. Thursday through Saturday at Bethlehem Central High School.

Gary Zeiger

The book tells us who we are, what we do

By Lorraine C. Smith

So who are you, Bethlehem resident? How long did you attend school to work in what kind of industry to which you travel how many minutes — and do you carpool? Do you cool your home in summer? How do you heat your home the rest of the year? How old is your home? And how old are you?

The mirror on the wall is the 1980 Census of Population. It is still not completely tabulated, although its statistics will be four years old this April. The Town of Bethlehem is detailed in six separate tracts, or geographical areas, and there are some surprises in the self-description.

Population: 24,296. Fifty-two percent are women. Seventy-six percent are

native New Yorkers and all but 614 are white.

The biggest age category — with 2,928 persons — is 45 to 54. Almost a third of the population is under 21; 20 percent is between 21 and 35; 35 percent ranges from age 36 to 64; and 13 percent is age 65 and older. With 3,165 senior citizens, Bethlehem seems to be holding its own against the Southern migration.

The classic average family of four numbers 1,460 for this predominantly suburban area, only it is not the average household for Bethlehem. The largest number of homes are shared by two persons — 2,982 such households comprise a hefty 35 percent of the 8,739 total households. Single persons make up the second largest number of households

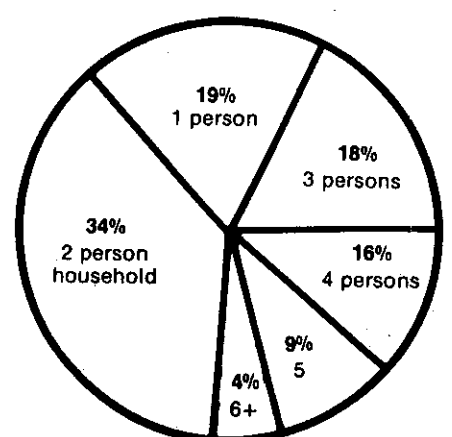
— 1,671. The three-person unit follows at 1,538, and larger households with five, six or more members complete the tally with an additional count of 1,088.

Bethlehem shares a diverse ancestry. The largest percentage for a single heritage is only nine — and that is English. Next numerically are German, Irish, and Italian descendants; but 12 other nationalities are represented including Ukrainians, (51 residents) and Portuguese (eight).

One of every five residents over age 16 claims veteran's status. Almost half of this group served in World War II.

There are four men in the labor force for every three women, three times the

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Household by size

□ BC's largest budget

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were't enough, contract negotiations with the district's teachers, still unresolved after a year, have aroused community interest and the current work-to-rule policy of the faculty has drawn students and parents into the dispute. As board member Robert Ruslander pointed out, "People are going to be mad at the school board, people are going to be mad at the teachers..."

With some 100 teachers, students and parents and a Channel 10 camera crew crowded into the Educational Services Center in Delmar last Tuesday, drawn by the contract impasse, Clyne's colleagues gave their attentive audience another viewpoint. Jed Wolkenbreit, seeking his second term on the board in May, said, "It is important to note that this budget is not solely the product of this board. Hundreds of hours of input (have come) from teachers, supervisors, non-instructional staff, central administrators... the budget has taken on the character of the

community as a whole. The budget doesn't belong to this school board; it belongs to all the people of this district.

"This budget doesn't represent perfection," Wolkenbreit continued, "but it has the goal of the collective good."

Bernard Harvith said, "In my 12 years on the board, we've never asked people for anything like 10 percent, but there's no reasonable alternative... In voting on the budget, this is the time to separate the big from the little. An austerity budget will do kids out of a few little things (such as equipment and transportation) and the tax increase will still be 8½ percent." State law provides that when a budget proposal is defeated, the district operates on an austerity budget that provides for salaries and negotiated pay increases, but bus transportation (beyond state requirements), athletics and equipment purchases are out unless approved in a separate vote.

Ruslander urged that district voters not "throw the baby out with the bath

water," and board member Marjory O'Brien noted that wringing out the budget has "been a very painful process. We haven't been able to do everything we wanted to do, and we have come to the community with a 10 percent tax increase and that hurts all of us.

"It hurts to see the state aid figure, it hurts to see the mandates the state is not going to pay for..." Mrs. O'Brien added.

Clyne, however, was having none of it. He said Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Governor Mario Cuomo had presented no-tax-increase budgets and "they deal with the same people and have the same problems" as the school district. Wolkenbreit, however, pointed out that 80 percent of the school district's budget is essentially fixed because of personnel costs and costs of services mandated by the state; that the district will, for the fifth year in a row, receive the same dollar amount of state aid, the buying power of which "has gone down tremendously," and that the district has been denied any share in sales tax revenues.

Clyne attributed the "horrendous tax increase" in the proposed budget to the management of the district, to "reckless spenders" on the board and to a board "honeycombed with private, personal interests." He vowed to be available at every budget hearing "to tell you names and amounts of what's in there."

Those sessions are scheduled with regular board meetings on Wednesday, April 18, and Wednesday, May 2, beginning at 8 p.m. In addition, board President Sheila Fuller has opened her home to district residents for informal Monday morning discussions concerning the budget and future such gatherings will be from 10 a.m. to noon on April 30 and May 7 at 31 Albin Rd. in Delmar.

2 contests for board

Two races are in the works for the Bethlehem Central school board election May 9. Incumbent Jed Wolkenbreit of Delmar, seeking his second three-year term, is being challenged by Velma Cousins, also of Delmar. Wolkenbreit is an attorney with an Albany firm and Mrs. Cousins teaches in a parenting and child development program at Albany High School.

The two contestants for the vacant seat formerly held by Robert Zick of Glenmont are Barbara Coon and Paul Scudiere, both of Delmar. Mrs. Coon has been active in both the Glenmont Elementary School Parent-Teacher Association and the Capital District PTA. Scudiere is director of history and anthropology at the State Museum and is an adjunct professor at the State University at Albany.


Sheila Fuller of Delmar, now serving as president of the board, is seeking her third term unopposed. Before her election to the school board, Mrs. Fuller headed the Hamagrael Home-School Association for five years.

In state finals

A top-ranked team from Hamagrael Elementary School competed this weekend in Goshen, N.Y., in the state finals of the Olympics of the Mind competition. Members of the team, all fifth graders, were Stacey Clark, Anita Kaplan, Mere Kiemle, Brooke Meislahn and Erin Rodat. Their volunteer coaches, were Dr. Allan Kaplan and George Kiemle.

Party foiled

An Athens man, 19, has been charged by Bethlehem police with seven counts of unlawful dealing with a child for allegedly supplying beer to underage youths. A 1966 car containing the eight youths, all from the Athens area, was spotted Friday night at the Town Squire Shopping Center in Glenmont. The beer was bought in Cocksackie, according to the police report.



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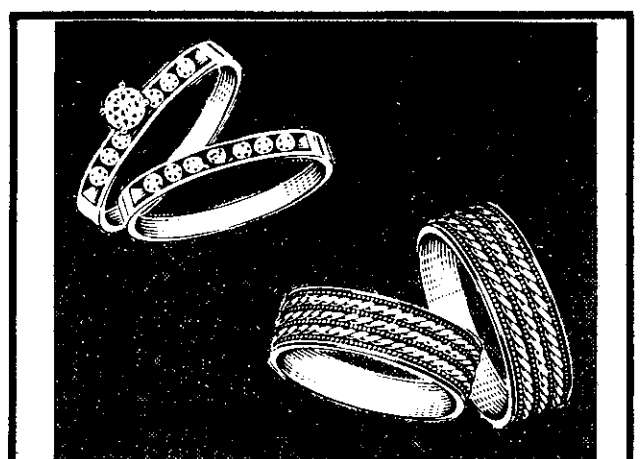
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number of men working as not, and an almost equal number of women are employed as unemployed. Only half of Bethlehem's working women, however, are employed full-time, that is, 50 weeks a year, 35 or more hours a week.

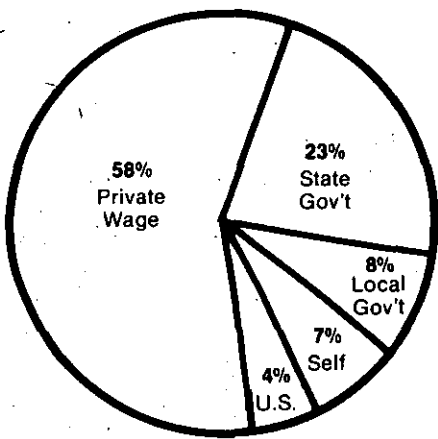
The average commuting time to work is 18.4 minutes for Bethlehem's 10,926 employed. There are 218 individuals who live less than five minutes from their place of employment but 430 persons travel 45 minutes or more.

Ten Bethlehem residents drive to work for every one who walks or uses public transportation. And 79 percent of those who drive, drive alone. A two-person carpool (1,692 total) is eight times more popular than the three-person carpool, which is three times more popular than the four- or five-person carpool.

How many cars do you own? Forty-four percent or 3,789 households have two vehicles available; 3,570 have one; 900 units have three or more; and 422 have none. Three-fourths of this last figure are persons age 65 and older.

Where are the most expensive homes? The tract roughly outlining Delmar boasts 738 houses valued at \$60,000 or more. The median (meaning half are above and half are below) value of homes in Tri-Village hamlets of Delmar, Slingerlands and Elsmere is \$54,000, some \$10,000 higher than the median value of homes in the rest of Bethlehem.

Almost a third of the 8,921 housing units were built in 1939 or earlier. The 'sixties account for the next cluster of building with 1,820 houses. A slightly



Employed persons 16 and over by class of worker

greater number of houses (2,759) were built between 1940 and 1959 than after 1970 (2,610). Two-thirds of the housing units are located in urbanized areas, with the remaining third at rural addresses.

Two-thirds of Bethlehem households are connected to a sewage system with the remaining third using septic tanks or cesspools. All but 66 housing units have complete kitchen facilities.

Next count, bedrooms. A three-bedroom house is the most common (3,481) with the four-bedroom house next, then two, then one.

All but 123 households have a telephone.

What the census is good for

Preparations have already begun on questions for the 1990 census — this even before the 1980 data has been totally evaluated. Why is the census so important? The ten year census reflects — and then affects — the standards of the nation as well as the lives of individuals on a daily basis.

"It's a tracking medium of where we've been and where we're going," explained Bethlehem Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan. "All department heads and consultants consider population growth whenever they discuss projects and programs for the town."

One recent example of the impact of the census is the town board's decision to provide a van for senior citizens. "The increase in that age group to 13 percent of our population triggered our purchase of the van," Corrigan said.

During the last decade, the decreasing number of children prompted the closing of the Delmar school. More recent demographic shifts in Glenmont may require both the Bethlehem Central and Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School Districts to reevaluate district lines.

The town considers census statistics to determine social needs such as police protection and recreational needs such as parks. Future demands for water are determined by census totals as well.

Because the census indicates that Bethlehem annually realizes an eight to ten percent property turnover the town can anticipate the number of building modifications and assessment changes, and thus changes in tax receipts as a result.

Based on the interrelationships of the municipalities (i.e.

What is the commuting time from work to home?) the state evaluates highway requirements. But towns also read the data to see if more local roads are needed.

"Questions are designed to collect data to support federal programs, as well as provide data to set national policy," explained Jeff Bornemann, the deputy director for planning at Capital District Regional Planning Commission (CDRPC) in Troy. Every fifth person is sent a long form which includes questions that some recipients consider too personal. Bornemann cited the confidentiality of the data while stressing that the figures are used to aid in the administration of programs, identify needs, and provide some continuity between the years as well."

For instance, federal revenue sharing funds and state aid formulas are based on census statistics. The percentage unemployed is noted as well as the increase or decrease in population. Income of all residents is considered when townwide services are being proposed.

A review of 1980 census figures caused environmental funds to become available to towns as part of a national effort to clean up the country's rivers. Bethlehem was able to expand its sewer system into half of the areas that had not been connected at the time of the last count.

"The fact that 50 percent of our housing has been constructed since 1939 establishes Bethlehem as a growing community," added Corrigan. "So the census information makes a subconscious impact in a lot of our thinking."

Lorraine C. Smith

Central warm air heats almost 4,000 homes — or 45 percent of the total. Steam or hot water heats just under 3,700 homes. Six other heating systems are also itemized, including the figure of 19 single room heaters with no flue. Half of Bethlehem's households have either a central air conditioning system or individual room cooling units.

Income follows boundaries similar to those for value of housing. Delmar residents enjoy the highest per capita income of \$11,497. The lowest per capita is \$6,802 in the census tract covering the southeast corner of Bethlehem. The average family income in Bethlehem is \$30,784.

No boundaries exist for families with income below the poverty level. The figures for these households are similar for each of the six enumerated Bethlehem tracts: 22, 20, 18, 19, 19, 38.

Delmar residents lead the town with the most diplomas. Ninety-two percent of its population over age 25 are high school graduates; 53 percent have completed four or more years of college. The percentage of high school graduates among the rest of Tri-Village residents is 86, with 76 percent for the outlying areas of Bethlehem. By contrast, the City of Albany averages 67 percent.

Public administration is the industry associated with 19 percent of Bethlehem's work force. Education is identified by 13 percent; retail employment follows with 12 percent, and health fields are next with 10 percent. Construction, manufacturing, transportation, finance, real estate and recreational services are

among the 16 fields catalogued by the census.

Next to private employers, the state government writes the largest portion of Bethlehem's paychecks, some 23 percent. Professional specialty and administrative support account for the biggest block — 45 percent — of the occupations. A not-too-distant third, the group of executives, administrators and managers, represent 17 percent on the index of positions. The list, which includes Bethlehem's 85 farmers, foresters or fishermen, and 52 individuals offering service in the private household, is typical of the comprehensiveness of the census records.

Blood pressure clinic

The Bethlehem Town Hall will be the site of a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, April 17, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and 7 to 8:30 p.m. No appointment is necessary for the monthly check-up.

Volunteer nurses are being recruited for future clinics. Interested health professionals should call Ruth Bickel at 439-4473 or 439-4955.

Band standouts sought

Nominations are being accepted from high school band directors for the state's two representatives in the McDonald's All-American High School Band. Performances for the 104-member band this year will include Macy's Thanksgiving Day parade in New York City and the Tournament of Roses parade in Pasadena. Band members will be announced in early October.

Scouts to 'clean up'

Free burgers, fries and certificates of achievement will go to Delmar Scouts armed with trash bags who participate in McDonald's Scouting Clean-Up Day on Wednesday, April 28. The drive, which is designed to beautify the town, is being sponsored by Dan Formica, the owner and operator of the Delmar McDonald's.

Registration forms are available at the restaurant on Delaware Ave.

Honor for members

Community Methodist Church of Slingerlands will honor long-time members Sunday, including 11 who have been members for more than 50 years. They will be recognized at the Palm Sunday services at 10 a.m. and will be honored at a reception following the service. The earliest members, both of whom still reside in the community, are Helen Earl Coughtry and Mildred Conning Rutherford, who joined in 1906. Other long-time congregants are Ethel Moat Delaney, George Fowler, Helen and Evelyn Frazier, Eleanor Rogers, Alice Albright Pelzer, Dorothy Bilyeu-Sickinger, Florence Maxwell, Marie Van Wormer, Donald Arthur, Elizabeth Scoons, Kathryn Carrington, Susan Wisley, James E. Coughtry and Mildred Ledden.

Fee elusive

A Delmar rabbi who performed a wedding ceremony in Connecticut several months ago reported to Bethlehem police last week that a \$250 check given him after the ceremony had "bounced." Police contacted the payer, who said a new check would be issued.

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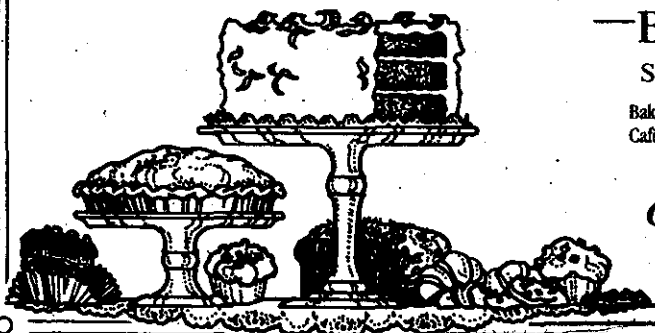
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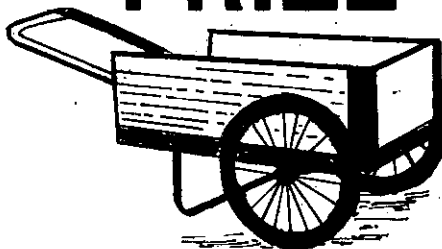
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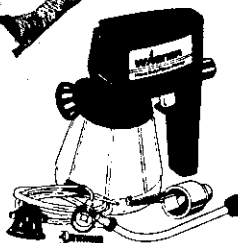
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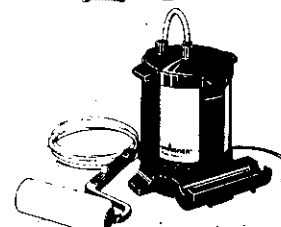


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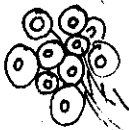
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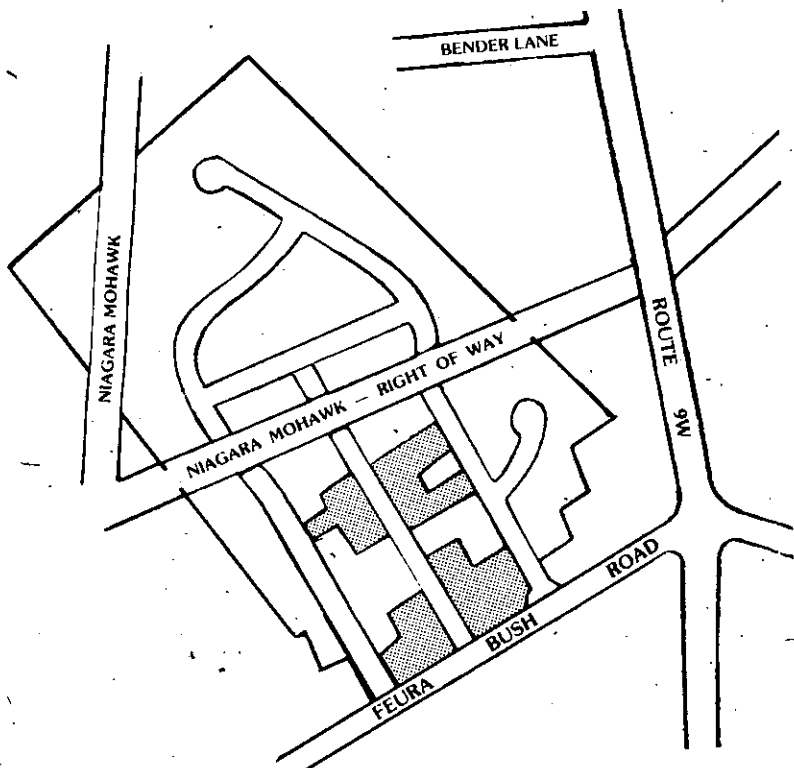
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MORE THAN JUST A HARDWARE STORE



The proposed Woodhill subdivision will contain 130 dwelling units. The shaded areas on the map show the locations of existing single-family homes. *Spotlight map*

Apartment project gets April 17 hearing

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board is scheduled next week to hold a public hearing for developer Vincent Riemma's Woodhill subdivision, located in the vicinity of Feura Bush Rd. at its intersection with Rt. 9W, Glenmont.

The proposed development will contain some 130 dwelling units distributed among eight apartment buildings, "some duplexes" and the remainder single family homes, according to Lindsay Boutelle, civil engineer representing Riemma.

Within and abutting the proposed subdivision will be existing single-family homes in the area of Feura Bush Rd. and Murray Dr. The site is traversed by two rights-of-way belonging to the Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation.

Board Chairman Charles Redmond said at the board's meeting last Tuesday that primary consideration at the public hearing will be given the draft environmental impact statement submitted by the developer. The hearing is scheduled for Tuesday, April 17, at 7:30 p.m. in the Bethlehem Town Hall.

Also considered at last week's meeting was a proposed subdivision of four lots on Van Wies Pt. Rd. submitted by Betty Elliott and William F. McLaughlin. The board scheduled a public hearing for the plan for May 1 at 7:30 p.m.

The board also informally heard from civil engineer Paul Hite plans for section two of the Crossroads subdivision located at Beacon and Wemple Rds., Glenmont. Original plans called for this phase of the development to contain 72 lots, Hite said, but the current plan was for 45 to 50. Board members saw no problem with the plan. According to town records, the site is owned by Frank Tate and has been developed by John Cerone.

Mains to be flushed

The Town of Bethlehem will flush water mains April 17 through 19 and April 24 through 26.

During the flushing period residents may notice some discoloration in the water; this does not affect water purity, town officials say. The water will be safe for drinking, but may cause some staining if it is used for laundry purposes.

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Victoria Faoro, a well-known quilter and lecturer, will give her own "Original Looks at Fabrics" at the QUILT meeting on Friday, April 13, at 9:30 a.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. For details, call Margaret Callahan at 477-9705.

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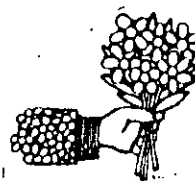


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Civic center gains momentum

By Susan Guyett and Tom McPheeters

Although all of the key questions remain without answers, the movement to build a civic center for Albany County has picked up startling momentum in a two-week period. The question now is whether that momentum will leave room for rational decision-making further on down the line. If not, warn some politicians, county taxpayers could end up footing some very expensive bills, with nothing to show for them.

In the space of two weeks, county decision-makers zeroed in on a specific downtown site on Madison and Eagle St., adjacent to the Empire State Plaza, and agreed to spend \$100,000 — for starters — to prepare an environmental impact study for that site. In addition, there were a number of indications that the Democrats who control the county government have already decided on a builder for the project, the well-connected local developer Salvatore Beltrone.

Left unanswered at this point is how the county will pay for a project conservatively estimated to cost from \$22 to \$28 million. County Executive James Coyne

repeated last week that he has high hopes the state will come up with the financing for an adjacent parking garage, plus a number of site and road improvements that would be necessary for the Madison and Eagle site, but the will be no state commitment until the state's Urban Development Corp. completes its study later this summer. Other potential difficulties include the cost of acquiring the site, most of which is owned by the Albany Housing Authority and already carries a substantial mortgage. The rest

Monday night won approval from the county legislature to conduct the Environmental Impact Study.

But county officials acknowledge the study is something of a gamble. Opponents of the center could tie the environmental study process in knots for months if the spirit and money moves them. Or, New York State may refuse to come through with the financial helping hand county officials are counting on. Either move could make the estimated \$97,700 environmental study, which will concen-

County officials acknowledge the environmental study is something of a gamble.

of the 5.7-acre site is owned by the Albany Catholic Diocese, and contains an office building that would have to be razed to make way for the center.

Finally, there are a myriad of parking problems that Coyne and other county leaders say can be worked out, but which already have neighboring residents up in arms.

Dealing with the parking is the job of Clough, Harbour and Associates, which

trate on the one downtown Madison Ave. location, useless.

While minority Republicans in the Albany County Legislature requested a chance to see other engineering proposals, the Democrats gave their approval to hire Clough, Harbour and Associates to do the engineering services for the draft impact statement for a 14,000 seat civic center. The study, which will investigate the traffic, air quality, archaeological and other environmental effects of a civic center, is expected to be complete this summer.

At the same time, a study will be under way by the UDC to determine if a civic center is economically feasible in the Albany area. Clough, Harbour officials say they will include the UDC findings in the environmental study.

The 5.7-acre Madison Ave. lot was selected as the prime location by the county's bipartisan Civic Center Review Commission, established by Coyne four months ago.

Coyne, who is a strong proponent of a civic center, wants the environmental study to proceed even though state officials have made no commitment to lend financial support. Coyne says he is optimistic that the state will help out.

Last week at the legislature's finance committee, Public Works Committee Chair Henry Dennis, questioned whether both the UDC and environmental study should be conducted at the same time.

The Colonie Democrat also questioned whether the legislature would be able to get enough votes to adopt the bond resolutions needed to fund the project. A united Republican delegation could stop all borrowing by blocking the 2/3 vote needed for approval. On the other hand, the Democratic leadership in the legislature would only have to talk one Republican into voting with them to get the bonds approved.

Up until Monday night, it appeared unlikely that the Republicans would be able to muster the kind of unity required to block the Democrats. But that may have changed, with all 14 members of the minority rising at the legislature's meeting to speak against the way Clough, Harbour was hired and the dangers of proceeding so quickly.

"If they received anything," said minority leader Gordon Morris after the meeting, "they better receive a message — if they keep it up, they're going to kill the civic center, cold."

Morris repeated that he still supports the idea of a civic center in downtown Albany, "if they do it in a proper manner." But the selection of Clough, Harbour indicated "business as usual" in the county's Democratic organization, he said. It also indicates that the builder will be Beltrone, "another family friend," he said.

The Republicans' difficulty is that they won't get a chance to exercise their limited muscle — their ability to block a two-thirds majority — until the time comes to sell bonds. That is many months down the road, and would only come after a considerable amount of time and money has already been invested, a painful prospect indeed.

"Maybe this is the only way we can get their attention," Morris said. "Hit them between the eyes four or five times."

Morris' bitter charges came despite the fact that the Madison and Eagle site was selected by a special bipartisan commission appointed by Coyne. After hearing proposals from three developers, the commission was unanimous in calling for the downtown site.

Not included in the final written report, however, was a concession that minority members of the panel apparently thought they had won during closed

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Voorheesville junior carnival is Saturday

Voorheesville's Class of 1985 isn't clowning around when they say there will be great surprises awaiting those who come to the annual Junior Carnival on Saturday. Sponsored by the junior class, the fun-filled fair at the elementary school is a harbinger of spring in Voorheesville, featuring games, prizes, pizza, hot dogs, snow cones, home-baked goodies, the white elephant and the ever-popular clowns, according to general chairman Ed Mitzen and faculty advisors Richard Mele and Richard Freyer, a day of non-stop fun from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. has been planned for all comers. Everyone is invited to join in the festivities!

Cub Scouts lend a hand

Saturday won't be a day of all play and no work for the Cub Scouts in Voorheesville Pack 73. The boys will be taking some time out from the Junior Carnival to participate in a work session at the Heldeberg Workshop in Voorheesville. As a community service project the boys will be assisting workshop personnel with the spring clean-up being held "on the land" that afternoon. Scouts and their parents will assist with removing brush and weeds on the Picard Rd. property as it is made ready for spring and summer events and classes. Boys are reminded to dress appropriately, bring work gloves and tools, and to go to the Junior Carnival early!

Easter specials at library

This is National Library Week, and Voorheesville librarian Nancy Hutchinson reminds all youngsters of the movies this afternoon at the public library. Films for the younger set begin at 4 p.m., while

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older children will enjoy the film at 4:30 p.m. Students between the ages of 12 and 18 are invited to stop by this week and vote for their favorite album.

Next week the library looks toward Easter and on Wednesday, April 18, there will be a program of Easter crafts and movies beginning at 4 p.m. The film *Lost to the Revolution* about some special Easter eggs called the Faberge eggs will be shown. Students are asked to bring scissors and glue when they come to the hour-long program.

Pancakes on Sunday

The Voorheesville Sports Boosters Club invites all to help them and help themselves when they attend the annual pancake breakfast to be held Sunday, April 15, from 7 a.m. until noon. Those looking for a delicious breakfast of pancakes, sausage and all the trimmings are invited to come to the high school. Tickets are 13 for adults and 12 for children under 12.

Helping the needy

The next meeting of the Human Concerns Committee will be on Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at 154 Stonington Hill Rd. All are welcome to attend the meeting and assist the group, which helps area residents with food and fuel bills.

The committee also reminds local residents that the next cheese distribution will take place on Wednesday, April 18, at St. Matthew's Church from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. Butter will also be included this month, along with dry milk, corn meal and honey. Anyone receiving Social Security fuel assistance or welfare is eligible. Those requiring delivery should call Darlene Smith at 765-4605.

Passover meals planned

For the second year the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church will hold a Passover Sedar meal to share in the observance of the season. This year's Sedar is planned to begin at 5:30 p.m. on Sunday, April 15, at the church on Maple Ave. The special family experience will follow the ritual of Passover and include the traditional foods as well as a covered dish supper. Those planning to attend are asked to bring table service and a dish to share, trying not to use dairy products in the preparation of the shared food. The traditional lamb will be provided. A free-will offering will be taken to defray expenses. Anyone interested in attending should contact the church office at 765-2895 by April 13 to make reservations.

The United Methodist Women of the church invite all area women to participate in a symbolic Passover supper on Tuesday, April 17, at 7 p.m. The meal is symbolic in nature using the traditional foods and should not be considered a substitute for dinner. So that the committee may plan for sufficient seating and food, reservations should be made immediately. Contact the church office at 765-2895 or Evelyn Berger at 765-2357.

Flowers for Easter

Easter is close at hand, and those who are interested in ordering flowers for the holidays need look no further than Voorheesville. The youth group of the Methodist Church, the MYF, will be taking orders for Easter corsages this Sunday, April 15, before and after the 10 a.m. service. Anyone interested in ordering flowers which will arrive on Saturday, April 21, may contact any member of the MYF or MYF coordinator Mary Neitzel at 765-4877 for more information.

Festival of Arts

Voorheesville students will have a chance to show off their artistic talents next Wednesday, April 18, when the elementary school holds its Festival of the Arts between 7 and 9 p.m. The event, which is held every two years, includes a number of activities, demonstrations and exhibits.

According to art teacher Margaret Fennel, there will be a wide display of two and three-dimensional art projects done by children in grades K-6 as well as demonstration of art techniques learned during the year. A puppet show will also be presented.

Some children from the school's gifted and talented program will demonstrate scientific experiments under the watchful eye of science coordinator Don Otterness. G and T members will show the art of cross-stitch as taught by Maryanne Heinrich.

On the top floor language arts will meet the computer age when students from the upper grades show how they generate adventure stories using the computer. The group directed by sixth grade teacher Dennis Ulion is one of several computer clubs and classes at the school.

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The library media center will also be open to allow visitors to view work done during the year as well as a special exhibit of media projects done by the sixth graders after reading Newberry Award-winning books. All are invited to come and browse and enjoy a lively evening of the arts.

Watch out for trains

Almost anywhere one goes in Voorheesville the railroad tracks are close at hand. Concerned for the safety of students, the Voorheesville Central School District has planned a special program for youngsters in grades 5-8.

On Monday, April 16, representatives from Conrail will be at the high school in the morning and at the grade school in the afternoon to talk with students and show the film *Trepas*, which graphically describes accidents resulting from children's misuse of railroad tracks and surrounding property. Particular stress will be placed on the Voorheesville area.

A timely presentation to be sure: it was a year ago this month that 15-year-old Voorheesville student Robert Lopez was killed when he was struck by a train while walking on the tracks near the village park.

Senior citizens on trip

Beating the rush "down south," New Scotland Senior Citizens left this past Monday for an interesting and educational trip to the nation's capital. After a busy itinerary in Washington, D.C., the seniors will return this Friday, April 13. President Lois Crounse reports they all hope that the weather will be with them and the cherry blossoms will be in bloom.

Calendar mini-minders

Parents of sixth graders are reminded that there will be a special meeting this Thursday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school to discuss the program and curriculum at the junior high school.

The Helderview Garden Club will host a special program on mini-roses featuring Dave Elgie from the Schenectady Rose Society. Officers will be elected and a discussion of spring events including the May plant sale and community plantings will take place at the meeting, to be held at 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church.

Young athletes shoot high

No one will find Roger and Ethel Cooper telling their 8-year-old daughter Melissa not to run around. The energetic third grader thrives on running, and this past weekend participated in the Freihofer Run for Women.



Small streams became rivers and rivers became lakes after last week's steady rains that brought heavy runoffs from melting snow. In Voorheesville the normally placid Vly Creek, above, flirted with flood stage and spilled over behind Smith's Tavern. The Normanskill, Onesquethaw and others also overflowed banks. In New Scotland, a swale running through farmlands and woods west of Crow Ridge Rd. reached 20 feet in width at



several points. Peter VanZetten, New Scotland highway superintendent, said gravel shoulders on several town roads were damaged by rushing water, but the only serious washouts were on Indian Ledge Rd., where one lane of the rural road was swept away for a distance of some 250 feet, and on Countryman Rd., where a creek that rose to a flood torrent swept away a culvert and cut a six-foot ditch across the roadway.

Spotlight photos

Melissa, who began running last year with her father, is no newcomer to running meets, having participated last fall in both the Turkey Trot in Troy and the Alplaus Runaround, where she placed fifth. This run will be a bit different for Melissa, though. It seems she has caught the eye of the media and will be the object of a feature for a program called Kids Stuff produced by a cable network from Syracuse.

Another young area athlete in the news is Cortney Langford, a third grade student at the elementary school who recently won first place in the 8-9-year-old division finals of the national Elks Hoop Shoot championship in Syracuse.

The contest called for the best out of 25 shots from a pre-determined foul line, and Cortney's 13 shots made her the winner. The talented young hoopster originally qualified to represent the New Scotland Elks Lodge No. 2611 in an open contest held in the fall, and subsequently placed high when local Elks hosted the district wide hoop shoot at the high school in January.

Daughter of Richard and Debbie Langford, Cortney finished second in the regional contest held this past weekend in Wilkes-Barre, Pa.

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DAR unit to meet

The Mohawk chapter of the DAR will meet at the home of Janet Stasio, 205 McCormick Rd., Slingerlands, on Thursday, April 12, at 2 p.m. Following a business meeting, Stasio, a soprano soloist at the First Presbyterian Church in Albany and a member of the choir at Temple Beth Emeth, will perform several national anthems.

Sculptures on display

Maria A. Hall of Delmar will have a one-woman exhibit of her abstract steel sculptures at the Barrett Art Gallery at Utica College, in Utica, beginning Sunday. A reception at 2 p.m. will open the exhibit, which will conclude April 27. Gallery hours are 1 to 5 p.m. Monday through Friday.

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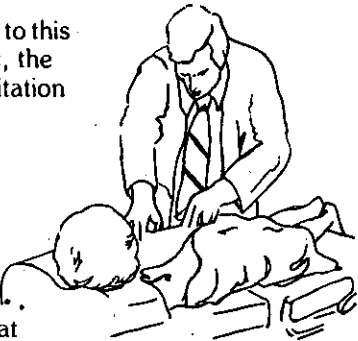
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Junk car and yard laws to get May 1 hearing

By Lorin Pasqual

New Scotland's proposed new junk car and junk yard ordinances will be aired at a public hearing scheduled for May 1 at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

If approved, both laws will set stringent requirements for residents in an effort to rid the community of unsightly junk cars and scrap material.

Town Supervisor Steve Wallace said he expects strong opposition from antique car dealers, junk yard operators and persons who store old cars on their premises to use for parts. He said the board believes the ordinances will be beneficial to the area, however.

Veering to another controversial matter, the board discussed a petition from 29 residents of Font Grove Rd. who are asking the town to establish a water district to combat water shortages. Wallace said he will review the request and meet with the Bethlehem Town Board to discuss such options as linking up with the Bethlehem water system.

In other action, the board announced the Saratoga Velo Club's plans for an Olympic qualifying bicycling race for women May 6. The event, sponsored by the U.S. Cycling Federation and Self magazine, will take place in the vicinity of Thacher Park between 10:30 and 3 p.m.

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Wallace and Town Attorney Fred Riester expressed concern over insurance and liability for the 100 to 300 cyclists expected to participate in the race. Consequently, they will meet with club representatives to discuss New Scotland's responsibility regarding legal issues.

In regular business, the board:

- Received bids from Orange Motors, H.L. Gage and Marsh Hallman Chevrolet for a new diesel-powered dump truck and said they will make a decision later this month.
- Approved a request from Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten to advertise for sale a used high-pressure washer and authorized the expenditure of about \$900 to buy a new one.
- Scheduled the annual spring refuse pickup for the week of April 30 through May 4.

Rescued from cave

A young spelunker was rescued from the Clarksville caves Saturday by scuba

Exemption for seniors set

The New Scotland Town Board unanimously approved a revised property tax exemption for persons aged 65 and older following a public hearing Wednesday. No area residents attended.

Under the new policy, elderly persons receiving between \$10,500 and \$13,500 per year may claim a percentage of their assessed property value as tax exempt. Based on a sliding scale depending on income, the deductions range from 50 percent to 20 percent and give a tax break to persons with an income more than \$10,500 — who did not qualify in the past.

Residents with questions may contact the New Scotland Town Hall for information.

Lorin Pasqual

divers from the Waterford Emergency Squad. Simon Yi, 18, of New York City reportedly became trapped when he dove into the water and came up in a separate cavern from which he was unable to return to his five companions. State police at the Selkirk substation were alerted about 5 p.m. and they contacted Northeast Cave Rescue of Latham and the Waterford team.

Yi was suffering from hypothermia when he was rescued about 10:15 p.m., police said, and he was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released. He and the other explorers are members of the Mountain Club at Tufts University in Boston.

The caves are located off Rt. 443 between Plank Rd. and Clarksville South Rd.

Crafts show, sale set

Spring cleaning could prove to be profitable this year if the treasures found are put on sale at the fourth annual craft show and flea market sponsored by the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department's auxiliary. The event is planned for Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the firehouse on Rt. 85A in Voorheesville. Crafts persons and hobbyists are welcome. For information call 765-4334.

Word from Ma Bell

The Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of AARP will have its monthly meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 12:30 p.m. at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. Emil Stricht of the New York Telephone Co. will tell the retirees about the restructuring of the Bell System. Call 439-4070 for information.

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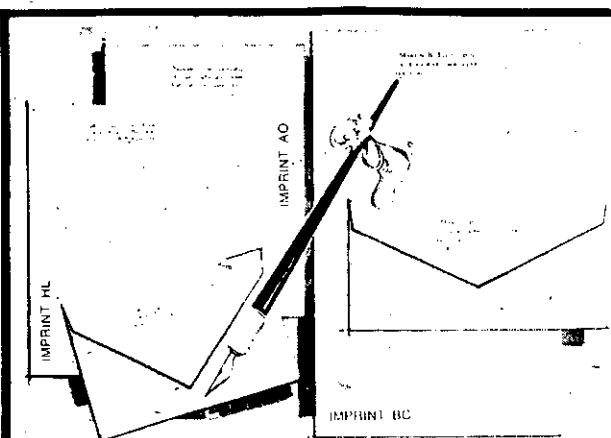
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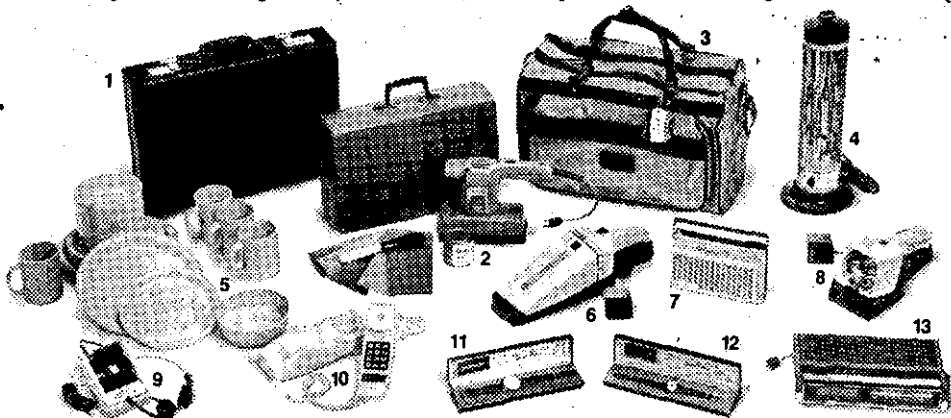
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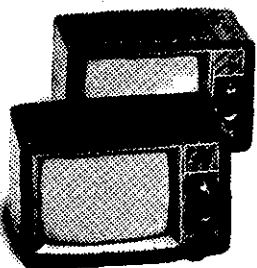
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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 Millers, 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 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 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.

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

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

Tri-Village Lenten Bible Study, with Rev. Susan Hager-Smith of Delmar Methodist Church, at Delmar Reformed Church, 10 a.m.

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.

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

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

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.

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.

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.

Elks Ladies Auxiliary, card party and fashion show, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 8 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.

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.

QUILT, meeting and guest quilter-lecturer Victoria Faoro, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 9:30 a.m.

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.

Lenten Breakfast, sponsored by women's group at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 8 a.m.

Junior Carnival, Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

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 12-14, 8 p.m. Reservations, 235-7969.

"The Threepenny Opera" (Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts' cabaret production of the Brecht-Weill classic), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, April 11 and 12, 10 a.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 13, 8 p.m. Tickets Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3740.

MUSIC

CSR Chamber Singers and Campaniles (Mozart's "Solemn Vespers"), St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, April 11, 4:30 p.m.

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

Pianist Findlay Cockrell (all Gershwin program), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 12, noon.

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).

Crane Jazz Ensemble, Cohoes Music Hall, April 15, 3 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or music hall, 235-7969.

Dalglish, Larsen and Sutherland (fiddles, hammer dulcimer and spoons), St. Mark's community Center, Gunderland Center, April 16, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Records 'N Such.

CSR Percussion Ensemble, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, April 16, 8 p.m.

Organ recital, Agnes Armstrong, First Church in Albany, Clinton Square, April 17, noon.

Ann Monaco and Pola Baytelman, "An evening of solo and four hands piano music," Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, April 18, 8 p.m.

ART

Aaron Siskind, photographs, Kruest Art Gallery, Union College Schenectady, April 4 through May 16.

Colleen and Kathleen Kenyon, photographs, Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, April 6 through April 27.

"3-D" (free standing and wall-hung three dimensional objects), The Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, April 10 through May 18.

"Contemporary Quilts" (Janice Anthony), The Gallery Russell Sage College, Troy, April 12 through May 19.

"The Dutch In Two Worlds," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 22.

Community Industries of the Shakers . . . A New Look, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Nov. 30

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All-You-Can-Eat Pancake Breakfast, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Two-Headed Cow Puppet Theater, Japanese-style puppetry, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Passover Seder, covered dish supper, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 5:30 p.m. For reservations, 765-2895.

Pancake Breakfast Benefit, sponsored by Voorheesville Boosters Club, Voorheesville High School, 7 a.m.-noon. Tickets \$3 and \$2.

MONDAY, APRIL 16

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post #3185, VFW, third Monday Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

Selkirk Fire District Commissioners, Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1 Maple Ave., 7 p.m.

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

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Stalite 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.

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

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

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

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

Blood Pressure Clinic, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

"A Pale View of Hills", evening book discussion group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

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.

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

Student Fair, with jazz band performance, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 7-9 p.m.

Passover Supper, sponsored by women's group at Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 18

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Fire House No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Evening Nature Tour, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m., Free; information, 457-6092.

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.

Congressional Town Meeting, Congressman Samuel Stratton answers questions from residents of Ravena, Coeymans, and Selkirk, Ravena Town Hall, Russell Ave., 7:30-9 p.m.

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Peter Dorwaldt, 59 Groesbeck Rd., Delmar, for variance to permit addition at premises, 8 p.m.; A.T. Zautner and Son, Inc. for modification to special exception for construction of 5 four-unit apartment buildings at premises, Beacon Rd., Glenmont, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Easter Movie and Children's Crafts, Voorheesville Public Library, 4 p.m.

Festival of the Arts, student demonstrations, exhibits and displays, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7-9 p.m. Free.

Half Moon Button Club, first annual meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, noon.

THURSDAY, APRIL 19

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests, and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.

"Rensselaer Glass House", Bethlehem Historical Association slide talk, Schoolhouse Museum, Selkirk, 8 p.m.


Albany Audubon Society meeting and Colorado program, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 22

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The Easter Vigil	April 21, 1984 5:00 p.m.
The Resurrection of Our Lord Holy Communion	April 22, 1984 9:00 a.m.

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-12 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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"Entrepreneurship and Social Responsibility", business ethics forum sponsored by Russell Sage, Kellas Formal Lounge, First St. Troy, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Middle East Update: The Dynamics of Crisis, lecture 3 of 6-part series, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

Senior Citizens Inaugural Ball, semi-formal dinner and dance, Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 4:15 p.m. Information and reservations, 465-3325.

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

Temporary Employment as a Source of Permanent Jobs, Job Outreach program, Human Resource Center, Albany, 4:30 p.m. Free; information, 447-6723.

THURSDAY, APRIL 12

Vanguard - Albany Symphony Concert Preview, composer Benjamin Lees and violinist Gregory Fulkerson, Albany Public Library, noon. Free.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

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.

Chinese Landscaping Painting, lecture by Union College Professor Donald Thurston, Schenectady Museum, 7:30 p.m. \$1 admission.

Lunch with the Arts, "Creative Coping" lecture by Dr. Richard Penaskovic, Picotte Gallery, College of St. Rose, 12:15 p.m. Free.

International Marketing, business seminar led by George Galster, vice president for international sales at Champion Spark Plugs, Campus Center assembly hall, SUNYA, 4:45 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 13

Christian Singles Over 25, covered dish supper, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m.

Twentieth Century Jewish Art, lecture after evening services at B'nai Shalom, Whitehall, Rd., Albany, 8 p.m. Free.

"Does the U.S. Constitution Protect Political Dissent?", Lawyers Guild forum, Campus Center conference room, College of St. Rose, 7:30 p.m. Free.

"The Adirondacks in Fact and Fiction", lecture and overnight visit to Sagamore Camp sponsored by Friends of the Libraries at SUNYA. Information, 457-4591 or 457-8540.

Altamont Station Squares Dance, former Guiderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m.

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MONDAY, APRIL 16

Expectant Parents Night, to tour hospital facilities and meet staff, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

Business Crafts Workshop, sponsored by County Cooperative Extension, Sheraton Airport Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-3:30 p.m. For \$15 registration, 765-3635.

"Food Fight", cabaret dramatizes women's obsessions with food, weight and body image, Bush Memorial Center, Russell Sage College, 8 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, APRIL 17

Compassionate Friends, support group for parents who have lost a child, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Wildlife of Colorado, lecture by nature photographer Leonard Lee Rue III, Lecture Center 7, SUNYA, 8 p.m. Free.

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Turf, Tree and Shrub Maintenance, spring garden lecture, Colonie Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m. soil testing, 7:30 p.m. lecture. Free.



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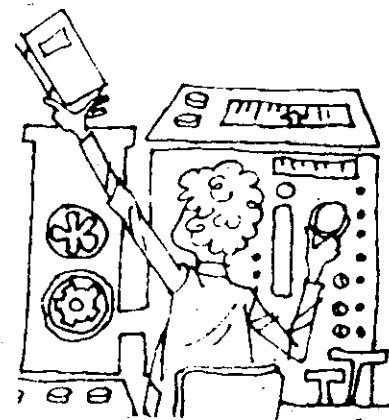
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meeting at the high school — fruitlessly, as it turned out.

Tom Denham, president of the Student Denate at the high school, addressing the board, said the teachers' work-to-rule policy was taking its toll on students, who "seem to be overlooked" in the dispute. Board member Bernard Harvith observed testily that work-to-rule "is not required by the board — it's something the teachers thought up. If the board really wanted to be rotten," he added, "this could go on forever. Technically, they do have a contract." (In contract disputes involving teachers, state law provides that the terms of the previous contract continue in effect pending a new settlement.)

Harvith also observed that pay increases in both contract offers from the district — essentially, accepting the fact finder's report for either a two- or three-year term — were "fully retroactive," although there is no requirement that they be.

Last Tuesday's negotiating session led Marx to throw up his hands, figuratively speaking, and withdraw his services. However, an official at the state Public Employment Relations Board said, "We don't keep throwing mediators in like logs on a fire," so presumably Marx will be back, if asked.

BCTA President William Cleveland said the union's negotiations committee would meet today (Wednesday) to discuss other actions the teachers might take.

Scholarship finalist

Tom Christopher, a senior at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, has been named one of 500 finalists in the Jostens Foundation scholarship competition. More than 19,000 students nationwide applied for the awards, which are provided annually by Jostens, Inc., a Minneapolis-based manufacturer of recognition products. Christopher is the son of Elaine and Peter Christopher of Coeymans.



Dancers from the Berkshire Ballet demonstrated steps last week in appearances at Glenmont and Clarksville elementary schools, much to the delight of the onlookers. On the cover: Lynda Hartle, a kindergarten pupil in Miss Weiss's class at Glenmont, got a front-row seat and made the most of it with her feet never still.

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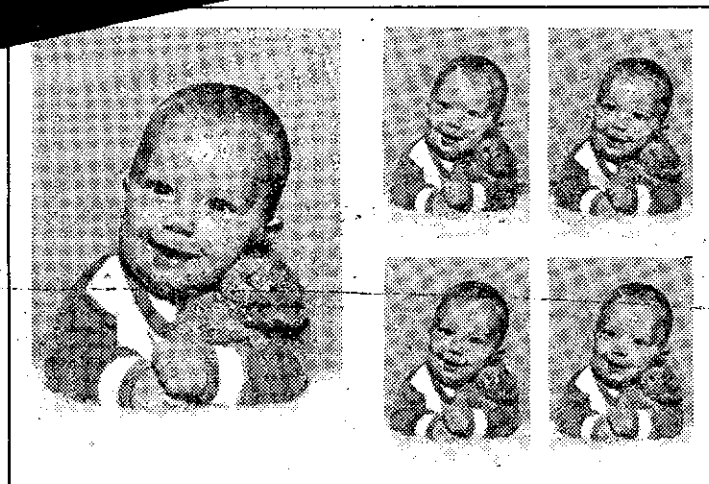
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Junior high students score high on SATs

During a brief meeting Monday, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board congratulated two 7th grade students who recently received state honors for their outstanding scores on the Scholastic Aptitude Tests (SATs).

The students, Daron Hall and Barbara Boehm, were among six students who participated in the Johns Hopkins Talent Competition, and this marked the first year RCS participated in the program.

Junior High School Principal Robert DeSarbo said he chose six of his best

students to enter the competition, and each performed as well, if not better, than many high school youngsters. He said he plans to enter again next year.

In other action, the board:

- Scheduled a meeting April 10 at Dowerskill Village to discuss redistricting and portable classrooms, both plans to deal with overcrowding at the A.W. Becker Schools.
- Approved a request to hold a town recreation program in the Becker cafeteria.

Lorin Pasqual

Chief reelected

Anthony Morrell has been reelected chief of Elsmere Fire Co. A, with Tom Rudolph first assistant chief, George Kaufman second assistant and Rick Webster captain.

Also reelected in last Thursday's annual vote of the membership were Ned Costigan, first lieutenant, and Fred Everhart, second lieutenant. Kevin Shea was elected third lieutenant, John Zboray, fourth lieutenant, and Don Blodgett, fire police lieutenant.

Civil officers for the coming year will be Steve Wright, president, and Gary Hallenbeck, vice president. Dick Brown and Mike Cirillo were reelected secretary and treasurer respectively. James Trotta was named to a three-year term as director, and Robert House was elected property clerk. Chaplains reelected were Rev. James Daly, Rev. Kenyon, Scott Anson and Morrell.

South of the border

South and Central America have come alive for a roomful of fifth graders at Bethlehem's Glenmont Elementary School, thanks to the efforts of Catana Tully of Slingerlands. Mrs. Tully has lived in Central America and traveled extensively there and in Germany, and she shared her understanding of the southern hemisphere with the students during their 10-week social studies unit on South America. The lessons included slides that presented a picture of life in that part of the world. For a concluding party last week, the children cooked South American foods and shared them at lunch.

Benefit craft sale

Tables for the Heldeberg Workshop spring festival craft sale scheduled for May 5 are available from Wendy Barcomb, 895-2269.

News from Selkirk AND South Bethlehem

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Jazz band in spotlight

The RCS Senior High Jazz Band, which performed for the student body at the Winter Sports Award Assembly, will be featured during the High School Student Fair scheduled for Tuesday, April 17. Parents and fans of jazz are invited to attend the performance and fair, which will be held from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m. at the high school.

Fashions at card party

Fashions by Sherry's of Albany will be featured tomorrow (Thursday) at the annual spring card party and fashion show sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233. Beginning at 8 p.m. at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, the evening offers fun, fashions, refreshments and door prizes. Everyone is welcome. Tickets are available at the door.

Teenagers of the month

Victor J. Carrk, principal of RCS Senior High School has announced the names of the Teenagers of the Month for the months of February and March. The program is sponsored by the Elks Lodge.

Tracey Griffin has been selected as the Teenage Girl of the month for February. Tracey is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Reid Griffin of Ravena. She has been active in the RCS sports program since her freshman year, having participated on the soccer, volleyball, basketball,



The RCS Jazz Band will be a feature of the Student Fair Saturday.

track and softball teams. Tracey is also a member of the National Honor Society, Spanish Club, FBLA and editor of the school yearbook. She enjoys languages and studies new languages on her own time. In spite of her full schedule, Tracey excels academically and is always willing to give of her time to help others.

Michael Kerrigan was named Teenage Boy of the Month for February. He is the

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son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Kerrigan of Ravena, and is on the varsity football and basketball teams. He is also secretary of the student council. Michael was instrumental in organizing the Tom Christopher Fund and has worked tirelessly on this project, one of the most successful events held at RCS in recent years.

Jennifer Bull was named Teenage Girl of the Month for March. Jennifer is a member of the National Honor Society and serves as its secretary. She is also a member of the steering committee, Spanish Club and the varsity soccer team. Her outside interests include being a member of the 4-H program committee, a referee for the Bethlehem Soccer Club, and a member of the Bethlehem Youth Council on Substance Abuse. Scholastically, Jennifer is No. 1 in her class and has been named valedictorian of the class of 1984.

Dana Pickett, son of Mr. and Mrs. Dana Pickett of Ravena, was selected as Teenage Boy of the Month for March. Dana is interested in music and is a member of the 1983 All-County Jazz Ensemble and the All-County Concert Band. He received excellent ratings from the New York State Music Association, and has participated three years in Drama Club with lead roles. This spring Dana will attend area all-state solo competitions. In addition to taking private piano lessons, he enjoys playing the trumpet, acting, singing and song-writing. Dana also plays football and basketball.

A full day in the Big City

Some 240 children and adults will be leaving from the Becker School this Saturday for a trip to New York City. Five buses will carry the students, their families and friends to the city for a tour sponsored by the A.W. Becker PTO.

Leaving at 7 a.m., the trip will include a visit to the Museum of Natural History, Statue of Liberty, World Trade Center and dinner and shopping at the Paramus Mall. The group is expected to return to Selkirk 10 p.m. Saturday.

Special Easter program

The Guild for Christian Service of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will hold its annual Lenten Breakfast this Saturday, April 14, at 8 a.m. A special Easter program will be presented by Mrs. Ruth Traeger, who will share her experiences in a slide program of her recent trip to Israel. All women of the church are invited to attend. Reservations are not required.

Ships and sails

A sailboat regatta was held by the Cub Scouts of Pack 81 Monday, March 16. Carving, sanding, painting and assembling their own boats from kits, the 25 boys "sailed" their crafts in competition at the A.W. Becker Elementary School. The waterways on which the boats sailed were 10-foot lengths of rain gutter. The necessary breeze required to sail the boats was created by their "captains" blowing into the sails. After numerous heats, the victors were Joey Salin, who took first place, and Robbie Newkirk, second place. Both boys are from Selkirk.

Stratton town meeting

Back from Washington, D.C., Congressman Samuel Stratton will be at the Ravena Town Hall responding to questions from his constituents in Ravena, Coeymans and Selkirk on Wednesday, April 18, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. Says Stratton, "There will be no speeches. This is just an opportunity for people to express their views on what is going on in Washington, and to ask their congressman any questions on national affairs."



The Bethlehem Elks Lodge auxiliary installed new officers Saturday. They include, from left, Kathy Mokhiber, vice president; Sandra Sharrow, president; Peg Prime, secretary, and Judy Summer, treasurer.

About glass houses

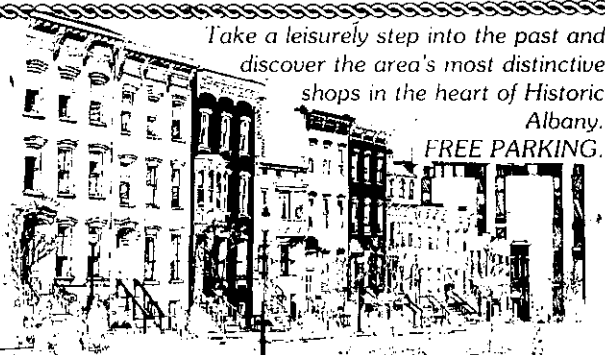
The Bethlehem Historical Association will be in the audience for a "Rensselaer Glass House" slide-talk on Thursday, April 19, at 8 p.m. at the Schoolhouse Museum in Selkirk.

Signs uprooted

Three local youths were apprehended by Bethlehem police Saturday night after they had pulled up several roadside signs along South Albany and Bell Crossing roads in Selkirk. The trio agreed to replace the signs.

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Our parents' reality

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We spoke of Cabbage Kids and Kings, Jewish Mothers and Free Spirits, Giving Trees and Gender Gaps. In an hour and a half we faced many universal problems, solved none, felt better for having talked together, and left with one or two more ideas than we had before.

Reality, that is, our definition of it, is a powerful force. It not only keeps society in some semblance of order, but helps our future as well.

One of the ideas concerned reality. What is it? I said: "Reality is what we say it is: It doesn't necessarily have to be the truth, nor does it have to be right or good or healthy. It is simply whatever people say it is." What I was defining was what sociologists and philosophers refer to as "social consensus."

For example, a worldful of people believed for generations that the world was flat. That was incorrect, but because it was their reality, it affected the way they behaved, namely no one dared sail off too far. Columbus defied that reality

FAMILY MATTERS

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and weathered the storms of ostracism, raging seas and self-doubt. Ultimately, he changed reality by discovering a new truth, and the world changed.

The worth of an idea that reality is what we say it is, the practical-value of the concept, is that it helps us understand how our perception of things governs how we act toward one another as well as how we see ourselves.

We applied the idea to modern woman. Most of us were raised by traditional parents, that is, father was the breadwinner with a career, large muscles and sparse emotional displays, while mother was the homemaker with the chores, slight of build and unpredictable moods. So long as our mothers agreed to the definition and acted in accord with it, anyone could easily answer the question "What is a real mother?"

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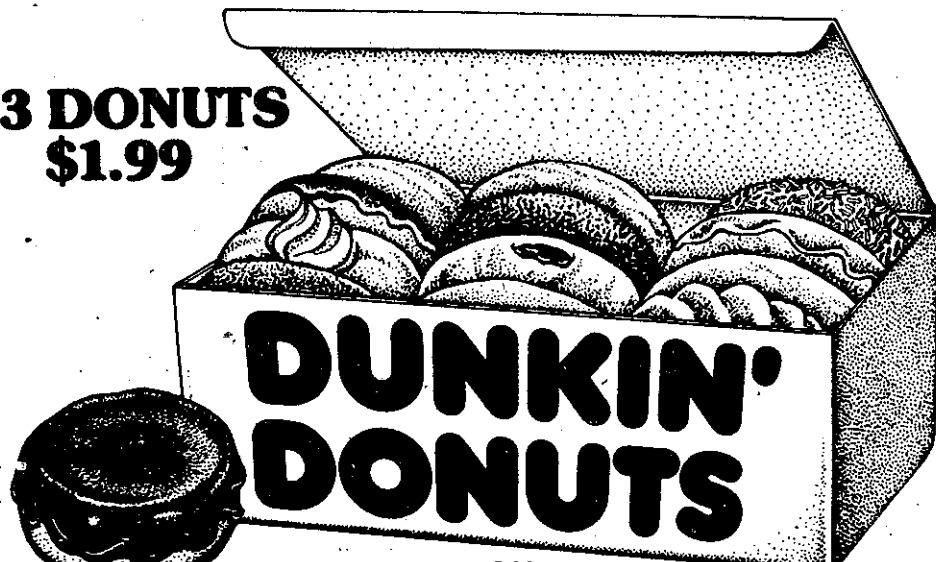
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to include many different styles and values. Our individual choices about the role have changed our reality. Consequently, our perception of fathers and husbands has also changed. No longer is the man confined to a flat world of work, muscle and hidden feelings. His world has rounded as has his role.

Reality, that is, our definition of it, is a powerful force. It not only keeps society in some semblance of order, but helps our future as well. For instance, some of the members of the mothers' group voiced their belief that mankind may not be here on earth 300 years from now due to the probability of nuclear war. With that perception they appear to live each day, each moment, to its fullness unrestrained by traditional values. They are more willing to experiment, to try new ideas, new roles, because the old ones have led to what they see as a future Armageddon. They have liberated themselves from their own mothers' reality of who they are, and are now changing reality for themselves and their families.

We concluded our discussion with some thoughts on freedom and reality. I define freedom as the opportunity to have choices, the more choices, the more freedom, and then having the ability to

take responsibility for those choices. It is the shared reality, the social consensus, which affords us our choices, and then our own individual personalities and skills that enable us to make our choices and see them through.

Occasionally a strong individual breaks the mold of reality and innovates. If that individual is in the right place at the right time with the right stuff, the innovation can take hold and find a place in the order of things, and reality begins to change. The rest of us then have another choice we can make, if we so choose. It is this definition of reality that makes society dynamic instead of stale.

One of the realities in our democratic society is to place the individual above the group, at least more often than other societies. Socialist countries, for example, believe that the individual must defer to the good of the State, thus restricting innovation and change.

We, on the other hand, have the power, the opportunity and the right to express our own personal realities and offer them up for consideration by other members of our group. With that freedom we can help change reality for better or worse. In that sense we can live in the real world and help determine our own fate as well

as that of our fellows.

A friend once told me of the 10 most important two-letter words: if it is to be, it is up to me. See you in 300 years.

Lenten preachers

St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany continues its noon Lenten sermons this week with the Rev. Joyce Giles, executive director of the Capital Area Council of Churches, due to preach today. Thursday, the Rev. Richard Hunter of the Ravena Congregational Christian Church will speak, and the Rev. Sherwood Carver of Calvary United Methodist Church will preach Friday. The church is at State and Lodge streets.

Plans for Palm Sunday

The choir of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany will form a cross on the chancel steps as part of the Palm Sunday service this Sunday at 10:30 a.m. Child care is available during the service and everyone is welcome. The church is at 107 State St.

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Rev. James P. Hale of Bethlehem Community Church will be the final speaker in the Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study sessions on Wednesday, April 18, at Delmar Reformed Church. Coffee will be served at 9:30 a.m. and Rev. Hale will speak at 10 a.m.

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Tri-Village Deli joins Shafer's fruit market

The Tri-Village Deli has opened its doors at 65 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, next to the well-known Tri-Village Fruit Market. The deli is the special province of Chuck Shafer of Delmar, whose brother, Bob, runs the fruit market. Both come from a tradition dating back to 1952, when their father, the late Charles Shafer, opened the fruit and vegetable store.

The deli promises the same high quality, Shafer said, with a complete line of cold cuts. Meats such as turkeys and choice top round beef are being cooked on the premises, he said, guaranteeing their quality and freshness. A variety of salads including macaroni, potato and coleslaw are in the display cases, and the dressings also are made at the store.

Breads such as rye, Italian and pumpernickel are delivered daily, and so are fresh bagels. To go with the staff of life, domestic and imported cheeses are available with brand names including McCadam and Eastman.

Hours at the Tri-Village Deli are 8 a.m. to 9 p.m. weekdays and 8 a.m. to 6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday.

A lucky winner

Aloysius L. (Al) Hofaker of Elsmere is enjoying a week-long cruise for two after a ticket deposited by his daughter in the Dunkin Donuts Elsmere store turned out to be a winner in the company's recent prize drawing. Hofaker, an insurance salesman, left Saturday, with all the basics paid for except tips (and income taxes).

New loan program

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BUSINESS

Zick opens new firm

Robert R. Zick, a Glenmont resident who resigned from the Bethlehem Central school board to accept a job transfer to Massachusetts, has left Southworth Machinery to form a new partnership with a Delmar associate.

Zick, a former vice president of Southworth, and John Mantica of Delmar, president of Contractor Sales Corp., have established an affiliate of Contractor Sales to handle sales of parts and supplies for the heavy equipment industry. The new firm is located off Karner Rd. in the Town of Colonie.

The partnership initially is offering miscellaneous maintenance supply items such as replacement oil, air and hydraulic hardware, fuel filters and batteries, along with undercarriage and engine parts and supplies of major manufacturers, including Caterpillar, Case, John Deere, Komatsu, Terex and Michigan.

Zick, 53, a native of Oregon, Ill., spent 10 years with Caterpillar Tractor Co.

before joining Southworth 18 years ago. Mantica, 59, has spent his professional life in the family business founded by his father.

Extra day on taxes

Federal income tax filers in upstate New York who file returns at the Andover Service Center in Massachusetts will have until midnight April 17 to file this year. This comes about, according to IRS District Director John B. Langer, because the 15th is a Sunday which moves the deadline to the 16th, but the 16th is a legal holiday in Massachusetts, Patriot's Day, which moves the filing deadline one more day to the 17th.

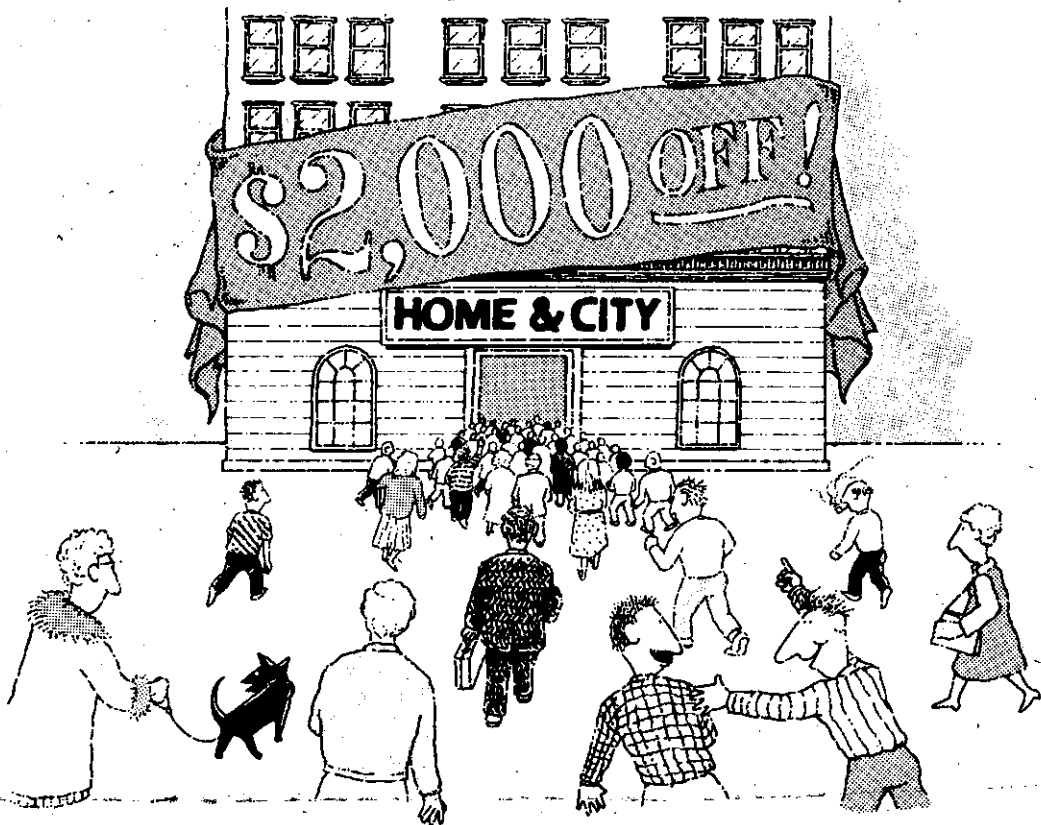
"Of course," Mr. Langer said, "we don't recommend waiting until the last moment to complete your form. Those in the 'last-minute rush' are more likely to make careless mistakes."

Those who need more time to prepare their returns can get an automatic four-month extension by filing Form 4868 with the IRS by April 17.

Career advice offered

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The shop also offers something special in the realm of pricing, with 10 percent discounts available Mondays and Tuesdays for state workers with a CSEA, PS&T or Operational Services Unit and Management/Confidential. A similar discount is offered senior citizens on Wednesdays and to area college students on Thursdays and Fridays. In addition, the store will cooperate in fundraising projects with religious and other nonprofit organizations.

Smith's interest in fragrance began when he was growing up in New England. His family's heritage is European and American Indian and, as a result, the family grew herbs and other plants for use in teas, food, and soap and bath preparations. Later, at the Episcopal Theological Seminary in Kentucky and at Hebrew Union in Cincinnati, Smith took an interest in the herbs and spices used during Biblical times.

The shop can be visited any day — on Monday through Wednesday 10 a.m. to 6:30 p.m., Thursday and Friday until 9:30 p.m. and Saturday 10 a.m. until 6:30 p.m.

New fire truck

The New Salem Fire Dept. has taken delivery of a new 1,000-gallon GMC pumper-tanker. The \$60,270 truck has been assigned to replace the pumper serving the hamlet of New Scotland from the single-stall firehouse on Rt. 85.

Bethlehem students gain honors

The following students were named to the high honor roll at Bethlehem Central High School:

Ninth Grade

Holly Ackerman, Laurie Alexander, Peter Anderson, Daniel Balsam, Anne Marie Carey, Eric Chan, Amber Cole, Tamara Colman, David Comi, David Cunningham, Matthew Daly, Lisa DiFrancesco, Margot Downs, Paul Doyle, Eric Fish, Molly Foresman, Mark Freeman, Anna Georgiopoulos, Jeffrey Grant, Benjamin Greenberg and Peter Greenwald.

Also, Alexander Hall, Edward Harris, Mary Pat Henahan, Charles Henrikson, Kelly Herman, Allison Holsinger, Christina Honikel, Janet Joachin, Stanley Lee, Sherri Levine, William Liddle, Susan Mallory, Cathleen McNary, Deborah Meester, Jennifer Miller, Heather Mulcahey, Lisa Pauly, Judith Pavone, Andrea Post, Peter Russo, Erica Shultes, Colleen Smith, Sharon Steadman, Diane Steffens, Andrew Storfer and Andrew Turinsky.

Also, Wendy Vogel, Regina Wahlen, Gideon Walter, Peter Winkler, Portia Wu, Fomlynn Yacono and Susan Zolezzi.

Tenth Grade

Shannah Albert, Beth Ammerman, Lynn Apicelli, Susan Ayers, David Bebb, Jeffery Bielefeld, Peter Blaustein, Andrew Bourke, Kim Burkart, Stephen Callender, Roxanne Chin, Stephen Chung, Frina Deitz, Jessica Demarest, Suzanne Devine, James Edgar, Colleen Emsing, Mary Farina, Michelle Fearnley, Jon Gibson, Glennis Gill, Joyce Gooding, David Googins and Seth Graham.

Also, Jennifer Hammer, David Harrington, Melinda Haven, Mary Heathwaite, Emily Holsinger, Kevin Honikel, Linda Irons, Janet Lawrence, Betsy Levensohn, Sarah Lewis, Geoffrey Mackey, Michele Maeder, Jeremiah Manning, John McAndrews, Robert McEwan, Michele Mecca, Wendelyn Memmott, Elizabeth Murnighan, Jeffrey Nickel, Aaron Halsdorf, Christine Roche, Kaylynn Romanski and Karen Rosewater.

Also, Susan Scott, Joyce Shen, Laura Silber, Tania Stasiuk, Rebecca Stellato, Mary Switzer, Rebecca Thomas, Lisa Tomlinson, Christopher Vrooman, Kirsten Wehmann, Kelly Westerhouse, Elise Wulff and Leslie Yelich.

Eleventh Grade

John Allen, David Ashe, Robert Blessing, Nancy Boyle, Susan Bradt, Susan Church, Aaron Corman, Nina Deibel, Kathleen Devane, Andrew Gordon, Brenda Gravlee, Rachel Greene, Jennifer Grierson, Theodore Harro, Carol Hernandez, Barbara Hipp, Carol Holmes, David Jones, Frederick Jones,

Philip Kaminsky, Jared King, Rachel King, Hissa Kotzin, Robert Kovach and Nina Lempert.

Also, Krista Mackey, Kathleen Manzella, Kara Matarrese, Karin McCoy, Lawrence Mereu, Michael Miller, Paul Montanus, Peter H. Nelson, Dana Nuss, Christopher Oberheim, Mayank Parekh, Eric Patrick, Joan Peyrebrune, Michele Pregent, Jill Rasmussen, Craig Richter, Lori Schimanski, Thomas Thacher, George Turinsky, Loran Wasserstrom, Jean Winkler, Damon Woo and Gloriann Yacono.

Twelfth Grade

Annika Berge, Jathon Bourke, John Briggs, Teresa Bruno, Kelly Burke, Fung Cai, Michael Carazza, Liza Clark, Howard Corman, Heidi Denbling, Thomas Denham, Darrin Everleth, Donna Groesbeck, Kim Hostetter, Robert Irvine, Wendy Kahalas, Betty Kawczak, Margaret Kerness, Susan Koff, Dennis LaDuke, Amy LaForte and Everly Macario.

Also, Clara Mascaro, Carol McCormick, Susan McIntyre, Colleen Nylis, David Peak, Anne Peyrebrune, Laura Propp, Ricky Relyea, John Rogers, Julie Ann Sosa, Damian Switzer, Susan Talmage, Marisa Weaver and John Zucker.

Charter member

Mari Elizabeth Tangredi, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Tangredi of Delmar, was recently initiated as a charter member of the Clarkson College chapter of Phi Mu sorority. She is a sophomore majoring in marketing.

Wins fellowship

Abbeyleix Collins of Delmar has received a fellowship to study art history and archaeology for two years at Southern Methodist University, Dallas, Tex. She is a graduate of Bowdoin College and has spent two summers at the Bowdoin archaeological site at Murlo, Italy. A 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she is the daughter of Edwin L. Collins, Jr., and the late Sally M. Collins.

Scholarship winner

Robert B. Irvine, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Irvine of Delmar, has been awarded a scholarship from North Carolina State University. He is a member of the National Honor Society at Bethlehem Central and is president of the wind ensemble there. He plans to study engineering. Irvine is among 80 scholarship recipients chosen from 1,100 applicants.

Inducted at college

Margaret Norton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Norton of Delmar, has been inducted into the Phi Theta Kappa chapter at the state Agricultural and Technical College at Cobleskill. Phi Theta Kappa is a scholastic honorary society for students at two-year colleges.

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This scorched earth policy of garden cleanup may be efficient, but it is unkind to tender new growth. It also encourages weeds and is illegal in cities, towns and

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villages. It is much better for all concerned to remove the old, dead leaves, stalks and mulch by lifting it all out gently with a fork (which does less damage to budding plants than a rake) and finishing by hand. Cleanup in stages as the sun

warms the ground, always keeping a weather eye out for occasional frosty nights. Keep some protection handy to cover new arrivals.

When the mulch is gone and all the old foliage removed - especially from delphinium, hollyhock, peony and phlox, which may harbor disease - attack the early weeds. A herbicide may be applied to prevent the germination of the next generation. Check iris for signs of borers and spray if necessary.

Most perennials can be separated now, or transplanted, and new perennials can be planted. A plant needs to be separated

if it is crowding its neighbors, or if it is growing around a dead-looking center, or if it was straggly with poor blooms last summer. A few plants resent separating (bleeding heart, gasplant, poppy); others do not need it. While you are doing all this moving and renovating, remember that some perennials are late arrivals. Try not to disturb their ground. Platycodon, anemone and gasplant are a few of the latest arrivals.

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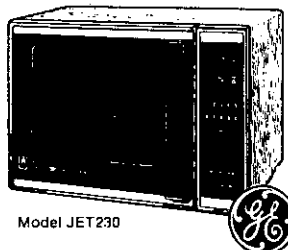


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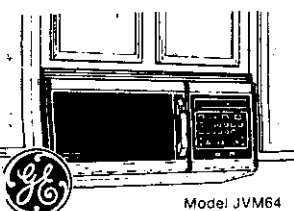
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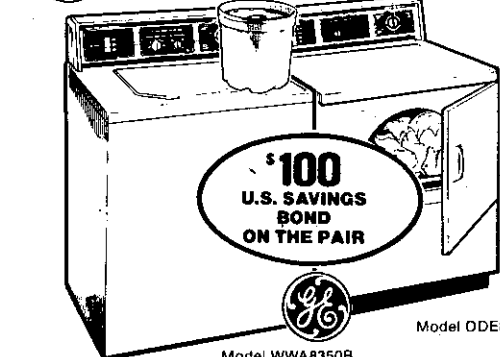


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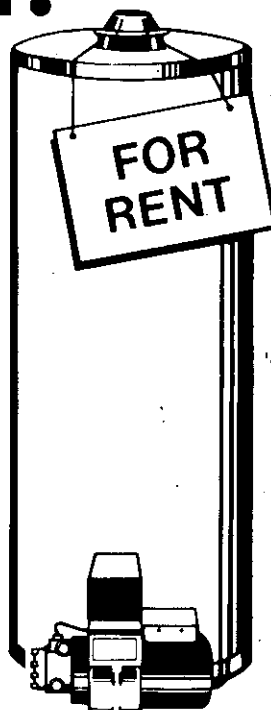
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Canoeists in the Hypothermia Race on the Hudson round a point near the finish line above Bethlehem's Henry Hudson

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Tom Howes

Sports for youth

Registration is underway for a special sports program offered by the State University of New York at Albany's Division of Continuing Studies in May as part of the university's non-credit youth program. Courses are available for youngsters in grades 1-8. Areas include

volleyball, squash, golf, water ballet, sport and games, racquetball, softball and indoor soccer.

The program uses the university's physical education facilities, and classes are taught by assistant coaches at the University at Albany. For information, call 455-6121.

Home tulip contest

May 1 is the deadline for entering the 1984 Frontyard Planting Contest of the Albany Tulip Festival. For the past 36 years, the Albany Tulip Festival committee has encouraged residents of Albany County to plant Albany's official flower, the tulip. Prizes are tulip bulbs imported from Holland.

There are three categories: tulips planted in the frontyards of Albany County residents, tulips planted in townhouse yards of Albany County residents and tulips planted in church, school, club or business yards in Albany County. Judging is based on originality of tulip bed design, color placement and hardy growth, says contest chairman Mrs. Evelyn Sturdevan, Albany. For information or entry blanks, call Mrs. Sturdevan at 482-4991.

BC net hopes in young nands

By Julie Ann Sosa

Young. Very young. Very small — physically.

Those were the adjectives Coach Julie Wendth used to describe Bethlehem Central's 12-member varsity tennis team. Forty students tried out, but the two seniors left from last year's squad are outnumbered by freshmen and eighth graders.

Mike Cole and Charlie Marden, who shared Nos. 1 and 2 last spring, are now college freshmen. Their heir-apparent is Andy Saidel, a senior up from No. 3 singles in his fourth year on the team. He has been conditioning and playing weekend indoor tournaments since the first day of school to better his serve-and-

Senior Andy Saidel and junior Doug Cole anchor a team that will have a large number of freshmen and eighth graders.

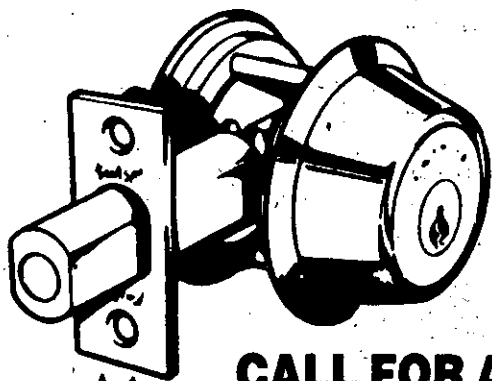
volley game and, as he says, "improve the mental toughness that comes with being in good physical condition." As a Colgate freshman in the fall, Saidel hopes to play varsity tennis at the Division I AA school.

Junior Doug Cole has secured No. 2 with a strong baseline game that includes good groundstrokes and passing shots. However, he lost by 6-1, 6-0 to co-captain Saidel in a challenge match last week. Jay Simard and David Corey, both in their second year on the varsity, will play No. 3 and No. 4 singles respectively. Stanley Lee, a freshman ranked No. 4 in the Capital District's boys 14 singles, is at No. 5, and senior Andy Tomlinson, up from the doubles, will be No. 6.

Like last year, doubles could prove to be BC's Achilles heel. The No. 1 duo of Tim Cluett and Jeff Grant is also the oldest; both are freshmen new to the school and the team. Jeff Ellenbogen and Neil Breslin will combine for No. 2, and David Cunningham and David Tyree are the No. 3 pair.

The team has been practicing indoors at Southwood for a month, but showers and puddles on the courts late last week cancelled the first practice match against Queensbury. Wendth is hoping for good weather this week, when she should find the going easy at home against Mohona-

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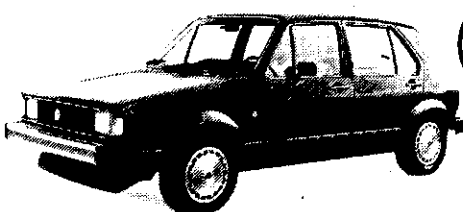
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sen on Monday, South Glens Falls Tuesday, Colonie today (Wednesday) and Burnt Hills next Tuesday at 3:45 p.m. She has Scotia on the road Friday.

Practice, and a lot of it, is what Wendth has prescribed for her young, inexperienced team. Fortunately, Bethlehem is not scheduled to play perennial Suburban Council powers Niskayuna, Shaker and Shenendehowa until May.

BC's big doings

Big doings are planned Saturday, May 5, at Bethlehem Central High School as its 50th anniversary observance continues. The event is an all-class reunion to which everybody in the community is invited. "The Moonlight Serenaders" will play music from the '30s and '40s, while a group of disk jockeys, "The Soundastics," will provide more contemporary tunes. "The Sound System," a high school singing group, and the school dance band also will perform. Two pianists have been signed up and others interested in performing may call Judy Languish at 439-0892. Things will start rolling at 7:30 p.m.

Tickets are \$5 and are available at Johnson's Stationers, The Paper Mill or the high school office. Tickets also can be obtained by mail, with checks made out to BCHS 50th Reunion and sent to Darlene Mason Dowse, 59 Alden Ct., Delmar.

Dress in the spirit of those bygone days is encouraged, as are old yearbooks and photos.

Gillespie signs

Peter Gillespie, a 6-6, 200-pound forward and a standout on the Christian Brothers Academy basketball squad of Albany, has signed a letter of intent to attend Saint Anselm College in September. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph E. Gillespie of Woodstream Dr., Delmar.

Masonic rite Saturday

The Albany Sovereign Chapter of Rose Croix of the Ancient Accepted Scottish Rite will present the Ceremonial Feast of the Paschal Lamb at the Delmar Reformed Church on Palm Sunday, April 15, at 7:30 p.m. Guest speaker will

be Bruce Widger, past grand master of Masons in the State of New York. Rev. Robert A. Hess, pastor of the church, will deliver the memorial prayer. The public is invited.

Rubbing shoulders with the tall and mighty

By Peter Fisch

With a Continental Basketball Association championship under their belt, two years of trials, triumphs and tribulations have come together to form success for the Albany Patroons. A little luck and perfect timing has enabled me to share in the winning and become a part of Patroon basketball for those two seasons.

Through the Gifted and Talented program at Voorheesville High School, which enables student to pursue areas of interest outside of the daily school curriculum, and with the help of teachers John Piechnik and Philip Davis, I followed and idea and composed it into reality. I sent a letter to the Pats' office in December, 1982, and later was granted a meeting with the director of publicity and sales, Joe Hennessy. My letter, which included my desire to become involved with professional sports, had been passed by the team's general manager to Hennessy. As he spotted his alma mater atop the stationery, Hennessy decided to give me a chance to help the new franchise.

At first, I volunteered on game nights and pursued limited duties as the "new kid on the block." Actually, everyone was new. The organization had only begun operations a few months before.

For me, it was a thrill to see the likes of Dean (The Dream) Meminger, Phil (Action) Jackson and Cazzie Russell, all-stars of the early 1970's New York Knickerbocker teams. Players that I had once read about were sitting in the same office as I was. During the first few weeks my head was in the clouds.

One thing I noticed from the start was that many of these players were very silent. A simple "hello" to Patroon center Mike Davis might have yielded a shake of the head. Even that wasn't a guarantee. As a project for a journalism class at the high school, I began conducting interviews with players from various teams. It was then that I discovered that these guys could really open up if you gave them time and approached them as a friend and not just a fan.

Larry Lawrence, a forward for the now defunct Rochester Zeniths, was the first player to give me any kind of recognition. During my interview with the former Dartmouth star, he turned the tables and began asking me questions and really seemed interested. For the first time, I felt as though these star players were just as human as I was.

As the season progressed, I felt more and more at home. Now, I was truly a part of the Patroon family. That's exactly what the organization is — a family. Everyone working together for six months and 22 (or more) games, attempting to improve the franchise.

One experience that sticks in my mind was when I traveled with another worker in the team van to pick up newly acquired Larry Spriggs at the Albany Airport. Spriggs,

currently with the Los Angeles Lakers, was scheduled to arrive at approximately 9 p.m. from Las Vegas. We left the Pats' game against Detroit at 8:30 to locate the newest Patroon. My mind filled with excitement as we approached the terminal. As the plane unloaded, we searched for a 6-foot-8, 215-pound man. It was then that we were called to the main desk and given the message that Spriggs had taken a wrong flight and was in Pittsburgh. So much for welcoming Larry Spriggs to Albany.

With Spriggs' arrival, a player had to be released in order to balance the roster. My heart dropped as Coach Phil Jackson pulled former LIU standout Riley Clarida behind the bleachers to give him the news. For almost an entire season, Clarida had given 100 percent on the court, playing his hardest, and now, a teary-eyed Riley Clarida was without a team.

Well, that's professional sports. As Leo Durocher once said, "Nice guys finish last."

After finishing at rock bottom of the Eastern Division, the Patroons this season had a fresh lineup of hungry young ballplayers that looked promising. The year also looked promising for me — I lost my volunteer status and began to receive a limited salary.

Thus far, my duties have included manning a reserved ticket booth, running a halftime promotion and assisting in the office. Another responsibility includes calling the press after the games. In dealing with the press, I've encountered rude and obnoxious sportscasters, learned to perform under a time limit, and learned to condense a two-hour game into a few sentences.

My most rewarding duty has been compiling a newsletter for the team. A few games into the season, I suggested to Hennessy that we send a newsletter to all the CBA and NBA teams, briefing them on our progress. With an okay, I began writing, editing, typing and printing the league's only eight-page bulletin. An average copy contains a team article, an attendance article, any transactions or coming events, a roster and statistics. These two duties have given me a chance to pursue something I love and to gain experience for the future.

I've been able to learn professional sports from the "ground floor." I've learned to work with and for many types of people. I've had the chance to see the players out of uniform and find out what they are really like. I've taken a look at pro sports from business perspective instead of the fan's viewpoint. For two years I've seen and done things I never would have if I hadn't become involved.

And for a 17-year-old, that's quite a thrill.

Peter Fisch, a junior at Voorheesville, is one of several high school students serving as regular sports writers and school correspondents for the Spotlight.

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Voorheesville swim club sends 5 to junior Olympics

By Frank Baker

Voorheesville's small but active swim club has finished another successful winter season by sending five swimmers to the Adirondack Region Junior Olympics finals.

In order to be considered a finalist, a swimmer must finish among the top six competitors in the region. David Washburn and his sister, Angela, were three-time finalists. David in the 9-10 age bracket and Angela in the 11-12. Erin Martelle and Rachel Martin were finalists in the 13-14 age group. The former a two-time finalist, the latter a finalist for the first time.

But the real star of the competition was Cathy Jo Dedrick who was a three-time finalist in the 9-10 division, and the winner of both the 50- and 100-yard backstroke races. She then traveled to Richmond, Va., for the Eastern Regionals, which encompass 12 zones (Voorheesville is in the Adirondack Zone) from Virginia to Maine. In Richmond last week Cathy Jo finished a very respectable 15th in the 50-yard backstroke, and an even better 12th in the 100-yard backstroke. She turned in her best-ever times in both events with clockings of 35.33 seconds in the 50 and 1:16.44 in the 100.

almost three seconds faster than her previous best.

It was a great experience for Cathy Jo. "We stayed in a hotel and played a lot of games," she reported.

The club is coached by Steve Casabella, assisted by Betsy Kwassman and Larry Dedrick, who also serves as treasurer. It has an enrollment of approximately 35 swimmers aged 7 to 18. Unfortunately, Voorheesville is forced to compete against clubs twice their size, thus leaving them at a great disadvantage when the points are totalled.

Despite the small size, the club still fares well. Observed Dedrick: "Considering our size, we do very well. If we had a few more kids, we could really be competitive."

In order to join the club, one must obviously be a swimmer, and pay a small registration fee. The fee goes toward financing the club's meets and sending outstanding swimmers to other competitions, such as the Junior Olympics.

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Melissa Cooper, Voorheesville's youngest competitive runner at age 8, shown here practicing with her Dad, Roger, finished the Freihofer Run in 37 minutes 31 seconds, defeating 24 other runners in an age group that included competitors up to age 18. (See Lyn Stapf's column on page 8.)
Tom Howes

Local runners keep the pace

The names may have raced for prizes, but the dozen or so local runners who were in it for nothing but the glory acquitted themselves very well in Sunday's Freihofer's Run for Women.

Six local women placed in the top 25 among 800-plus runners competing in the five kilometer race. They were Ann Carey of Glenmont in 11th place; Jennifer Warren of Delmar, 13; Tania Stasiuk, 14; Jennifer Hammer of Delmar, 17; Chris Ainsworth of Delmar, 19; Tricia Schultes of Delmar, 23; and Dana Nuss of Delmar, 25. Warren, Stasiuk, Hammer and Nuss all run for Bethlehem Central's cross country and track teams.

In the prestigious 10-kilometer race, where nationally-ranked runners competed for prizes of up to \$5,000, Ann

Drapeau of Delmar was third in the 45-49 age group, and Edith Bartholomew of New Scotland was third in 55-59.

Delmar swimmers get 2 medals

Delmar swimmers got two third-place medals in high-level competition at the AAU Eastern Zone championships in Richmond, Va. last week. The three-day meet drew 811 qualifiers from 12 regional teams in 11 states.

Swimming for the Adirondack Zone team, Susan Mallery placed third in the 100-yard girls 13-14 butterfly in 1:01.41, and John Demarest got a third in the boys 50-yard freestyle in 22.41 seconds. Mallery, who also earned an eighth place medal in the 100 free and a first alternate in the 200 fly, is a freshman who swam on the Bethlehem Central girls varsity last year. Demarest, a BCHS senior, was a mainstay of Bethlehem's championship team for three seasons.



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Thurs., April 12	3:45	Track, Boys, Guiderland	away 3:45	3:30	Track, Boys, Cohoes	Away 3:30
				4:00	Tennis, Cobleskill	Home 4:00
Fri., April 13	3:45	Baseball, Columbia	Home 3:45	4:00	Baseball, Lansingburgh	Home 4:00
	3:45	Tennis, Scotia	Away 3:45	3:45	Softball, Mechanicville	Home 3:45
	3:45	Softball, Shenendehowa	Home 3:45	4:00	Tennis, Mechanicville	Home 4:00
Sat., April 14				11:00	Baseball, Johnston	Home 11:00
Mon., April 16	3:45	Baseball, Mohonasen	Away 3:45	1:00	Baseball, Gloversville	Home 1:00
	3:45	Softball, Scotia	Home 3:45		Softball, Watervliet	Away
	3:45	Track, Girls, Shenendehowa/Guiderland	Home 3:45		Tennis, Cohoes	Away
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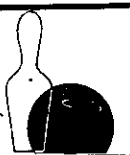
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Students in crossfire

Editor, The Spotlight:

At this time in the present negotiations over a Bethlehem teachers contract that has been absent for nearly nine months, the Student Senate, representing approximately 1,300 students at Bethlehem Central High School, would like to state its concerns regarding this matter.

After only one week of work-to-rule, the effects have already begun to be felt. What is to come of the future? If these work actions continue, the potential could be quite severe. In a stalemate of two sides, students help for pupils after school has eroded. Students receive additional assistance only one day per week for each subject. Juniors, especially, are hurt since they will soon take standardized exams which are a vital factor in college admission.

Extracurricular activities are also at the mercy of the 7½-hour school day. There is simply not enough time to complete such events during normal school hours.

The most distressing problem that has developed during the past few months has been the anxiety created by newspaper articles, TV newscasts and conversation (which) has propagated numerous rumors and has dampened school pride and morale. There seems to be misconceptions as to what the issues actually are and (whether) they are caused by a communication gap. Are we the third party in a conflict with only two sides? We are affected by what happens. Will this be truly 50 years of excellence or will Bethlehem end on a tragic note of only 49?

Thomas J. Denham
President, Student Senate

Delmar

Get it settled

Editor, The Spotlight:

As the parent of two children who attend Bethlehem Central High School, I would like to express my concern about the lack of a teacher contract. Despite the denials we hear from the school administration I think the situation is affecting

the quality of education my children are receiving.

The situation is particularly exacerbating when I also read that a 10 percent increase in the school budget has been proposed.

As everyone has said, it is the children who are the victims in this situation. I hope that the matter will be resolved quickly and that next time we won't have to go through this again.

Peter Winkler

Delmar

Why not arbitration?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Since I am 3,000 miles away, the home town news I receive is quite limited and in the case of the past three weeks it has been very discouraging. It is with disappointment that I read of the decision of the teachers to adopt the work-to-rule policy, because the only victims of this decision will be the students. However, I must support the teachers' move completely. For the teachers to negotiate over a year and be denied arbitration is completely ridiculous. The reasons I feel this way are numerous.

First of all, I have several questions and statements to direct toward the school board. Mrs. Fuller, you supposedly said to the *Times Union* that you could not determine whether the students would suffer from the teachers' adoption of work-to-rule. How could you be unsure? It is obvious the students will suffer. I know from my own experience as a former Bethlehem student that extra time and involvement is priceless in advancing one's educational opportunities.

Mr. Harvith, as you know, no school district in the state has an arbitration agreement with its teachers. Does that mean such a situation is correct or fair?

To the whole school board and its cohort, Thealan Associates, why are you so adamantly opposed to arbitration? Arbitration is a binding decision made by a neutral party. You have nothing to fear from it if you are making a fair proposal. You would only oppose it if you were trying to offer the teachers an unfair package.

I also support the teachers for other more personal reasons. I am very grateful to the teachers for all that they have done for me. I am currently a freshman at Stanford University and I would not be here if it were not for the help of many former teachers. A caring teacher who will put the extra effort to aid a student makes all the difference in the quality of an education. Even here, I find myself ahead of many of my peers, especially in math and physics, due to the extra help I

received from my teachers. The encouragement, support and academic aid I received from the Bethlehem teachers has been and always will be invaluable to me.

Jim Ross
Stanford University

Palo Alto, Calif.

Take a harder look

Editor, The Spotlight:

Into the controversy between the school board and the teachers union, the Bethlehem Central High School students have entered, not as a fair-minded arbiter as one would have hoped, but as a partisan. How sad; it seems that the "gimme" philosophy of the past is still with us.

But my letter is mainly about the complete lack of thinking and talking about the economics of paying for a school system whose costs keep spiraling despite an ever decreasing student population. Not many years ago, the school tax approximated the real property tax for most home owners. Last year the school tax for the year had risen to almost double the property tax, with a 10 percent rise expected this year.

Oh, yes, Bethlehem is a wealthy district! Just look at the fantastic value of the taxable property on which the calculations for state aid are based. This, unfortunately, is illusion — great on paper, but untrue in the real world of a stable, aging community such as the Town of Bethlehem. True, our properties have increased in value several times over its cost to build more than 25 years ago — but only if we put it up for sale.

Suppose we prefer to stay here in our retirement, as so many of our residents have opted to do? The children are grown; the grandchildren are attending school in other districts throughout the country. Income is almost fixed, consisting of pension, Social Security and some investment returns. How much of this income can the average retiree devote to a school system no longer an essential part of his daily life — and over which he really has no control? Since the tax is based not on property values nor even on the true income of the owners exclusively but on the size of the school budget, we can only look forward to continued spiraling costs.

Seems to me the situation is sorely in need of review.

Joseph A. Constantino

Delmar

One word too many

Editor, The Spotlight:

Although this is the year 1984, I don't believe we have quite reached the point at

which we are chosen to live in any particular neighborhood, as was misprinted in my letter to the editor last week. The word "been" was mistakenly inserted between the words "have" and "chosen."

Timothy B. Thornton

Delmar

A candidate refutes

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is in response to the *Spotlight's* March 28 article covering the Voorheesville village election. Several items in that story are worthy of further comment.

The first relates to a quote by William Wenzel, former mayor, who stated that, "Major party politics have no place in our village, where people vote for the candidates they feel can do the best job for the village, regardless of national or state affiliations. I hope it will always be this way. . . and give people the opportunity to vote on . . . merits, not on party lines."

I agree completely with the spirit of Mr. Wenzel's statement. The village of Voorheesville enjoys a fine tradition of non-partisan politics and elections. Groups of individuals form their own parties and village elections are thus devoid of the partisan politics of the Democratic and Republican parties.

However, I disagree with the implications of Mr. Wenzel's statement, that I brought Democratic/Republican politics to this year's village elections. By the way, Mr. Wenzel was much more direct in making such accusations in the *Knickerbocker News* on March 21. In that article he stated that the People's Party "is dominated by known politicians, activists in one party" (i.e. the Democratic Party).

It is important that your readers understand the facts about this year's village election. The makeup of the People's Party committee (the party label under which I ran) was carefully and purposefully designed to reflect a broad non-partisan spectrum of the Voorheesville community. In fact, public records relating to political affiliation of our party members indicates that our committee consists of 6 Independents, 5 Democrats, 4 Republicans and one Liberal. On the other hand, the executive committee of the Village Party (Mr. Wenzel, co-chairman) as named in the *Spotlight* of November 30, 1983, consisted of 8 Republicans and one Democrat. In addition, my campaign manager is a registered Republican and, as your article correctly points out, one of my running mates is a registered Republican.

I also must take exception to your reporter's comments that I put together "a support group that included several prominent Voorheesville Democrats." This is ridiculous. In fact, to avoid the potential charge that I was bringing Democratic politics to the village, I purposefully avoided asking any Democratic committeeman or politically active Democrat from working in my campaign.

Your reporter was also totally inaccurate and misleading when he wrote that the campaign of Cynthia LaFave, which I managed, was "financed almost exclusively by contributors in Albany." One could read this to mean that outside political forces effectively funded LaFave's campaign. Both the statement and the implication are absolutely false.

While Cynthia LaFave did receive a minor portion of her contributions from friends that live in Albany, those people can not and should not be considered politically active. Furthermore, Cynthia did not receive one penny in contributions from any political party. The bulk of Cynthia's contributions were small in nature — under \$25 — and came from friends and neighbors who sincerely believe in her. To report otherwise raises serious questions about the quality of research that your reporter performed.

Finally, your reporter, for unexplained reasons, decided to focus on how much money was spent in the LaFave/Connolly race, while totally ignoring the financing of the mayoral contest.

One can only wonder whether the reporter has some hidden political

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agenda when he focuses on a race that ended four months ago, while failing to explore and raise obvious questions about the financing and financial reports in this year's village election. The financial reports of the Committee to elect Peter Luczak are on file at the Albany County Board of Elections and are available for public review. Why doesn't your reporter try to ask basic questions like where did the village party's financial contributions come from? Or, why did they fail to comply with the law and file the two financial reports required prior to Election Day?

It seems to me that your readers and Voorheesville residents deserve answers to questions like these as well as more accurate and relevant reporting.

Peter F. Luczak

Voorheesville

Statements on file at the Albany County Board of Election show that Cynthia LaFave received \$2,535 in cash contributions, but election law requires that only contributions of \$100 or more be itemized. Other than a \$400 contribution by LaFave herself, the only New Scotland name on the list is Tama LeVesque, a neighbor on Indian Ledge Rd.

The listed contributors included Larry Alvaro of Chatham, \$300; G&C Plumbing Corp. of Albany, \$250; George and Marjorie Govel, 1928 Central Ave., Albany, \$100, a friend in Connecticut, \$100, and a \$100 contribution from Lyons Falls, LaFave's home town. The campaign treasurer was Nancy Markham, 305 Hudson Ave., Albany. Also authorized to sign checks was Frances J. Gillen, 313 Partridge St., Albany.

Campaign contributions in the village election will be reported after the expiration of the 27-day post-election statement period on April 10.

Luczak's announcement of his candidacy last Nov. 9 listed the names of backers on a campaign committee consisting of four officers and eight neighborhood representatives. According to the latest registration lists on hand (1982) the co-chairmen are Democrats, and the committee consisted of 5 Democrats, 1 Republican, 1 Liberal and 6 "blank." Ed.

Legion auxiliary meets

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere will hold its monthly business meeting on Tuesday, April 17, at 8 p.m. Call Helen Reynolds at 439-7386 for information.

Good management?

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the *Spotlight* April 4 issue an editorial viewpoint was published which served to rebuff those individuals and neighborhood groups who questioned the real interests of the Delaware Avenue Task Force. You hinged your opinion on the fact that the task force consisted of elected representatives and their appointees who by nature of their political victories become the voice of all town residents in deciding what the future of Delaware Ave. will be.

However, town residents who are unsatisfied with the Delaware Avenue Task Force and feel they have no representation should realize that the fact the task force exists at all is a miracle. Those who question the sincerity and fairness of this politically appointed group need only to refer to the past town election campaign advertisement of Mr. Corrigan and Mr. Prothero which appeared in the October 26, 1983 issue of the *Spotlight*. Their statement on town planning was that "the obvious growth of our town is the obvious reason for careful planning by several agencies in Bethlehem. If you look at Delaware Avenue, you'll be impressed with orderly development and tasteful signage. No mumbo-jumbo bizarre mess. Good management!"

Any further questions town residents may have pertaining to our elected officials' sensitivity and understanding of town planning, especially along Delaware Ave. should be tempered with Mr. Corrigan's and Mr. Prothero's opinion of the situation just six months ago.

Arthur Brown

Delmar

Arthur Brown is treasurer of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee. His letter, he said, is his personal opinion and not a party statement. Ed.

Knef - Richards

Mr. and Mrs. Andrew L. Knef of Plattsburgh have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Ann, to Stephen Richards, the son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul B. Richards of Voorheesville.

Miss Knef graduated from Mount Assumption Institute in Plattsburgh and received an associate of science degree as an executive secretary from Albany Business College. Richards graduated from Voorheesville Central High School and University of Canton. He is serving in the Navy as an ensign in the flight program at Whiting Field, Milton, Fla.

A June wedding is planned.



Noreen Carpenter
and Robert Conte

Carpenter - Conte

Mr. and Mrs. George J. Carpenter of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Noreen Marie, to Robert Joseph Conte, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank A. Conte of Utica.

The bride-to-be is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a 1979 graduate of Junior College of Albany with an associate degree in nursing. She is also a 1981 graduate of Syracuse University with BS degree in nursing. She is employed with UHI

Clintron as In-Service sales representative in New Orleans, La. Her fiancé is a 1977 graduate of Utica Free Academy and a 1981 graduate of Syracuse University with a BS degree in civil engineering. He is employed with Exxon Co. USA as a senior project engineer in New Orleans.

A May 19 wedding is planned.

McCall - Coffey

Mr. and Mrs. John J. McCall, Jr., of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Marie, to James V. Coffey, son of Mr. and Mrs. Phillip G. Coffey, Jr., of Albany.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and LeMoyne College, in Syracuse. She is a manager with CVS. Her fiancé graduated from Vincentian Institute and the State University at Albany. He is with the state Legislative Bill Drafting Committee.

A May wedding is planned.

McGovern - Lotz

Mrs. Thomas M. McGovern of Warwick, R.I., announces the engagement of her daughter, Eileen Mae, to Frederick Craig Lotz, also of Warwick, formerly of Delmar. He is the son of Joanne C. Lotz of Delmar and Walter B. Lotz of East Berne.

The affianced couple are graduates of Bryant College, Smithfield, R.I. The prospective bride is employed by Design Imports, Ltd. Her fiancé is an account executive with the NCR Corporation. A wedding date of May 27 has been set.

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