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## The BC settlement: was it worth the wait?

By Caroline Terenzini

The make up of a committee that is to explore ways in which contract talks between the Bethlehem Central School District and its teachers could be shorter and perhaps sweeter is still undecided, according to school Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn. He and William Cleveland, head of the 230-member Bethlehem Central Teachers Association, worked out a contract agreement in a lengthy session nine days ago, one element of which was agreement to form a group "to discuss the difficulty we had with the process and ways to avoid this in the future," Zinn said Friday.

A major issue for union negotiators this time around (as in past talks), has been arbitration or some variant thereof as a means of introducing finality into negotiations with the district. The board of education has opposed arbitration as an abdication of its responsibility to taxpayers, but no alternative that could bring finality has yet been proposed. Presumably the committee will address this point.

A comparison of the final agreement, approved by both the school board and the union last Wednesday, and what had been proposed three months ago by a mediator indicate many similarities. But the negotiating process, which began more than a year ago, appears to have some built-in delays.

The negotiations began last March 9, with a session to discuss ground rules. Proposals were exchanged May 2, according to an information sheet put out by the district, and the union declared

### ANALYSIS

impasse on May 18. The state Public Employment Relations Board, however, at that point wanted more negotiating by the parties. Two sessions were held in June, two in July and one in August before the BCTA again declared impasse Aug. 11. PERB agreed this time and appointed a mediator the following week; however, a month was spent looking — unsuccessfully — for a time when all three parties could get together. PERB then named a replacement mediator, but his first meeting with all concerned didn't take place until Nov. 1. A second November session with mediator Herbert Marx failed to achieve settlement and so the negotiations moved to the fact-finding stage, with a hearing before Marx on Dec. 9. His report came in mid-January.

Another issue in the long process has been the use of professional negotiators by both sides. Gordon Molyneux, chief negotiator for the teachers and a teacher at the high school, has been paid for his services by other bargaining groups as well as Bethlehem teachers; the district has for a number of years used the services of Joseph T. Kelly of Thealan Associates in Latham, a labor relations consulting firm. The union has charged that negotiations have been hampered because Kelly is not empowered to make an agreement, but must consult with the school board on contract issues. It also

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## A bureaucrat who's on the public's side

By Caroline Terenzini

It's 1984 and Big Brother is watching you. But, fortunately, somebody is watching Big Brother. That somebody is Bob Freeman of Delmar, who has been watching Big Brother for nearly 10 years now as executive director of the state's Committee on Open Government (formerly the Committee on Public Access to records).

Freeman's job is to oversee implementation of the state's Freedom of Information Law, adopted in 1974; the Open Meetings Law, of 1977, and now the Personal Privacy Protection Law, due to take effect in September. His role is that of advisor, providing oral or written opinions to anyone who asks — reporters, government officials, legislators or John Q. Public.

His job is perhaps unique in government because New York is the only state among the 50 with an office within government dedicated solely to providing guidance on its so-called "sunshine" laws. Freeman credits this fact to the belief of his first boss, then-Secretary of State Mario Cuomo, in open government. And the fact that Freeman has been the only executive director in the committee's history can be attributed in part to the satisfaction the job gives.

At Georgetown University and then at



Bob Freeman

New York University Law School in the late '60s, "we talked about how we'd take over the world, changing the system from within," Freeman said. "Most of us realized we can't make dramatic changes, but with guts and intelligence, we can make a dent."

This he has. Freeman's mission over

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Natural, life-giving light pours through the window and through this broad-leaved plant.  
Tom Howes

## Dialogue on Delaware Ave.

As the Delaware Ave. Task Force gets closer to specific plans and recommendations, more people are beginning to see how its decisions will affect them.

Already two groups have been spurred to nearly unprecedented action — the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce is on the verge of taking a rare stance on a controversial issue, and a federation of the town's six active neighborhood associations has drafted its own position paper.

In both cases, zoning and the possibility that the task force will recommend widening the commercial district along Delaware Ave. (particularly around the Four Corners) appears to be the key issue, with the potential for a classic business versus residential confrontation. But both groups have taken thoughtful — and not necessarily divergent — positions on such issues as aesthetics, traffic and town control over new development.

The chamber's statement was drafted by a committee headed by President Peter Merrill and has been approved by the board of directors. Members are to review it at a meeting Thursday.

Leaders of the six active neighborhood associations — Bicentennial Woods, Elsmere, Central Delmar, Dowerskill, Slingerlands and Upper Delaware Ave. — got together after a forum sponsored by the Upper Delaware Ave. Association on town planning last February. Their position was hammered out in a series of meetings.

Meanwhile, the task force was holding another meeting this week to consider a report on traffic. Chairman Charles Redmond has said he wants all of the subcommittees to finish up their work so he can schedule a public forum.

### Chamber's position

As the only organized representative of the business and professional community, it is incumbent on the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, with its over 200 members, to be actively involved in Town Planning and Policy where the interests of the Business and Professional community are involved.

We believe that a healthy business community is essential to the overall vitality of the Town of Bethlehem. We support growth in business to provide increased services for the continuing growth of the community, financial support for the community activities and employment within the community. The physical facilities of the business and professional community should be both functional, and cost efficient and aesthetically compatible with the overall ambience of the Town.

We believe that business should be represented on all appointed boards and committees that establish and review commercial policy. It is essential that such representation should be appointed by the Chamber of Commerce with the approval of the Town Board. Representation of businesses actually operating

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### Neighbors speak

We, the undersigned neighborhood associations of the Town of Bethlehem, respectfully request that you consider the following points in formulating changes within the Town of Bethlehem, with regard to zoning, commercial development and land usage.

#### Zoning and other Ordinances

We believe the following actions would contribute greatly to the long term safety, desirability, and prosperity of our community.

**ABUTTING USES:** All the commercial zones on lower Delaware Ave. which border residential zones to the rear should be limited to "CCC" use (non-retail). Areas assigned "CC" zoning should be those bordered to the rear by existing natural barriers, i.e., railroad tracks, Normanskill ravine, or existing "C" zoning.

**SETBACKS/BUFFER ZONES:** We recommend a setback for commercial buildings of at least 10 feet on all sides, where commercial property abuts residential, the setback on the abutting side(s) should be at least 20 feet.

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# Calm returns to board

A noticeable calm surrounded the Bethlehem Central school board meeting last Wednesday, with an almost audible sigh of relief following resolution of the teacher contract negotiations. A vote May 9 by district residents on a \$16.78 million spending plan for 1984-85 is another big issue confronting the board, but only a handful of residents were at Wednesday's meeting, which included a budget "hearing."

And only one question was asked: Why is the tax rate going up an estimated 10 percent when the total budget is up only 8½ percent? A detailed response from Business Administrator Franz Zwickbauer was followed by a succinct answer from board member Bernard Harvith: "State aid isn't up 8½ percent!" Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn said the tax rate hike means an average increase of \$91 for property owners in the district.

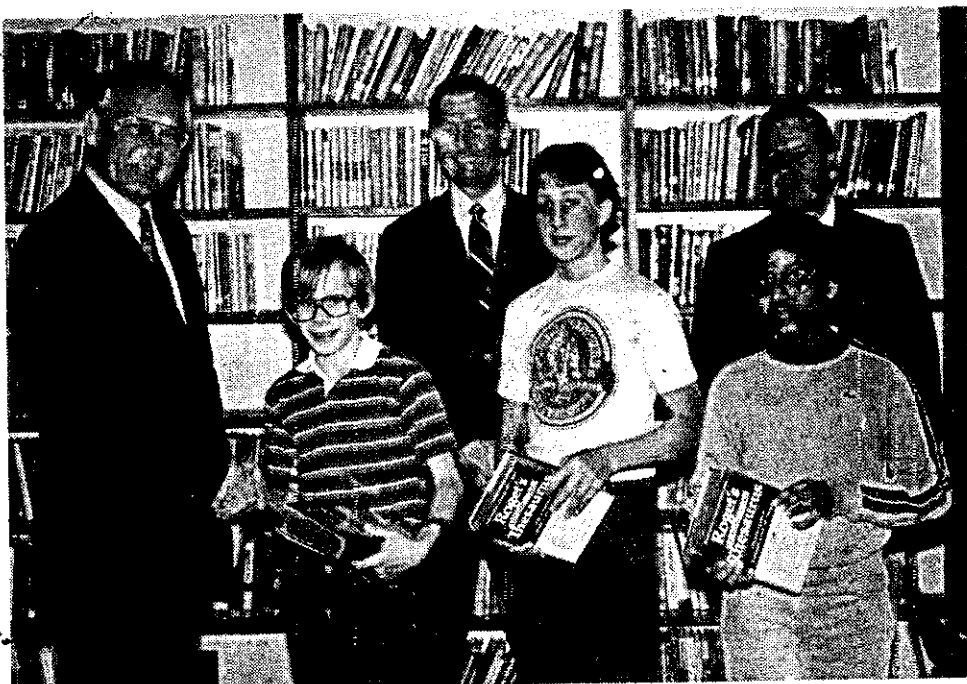
In presenting the budget at the session, Zinn said the \$110,000 increase in the capital projects portion of the budget might "avoid anything more serious in the future" — meaning a bond issue. Zinn said later there is no consensus on the board concerning the possibility of a

bond issue, and that reports not yet in from consulting architects will influence this decision.

Gordon Molyneux, chief negotiator for the teachers in the just-concluded talks, said the district's true value tax rate has gone down substantially in the past 10 years, while there has been a 132 percent increase in the cost of living. "Taxpayers are getting a better bargain for their dollars," he said.

Board members also heard from Assistant Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews and Slingerlands School Principal David Murphy about the sexual abuse prevention program that has been presented to elementary pupils. The program was created after school psychologist Eloise Guzier attended a conference on child sexual abuse in December, 1982. It was presented for the first time this February, and has prompted several reports of abuse, according to a member of the committee that designed the unit.

An agenda item on the possibility of a self-supporting child care center at the high school to serve district employees was tabled for more exploration.



The three top spellers from the Bethlehem Central School District received congratulations and copies of Roget's Thesaurus. They also represented the district in the capital area spelling bee. From left are Superintendent Lawrence Zinn, Jeffrey Ballou, Middle School Principal Frederick Burdick, Samuel Ernst, Philip Puthumana and English Supervisor Eugene Duffy.

## Clyne dissent is published

The annual "budget issue" of the Bethlehem Central School District's newsletter, Central Highlights, due in the mailboxes of district residents next week, reportedly will include a letter from veteran school board member John Clyne expressing his disapproval of the proposed budget and his dissent from the other five members of the board, who voted for it.

Clyne's letter reportedly calls the budget "unacceptable" and says that while he is aware of the difficulty of making budget cuts, his board colleagues have not gone far enough. A spokesman for the district said his letter concludes that the tax rate increase is too high and simply urges every taxpayer to vote May 9.

Clyne said Monday, "All I want them to do is vote. I've heard enough so I know if they vote I know where the budget's going." He added that he wrote the letter to forestall anyone's concluding that his silence implies approval of the \$16.78 million spending plan.

In some other years, Clyne has voted "no" when the board formally adopted a budget, but this is the first time he has submitted a dissent for publication in the newsletter, which at this time of year is devoted to explaining the proposed

budget and — in past years, at least — urging voter approval. In 1982, his "no" vote simply meant that his name was left off a "vote yes" message in "Highlights" that had the other board members' names at the bottom.

A recent ruling by a state Supreme Court justice that it is illegal to spend public money to advocate "in favor of or against any issue or candidate" may change the message in future years, though the case has yet to go before the state Supreme Court's Appellate Division.

## Fashionable luncheon

The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon's spring luncheon and fashion show will be Tuesday, May 8, at the Albany Country Club, on Wormer Rd. in Voorheesville. Cocktails will be served at noon, with lunch at 1 p.m. and a fashion show by the Clothes Circuit at 2 p.m. Reservations must be made by April 30 with Marilyn Corrigan, 9 Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont, 12077. Babysitting will be available at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar during the luncheon; to make arrangements for babysitting, call Marie Brown, 439-9679, or Angel Greenhalgh, 439-0670, by May 1.

## If the budget goes down

If a school district budget is rejected by the voters, the school board has several choices: it can resubmit the same spending plan for another vote, it can cut the proposed budget and submit this revised plan, or it can adopt a contingency (or austerity) budget, submitting the eliminated expense to voters in one or more separate propositions.

Excluded from an austerity budget are:

- Equipment purchases.
- All busing, except what is mandated by the state. The state requires busing for children in kindergarten through grade 8 who live two miles or more from their school and for students in grades 9 through 12 who live three miles or more from school. Athletic trips, field trips and late buses would be out. (The Bethlehem School district currently buses all kindergarteners, first through fifth graders who live half a mile or more from school, pupils in grades 6 through 8 who live a mile or more from school, and high school students who live one-and-a-half miles or more from school.)
- Interscholastic athletics. Salaries for coaches are considered a contingent expense and can be included in an austerity budget, but the cost of equipment, officiating and field marking would be excluded.
- Library books.
- Nonessential improvements in buildings and grounds.
- Public use of school buildings and grounds without charge.

## On painting clay

Elizabeth Vigoda, a professional potter who has seen her work displayed at the Schenectady Museum and the Albany Institute of History and Art, will demonstrate the techniques of clay painting and discuss her own experiences in establishing a crafts business at the Bethlehem Art Association meetings on Thursday, May 3, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The meeting, which is open to the public, begins at 7:30 p.m.

Call Lorraine Shapiro at 439-5069 for information.

## Tawasentha chapter meets

The Tawasentha Chapter of the DAR will hold its annual meeting after a covered dish supper on Tuesday, May 1, at 6 p.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church. Officers will be installed, and Mrs. Charles Carroll and Mrs. Winthrop Robinson will be honored for 50 and 25 years of membership respectively. The Children of the American Revolution and the Teunis Slingerland Society will ring the church bells as the DAR honors its patriot-ancestors. Call 482-3865 for information.

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## □ Chamber

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within the Town would greatly increase the knowledge and depth of the appropriate committee and insure a better relationship between the business community and the residents of the Town of Bethlehem.

Every effort should be made to provide objective and specific guidelines for the review process before the process is implemented, however, we recognize that subjective evaluation cannot be eliminated from the review process.

We support site plan and aesthetic review to the extent that it is mutually beneficial to business and the community as a whole. We believe these and any other regulatory policies must meet the following conditions: Well defined objective guidelines are established and enforcement and appeal procedures are clearly defined and generally understood.

We support the widening, not lengthening, of the business district, along Delaware Avenue and feel the use of transition zones should be used to accomplish this. Also a different method of distinguishing the zones should be utilized which recognizes and protects property lines.

We support development of plans that would improve traffic flow along Delaware Avenue.

We do not support any policy that

restricts competition in business. We do not support additional non-commercial use of property in business zones. We support growth that provides additional services to the community and we believe all policy should protect and promote the opportunity and ability of businesses to develop in the Town of Bethlehem.

*The Board of Directors  
Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce*

## Town takeover

Thirteen students from the Bethlehem Central High School's Student Senate will take over the town's government on Tuesday, May 1, during Youth In Government Day.

This annual event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Elks Club, to which the students and their town employee counterparts adjourn for lunch.

The Bethlehem students will join a similar group of students from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School and employees of the Village of Ravena and Town of Coeymans at the Elks Club.

## Concert in Voorheesville

The Voorheesville PTSA is sponsoring a benefit concert for their scholarship fund on Saturday, May 5, at 8 p.m. at the high school. Featured will be the popular local quintet, "Southbound." Check posters for details.

## □ Neighborhoods' position

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Plantings which provide natural screening should be required as sound barriers and for concealment of refrigeration units, dumpsters, parking, etc. Commercial lots should not be entirely blacktopped; a green area at least as large as the paved area should be required.

**EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL ZONES:** We oppose and would strongly resist any widening of commercial zones into existing residential areas and/or the expansion of commercial zones onto side streets. Careful use of existing commercial zones and development of vacant land already so zoned should serve the town's long-term needs more wisely.

**SCHOOL ZONES:** Particular attention should be given to schools located in otherwise commercial areas. We propose the limiting of all land within 200 feet of school property to residential or to certain "CCC" (non-retail) uses which generate minimum traffic and noise. All property within 500 feet of schools currently located in residentially zoned areas should remain under residential zoning.

**SIGNS:** All commercial signs should be attached to buildings and limited to a modest and uniform size. Revolving, flashing, or other such distracting signs should be prohibited.

**TREES:** Existing trees should not be removed unless removal is necessary for safety reasons or it is otherwise unavoidable. Provisions should be made by the town to replace or have replaced any trees which are removed. A policy of planting additional trees should be undertaken.

### Site Plan Review

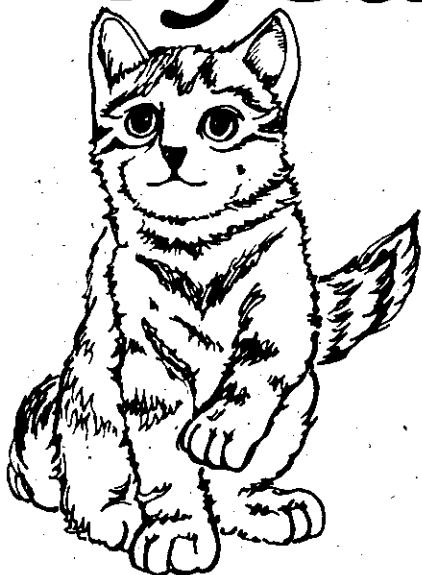
We feel that Commercial Site Plan Review and approval should be required for any new building; any alteration of an existing property, to include land use; any change in occupancy, whether through lease, sale or inheritance; or any change of business, even if ownership remains the same.

In order to insure consistency in the review process and in order to establish guidelines for prospective applications, a checklist should be developed which includes the following considerations:

**AESTHETICS:** Green space to include trees and plantings suitable to all seasons (i.e. evergreens) which are to be perpetuated by the owner. Utility poles should be placed to the rear of buildings.

**ARCHITECTURAL REVIEW:** We believe a drawing of the planned commercial site must be presented to the Planning Board depicting adequate parking (preferably off-street); plantings; subdued yet adequate lighting; and show-

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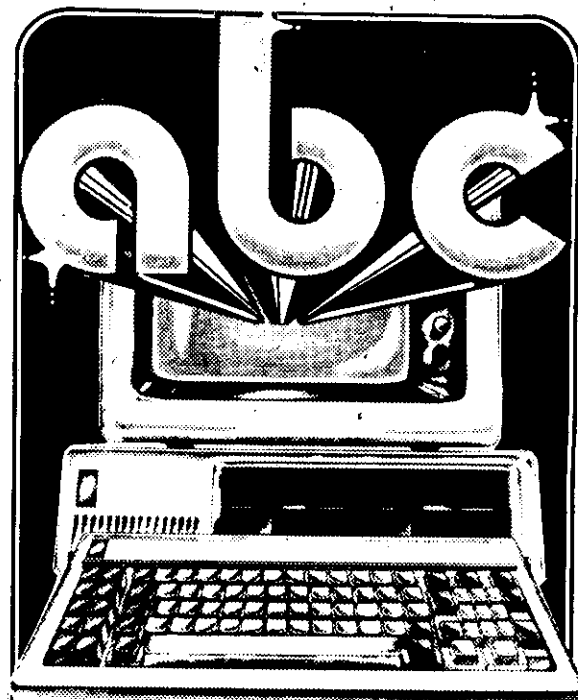
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## New Scotland hearings are set

The New Scotland Town Board's public hearing on Tuesday, May 1, at the town hall will address the problems of junk, dirt and gravel in the town. At 7 p.m., a proposed amendment to the Town Zoning Ordinance will be addressed. It would permit the removal of fill, gravel or loam as a Special Use in low density residential and industrial districts. The town zoning ordinance currently provides for such special use only in residential forestry districts.

At 7:30 p.m., the board will consider adopting an ordinance prohibiting the

outdoor storage of junk vehicles and waste material in the town, and an amendment to the town ordinance that would provide for the regulation and licensing of automobile junk yards within town limits.

Copies of the proposed ordinances are available at the town hall.

### Roast turkey dinner

The Bethlehem Grange will have roast turkey for dinner on Saturday, May 5, at 4 p.m. at the grange hall in Selkirk.



For the closest guess of how many people visit the Bethlehem Public Library during National Library Week (without exceeding that number), Andrew Gordon received an IOU from Barbara Weaver for a Trivial Pursuit game. Andrew's guess was 5,600. The actual number was 5,825.  
Tom Howes

ing all adjacent properties within 200 feet. As a good number of the buildings in the Town of Bethlehem reflect either Victorian or Colonial architecture, we believe that these forms of architecture should be promoted and defined as "most acceptable" by the Review Committee.

**VACANT BUILDINGS:** Should be maintained for both safety and appearance sake at the expense of the owner.

**REVIEW:** There should be a provision for periodic, preferably annual, review of Site Plan requirements as well as a provision that all current Commercial sites meet these requirements within a reasonable period of time (i.e. five years).

**SIDEWALKS:** All sidewalks owned and maintained by the Town should remain passable. Special attention should be paid to placement of curbing to separate parking areas from sidewalks.

Additionally, we recommend that rather than widen Delaware Ave. to handle current traffic patterns, plans should be developed and implemented to wisely direct traffic flow so as to avoid dangerous entrance and exits and give serious consideration to the safety of all who use Delaware Ave.

### School census coming

Census workers will be going door-to-door in the Bethlehem Central School District during May to conduct the biannual school census. The workers will carry a letter of identification from the school district. They will ask for names, addresses and telephone numbers of parents, and the names, birthdates and current schools of children 18 or younger in the household.

## Births



#### St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Kenneth Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Craig E. Porter, Delmar, March 28.

Girl, Katherine Elizabeth, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil F. Mullarkey, Feura Bush, March 29.

Boy, Richard James, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Russell, Glenmont, March 30.

Girl, Kristen Mary, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard McElroy, Slingerlands, April 1.

Girl, Melissa Jean, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Brady, Selkirk, April 2.

Girl, Carol Ann, to Lynn and Stephen Gasorowski, Selkirk, April 3.

Boy, Jason John, to Lisa and Kevin Sammon, Delmar, April 6.

Boy, Ian Dru McIntyre, to Deanne Chandler and John A. McIntyre III, Selkirk, April 9.

Girl, Kathleen Downs, to Mr. and Mrs. Neil O'Brien, Delmar, March 21.

#### Albany Medical Center Hospital

Boy, Christopher Michael, to Susan and David Ira, Albany, March 24. Grandparents are Dr. and Mrs. Felix Ira, Delmar.

Boy, Ryan Alan, to Donna and Gary Larrivee, Delmar, March 23.

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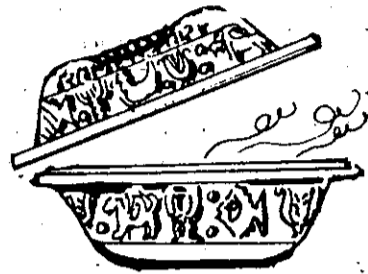
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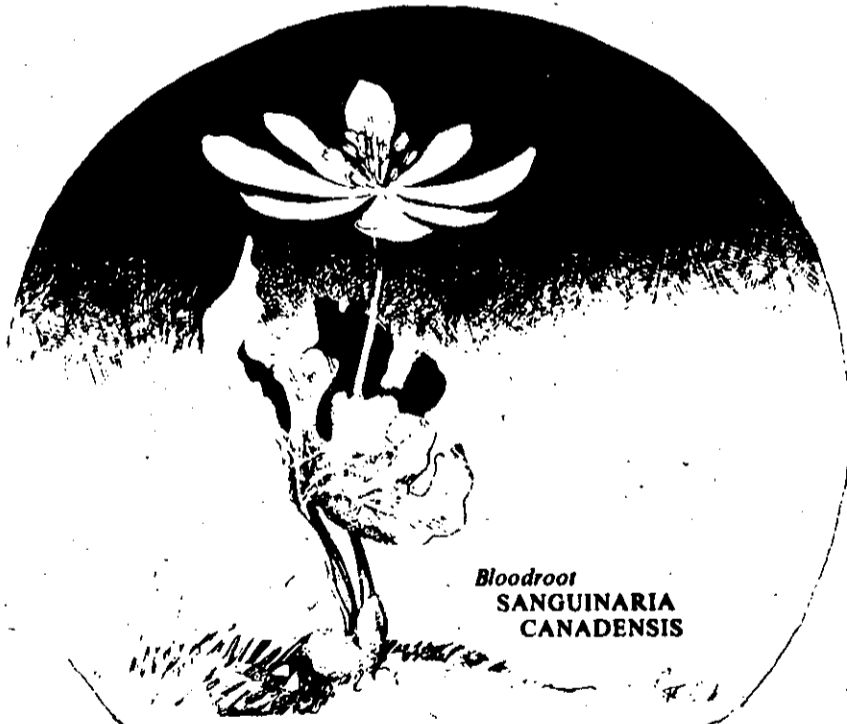
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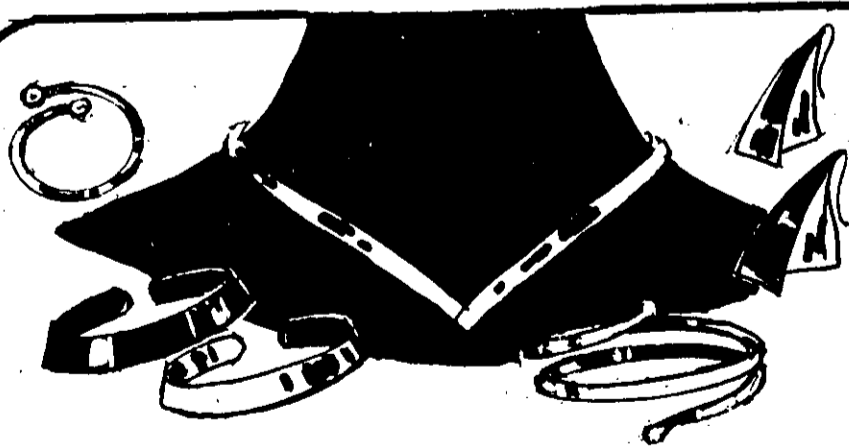
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# □ Long wait for a contract

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filed an improper practice charge last April claiming that, according to the Taylor Law, the superintendent, and not the board, should be negotiating. This claim was rejected by PERB on the ground that the BCTA had not objected to the arrangement in prior negotiations. On the other side, a proposal this spring by a union official that school board members meet with the BCTA negotiating team had been rejected as "circumventing the negotiation process."

Cleveland said before his April 16 meeting with Zinn that the two might be able to effect movement in the dispute because he and Zinn were in "somewhat parallel positions" as principals who had not been at the bargaining table. The question now is what bypassing the professionals this time means for the future.

Zinn said that specifics concerning the constitution of the committee and its mission were left open in the April 16 talk in order not to stall progress in resolving contract issues. However, the two men did agree that the committee should have its first meeting before the end of the school year, June 22. Molyneux said the

committee members would be drawn from the school board, administrators and union members. And he said the committee would "look at what's going wrong now. Nobody's right or wrong," he added. "It's a question of perception."

The new contract agreement, approved last Wednesday by the union and the board of education, is for three years with pay hikes of 6½ percent in the first two years and 6 percent in the third, plus increments. Fact-finder Marx, recognizing the union's "strongly expressed opposition" to a three-year agreement, had recommended a two-year pact with 6 percent raises each year. The three-year pact with the sweetener was an alternate recommendation in his report. The talks started with the BCTA proposing a one-year agreement with a 15 percent raise and the district seeking a three-year pact with raises of 4 percent for teachers with a bachelor's degree and 4½ percent for those with a master's. Marx's recommendation on the size of the pay hike based on recent settlements in 13 surrounding districts and was described by him as "not unduly beyond the needs of the teachers in relation to recent changes in cost-of-living indices."

The district won the right to provide different health insurance/coverage as long as the union deems it equivalent to current coverage (an arrangement the district hopes will be a money saver). This also had been Marx's recommendation and in his report he wrote: "With good faith on both sides, there can be no risk to either party in such an undertaking. Given these safeguards, the district should have this opportunity to seek cost effectiveness in its health benefits coverage."

For the duration of the new contract, physical education teachers will not be required to coach and, in the absence of any change in a succeeding contract, they may be required to coach one sport every two years, Molyneux said. Marx had recommended a trial of voluntary coaching for a year, with a "sunset" clause returning the district to compulsory coaching of one seasonal sport if no other agreement were made. For the fact-finding hearing, the BCTA had obtained affidavits from other Suburban Council schools to the effect that their sports programs had not been harmed by a system of voluntary coaching. A district official said privately that some sports (particularly those primarily for girls) might fall victim to a system of voluntary coaching, but that, on the other hand, someone compelled to coach might not

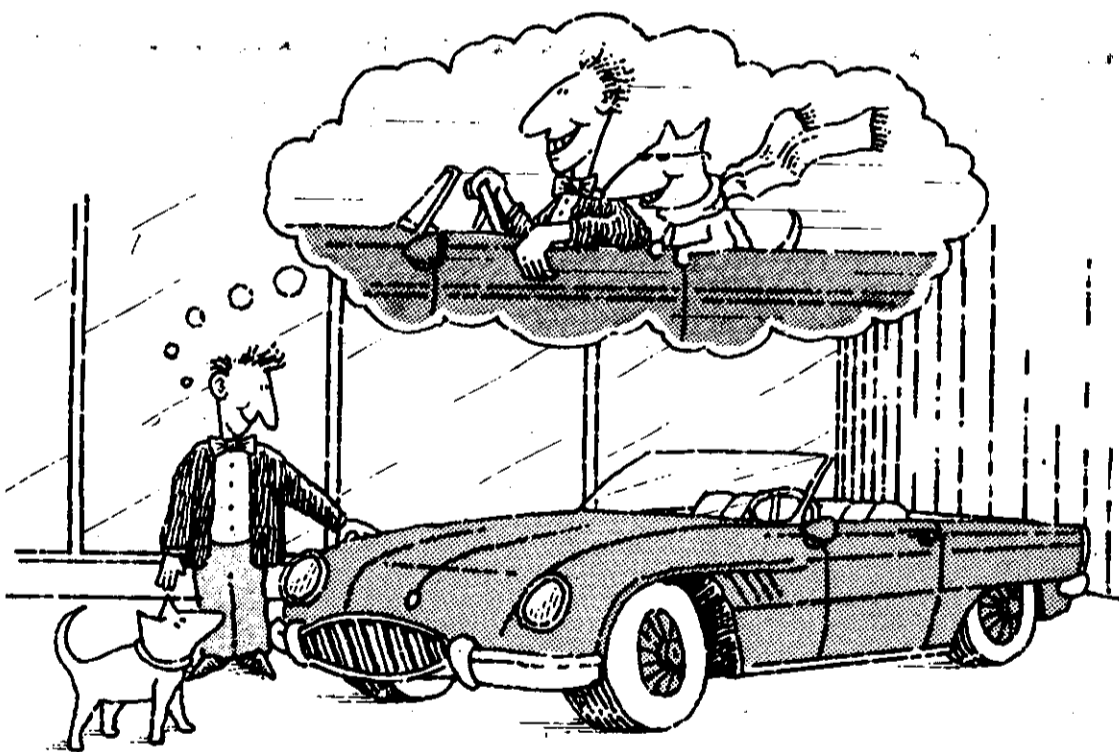
do it well.

Another issue late in the talks was how many evening functions teachers should be required to attend during the school year, with the previous contract requiring one. Marx's report said the BCTA saw "no major problem" in mandating participation in evening events "since this is largely done on a voluntary basis to a greater extent than required..." He added that the requirement to attend a minimum of two such functions a year "is not stringent." Until just before the agreement, however, union negotiators had expressed concern that the district be compelled to specify what evening events teachers would be required to attend. The settlement reached by Zinn and Cleveland stipulates that elementary teachers and those who have duties in more than one building may be required to attend a second evening function a year.

Teachers will now have two personal leave days a year, along with one personal business leave day. This the BCTA terms a giveback from the previous negotiations, when a personal leave day was changed to a personal business leave day. Marx in his fact-finding report sought to separate the personal leave day from inclusion in the sick leave provision. He also wrote: "as to the two personal business leave days, the fact-finder does not find the wide variety of options for which these may be used to be unduly restrictive."

It is perhaps indicative of the tenor of the talks that at the conclusion of a negotiating session April 4, Marx told the parties he felt he could no longer be of service to them. Certainly, the history suggests a stiffening of positions — and spines — may have taken place over time.

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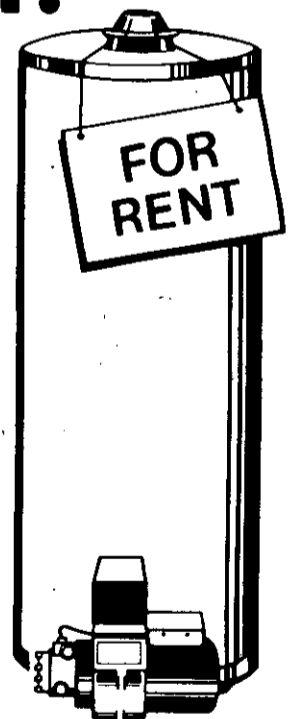
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# Woodhill traffic plan challenged

By Vincent Potenza

Last week's public hearing on Vincent Riemma's proposed Woodhill subdivision in Glenmont produced questions on traffic and school crowding for the Bethlehem Planning Board to consider, but how much leeway the board has in its decision is a question in itself.

Under consideration is a 90-lot subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. near Rt. 9W that would contain 156 dwelling units distributed among 54 single-family homes, 21 duplexes and 15 four-unit, apartment buildings. The Bethlehem Board of Appeals had rejected the original application for the project by Northshore Equities about four years ago, but that decision was overturned by a state Supreme Court order. Riemma has since acquired the property and submitted to the planners what the board of appeals has ruled is essentially the same plan.

According to Lindsay Boutelle, civil engineer representing Riemma, 90 percent of the site is zoned A-Residential and the rest, where the apartment buildings are to be located, is zoned commercial.

Because no zoning change is required, the planners are limited to considering such matters as traffic and the situation of lots. Other considerations — the position of buildings, landscaping and the like, will, for the duplexes, fall under the board's power of site plan review as they are built. No site plan review is required for single-family homes, and Building Inspector John Flanagan said at the hearing that the apartment buildings are in this case exempt because they must be built according to the specifications of the court order.

Most of the board's questions had to do with traffic. Chairman Charles Redmond questioned the validity of a traffic study submitted with the proposal, asking

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Thomas Morelli, introduced by Boutelle as commissioner of public works for the City of Troy and Riemma's representative for the traffic study, how it was possible that the exact same number of cars would go from the site to Route 9W as in the opposite direction, as the study indicated.

Area residents in attendance questioned the notion put forth in the study that residents of the proposed development would be just as likely to exit one end of the site as the other, considering all the apartment buildings were proposed for one side and most of the people would be living at that end — the end nearest Rt. 9W.

Morelli explained that the traffic study was done by averaging all the uses in the development over all the lots to get the traffic patterns.

William Collins of Jefferson Rd. (in Riemma's nearby Bicentennial Woods development) called these traffic figures "therefore meaningless" because of the way they were arrived at. He asked Boutelle if Riemma was willing to give residents of the area any guarantees that what was being proposed would indeed be built.

Riemma and the town are currently in litigation over a requested change in lot lines that would permit construction of duplexes in Bicentennial Woods where, residents say, they were told only single-family homes would be built.

Boutelle said he could guarantee nothing but that the town zoning

ordinance would be complied with and and that nothing would be built where it is not allowed.

Redmond told the audience that, as far as he was concerned, the planning board was considering a proposal for 54 single-family homes, 21 duplexes and 15 four-unit apartment buildings, and any change in that proposal would require another appearance by the developer before the board.

Before the adjournment of the hearing a letter from Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of the Bethlehem Central School District, was read into the record. It said that, when fully developed, the projected figures showed the development would lead to overcrowding in the Glenmont Elementary School, already facing a squeeze.

In other business, the board conditionally approved a two-lot subdivision requested by Rene Fachetti on Rt. 9W in Glenmont and granted a 90-day extension to James Corbett for a one-lot subdivision on Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont.

## Citizens oppose apartment plan

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals held a public hearing last week for A.T. Zautner and Sons, who sought a special exception concerning five, four-unit apartment buildings on Beacon Rd., Glenmont. Several area residents spoke in opposition to the proposal to amend a previously-granted special exception, but the board took no action on the application.

A public hearing was also held for Peter Dorwaldt, 59 Greenock Rd.,



Face to face with this spider, Little Miss Muffet — and everybody else — certainly would flee. But Hamagrael third grader Suzanne Rice is inside the costume, and it was all part of a production at the school written and directed by Ruth Rice, Suzanne's mother, as part of the after-school activities there. The play depicted turned-around nursery tales.

Elsmere, who sought a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance so that he might construct an addition to his home. No one spoke for or against the proposal.

The board informally granted a variance to permit a construction equipment business on the west side of Rt. 9W, Selkirk, to Robert H. Finke and Sons after a public hearing on April 14 at which no one spoke in opposition to the proposal.

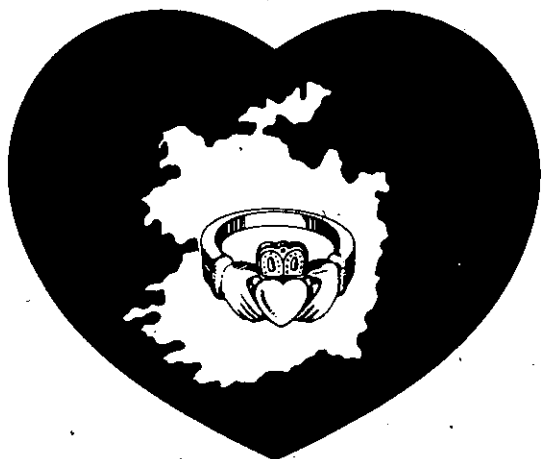
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# Honors for RCS seniors

Victor Carrk, principal at the RCS Senior High School has announced the names of the valedictorian and salutatorian for the Class of 1984.

Jennifer Bull, daughter of Commander and Mrs. Jeffrey Bull of Twin Maple Farm, South Bethlehem, is valedictorian. Jennifer earned this honor by maintaining a three and one half year average of 96.23.

Jennifer has been very active in extra-curricular activities during her four years at RCS. She was a member of the girls varsity soccer team, the girls freshman volleyball team and the girls jayvee softball team. In addition, she belonged to many clubs, including four years in Spanish Club (president, senior year) and three years in the National Honor Society (secretary, senior year).

Jennifer has held positions of responsibility including four years as class secretary and four years on the class steering committee. She was elected to prom court for three years, received a letter of commendation from the National Merit Scholarship and won a state Regents Scholarship. Outside of the school Jennifer has been active in the local 4-H group, president for the past two years, and has worked as veterinarian assistant in an animal hospital. She has been offered a Presidential Scholarship to R.I.T. and will be attending R.I.T. majoring in bio-medical photographic communications.

Melissa Helo, this year's salutatorian, is the daughter of Edward and Elizabeth helo of Rt. 144, Selkirk. Melissa maintained a 3 1/2 year average of 94.94.

Melissa has been a member of the girls varsity field hockey team, was a statistician for the girls varsity volleyball team and the girls varsity basketball team, and was manager of the girls varsity track team.

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Other activities include three years in the Honor Society (treasurer, senior year), a member of the class steering committee for four years, in the French-Italian Club for three years (vice-president, junior-year), and a member of F.T.A. in her senior year. She is a winner of a state Regents Scholarship and received a letter of commendation from National Merit Scholarship. Melissa has been accepted at Vassar in the fall of 1984. She plans to major in English.

### A big party

When the RCS Neighborhood Girl Scouts entertain they're inclined to do it on a large scale. Extending invitations to area senior citizens groups, the girls were host to some 140 guests April 14. Invited to a dinner in their honor, the seniors enjoyed a meat loaf dinner, complete with ice cream sundaes for dessert. The meal, which has become an annual event, was financed by the efforts of the girls last fall through a pie sale they held. The Girl Scouts and their leaders served as waitresses for the meal which had been prepared by Kate Wickham of the RCS cafeteria staff. In addition to the pleasant dinner, the senior shad the pleasure of being entertained by Paul Caswell, who played a variety of selections on the piano, and by the girls, who had prepared a number of songs for the enjoyment of their guests.

### At music festival

Sixteen students from the RCS Junior High, Becker and Coeymans schools were chosen to participate in the Greene



Jennifer Bull

County Music Festival, held at the Cario-Durham High School April 12 and 13. The following junior high students participated in the All-County Elementary Band: Stephany Barbour, Ralph Carhart, David Cary, Amy Countaway, Jennifer Cooper, Lynette Denney, Chris Drevojan, Bernie Lawrence, Michelle Matthews, Tricia Perrine, Marc Simpson, Mirinda Staats, Michael Stammel and Jennifer Stevens. Chosen from the Becker School was Robert Newkirk and from Coeymans School was Robert Feuerbach. The guest conductor for this year's All-County elementary band was Scott Andrews, instrumental music director at the RCS Junior High. The RCS Senior Band and Chorus also performed at the festival.

### Dinner for mom

If you've been pondering how to pay tribute to that special "mom" in your life, with Mother's Day fast approaching, The Bethlehem Elks Lodge of Selkirk might have just the answer. You can arrange to treat Mom to one of four dinners the lodge will be serving on Mother's Day, May 13. Roast turkey and dressing, seafood platter, prime ribs or baked ham dinners will be available at 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5 p.m. Each dinner includes beverage, dessert, rolls and salad bar with complimentary wine to all the Mothers. Reser-



Melissa Helo

vations are necessary, and may be made by contacting the lodge.

### Bake sale...

The United Methodist Women's Traveling Bake Sale will be held this Saturday, April 28, beginning at 9 a.m. in the South Bethlehem Post Office Parking Lot. Selling from a truck the women will remain at the Post Office until everyone located at that site has had ample time to make purchases before traveling the streets of South Bethlehem until supplies are exhausted.

### ...and more for Methodist women

The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church have a number of other activities scheduled for this week. In addition to their Traveling Bake Sale on Saturday, they are having a Pre-Opening Clearance Sale at their Thrift Shop this Tuesday, May 1. Men's, women's and children's next-to-new clothing will be offered for \$1 a bag for the special sale May 1 only.

The ladies will also have their regular monthly meeting of the U.M.W. on Wednesday evening, May 2. All women of the area are invited to attend the program which will be held 8 p.m. at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church.

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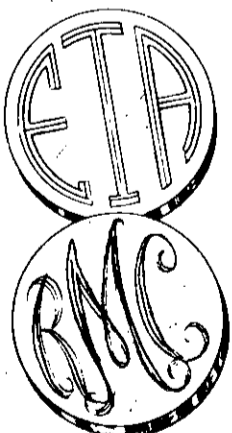
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# RCS overcrowding options narrow

By Lorin Pasqual

Redistricting and portable classrooms are the two options being presented to voters May 1 in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District to relieve overcrowding at the Becker Elementary School. But last week the portable classroom option lost some of its luster when it was learned that it will not qualify for state aid.

Since October, the RCS school board had expected to be reimbursed for 51 percent of the \$185,000 estimated cost of building four portable classrooms at the Becker School, but state officials have decided that the district as a whole doesn't qualify as overcrowded, according to district officials.

The alternative plan — redistricting by grade levels — would require extensive busing, but the estimated \$52,000 cost would qualify for state aid for about 75 percent of the total cost. However, that option has drawn the most opposition.

Currently, Becker has four kindergarten sections and room for only two fifth grade sections. Programs such as REACH (for gifted and talented students), Honors tutorial and English as a second language continue to operate without permanent rooms. Moreover, the cafeteria serves as an art and music classroom as well as a gymnasium, said Al Dwyer, Becker principal. If the total current enrollment of about 429 increases to 449 or 452 next years as expected, he added, the school will need at least two additional classrooms.

Another problem, said Dwyer, relates to enrollment inconsistencies between the district elementary schools. At Pieter B. Coeymans, the average class size remains at about 19, while at Becker the average class size has risen to about 29. In fact, grade one has had as many as 30 students in the past, he added. If the board defers action, Becker will have 38 students in grade five classes and approximately 30 students in other sections in upcoming years, said Dwyer. The ideal enrollment would be 22 or lower for kindergarten through second grade and no higher than 25 students for grades three through five, he said.

According to Dwyer, state Education Department officials would rather transfer the children from crowded classes to smaller ones at Coeymans or Ravena. The board attempted to make these changes in October, said Dwyer, but the youngsters' parents expressed too much opposition. Besides, such action would remedy the problem only temporarily, he added, because the population in the Selkirk and Glenmont area is projected to increase.

The board's plan for redistricting has sparked controversy among area residents, however. If enacted, kindergarten and first graders will attend Ravena, second and third graders will go to Becker, and fourth and fifth graders will go to Coeymans.

Parents oppose the plan because the district has been unable to ascertain the length of time children must remain on

buses and specific route changes, according to Tony Williams, transportation committee chairman. Though the board has not determined the amount of time children would remain on buses, if any ride takes longer than one hour, "parents have the right to gripe," said Susan Gottesman, chairman of the committee to equalize class size, during a recent public hearing.

The \$52,000 transportation estimate is based on calculations based on the longest possible bus runs and the largest possible number of buses needed. While the figure is not exact, said Dwyer, it probably will not go higher.

Superintendent Milton Chodack recently traveled to Buffalo to investigate school bus programs. The transportation committee has also explored various computerized systems, including one from Roger Creighton and Associates, the Delmar planning firm that helps school districts improve bus routing.

According to Williams, two vastly different computer programs seemed feasible. However, in order to implement the \$20,000 to \$40,000 system for the coming academic year, the board would have to hold a vote and make a decision by May 1, an impossible task. The Bethlehem School District, which began its transportation studies earlier, will presumably use plans from Creighton and Associates for next year, said Williams.

Though a computerized bus routing

program is not a panacea, it will detail efficient bus routes, said Williams. Administrators also expect it may save the district a significant amount of money, even though the firms offer no guarantee.

Area residents will have the opportunity to express their opinions about redistricting and portable classrooms during a special vote May 1 at the high school from 1 to 9 p.m. Each proposition will list tax increases for each community area. Voters may endorse either proposal or oppose any action by voting "no" on the ballot.

Prior to the vote, school administrators will continue to address the issues and answer questions during various public meetings in the community. In addition, Chalkboard, the official school newspaper that will be distributed by Thursday, will contain various articles that detail the proposals, explain voting procedures, indicate costs to taxpayers and outline cost comparisons of each option.

The board has encouraged all residents to vote and has emphasized the fact that the problem of overcrowding affects not only Becker but the entire school system.

In less controversial matters Monday, the board accepted the resignations of Donna Shannon, junior high school English teacher, and Angelo Rosato, superintendent of buildings and grounds, effective September, 1985.

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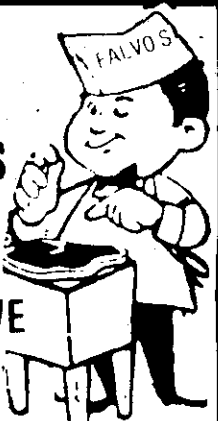
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**Town of Bethlehem,** Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m., Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m.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

**Village of Voorheesville,** Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesdays 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.

**FISH,** Tri-Village 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

# 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 Mile,** 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 Jukins 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.

**Project 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 25

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary,** fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**Children's Vacation Film,** "Island of the Blue Dolphins," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Turf, Tree and Shrub Maintenance,** Session 1 of Cooperative Extension landscaping and lawn care series, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. soil testing, 7:30 p.m. program. Free.

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

## THURSDAY, APRIL 26

**Monster Poetry Writing Workshop,** for children 8 and older, Bethlehem Public Library, 2:30 p.m. For registration, 439-9314.

**John Burroughs Tribute,** guided nature walk highlighted by the naturalist's writing, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:30 p.m. Free.

**New Scotland Town Civic Assn.,** fourth Thursday each month, Rm. 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

**Changes in the Telephone Industry,** sponsored by Cooperative Extension, County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m. complaint-taking session, 7:30 p.m. program, information and registration, 765-2874.

**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.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** Tuesday and Thursday meetings give lab and excavation experience for regular volunteers, old Waldenmaier building, Feura Bush Rd., just south of Town Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4258.

## FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**"Pippi Longstocking,"** children's vacation movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

**Red Cross Bloodmobile** at Owens Corning, Rt. 32, Delmar, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461.

**"Johnny Tremain,"** children's vacation film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**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.

## SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**Soil Test Clinics,** at Jeffers Nursery, 1900 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.; Price Greenleaf, 14 Booth Rd., Delmar, 1-3 p.m. 50-cent donation.

**McDonald's Scouting Clean-Up Day,** trash day bags and free food for troops participating in Delmar beautification; registration forms at McDonald's 132 Delaware Ave.

**Wildlife Programs,** "Sharing Spring with Your Children," family nature games and activities, 10 a.m.; "Inviting Wildlife to Your Backyard," 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Free.

**Health Day Fair,** free diabetes, blood pressure, sight and hearing tests sponsored by American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Traveling Bake Sale,** sponsored by United Methodist Women, Selkirk firehouse No. 3 and South Bethlehem, 9 a.m.

**Chicken and Blacuit Supper,** sponsored by Women's Guild at Onesquethaw Reformed Church, Tarrytown Rd., Feura Bush, 4:30 p.m.

**After-Easter Egg Hunt,** egg-rolling contest, candy and prizes for children, Slingerlands Firehouse, 11 a.m.

## SUNDAY, APRIL 29

**Poetry Reading,** by Joseph Cardillo, local poet and short story writer, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Blue Cross-Blue Shield Road Races,** 5.6 and 15-km races leaves from Blue Cross Building, Rt. 85 and New Scotland Ave., Slingerlands, noon. Information, 447-8306.

## MONDAY, APRIL 30

**Delmar Community Orchestra Concert,** fundraiser for World Hunger Fund, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Sunshine Senior Citizens,** day-trip to Egg Tree Museum, Schoharie, 10:15 a.m.

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

**Al-Anon Group,** support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

**Bethlehem Senior Citizens** field trip to Schoharie Easter egg exhibit, leaves Town Parking Lot, Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m., First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 10:15 a.m.

## TUESDAY, MAY 1

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

**Bethlehem Sportmen's Club,** first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

**Learn Sign Language at the Library,** first of 12 sessions on Tuesdays and Thursdays, sponsored by Bethlehem Lions Club, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

**Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District** vote on plans to ease overcrowding, RCS Senior High cafeteria, 1-9 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.

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

**New Scotland Historical Association,** Robert Parmenter on "New Scotland Then and Now," New Salem Schoolhouse, 8 p.m.

**Tawasentha Chapter, DAR,** annual meeting, officer installation and covered dish supper, Delmar Reformed Church, 6 p.m. Information, 482-3865.

**Public Hearings,** New Scotland Town Board, to amend Town Zoning Ordinance and permit removal of fill, gravel or loam as a special use in low density residential and industrial districts, 7 p.m.; to adopt ordinance prohibiting outdoor storage of junk vehicles and waste material in town and amend town ordinance providing for regulation and licensing of automobile junk yard within town, 7:30 p.m., New Scotland Town Hall.

## 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

**"Pal Joey"** (Rodgers and Hart musical staged by Russell Sage students and community players, including Benita Zahn), Meader Little Theater, Russell Sage campus, Troy, April 26-28 and May 3-5, 8 p.m., April 28, 2 p.m. Reservations, 270-2263.

**"Present Laughter"** (Noel Coward's comedy mounted by River-view productions), St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, April 27-29 and May 4-6 (dinner at 7 p.m. Fridays and Saturdays, 5 p.m. Sundays). Reservations, 462-3922.

**"Tribute"** (comedy performed by Hudson Valley Theater Company), Maureen Stapleton Theater, HVCC, Troy, April 20 and 21, 27 and 28, 8 p.m.

**"As You Like It"** (Shakespeare by Skidmore Theater Department), Skidmore Theater, Saratoga Springs, April 26-28 and May 2-5, 8 p.m., April 28, 2 p.m. Box office, 584-5000, ext 347.

### MUSIC

**Regensburg Cathedral Boys Choir,** Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, April 25, 7 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

**"Putting on the Ritz"** (the Signs of Joy and Russell Sage Women's Chorus), Schacht Fine Arts Center, Russell Sage, Troy, April 27, 8 p.m.

**An Evening of Songs by John Duke** (soloists from the Albany voice studio of Karen Ranug), Unitarian Church, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, April 28, 8 p.m. Tickets at Van Curler's or Records 'N Such, Styvesant Plaza.

**Empire State Youth Orchestra,** with premiere of "The Frog Prince" by composer-conductor Victoria Bond, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, April 28, 2 and 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

**CSR Masterworks Chorale,** spring concert, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison and Eagle, Albany, April 29, 8 p.m.

**Violinist Emanuel Borok and pianist Findlay Cockrell** (Mozart, Franck, Debussy, Dvorak and Ravel), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 30, 8 p.m. Tickets, 457-8606.

**Albany Symphony Orchestra** (with pianist Garrick Ohlsson), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, May 4, and Albany Palace Theater, May 5, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office, music hall box office, 273-0038, or Palace, 465-3334.

### DANCE

**"Footworks"** (SUNY Dance Council with 15 new works), SUNY Performing Arts Center, April 27 and 28, 8 p.m.

**Jose Limon Dance Company,** "The Moor's Pavane", (lecture and performance), Nott Memorial Theater, Union College, Schenectady, May 2, 12:30 p.m.

### ART

**"New York Art on the Road"** (posters from around the state), Albany Institute of History and Art, April 27 through May 13.

**Susan Medyn** (water colors) and David Formanek (sculpture), Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, April 29 through May 27.

**Shaker Museum,** Old Chatham, reopens for the summer, May 1. Information, 794-9100.

**Old Dorp Quilt and Needle Arts Show,** First Reformed Church of Scotia, May 1, 9:30 a.m. - 8:30; May 2, 9:30 - 4:30 p.m.

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#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, antique study group trip to Johnstown's Johnson Hall. For reservations, 439-9634 or 439-9003.

**Apple Writer Workshop**, for members of Bethlehem Apple Corps to use Apple IIe micro-computer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

**New Lawns and Turf Renovation**, spring garden lecture, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. soil testing, 7:30 p.m. program. Free.

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

**New Scotland Elks Lodge** meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun club.

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

**Public Hearing**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Robert Zinzow, for modification to special exception to permit a bait store at premises, Big M Truck Stop, Rt. 9W, Glenmont; Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

**Environmental Education Workshop**, for teachers and youth leaders who teach in and about the out-of-doors, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30 p.m. Free; registration, 457-6092.

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#### SATURDAY, MAY 5

**Heldeberg Spring Festival and Craft Sale**, at Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. For \$10 table rental, 895-2269.

**SAT and Achievement Tests**, administered to students at local high schools, 8 a.m.

**Craft Fair and Flea Market**, New Salem Firehouse, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. To reserve table space, 765-4334.

**Heldeberg Order of Eastern Star**, luncheon and fashion show, Altamont Masonic Temple, 12:30 p.m. Tickets at door.

**Roast Beef Supper**, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 4:30 p.m. Tickets at door.

**Children's Fingerprinting Clinic**, Voorheesville Public Library, 12:30-2:30 p.m. Free.

**Environmental Education Workshop**, for teachers and youth leaders who teach in and out-of-doors, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. Free; registration, 457-6092.

**Wildflower Program**, guided woodland wildflower walk, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free.

**Roast Turkey Dinner**, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, MAY 6

**United Methodist Women**, "Puppet People" program for mothers and their children, Delmar First United Methodist Church, 6:30 p.m.

**Fire Company Open House**, for residents of Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company to see equipment, meet fire fighters and attend blood pressure clinic, Clarksville Firehouse, Plank Rd., 1-4 p.m.

#### MONDAY, MAY 7

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

**Delmar Progress Club**, annual meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

**Single Parent Support Group**, "Single Parent and the Adolescent" discussion, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**National Honor Society Induction Ceremony**, for juniors and parents, Bethlehem Central High School.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 8

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

**Slingerlands Fire District**, second Tuesdays at Slingerlands fire station, 8 p.m.

**Onesquethaw Cemetery Meeting**, Clarksville Community Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 768-2324.

**Tri-Village Peace Breakfast**, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7 a.m.

## AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

### Events in Nearby Areas

#### WEDNESDAY, APRIL 25

**Complaint-Taking Session**, for people with utility bill problems Albany Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**Hilltowns Home Buyer-Seller Seminar**, Westerlo Town Hall, Rt. 401, 7-9 p.m. Information, 872-0152.

**Middle East Update: The Dynamics of Crisis**, lecture 4 of 6 part series, Roger Bacon Hall, Siena College, Loudonville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

**Cermic Lecture-Demonstration**, "Surface Decoration of Pottery," Albany Cermic Institute, 305 Hamilton St., 6:30 p.m. Information, 463-2946.

**Easy Breathers**, support group for people with respiratory problems, Samaritan Hospital cafeteria, Burdett Ave., Troy, 7 p.m.

#### THURSDAY, APRIL 26

**Grandmothers Chapter 865**, 10th anniversary celebration, at the Butcher Block, Central Ave., Albany, 6 p.m. Information, 462-3918.

**Vietnam Veterans Memorial Dedication**, near the Court Building at the Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m.

**Blood Pressure Screener Instructors Program**, for EMT's and other volunteers from Red Cross blood pressure clinics, Albany Chapter building, Hackett Blvd., 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

**Behind the Scenes at P.M. Magazine and the Movies**, Lunch With the Arts program, Picotte Gallery, College of St. Rose, 12:15 p.m. Free.

**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.

**Jawbone Reading Series**, poet Chuck Stein at SUNYA Humanities Lounge, noon. Free.

**Nobel Prize Laureate Saul Bellow** gives lecture-presentation on "The Writer and the World," SUNYA campus center ballroom, 8 p.m. Free; open to public.

**Abortion Debate**, led by Robert Greisemere, chairman of Schenectady Right to Life committee, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m.

**Poet-Pulitzer Prize Nominee Gloria Oden**, gives "Afro-American Splendor: A Festival of Black Women's Poetry" lecture series, SUNYA Humanities Building (Room 354), 4 p.m. Free; open to public.

#### FRIDAY, APRIL 27

**Altamont Station Squares Dance**, former Guilderland Elementary School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

**Double R Championship Rodeo**, 7-event competition and performance, RPI Field House, 8 p.m. \$7.50 and \$6.50 tickets at RPI, Community Box Office and Ticketroom.

**Sam Stratton Reelection Campaign Dinner-Fundraiser**, with featured speaker Rep. Thomas Foley, majority whip of U.S. House of Representatives, Thruway House, Washington Ave., Albany, 6:30 p.m. For \$100-a-plate tickets, 477-8501.

#### SATURDAY, APRIL 28

**Chicken 'n Biscuit Dinner**, Calvary United Methodist Church, Albany, 7 p.m. Reservations, 482-0486.

**Kids' Fare**, music, magic and stories for children and parents, Harmanus Bleecker Center, Albany, 2 p.m. For tickets, 482-2826 or Community Box Office.

**Double R Championship Rodeo**, 7-event competition and performance, RPI Field House, 2 and 8 p.m.

**Computer Users' Group Fair**, robot and personal computer demonstrations by corporate representatives, Schenectady County Library, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Free.

**"The Woman Within: The Importance of a Positive Self-Image"**, 2-part women's workshop, Cowee Hall, Russell Sage College, Troy, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. \$40 registration; information, 270-2319.

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**Schenectady Antique Radio Club**, meeting, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m.

**Sierra Club Auction**, raffle-sale, 196 Morton Ave., Albany, 1 p.m.

**Hope Chest Dinner**, fundraiser for multiple Sclerosis Society, Thruway House, Albany, 2 p.m. Reservations, 459-5118.

**Dachshund Club Competition Show**, held at Academy of Holy Names, New Scotland Rd., Albany, 2 p.m. judging.

#### MONDAY, APRIL 30

**Adirondack Wilderness Bike Trek Orientation**, for cyclists interested in American Lung Association's 180-mile fundraiser, Our Lady of Mercy cafeteria, Wilson Ave., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 459-4197.

**Colorectal Information Program for Seniors**, American Cancer Society representatives discusses do-it-yourself colorectal screening, 680 Central Ave., Albany, 10 a.m. Information and registration, 482-2120.

#### TUESDAY, MAY 1

**Parents Without Partners**, meeting for new members, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 438-8586 or 462-4712.

**Friends of the Library Discussion**, "Reflections of Love and Society" in Puccini, Mozart and Menotti operas, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

**"Next Step" Dinner Meeting**, for board of directors, Unlimited Feast, Albany, Information, 785-6123.

#### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

**Albany Symphony Orchestra Vanguard Preview**, with composer Charles Wuorinen and pianist Garrick Ohlsson, Albany Public Library, noon.

**Fund for Modern Courts Luncheon**, program on "Selection of Judges: How Will It Fit in With Court Merger?", Italian-American Community Center, Albany, noon-2 p.m. For \$6 reservations, 439-9597 or 439-4332.

#### THURSDAY, MAY 3

**Writers' Workshop**, discussion on researching and writing non-fiction, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

**"Dutch Mugs or Limner Fantasies"**, gallery tour at Albany Institute of History and Art, 12:10 p.m. Free.

**State Council for Children Conference**, 79 workshops over 3 days begin with wine and cheese party, "Children and Families" presentation by Matilda Cuomo, Albany Hilton Hotel, 5:30 p.m. Registration, 371-6382.

**Special Olympics Tribute Dinner**, coaches Ernie Steck and Ned Harkness honored, Empire State Plaza, Albany; for tickets, 370-4816.

#### FRIDAY, MAY 4

**"Hooked on Swing" Spring Gala**, CSR fundraiser with music by Larry Elgart Manhattan Swing Orchestra, College of St. Rose, Albany, 5:30 p.m. reception, 8 p.m. dinner-dance.



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# The message behind caring

All of us want to feel caring from and about certain special people in our lives. In most instances those people are family members, our children, our parents, our brothers and sisters, grandchildren and grandparents, aunts, uncles and cousins. Often there is a friend or two and a neighbor or two and a colleague or two from whom and about whom we care.

Yet, despite our needs and desires to have caring relationships, the caring itself frequently gets lost in whirlwinds of chores and errands, in chasms of silence and introspection, and in the jagged rocks of conflict and tension. At those times we either forget to care, feel unable to care, or are too angry or hurt to care. The danger is that we not only stop caring

## Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



The thought is expressed very well in the book *How To Be Your Own Best Friend* by Mildred Newman and Bernard Berkowitz. The authors remind us that the Bible urges us to love thy neighbor as thyself, not *instead of* or *better than* thyself. The idea is that when we love ourselves in all our fullness, which includes our needs to be loved by others,

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between us and our special people for that period of time, but we also stop the caring within us as well.

Caring is made of precious stuff that needs to flow in order to maintain its worth. Like well water, caring must be drawn and poured out to stay fresh and simulate new supplies; otherwise, it grows stagnant and stale. When we cease the giving and receiving of caring between those we love, even for short periods of time, we also cease much of the caring we give ourselves.

then we naturally reach out to others with the caring we have nurtured within ourselves. For if we do not develop the well of love inside us, then from where can we draw when we reach out to give love to others?

The message of caring is a simple one: "You are important to me. I will try to ease your pains. I want you to be happy." Any act, any word, any behavior that conveys this message conveys caring. Even when the act is rebuffed by the intended recipient, or it falls on deaf ears,

it is nonetheless caring, because sincere caring has the power to penetrate even the coldest stone or the deepest valley.

Many times in my life have I relieved a person for his or her distress by gently penetrating the guard or the darkness of that person with simple and straightforward caring: "You are important to me. I will try to ease your pains. I want you to be happy."

When I have been down in the depths of depression, my wife has come to me with caring, sometimes for days without response from me, and has simply been there with the message in her actions, her tone of voice, her touch: "You are important to me. I will try to ease your pains. I want you to be happy."

A friend of mine sent flowers, lovely spring flowers, to my family during a trying time. The message made us feel important to her, and it eased our pain and gave us a few happy moments that we wouldn't have otherwise been able to give ourselves.

Even our family dog upon seeing one of us in pain will come over, nudge us, lick our wounds and whine: "You are important to me. I will try to ease your pains. I want you to be happy." And if a dog can convey simple caring, so can we.

The extent of caring for each individual in our lives varies according to how much of our lives we share. Because families share such a large portion of daily life with each other, the caring must be of the greatest extent. Yet, as with young adults about to leave the family, that caring must deepen and yield to the self-caring that has led that young person to fly away. It is then that the statement "I want you to be happy" must translate to mean: "I trust you to be happy with others and with yourself." And the statement "I will try to ease your pains" must translate to mean: "I trust you will find others to ease your pains when you cannot ease them yourself." But always a family member can care by saying, "I will always be here to give you happiness and to ease your pains. I will always care."

## Pair charged in assault

Two area youths face misdemeanor charges of third degree assault after an incident last Wednesday on Salisbury Rd. in Elsmere. According to the Bethlehem police report, a resident saw one of the youths crouched near some vehicles parked in the driveway and went out to investigate. The youth reportedly attempted to flee, but was caught, and a fight ensued, which also involved the youth's companion. The resident was overcome by the two and they fled in a car, but not before their victim noted the license plate number. A Selkirk youth was later picked up at his home by police, as was an Albany suspect. Then were remanded to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$1,500 bail each. Their names were withheld by police because they are eligible for youthful offender status. The Elsmere resident told police his vehicle had been the target of thieves three times in recent months.

## An anniversary for Second Milers

The Second Milers will celebrate their 20th anniversary at a luncheon meeting on Wednesday, May 9, at noon at the Delmar First United Methodist Church. Carl Grimm, a Troy manufacturer and developer, will give a talk with slides on "The Longest Train Ride in the World: A Trip of 10,000 Miles From London to Hong Kong."

Charter members Millard Larkin, Jack Krause, Robert McNitt, Rev. Robert Thomas and Arthur Westfall will be honored, and past presidents will be introduced. Among the new officers to be installed are John Klim, president; Howard Gmelch, first vice-president; and Thurlow McWhinnie, second vice-president.

Membership in the Second Milers is open to all retired men in the Tri-Village area. There are no initiation fees or dues, and the group is non-denominational and apolitical.

For luncheon reservations, call Wayne Fry at 439-1871.

## Baby revived

A baby who had stopped breathing was resuscitated by a Bethlehem police officer Friday in Selkirk. Officer Marvin Koonz, Jr. arrived first at the scene after the Selkirk ambulance squad was called and was able to restart the baby's breathing and then administered oxygen, police said. The baby was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the ambulance squad and released later that day. Police said it was the seventh time in the two years since Bethlehem police have been receiving instruction in first aid and cardiopulmonary resuscitation that they have been able to make such a rescue.

## 'Southbound' in limelight

"Southbound," a country music group based in Voorheesville, played for "Alabama's" lead singer Randy Owen recently when Owen "stopped in at the Latham nightspot where "Southbound" was playing. Owen sang an earlier hit with the local band after his own group had performed at the RPI fieldhouse in Troy. "Southbound" members are Dave Burnham, Bob Kendall, Bob Kendall, Billy Montana, Dave Flint and Doug Bernhard.

## Slingerlands' egg hunt

Easter eggs will be rolled, hidden and, hopefully, found at the Slingerlands Fire Department's annual after-Easter egg hunt on Saturday, April 28, at 11 a.m. in the park next to the firehouse. Edible and inedible prizes will be awarded. Children of all ages are welcome to compete.

## CPR course scheduled

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department has scheduled a four-part CPR (Cardiopulmonary Resuscitation) course that will be held Wednesdays, May 2 to 23, from 9 a.m. to noon at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The classes are free, but registrants are required to buy the textbooks.

To sign up, call 439-4131 weekdays.



Darren Everleth, second from right, receives congratulations on earning the rank of Eagle Scout from County Legislator James C. Ross at Troop 58's Court of Honor. Mr. and Mrs. Richard Everleth, Darren's parents, look on. Darren, a senior at Bethlehem Central, has served as senior patrol leader. For his project, Darren organized and worked with a group of scouts to rebuild, refurbish and repaint the flower boxes used by the Delmar Garden Club to beautify the Four Corners and area businesses. Ross is a former scoutmaster of the troop. The troop is sponsored by the Blanchard Post, American Legion.

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## Ah, May! Vernal pyrexia and time to plant beans

MAY- When the soil warms up, plant bush and pole beans, corn squash and cucumbers. Harden-off tomatoes, peppers and eggplants for transplanting by the end of the month. Try some of the Royal Burgundy bush beans for something new in your garden. You pick them purple, and when you cook them they turn green, as if by magic. They can not be equaled for tenderness. An added good feature is that they seem to be impervious to cold and so can be planted two to three weeks earlier than other beans.

As you empty out the cold frame, start new batches of seeds for fall crops, like cabbage, broccoli, brussel sprouts, cauliflower or any other cold weather crops that catch your fancy. Put the young plants in your garden in mid-July.

When the soil is warm, sow seeds of marigold, zinnia, nasturtium and morning glory. For blossoms that open in the evening, plant moonflowers. Start perennials in the cold frame. Some to

consider are campanula, delphinium, shasta daisy and New England aster.

Old newspapers weighted down with stones make emergency covers for strawberry plants, should sudden frosts threaten the blossoms. Remember, here in the northeast, the last frost is expected May 30th, but it could even be later.

So, the winter dreaming and planting is behind us and the real work begins. If it sounds like a lot of work all at once, it is! But every effort is paid back in full with satisfaction, and the results we gain are delicious vegetables, beautiful flowers and succulent fruits! April and May are the hardest work. In June, July and August we can coast a little and brag a little about our beautiful garden. You will have Vernal Pyrexia (Spring Fever) for the rest of your life. There's no cure for the gardeners that have it. Spring will be in our life for ever!

Rae Kaplan  
Master Gardener

## Clinics shape up so-so soil

Master gardeners for the Albany County Cooperative Extension will perform soil tests and make recommendations for additives at a number of locations this month and next. Dates for soil testing are Thursday at Altamont Agway, Prospect Terr., Altamont, and Hewitt's Garden center, Rt. 20, Guilderland, both 2:30 to 4 p.m.; Saturday, April 28, Jeffers Nursery in Slingerlands from 10 a.m. to noon and Price-Greenleaf in Delmar from 1 to 3 p.m.

Also, Thursday, May 3, at Guilderland Garden Shopper on Carmen Rd. from 2:30 to 4 p.m. and Saturday, May 12, at the Bethlehem Town Garage, Delmar, from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m., during the town's Garden Day.

Soil for testing should be taken from several places in a garden from 2 to 3

inches below the surface. The samples should be mixed and dried, and about half a cup taken for the test.

### Mansion's mat out

Schuyler Mansion state historic site, the 18th century home of Revolutionary War Gen. Philip Schuyler, now is open to the public Wednesday through Saturday, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday, 1 to 5 p.m. Groups will be accommodated by appointment only by calling 474-3953.

The elegantly furnished Georgian mansion at 32 Catherine St. in Albany operated on reduced winter hours from January through March, when staff were able to perform maintenance, research and collections care projects. The mansion is one of the nine historic sites administered by the state Office of Parks, Recreation and Historic Preservation.

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Lack of sufficient light on seedlings is usually the biggest problem.

By growing garden flowers from seed, the home gardener can save money and have enough extra plants for trading with like-minded neighbors.

Depending on the species, annual flowers may be sown from now until the first week in May for transplanting after the last frost. With a hotbed or cold frame, you can start them sooner than the normal outdoor sowing date.

Cornell Cooperative Extension's Ernest F. Schaufler noted that garden-sown flower seeds usually grow and bloom better than those started indoors. Damping off of young seedlings is a frequent problem with plants started indoors at home.

Home-started seedlings should be hardened off before they are planted in the border bed or garden.

Schaufler, a professor emeritus in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, also cautions against using garden soils for starting seeds indoors. "They lack organic matter, and they are often infested with diseases and weeds."

Cornell's Schaufler says that a sterile soil-less mix, either purchased or mixed at home, is easy to work with and safer to use.

### Plant for future

Arbor Day will be observed in New York State on Friday, April 27th. On this day, school children and others will discuss the contributions of trees and



Warm weather and Easter Day brought many shoppers to local garden shops and florists last weekend, including these at Price-

Greenleaf in Delmar.

Tom Howes

plants to the beauty and economy of the state.

In Albany, a tree will be planted at the Governor's Grove at the executive mansion in honor of Gov. Averill Harriman. A sugar maple tree planted by Gov. Harriman and the late President Harry S. Truman on Arbor Day, April 25, 1958, stands on the mansion grounds near the grove.

In a proclamation issued for the day, Gov. Mario M. Cuomo said "Arbor Day

is a beautiful, symbolic event in New York State. On this day, we plant a tree to signify our hope and faith in the future. As the tree grows, it carries our aspirations for future generations."

The special day was the idea of a native

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Oils control insects by coating their bodies and eggs with a film that plugs respiratory mechanisms, causing suffocation. Control is especially successful during the egg stage because spray coverage is better when foliage is not present. Scales, mites and aphid eggs are especially susceptible to oil suffocation.

Certain plants are sensitive to oils and it is best to avoid using oils on these species. Oils can change the color of blue spruce.

Dormant oils are different from other oils commonly used around the home, such as motor oil, because they are especially prepared for use on plants and are

readily mixed with water. Dormant oils must be diluted with the recommended amount of water prior to application.

There are two chemical characteristics that are measured by the oil manufacturer to insure that the oil will not "burn" the plant. The first of these, viscosity, indicates the flow rate of thinness. It is measured in the number of seconds it takes a given amount of oil to flow through a standard device. When spraying fruit trees or ornamentals, a 60- to 70-second oil is commonly used. Light oils like these are much safer to use in plants than the older, heavier oils.

Purity is the second factor that should be considered when choosing an oil. This is indicated on the label as U.R. 92-97 percent. U.R. is an abbreviation for "unsulfonated residue" and describes the chemical process used to remove impurities from the oil. The higher the percentage of U.R., the safer the oil is for plants.



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Dormant oils will lower the initial insect population and may give adequate control of some insects pests throughout the growing season. Supplemental sprays should added as needed during the season.

# Gypsy moth alarm is over — for now

There will be no aerial spraying of other state-wide preventative action against Gypsy moths this year because the cyclical pest population is on a down curve.

"We don't expect much of a population in this area at all," says Beth Bergeron of Albany County Cooperative Extension. "But they'll be back again."

Gypsy Moths were a major problem in the Capital District in 1981 and 1982. Although individual preventative measures were stressed, the aerial spraying program became controversial in many areas. But the moth population appears to be following its normal cycle, which goes from periods of high to low concentration in the soace of a decade. Bergeron said Cooperative Extension is currently experimenting in Greene County with a new, non-chemical method of controlling the Gypsy Moth population with a growth-inhibiting agent.

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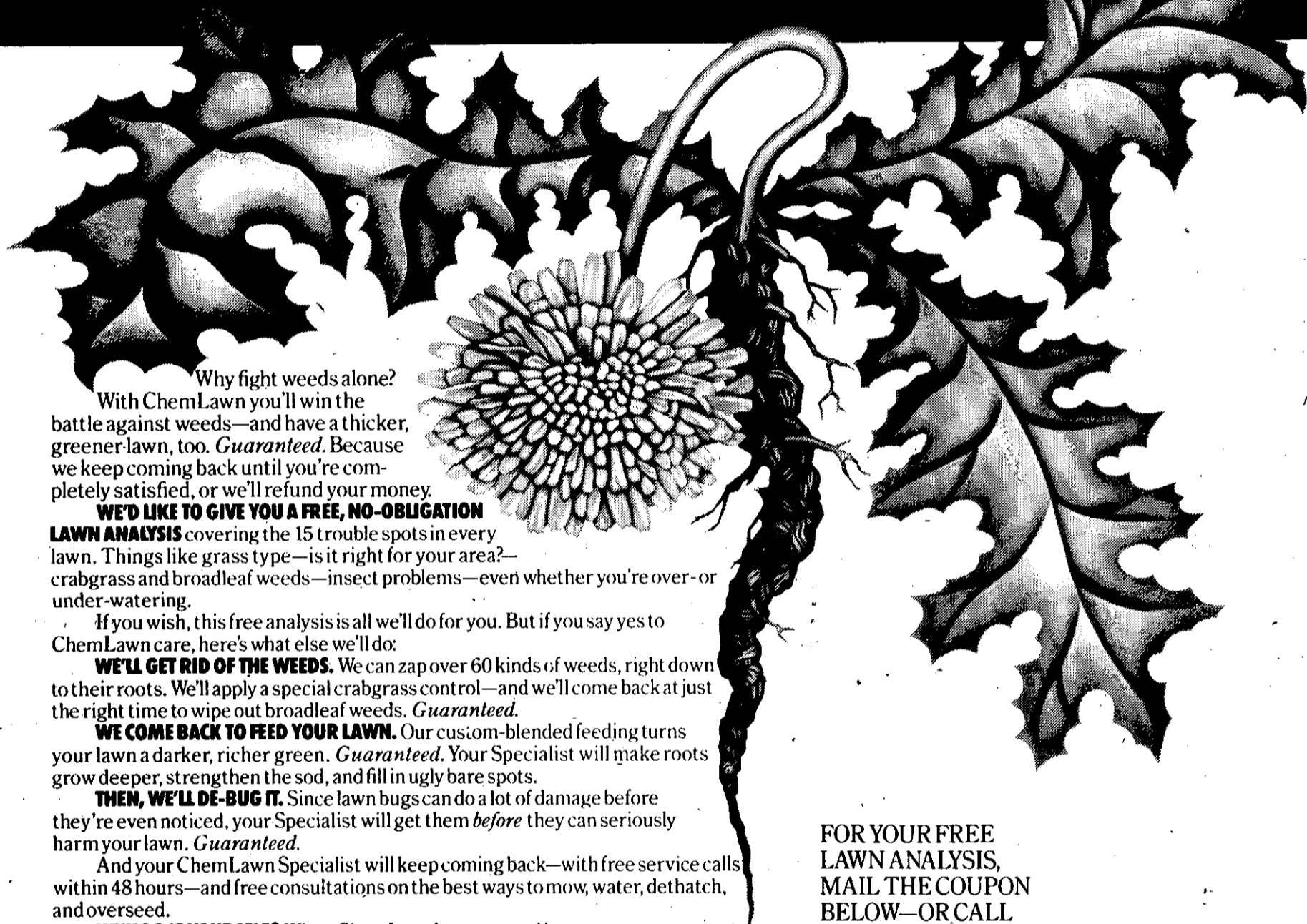
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The twinkle of little electric candle lights flickered from the deep-set windows of the Teunis Slingerland house in the twilight of a spring evening. They served to recall the days when candle flame was the only light the early settlers had to dispel the darkness of night in their sturdy Dutch style houses on the Onesquethaw flats above Feura Bush.

Teunis Cornelius Slingerland was born in 1617 and emigrated from Holland to New Netherland in 1650, settling for a time in Beverwyck (Albany). There he married Engeltje Bradt, daughter of Albert Andriessen Bradt, one of the early settlers on the Normanskill Creek. In the early 1660s, Teunis was in the woods behind Beverwyck and he spotted a fine tract of level land along the Onesquethaw Creek. Knowing a good piece of land when he saw it, he built a dwelling house and soon afterward established a mill on the falls of the creek in the vicinity where

*The house was unique, for in its style it is typical of the Dutch Colonial architecture built on the narrow city lots of early Albany and Schenectady, rather than in a country setting.*

today's Rt. 32 crosses the stream. In 1685 a deed for 9,784 acres was given to Teunis and his son-in-law, Johannel Apple, by three Mohawk chiefs of the Wolf, Bear and Turtle clans, as follows;

*"Sa-go-adi-och-qui-sa, To-ho-daa-we, Ro-jen-dre, Tap-in-dan-e-go, Ro-jon-now, So-ha-ayn-tow-ane, being empowered by all the sachems of the three races of the Maquees, and by On-i-gho-cen-da, one of the principal owners, for and*

## TIMES REMEMBERED

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*in consideration of the following goods, to wit, one piece of shirt, three casks of rum, three kettles, three shirts, hundred and fifty hands white wampum, and one bag of powder, sell, transport, convey, etc., to Teunis Slingerland and William Apple, his son-in-law, their heirs, etc., a certain tract of land lying on the north side of a certain creek called O-nits-quat-haa, to the westward of Albany, lying behind Norman's Creek, about sixteen miles into the woods . . ."*

Eugene Parks, the present owner of the home, and himself descended through the Slingerland family, has an interesting survey map of the property made in 1719. It includes such references as: "the great Fonyntain" (spring?) and "on to Schoharie through the Great Hill (Helderbergs)."

Portions of this land have come down to the present day in the Slingerland family and in 1762, another Teunis, grandson of the original settlers, built the house that is pictured with the story, located just a short way from the original house and mill site.

These sturdy walls and the fortress-like construction of the stone basement walls have sustained the house for over 200 years. Graceful wrought iron beam anchors in a fleur-de-lis pattern tie the heavy framing beams into the exterior walls.

The house is unique, for in its style it is typical of the Dutch Colonial architecture built on the narrow city lots of early

Albany and Schenectady, rather than the style of house that was usually erected in a country setting where land was plentiful. The house was sited so that its front entrance faced the Onesquethaw Creek and the old road running from the river settlement to those at the foot of the Helderbergs.

The main entry was in the gable end, and brought one into the keeping room, containing a large fireplace which was modified to its present appearance in the 19th century. This room also contains an original built-in cupboard with HL hinges and butterfly shelves. Some of the tiles of the fireplace hearth have the initials of TSL for Teunis Slingerland, and one had the brand of a running deer impressed upon its surface. From the keeping room it was possible to enter another room (present parlor), which also contained a large fireplace. The Parks have furnished this keeping room with early pieces, including a large spinning wheel, and wooden shoes and copper utensils stand beside the fireplace. The original yellow pine wide-board floors are beautifully refinished, adding a warm lustre to the antique rooms.

The narrow casement windows are a European feature that was found on nearly all early homes in this area, but these at the Slingerland house are only a few that have survived the ravages of modernization. Many original panes of glass still remain in the windows.

From the keeping room, steep stairs of the 18th century period lead down into what was originally a kitchen. Here slaves prepared the meals in the huge fireplace that still has the wrought iron crane from which big kettles and griddles were suspended over the coals. The chimney breast here is also panelled in pine and there is another built-in cupboard on the fireplace wall. Originally, a Dutch door opened to the yard from this kitchen, but now has been sealed. There are two casement windows that let in light and air. Huge beams, many of chestnut, add a rustic appeal to this colonial kitchen



Original entrance to Teunis Slingerland house, now facing away from main road. Gable ends are of brick, the sides of the house are of fieldstone, as is the massive foundation.

room and the same early beams are exposed in the other rooms and are in excellent condition. Also from the keeping room, one can ascend to the attic or second floor level, which originally consisted of one large open room that may have served as sleeping quarters, or as a place for drying and storing food in the winter months.

In the early years of the 19th century, major structural changes occurred. The fireplace was removed from the parlor room and the floor of that room was lowered 18 inches to conform to the floor height of a new large wooden addition attached to the Dutch structure. This addition consisted of a new front entrance, now facing the re-routed main road (Rt. 32), an entrance hall, dining room, large country kitchen and two small bedrooms on the main floor. Several bedrooms were located on the second floor of the addition. The new entrance hall ties the addition to the original two first floor rooms and an

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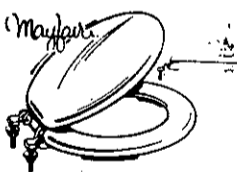
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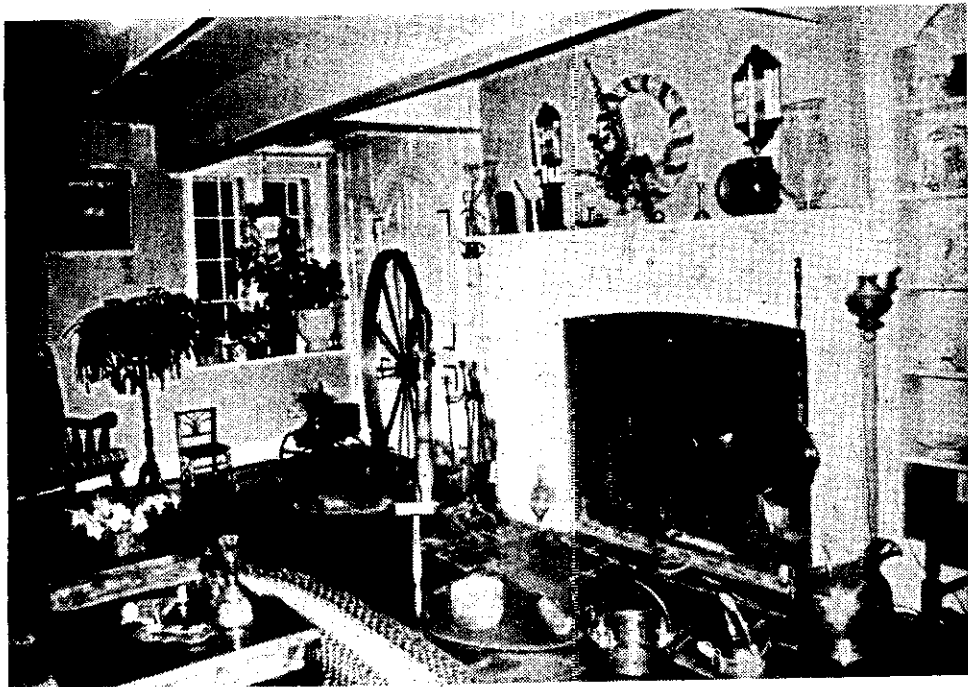
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A spinning wheel graces the living room of the original Teunis Slingerland house.

upstairs hall also joined the old attic area to the new sleeping rooms.

It is believed that about this time the original second floor was divided with a single board partition, as it still is, and another steep stairway, set at an acute angle, was installed to lead to a storage area overhead. The Parks have converted these two upstairs rooms in the older section into an attractive, large master bedroom and a study-den, replete with several pair of snowshoes and bunches of dried herbs and flowers hanging from the

giant beams. One of the bedrooms in the frame addition is attractively furnished as a guest room, and adding interest is a standing mannequin attired in a satin wedding gown, circa 1890, and the satin high button shoes that belonged to the bride (a Mrs. Stackpole) rest nearby.

Downstairs in the addition is a large dining room across the entrance hall from the original house. A very small antique iron stove stands along one wall, casting a warm glow through its sengless windows. Gene Parks laughingly remarks

that even though it is a "fake" fire, it makes one feel a little warmer just looking at it on a cold winter's night. Throughout the house many ingenious touches to add to the charm and liveability of the home, all attesting to the clever decorating talent of the vivacious Mrs. Parks. A corner cupboard in the dining room holds a fine collection of her blue china, and many evidences of the Parks' interest in antiques, as well as their own originality in displaying family heirlooms are abundant in each of the many rooms.

The Parks' love of the house is not at all dimmed by the fact that "spirits of the past are still here." There has been a vision of a black man in old-fashioned spectacles, standing beside the trunk at the foot of the bed. Possibly he was the ghost of some Slingerland slave of long ago. Also, visitors have had a definite sense of someone in a ghostly form preceding them up the stairs. Spirits of the past do indeed seem to inhabit this early home, lending to it a sense of time unbroken. Standing in the low-ceilinged keeping room, one the pegged floorboards in front of a blazing hearth, the determination and hardihood of these early Dutch pioneers and their love of land and home comes rushing upon the senses, sending one, in spirit at least, back across the centuries.

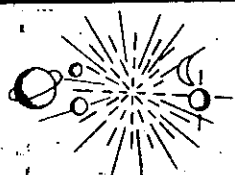


Built-in cupboard in keeping room of Slingerland-Parks house.

week. The break-in was discovered Sunday when the house was checked by relatives of the homeowner, who was away. Police said a rear door was pried open sometime between Wednesday and Sunday. It was not immediately known what was taken.

### Burglary probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at a home on Brockley Dr. last



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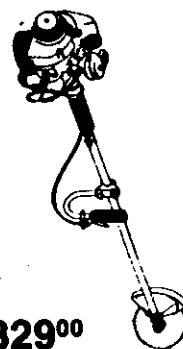
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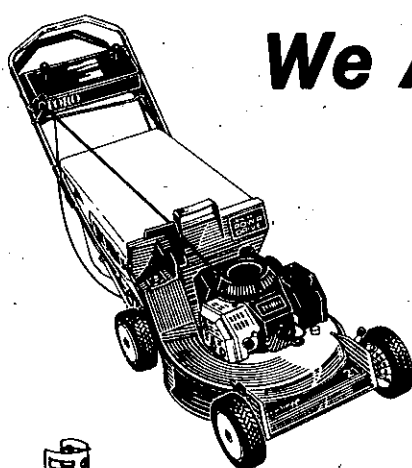


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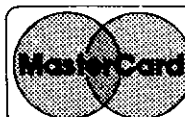
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# Counterattack against crabgrass

By Carolyn Steadman, Master Gardener

One of the most common questions homeowners ask is how to avoid the invasion of crabgrass into a lawn. Usually crabgrass becomes evident sometime in June or early July. At that point, the time of the most effective treatment has passed.

Crabgrass is an annual weed. That means that individual plants germinate from seed, grow, set seed and die, all in one growing season. The most effective control for crabgrass is to prevent seeds present in the lawn from germinating. A dense, healthy turf will reduce crabgrass invasion. A pre-emergent herbicide also can be used. The timing of the chemical's application is crucial to its success. The ideal time to apply the control is when forsythia is in mid-bloom.

Crabgrass seeds germinate when the soil temperature is between 52 and 55 degrees for two or three days in a row. The pre-emergent herbicide acts as a barrier on the soil, preventing the seeds from sprouting. The application of the chemical at the correct time prevents clumps of crabgrass in June. When using chemicals on the lawn, always read and follow the label directions.

The control for crabgrass will not affect broadleaf weeds in the lawn. A serious weed problem is generally indicative of a poor lawn maintenance program.

For more information on lawn main-



Tulips and daffodils push their way up in a Delmar yard.

tenance, contact the Cooperative Extension office.

## Counselor saluted

Warren D'Aprix of Delmar was cited

at a recent conference of the State Association of Two-Year Colleges in recognition of his work for the group. D'Aprix is a senior counselor at Hudson Valley Community College.

# Will lady bug stay at home?

Mother Nature's system of checks and balances of insect pest populations include the lady bugs, or more correctly, the lady bird beetle. The lady bug is a predator of other insects, particularly the slower-moving types — aphids, mites, and scale crawlers. The larvae and adult stages feed by devouring their prey.

Unfortunately, the reproductive capacity of these plantpests far outreaches the feeding capability of the predator lady bird beetle. Thus, although natural controls are in effect, plant damage will still result unless additional man-induced management practices are employed.

To supplement the natural lady bug population, home gardeners often obtain through mail order houses several thousand insects in pint or quart containers. The concept is valid, but the reality is that these beetles are in a migratory stage of development, and once dispersed, within a matter of hours have left "home" travelling many miles in all directions and providing little relief to the beleaguered plants at home.

Beth Bergeron

## Commencement honors

Pamela A. Osterhout has been named co-salutatorian for the 123rd annual commencement at the state University College at Oswego. She is the daughter of Raymond and Donna Osterhout of Delmar and is majoring in elementary education.

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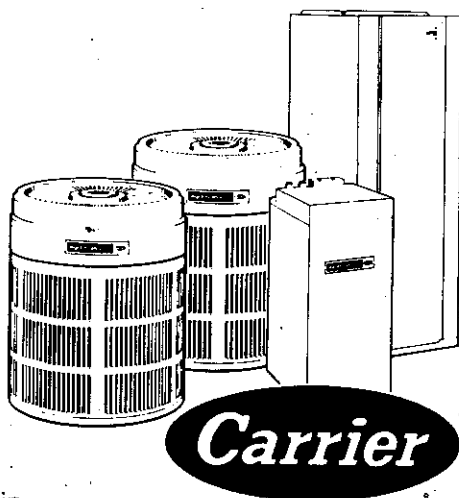
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When planning your landscape, remember that new plantings should be placed so they can develop and fill out.

And, generally, a planting is more attractive when there is some distinction between the plants in the bed.

### For outdoors teachers

Two environmental education workshops for teachers and youth leaders have been scheduled at the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar for Wednesday, May 2, at 3:30 p.m., and Saturday, May 5, at 10 a.m. They are an introduction to instructional techniques and resources in environmental education that are the fundamentals of teaching in the out-of-doors. Activity ideas that can be applied to traditional classroom subjects will highlight the in-depth examination of outdoor learning experiences. A brief orientation to the Five Rivers facility and services will also be included.

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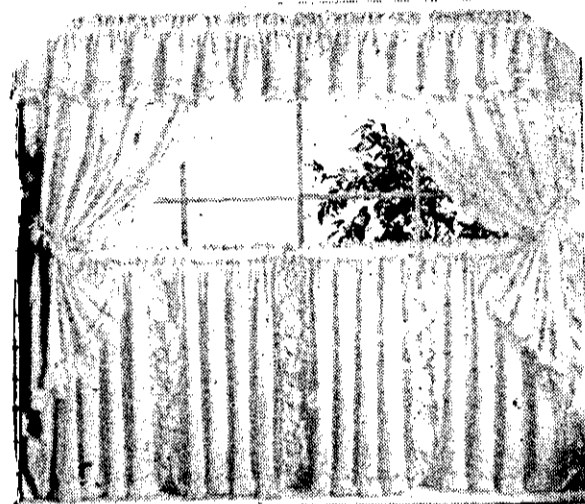
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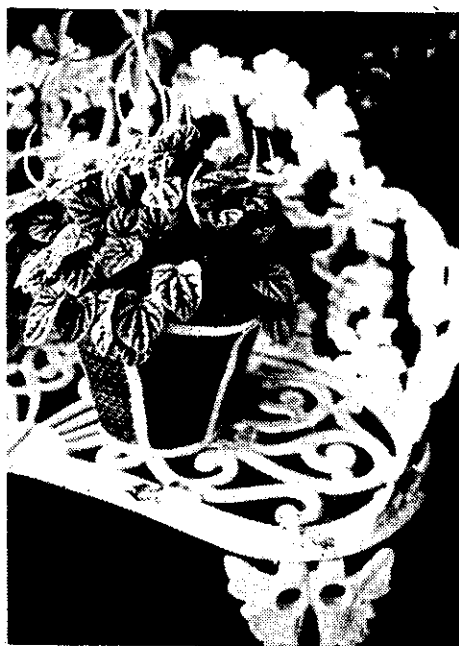
Ornamental grasses boast attractive foliage, interesting textures and attractive plant forms. Some cultivars have attractive flowers as well. They can be used for dried arrangements indoors, also.

In "Ornamental Grasses for the Home and Garden" (IB-64, 30¢), authors Mary H. Meyer and Robert G. Mower of

Cornell University state that at least 80 kinds of ornamental grasses are suitable for garden use. Most are perennial, they require only minimal care and maintenance, and are relatively pest-free.

Meyer and Mower note that perennial ornamental grasses may be used as ground covers, as specimen plants, in borders, and near ponds, streams, or in naturalized areas, as well as for novel garden effects.

In addition to keyed identification sketches, "Ornamental Grasses" lists a number of plant and seed suppliers. Copies may be obtained for 30 cents each from: Cornell Distribution Center, 7-OG research Park, Ithaca, N.Y., 14850.



## Laurels for freshman

George S. Gravelle of Delmar has been initiated into Purdue University's chapter of Phi Eta Sigma, a freshman scholastic honor society. Members have a grade-point average of 5.5 or above out of a possible 6.

## Talent for tulips

The Pinksterfest committee is looking for area vendors, non-profit organizations, musical groups and street performers for the 1984 Albany Tulip Festival's Pinksterfest Sunday, May 13 in Washington Park, Albany. The traditional spring festival, to be held from noon until dusk, rain or shine, features crafts, food, art, theater, music and dance.

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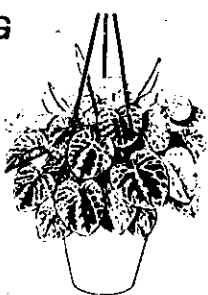
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Other lectures by extension specialists are planned May 10 at the Family Resource Center, 230 Green St., Albany, when the subject will be vegetable and container gardening, and May 15 at the Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., on planning a flower garden.

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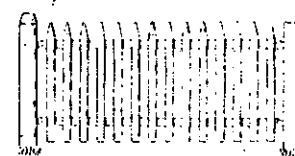
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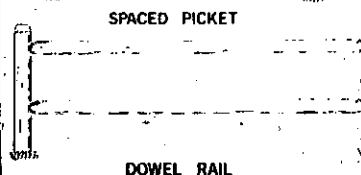


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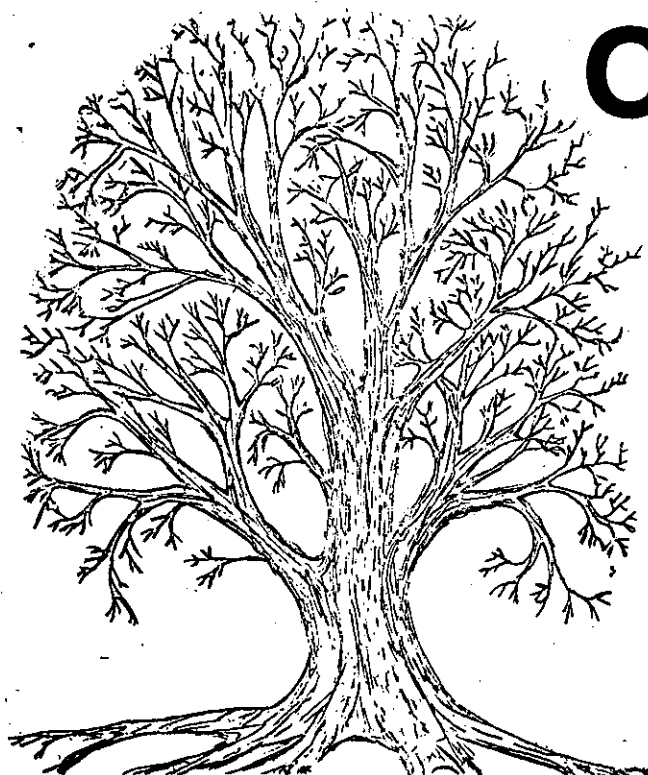
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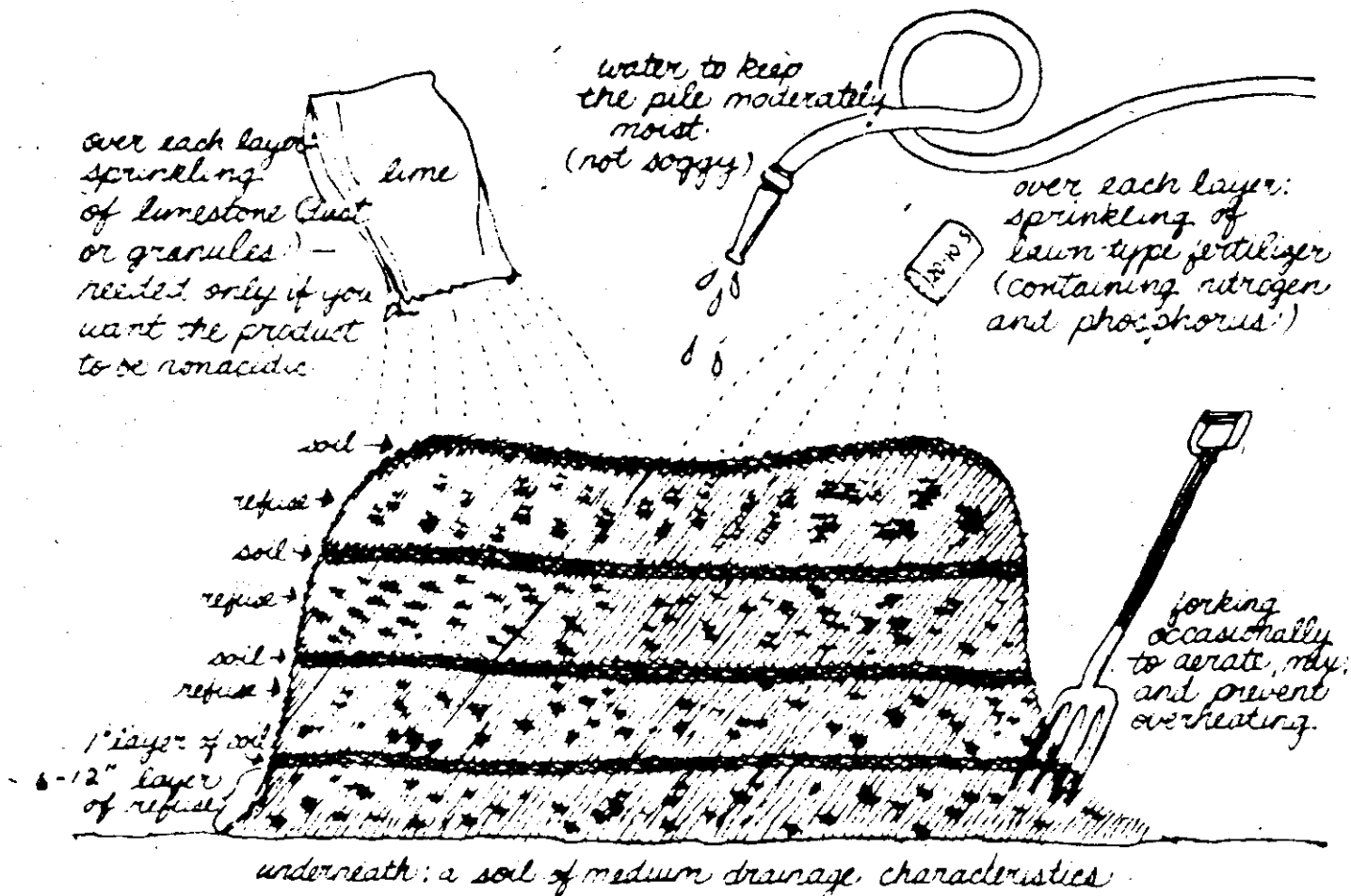
"Finding Your Roots in the Plant Kingdom," a four-part adult education course in the basics of botany, will be held this spring at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

The course will emphasize field work and will teach how to identify plants as well as introduce basic concepts in plant structure, reproduction and ecology. The course will meet on four successive Thursday nights from 7 to 9 p.m. beginning May 24. Registration, which is limited, will be accepted on a first-reply, first-served basis. The course fee is \$15 and is open to the public. No single-evening registration will be accepted.

Topics in the course include plant identification, plant evolution, classification, photosynthesis and reproductive strategies. For information, call the center at 457-6092.

## New Scotland cleanup

The Town of New Scotland has proclaimed the week of April 30 to May 4 as its annual Spring Clean-Up Week. The refuse collection district includes all of New Scotland, barring the Village of Voorheesville. Brush should be tied up and no longer than four feet for handling convenience.



## The ins and outs of compost heaps

Organic matter is an essential component of good soil. It improves soil tilth by the aggregation of soil particles, increases the water holding capacity of the soil, and through decay, releases nitrogen and other plant nutrients for plant use. In the home garden, this organic matter may be supplied as manure or compost.

Building a compost site is not an exact process. Composting is essentially a disintegrating process in which the structure of the organic materials is broken down by decay caused by the action of bacteria and fungi, with a considerable loss of bulk. Many persons are reluctant to have a compost pile since they associate decomposition of organic matter with the giving off of offensive odors. A compost pile, properly constructed, is practically odorless.

The first step is to make a layer of plant refuse about 6 to 12 inches thick. The size of the pile should be planned so that at least 4 to 5 layers can be made from the materials available.

A commercial fertilizer of some readily available formula such as 10-10-10 or 5-10-5 is spread on each layer at the rate of one half pound or one cupful to each ten square feet. This promotes decay and makes the resulting compost more valuable.

Sprinkling a few shovelfuls of garden soil over each layer will make sure that the decay organisms are present.

A light layer of lime added to each layer prevents the decaying material from becoming too acid, and provides a more favorable condition for bacterial action. The amount of lime used is not enough to produce an alkaline reaction, and so the compost may be used for plants that need an acid soil.

It is important that the material be moist enough to encourage decomposition. As the pile is built, each layer should be watered, and the entire pile should be watered in dry weather. The completed pile should have a depression on top of it to catch the rain.

As more material becomes available, more layers with lime and fertilizer are put on until the pile is four to five feet high. Large piles built up all at once may heat rather quickly inside. The high temperature is often sufficient to kill many disease and insect pests.

After two or three months, it is desirable to turn over the compost pile. This will help to aerate it and to mix the materials at the outside of the pile with those on the inside and speed up total decomposition. During the summer, useable compost can be made in four to five months. Compost made in the fall requires a longer time. The nature of materials used also affects the time of decomposition — soft green plant material decomposes more quickly than dried leaves.

The resulting compost can be used as a mulch, incorporated in flower beds dug into the vegetable garden, or used in any way that: peat or rotted manure would be used in the landscape. Home composting is an efficient and practical way of utilizing garden refuse.

## Find the wildflowers

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will host a free guided nature walk to search out spring woodland wildflowers on Saturday, May 5, at 2 p.m. "The Brightest Blossom" program will combine natural and oral floral history. Call the center at 457-6092 for information.

## Help during change

\* People in Transition, Inc., a support group for people involved in separation or divorce, meets Tuesday evenings at Christ Church, United Methodist, at 35 State St. in Troy. Meetings begin at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 766-3526.

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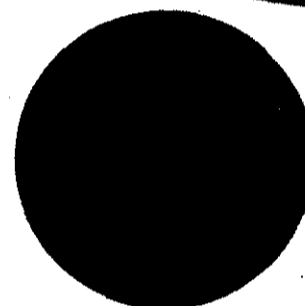
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# Substance group focuses on prom time

Meeting for the first time since the conclusion of the well attended series on alcohol the Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee has formulated plans for upcoming activities sponsored by the group.

According to committee chairman Phil Joyce, this is the time of the year of much concern to the group. With proms and graduation parties coming up, plus summer vacation, which gives students much leisure time, the committee feels special attention to the possible problems is in order.

To focus attention on these situations, the group plans to include an open letter to parents in the next *Helderbarker* encouraging after-the-prom parties thus discouraging after-the-dance drinking and driving. Also mentioned was a program similar to the successful "Tuxedos and Taxis," which provides teens with a safe way home after a night of partying, but due to legal and logistical problems the idea has been tabled until next year.

Other actions planned by the group include a resource sheet of organizations and people available for counseling and information. The list will be included in the final issue of the *Helderbarker* scheduled for June, as well as a newsletter informing residents of the activities of the newly formed group.

The committee is also encouraging churches to address the problem of substance abuse by holding an event on a chosen weekend in June, and are looking into the formation of a support group dealing with the questions and frustra-

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



tions that come with the abuse of alcohol and drugs.

In attendance at the meeting was Kathy Provencher, director of the PET (Prevention, Education and Treatment) Program of Albany County, who will be working with and advising the group in the future.

### Library a busy place

Spring is sprung and all sorts of uplifting activities are popping up at the Voorheesville Public Library. On Saturday, May 5, officers from the sheriff's department will be at the library from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. to conduct a fingerprinting clinic for children. Deputy Richard Vore and Sgt. Mark Stevens will be on hand to fingerprint any child accompanied by a parent. Personal identification cards will be given to parents and each child will receive a junior deputy sheriff's badge. Children of all ages are welcome to come along with their parents to take advantage of this free service.

Also in May the library will present the popular course on "Sitting Safely." The course, which explains the whys and how-to's of babysitting, is presented by the Guilderland Police Department in conjunction with the Voorheesville PTSA and library, and is open to anyone 12 or older. It will be presented on three

consecutive Monday afternoons, May 7, 14 and 21, at 3:30 p.m., with several area mothers, their babies and pre-school children attending as special guests on May 14. Those interested in participating in this informative course may sign up by stopping at the library or calling 765-2791.

### Album winners announced

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson has announced the winners in the "Win Your Favorite Album Contest" held during National Library Week at the library. With all the votes counted the five most popular albums among area teens are *Thriller*, the soundtrack from the movie *Footloose*, *Defenders of the Faith*, *Synchronicity* and *7 and the Ragged Tiger*. Copies of these albums have been ordered and will soon be added to the library's record collection.

Five area winners were selected in a random drawing. The lucky teens who will receive a copy of their favorite album are Amy White, Joe Kraemer, Dee Gobeille, Cathy Dugan and Chris Biernacki.

A final reminder that the library will show a movie on Friday, April 27, at 2 p.m. At that time children of all ages are invited to see *Pippi Longstocking*.

### Craftshow and flea market

The Ladies Auxiliary of the New Salem Fire Department will hold their annual craft show and flea market on Saturday, May 5, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

at the firehouse in New Salem. Table space is still available for those interested in selling items. Anyone wanting to reserve space or obtain information may contact Judy Shear at 765-4334.

### Planning for scout camp

For many area Girl Scouts summer means camp time! The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council will again offer area scouts a chance to participate in overnight camping programs at Little Notch and day camp in Ishoda. This year girls in the Voorheesville area will be picked up and transported to the day camp in East Greenbush during the weeks of July 2-6 and 9-13. The bus arrives and departs at the Voorheesville Methodist Church.

Parents and interested scouts are invited to an informational meeting concerning both camps to be held on Tuesday, May 1, at the Sand Creek Junior High School in Colonie at 7 p.m.

### Kiwanis leagues start play

To area youngsters spring means baseball and softball. The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland announces that their yearly grasshopper baseball and softball leagues will begin the week of April 30. Coaches will be contacting players before that time with team assignments and schedules. The program, which concludes in mid-June, is being supervised this year by Mike Lancor, Jim Ryan and Ron Mahalik.

### Soccer teams forming

Good news for soccer players: the New Scotland Soccer Club will hold formal registration for all residents of the town on Wednesday, May 2, from 7 to 9 p.m. and on Saturday, May 5, from 9 to 11

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The new club is attempting to form teams in the under-19, under-16, under-14 and under-12 age groups, who will participate in the Capital District Youth Soccer League this summer from June 1 to Aug. 1. Parents must register the player and provide a copy of the child's birth certificate and a school-size photo of the player. A registration fee of \$35 is required at time of registration. For information call Jim Hladun at 765-4241 or Don Belcer at 765-4550.

#### Church supper in New Scotland

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church will hold its annual spring roast beef dinner on Saturday, May 5, beginning at 4:30 p.m. The cost of the meal featuring home-baked pies is \$5.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, with tickets being available at the door.

Also at the church during the dinner will be several booths featuring baked goods, candy, plants and homemade articles, many of which are appropriate for Mother's Day. For information contact Evelyn Fuglein at 765-2065 or Dorothy Kohler at 765-2931.

#### Town historian to speak

The New Scotland Historical Association will meet on Tuesday, May 1, in the old New Salem schoolhouse at 8 p.m. At that time town historian Robert Parmenter will speak on "New Scotland: Then and Now," contrasting the town's early history and pictures of the present.

## McKenna, Zongrone seek new terms

This year's school district annual vote on May 9 finds two of the district's seven school board seats up for grabs. But the incumbents are sure to keep their seats since no other district resident filed a petition.

Seeking his second term but first full five-year term is John Zongrone, 51, of Scotch Pine Dr., Voorheesville. Zongrone was first elected in 1980 when the school board increased its membership from five to seven representatives.

Married, Zongrone and his wife, Rose Mary, have graduated several children from the district and have two, John and Amy, still in the system. Zongrone owns the John R. Zongrone Insurance Co. in Schenectady.

Board president John McKenna, 45, of Old Road, New Salem, will seek his second full term. A 1960 graduate of Notre Dame University, McKenna is director of the state Civil Service Department's Division of Examinations and Staffing Services. McKenna and his wife Mary have seen two children graduated from Voorheesville Central Schools, and have two, Sharon and Dan, in the high school. Another son, Matthew, is a pre-schooler.

"We've made some real progress...in the level of understanding and trust between the board, administration and community," said McKenna, adding that



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the district was entering an important period in its history. Three separate factors have converged a leadership change at the elementary school due to retirements, the need to satisfy Regents Action plan requirements, and, for the "next three to four years," a declining student population.

"We'll look hard at our programs," he said "to maintain the quality of education" in the district.

On a spring vacation, Zongrone was unavailable for comment.

Polls will be open from 2 to 9:30 p.m. in the foyer at the junior-senior high school.

Tom Howes

#### Church window hit

A stained glass window at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave. was broken Friday morning when an unknown object went through a storm window. The cost of repair was not immediately determined.

A directory of popular restaurants recommended for family dining in the immediate area within easy driving distance of Bethlehem and New Scotland.

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# Complete game sparks Bethlehem

All of a sudden the dreary outlook of Bethlehem Central baseball has undergone an abrupt turnaround. Whether the resurrection is momentary, temporary or seasonal may be determined by the events of the current week, when three more games are on tap.

Regardless of what happens against Columbia on Monday, Saratoga today (Wednesday, 1 p.m.) or Friday at Mohonasen, last week's 13-1 thrashing of Gunderland is indelibly on record. Not only is the score memorialized, but also the method in which it was fashioned — a 6-hit route job by Steve Mendel, some timely hitting and, *mirabile dictu*, an errorless performance afield.

It is not Art Ritchko's style to dance and shout with joy, but the veteran mentor was, for him, effusive in his praise. "We had pretty good pitching by Mendel," he said. "He pitched the whole game and only walked two. And we didn't make any errors."

No one, including Ritchko, could remember the last time a BC pitcher had gone the full 7-inning distance in a Suburban Council game. The school's baseball fortunes have been depressed for many years — last year the team won only once in 15 outings. This year BC was 1-2 going into this week's skirmishes.



Steve Mendel

The Eagles got a run in the first-inning on a bases-loaded fly by Jim Dering, and three more in the second. Mike Cronin followed a pair of walks with a two-run double to right, and when Kevin Roohan singled, it was 4-0 Bethlehem. In the fifth the Eagles got seven runs with nobody out on three hits, a couple of walks, a hit batsman and an error.

Mendel, a junior lefthander, permitted only six hits, one of them a double, and kept the ball around the plate. He gave up only two walks, low for a high school game, and fanned one.

Meanwhile his teammates were producing eight hits, two of them doubles. Roohan was 3-4.

This is vacation week, always a problem for coaches, but Ritchko said over the weekend he didn't expect any defections this year. "As far as I know, everybody will be here," he said.

Mendel is certain to get another start, either in the rescheduled meeting with Columbia or today's contest with Saratoga, both at home. Ritchko also wants to get a look at Richard Keefe, a junior right-hander who pitched for the Jayvees last year. He is saving Howard Thompson, a tall senior rightie with good breaking stuff, for warmer weather. Meanwhile, he may try several others on the slab.

"We could throw anyone," said Ritchko.

Nat Boynton

## Rain delays Blackbirds

By Mike Larabee

Following let-downs, cancellations and poor weather, the Voorheesville varsity baseball team has nothing to show for last week but two scrimmages and a soggy field. Rain and the condition of the Blackbirds' home diamond forced postponement of three regular season games, two of them Colonial Council contests, running the number of games cancelled or pushed back to 10.

The practice games were in the form of a twin bill against Gloversville on Saturday. Coach Jerry Gordinier took the opportunity to give the rusty Blackbirds a workout against live pitching and hitting. Juniors Brian Rubin, Kevin Conley and Tom Wright and sophomore Bill Kelly were tested on the mound and worked several innings each. Also, Conley, catcher John Ryan and Rubin gave strong performances at the plate.

Despite the fact that Voorheesville lost both games, the experience should help the team.

This week, weather permitting, the Blackbirds have ample opportunity to prove themselves. They were scheduled to play Albany Academy Monday, Scotia Tuesday, Watervliet today (Wednesday) Ravena Friday and Gloversville Saturday.

The Cadets, in need of a victory, were expected to start ace Dmitri Yavis in hopes of defeating the slumping Blackbirds. Gordinier planned to counter with lefthander Jerry McNamara, who worked three strong innings in the Gloversville doubleheader. In the non-league contest with Scotia, Rubin or Conley was scheduled to start, saving senior Frank Baker for the league game at Watervliet.

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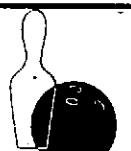
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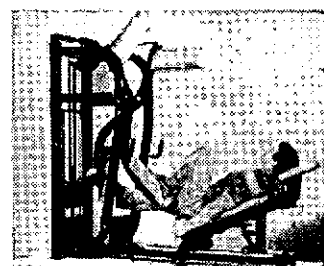
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Thurs., April 26			
Fri., April 27	Track, Boys, Penn. Relays, Away	Baseball, Ravena, Away 11:00 Tennis, Lansingburgh, Home 11:00	Tennis, Mechicv. at Shen. Away 3:30 Baseball, Voorheesville, Home 11:00
Sat., April 28	Track, Boys, Penn. Relays, Away Track, Boys & Girls, Gloversville Invit. Away Softball, Cath. Central, Away 7:30	Baseball, Gloversville, Away 11:00 Track, Boys, Draper Invit. Away 11:00	
Mon., April 30	Baseball, Saratoga, Away 3:45 Softball, Columbia, Away 3:45	Baseball, Cohoes, Home 4:00 Softball, Waterford, Away Tennis, Watervliet, Home	Tennis, Lansingburgh, Home 3:30 Track, Girls, Cohoes, Away 4:00 Softball, Watervliet, Home 4:00 Baseball, Waterford, Home 4:00
Tues., May 1	Tennis, Gunderland, home 3:45 Track, Boys, Saratoga/Burnt Hills, Home 3:45 Track, Girls, Sch. Invit. at Mont Pleasant, Away	Baseball, Johnstown, Away 4:00 Track, Boys, Alb. Academy, Away 3:30 Track, Girls, Mont Pleasant Invit. Away, 3:00	Track, Boys, Schalmont/Waterford, Home, 4:00

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### A few good finishes

Several sterling performances were not enough to save Bethlehem Central's track team from losing both ends of a double-dual last week and from a lowly finish in Saturday's Ravena Invitational.

Competing against seven other schools, Paul Montanus was Bethlehem's only first-place winner at the Ravena meet, capturing the 2-mile in 10:48.3. Albany High won the meet with 127 points, with Linton, Troy High, Ravena, Albany Academy and Lansingburgh following. BC was seventh with 16 points, and Catholic Central trailed with 2.

In the three-way session with Columbia and Niskayuna in Delmar Thursday, the Eagles won only the 1,400-yard relay with a combination of McGarahan, McAllister, Dunmore and Ochsner. The Eagles were outpointed by Columbia, 115-56, and by Niskayuna, 112-62.

#### Local swimmers cited

Two of the area's top scholastic swim champions have earned further honors in regional and national competition with the Mercersburg (Pa.) Academy swim team, long a power in the tank. Janet Shaffer, a former Bethlehem Central standout, was awarded the Finlay Vanderveer Trophy, given each year to the swimmer who exerts the greatest positive influence on his or her teammates.

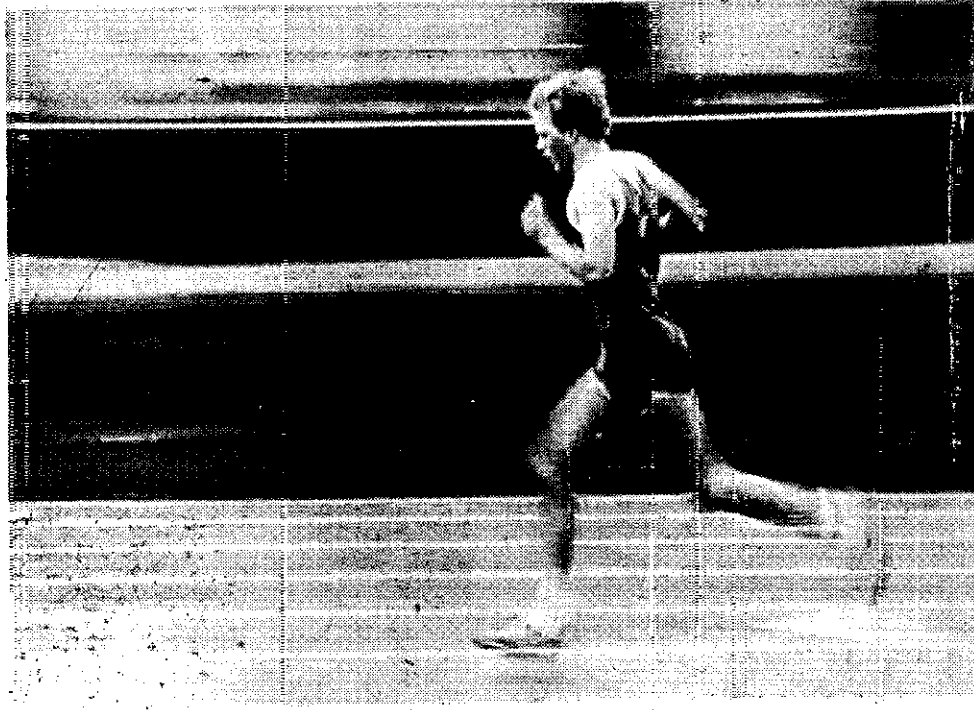
Both she and Dirk Applegate of Voorheesville won individual championships at the Eastern Interscholastics, Shaffer winning the 50-yard freestyle in 24 seconds flat and Applegate the 100 free in 46.9.

Shaffer also was a member of the Mercersburg 400-yard freestyle relay team that set a new national record of 3:29.23 at the Easterns. Applegate swam a leg in the boys' 400 free relay, which Mercersburg won in 3:02.2.

Shaffer is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William E. Shaffer of Oldox Rd., Delmar. Applegate is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry R. Applegate of Depot Rd., Voorheesville.



Peter Nelson, Bethlehem Central miler, left and above, clipped four seconds off his personal best time in finishing third in the 1600-meter event in a double-dual Suburban Council track meet in Delmar Thursday. Nelson, a senior, was clocked in 4 minutes



52.7 seconds against Columbia High and Niskayuna. On the cover: Jon McAllister takes off after receiving the baton from Brian McGarahan in the 400-meter relay, the only event BC won. Tom Howes

## 2 local races on tap

#### Blue Cross is Sunday

The sixth annual road race sponsored by Blue Cross of Northeastern New York is on the docket for Sunday, April 29. Runners in both the 15-kilometer and 5.6-kilometer races will start at noon from the Blue Cross building at Rt. 85 and New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. The shorter route will go down Rt. 85 to the Tollgate, left on Kenwood and left again on Cherry Ave. back to Blue Cross. Runners in the 15-kilometer race will cover a route leading past Tollgate to Upper Font Grove Rd., right on Krumkill Rd. to Blessing Rd., with a dash through the Meadowbrook apartment complex before hitting Blessing again and then Rt. 85 back to Blue Cross.

Dan Colacino, race director, said a big turnout is expected for Classic '84. The first 1,600 entrants will receive training shirts, and the top three finishers in a number of age divisions will receive awards. A special award will be given to the spouses with the best combined time.

Proceeds from the event will go to the New York Special Olympics, Inc., benefiting handicapped competitors. For information, call 447-8306.

#### Mothers Day in Delmar

Women and girls who are joggers are encouraged to enter the fourth annual Owens-Corning Mother's Day Race. The informal 3½-mile run through a residential section of Delmar will take place on Sunday, May 13, at noon.

The annual event for women and girls always attracts a crowd of runners of all ages and speeds. Novice runners who can run 3½ miles are especially welcome.

The race will start and finish at the Hamagrael School, McGuffey La., Delmar. It will be directed by members of the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club.

The \$3 entry fee includes French-cut T-shirts for the first 200 entrants and participation in a random drawing for restaurant gift certificates and other gifts.

Age-group awards will be given to the

three top novice runners in each of ten categories.

Mother-daughter running teams will also be eligible to compete for awards.

Separate shorter races for children will also take place free of charge. Ribbons will be awarded to all finishers of the children's races.

For information of entry forms, call Kathy at 456-0663 or Diane at 455-2754.

#### Cycle for a cause

A bike-a-thon that will benefit the Capital District American Diabetes Association is scheduled for Sunday, May 6, from 1 to 5 p.m. Participants are to collect pledges from sponsors and check in at any number of checkpoints. Prizes include 10-speed bicycles and a microcomputer, and all participants will receive McDonald's coupons. For information, call the association at 869-0157. Sponsor sheets are available at schools and local McDonald's restaurants as well as from the association.

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# □ On the public's side

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the 10 years since the Freedom of Information Act came into being has been to enhance the public's rights and improve the government's accountability. No mean task, as both government and its appetite for information have grown. At the same time, Freeman has had to counter the tendency of bureaucrats and public officials at all levels to ignore or frustrate application of the laws. Sometimes "bureaucrats may withhold records," Freeman said, "because the records are more important in their eyes than reality dictates." In other cases, such as a Love Canal or an automobile defect, reality dictates that the public know.

In the arena of public meetings, attempts also have been made to frustrate the intent of the law. Freeman recalls that in the months following the advent of the Open Meetings Law in 1977, the big question was, What is a meeting? To avoid what they anticipated would be an undesirable degree of public attention, public bodies across the state began to hold what they called work sessions,

prompting Freeman's office to advise that work sessions, too, were covered by the law. When the issue reached the state Court of Appeals, the court agreed with Freeman that a public meeting is taking place any time a quorum of a public body convenes to conduct public business, whether or not it intends to take action.

"When the laws went into effect," Freeman said, "the fear in government was that hordes of people would be requesting records and attending meetings. The reality is that people don't, unless an event in their lives makes it necessary."

"What is important is that the laws are there to be used."

For Freeman, the news media plays a special role in use of these laws: "They act as the eyes and ears of the public, and they must avoid being intimidated when the public would be. The media have a special responsibility."

Freeman, too, has a special responsibility. "Few public officials have as much

independence as I do," he said, "and it has been crucial to the effectiveness of these laws." He is careful to preserve that independence: "I don't want to know the politics behind the question," he says.

The questions have been many. Freeman's office, which is in the state Department of State building on Washington Ave. in Albany, last year fielded nearly 6,000 queries about the open government law and he wrote almost 600 advisory opinions. In 95 percent of the cases in which an opinion he wrote has been cited, Freeman noted, the courts have agreed with it.

With some 10,000 units of government, both state and local, covered by the laws, the number of calls is perhaps not surprising. But it is worth noting where they came from. Nearly 30 percent of the queries last year came from the public, with the news media providing 25 percent. State agency officials and local government officials each created about 20 percent of the business for Freeman's office, with state legislators and commercial interests making up the remainder. The committee's records show that most of the inquiries are generated by the Freedom of Information Law, chiefly because of the quantity of records state and local government agencies maintain.

These records are the nub of the new Personal Privacy Protection Law. It is indeed fitting that the law will go into effect in 1984, Freeman said, because, thanks to the computer revolution, "what used to be fantasy may be real." Computerization has made it possible not only gather and store masses of personal information, but also to gain instant access to it — in some cases, unauthorized access.

"With today's technology, the room may be locked, but the information might nonetheless be accessible," Freeman wrote in his 1983 annual report. The privacy protection law "was not as necessary 10 years ago, when we kept all records in filing cabinets," he said. "But with computer technology, it is much more significant."

Computer matching of government lists is not permitted under the privacy protection law without statutory authority. In the case of recipients of welfare payments and unemployment insurance benefits, for example, the legislature has granted that authority. Freeman noted that at the moment there is no central computer at the state or local level that can put together all the personal information collected about an individual.

Before the Personal Privacy Information Law was written, Freeman's office surveyed all state agencies to determine what records they maintain from which personal information can be obtained. (Local governments and the judicial branch of government were excluded). The survey uncovered 1,776 "systems of

## The public's right to know

The Freedom of Information Act (1974) provides for public access to government records. This law made it possible for the public to learn of the insidious pollution at Love Canal, for one example. The Open Meetings Law (1977) requires that meetings of public bodies be open to the public, with several specific exceptions, and the Personal Privacy Protection Act (1984) governs records that contain personal information, including provisions allowing an individual to correct these records. The privacy act governs only state agencies; the FOIA and Open Meetings Law cover both state and local units of government.

records" containing personal information, with nearly 11,000 different categories, such as date of birth or Social Security number. Freeman notes that an individual might appear in a number of systems of records. He, for example, is identified as a public employee, a member of a retirement system, married, a licensed driver, a registered voter, a payer of taxes and so forth.

The questions guiding the survey included how an individual can gain access to records concerning himself, how he can amend or correct these records, why the records are kept, to what agencies or individuals they are regularly disclosed, and the sources of the information in those records. It was found that with respect to 43 percent of the records, regular disclosure is made to other agencies or individuals; in some, but not all of these cases, the disclosures may be merely statistical, with no personal identifiers.

Among other findings from the survey was that virtually half of state records contain personal information collected from a third party. This may be something as innocuous as a college transcript — or it may not. "The bureaucracy is a great collector of information," Freeman observed. "Do they really need your mother's maiden name?" So the privacy law allows collection of only "relevant and necessary information to a purpose of the agency authorized by law."

In cases where an individual may wish to correct information, if the agency disagrees with the correction, the information stands, although the individual may include a statement that will accompany the information any time it is shared. The law, Freeman believes, "will require state agencies to raise their

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consciousness about issues of privacy."

While his job is ringed about with "theretos" and "hereinafters," Freeman himself is pretty straightforward. His perspective on the laws he oversees is that they "are based on nothing more than common sense." Concerning public records, he advises reporters to adopt the approach that "you have to give it to me unless you can prove you don't have to." Concerning public meetings, he recently told a gathering of reporters, "If you sue under the Open Meetings Law, you might win, but you might not win anything" — the meeting will long since have been adjourned. One of his recommendations to the legislature is that the Open Meetings law be amended to allow for fines on individual members of a public body that violates the law (as Connecticut law now provides). "Some people in government," Freeman declares, "are beyond embarrassment."

Concerning contract negotiations such as have embroiled the Bethlehem Central School District and its teachers, Freeman said, "Opening up negotiations would probably identify the clowns and the ridiculous demands at the start." However, discussing negotiations in public might violate the Taylor Law as an unfair negotiating practice, he added.

## Art work at Egg

Illustrations by 12 Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School pupils are among those chosen to be projected during this weekend's performances of "The Frog Prince" at the Egg in Albany. The originals will be displayed in the lounge of the main theater. Contest winners from RCS are Randy Beach, Erin Blakesley, Candace Burgess, Aaron Dinardi, Jennifer Finch, Kristina Frati, Lori Friday, Taryn Gillen, Gina Libertucci, Joan Marie Nunziato, Shilpa Shah and Tyler Thayer. Art work by Richie Bruno and Kathy Coons received honorable mention.

## BC students travel abroad

By Damon Woo

Many students at Bethlehem Central High School planned a week of idleness this week, their spring vacation. But for one group of BC students, the week means an experience in foreign travel and excitement.

Thirty members of the British literature and advanced placement European history classes are on a week-long trip to England. The purpose of the trip is to give the students an opportunity to enrich their education by experiencing firsthand many of the places they have heard about for the past year. Chaperones are Mr. and Mrs. John Karl and Mr. and Mrs. Lowell Roberts. Karl teaches the history class and Mrs. Roberts is the British literature teacher.

The trip was organized by Youth Travel Associates. The company planned the schedule and is providing a tour guide for the seven-day stay in England. The journey began Friday with a five-hour bus trip to Montreal. The departure from Montreal was arranged to take advantage of lower air fares.

The group arrived in London on Saturday, and spent its first three days there. Next on the itinerary are a day each in Brighton, Bath, Stratford and Windsor. Stops on the guided tour include such traditional sights as Westminster Abbey, the Tower of London, Stonehenge and Windsor Castle. The tour will also include a theater performance by the Royal Shakespearean Company. Free time has been scheduled to allow the students to do some sightseeing on their own.

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**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING**  
NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, May 2, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Robert Zinzow, Box 23 Feura Bush, New York for modification of a Special Exception under Article V of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit a bait store at premises, Big M Truck Stop, Route 9W, Glenmont, Town of Bethlehem. Charles B. Fritts

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NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that assessment inventory and valuation data is available for examination and review. This data is the information which will appear on the tentative assessment roll of the Town of Bethlehem which will be filed on or before June 1, 1984. The information may be reviewed, by appointment, in the Assessor's Office at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Monday-Friday between the hours of 8:30 A.M. and 4:30 P.M. An appointment to review the assessment information may be made by telephoning the assessor at 518-439-4955.

Dated this 25th day of April, 1984.  
John F. Thompson  
Assessor  
(April 25)

### NOTICE TO QUALIFIED VOTERS OF THE ELSMERE FIRE DISTRICT

TAKE NOTICE that on the 10th day of April 1984 the Board of Fire Commissions passed a resolution that is subject to a PERMISSIVE REFERENCE.

The said Resolution states that an amount not to exceed \$40,000 will be used from the REPAIR RESERVE FUND for repairs to Engine 3-2, Engine 3-3 and Truck 3-0.

THIS NOTICE is published in accordance with section 6-g of the General Municipal Laws of the State of New York.

Elsmere Fire District  
W. GORDON MORRIS, JR.  
Secretary  
(April 25)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, May 1, 1984, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y., at 7:30 p.m., to give consideration to an application of William F. McLaughlin, Albany, N.Y., for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed 4 lot subdivision to be located on Van Wies Point Rd., as shown on map entitled "Subdivision, Portion of Lands of HOOSAC ASSOCIATES, Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany", dated March 26, 1984 and made by C.T. Male Associates, P.C., Latham, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

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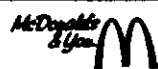
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### The real issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

All school budgets are challenged each year by those who find it the only forum for protesting a constantly growing tax burden. This year's Bethlehem Central School budget faces the added challenge of a growing number of parents who want to see fundamental issues addressed regarding the teaching and administration staff.

There are some outstanding people in the Bethlehem system. Our family has experienced the highest level of support, understanding and cooperation. We have also witnessed some deplorable insensitivity and self-serving indifference.

The pressures on our youth are beyond the comprehension of many committed but bewildered parents. How many Bethlehem students are receiving professional counseling to cope with pressures, in part, intensified by "professional" personnel in the Bethlehem school system? How many school counselor hours are committed to compensating for student problems created by the school itself? How many struggling teens have felt blacklisted and harassed and given up while the district arrogantly prides itself on all its expensive special programs?

Do we face these issues with creative courage now, or after ugly budget defeats, austerity budgets, revotes, special program votes, ad nauseum? I have lived through budget defeats in another district. It only serves to focus attention and energy on surface issues. A defeated budget will only find us fighting over busing and sports funds and what state-mandated programs caused our problems. Is it possible that we may never address ourselves to creating a district staffed by people committed to the needs and personal problems of our Bethlehem youth? To those who are so committed I say *thank you*. There are just not enough of you.

Those of us who are concerned about these issues may never be heard because as parents of students in the Bethlehem schools we dare not speak up or permit our names printed on letters like this. This is not our children's fight. It is our fight for them. Do we engage this battle or settle for politics as usual?

Delmar

Name submitted

# A vote against BC budget

By Nat Boynton

Some personal reflections on the Bethlehem Central school budget coming up for public vote next month:

In the light of increasing community dissatisfaction (if that's the word), it may be time for the Bethlehem Central school board to make some changes in its budget procedure.

This observer cannot recall a time in the past 10 or 12 years when there have been more complaints about the magnitude of the school tax increase, and from so many people. This situation not only adds to the public bitterness generated by the teachers' job-actions, but fosters a negative environment that is incompatible with the neighborly character of our community.

The school board, admired by some for holding ground against the teachers union and chastised by others for permitting negotiations to drag, is now in even deeper water with a budget that carries one of the most severe school tax increases in the history of the district.

A tax increase of at least \$100 and more typically \$300 for most district taxpayers is too much, even for the most affluent community in Albany County. If the budget passes on May 9, not only will the tax bite get deeper, but rents will go up all over town, residential and mercantile, the heaviest taxpayers like Niagara Mohawk and New York Telephone have new ammunition to justify rate increases, and so on.

More significantly, the board and school-administration will have a green light to spend even more money next year and evermore.

If the budget is in more jeopardy this year than in the recent past, so are the scholastics . . . or are they?

The school board will have us believe that if the budget goes down, more kids will have to walk to school and there will be no interscholastic sports.

This, of course, is the worst kind of emotional pressure on parents, every bit as malodorous as the teachers union applying the squeeze via work-to-rule. Bernard Harvith set that stage last week with an unfortunate comment that even with a mandatory austerity budget, the taxpayers would still be hit with an 8½-percent increase.

Not if the school board shows the kind of integrity and responsibility befitting the Bethlehem community. In the event of a budget defeat, the board can and should go back and do some serious cutting.

Then give us another budget vote, a budget we can accept and live with. There will be some tough decisions, to wit: are administrative costs too high? Has any board member investigated possible luxuries in the curriculum? With our debt service costing less, is a bond issue for plant upgrading appropriate at this time?

But most of all, changes are sorely needed in budget procedures. Much of the school board's tainted image these days is attributed to its reluctance to communicate with the public, its staunch resistance to criticism, and its protective defense of the school administration's spending policies.

Compare its communications format with that of adjacent Voorheesville, which also faces a budget vote May 9.

## OPINION

**Bethlehem.** Start with a series of informational meetings on four or five major sections of the budget. Draft a budget high enough to permit publicizing cuts, when made, but avoid adding up the total. Then announce the bottom line, release the budget with no details, and tell the community the budget will be adopted at the next board meeting. Period.

This charade is the envy of many budget-makers, public and private. It effectively locks in a budget, immune from public complaints that there is no time between the release of the budget and its adoption. The board can say: "You had your chance. Now it's too late to make changes."

**Voorheesville.** Work with administration to draft a complete budget. Issue a 12-page report, giving not only full information and comparative numbers, but detailed charts and textual information. Mail the brochure to each taxpayer. Review the full budget line-by-line at a public informational meeting in March, allowing time to make changes in the event of public reaction.

In this format, the school board not only takes full responsibility for the budget, but by giving the public full access and detailed explanations, handles complaints openly before the budget is locked in.

Not so in Bethlehem. The BC board casts its budget in concrete, and anyone with the audacity to raise questions is met with a deaf ear. Hence the frustration of taxpayers who have long since given up any attempt to reason with board members, turning instead to the No lever to vent their resentment.

It's too bad we have come to this. School budgets should not be defeated.

But when the board continues its fast-shuffle with budget information and does not question where the administrators have hidden multi-thousands of dollars of anticipated salary raises in lines other than their proper places, shouldn't someone do something to change the format?

If you don't think the Bethlehem budget is a charade, take note that the 1984-85 budget lines for the salaries of the superintendent, assistant superintendent and business administrator are identical with the current budget. That tells us there will be no raises for the school system's three top administrators.

Anyone want to bet that there won't be some arithmetic juggling at some future meeting? And when the board votes these raises, contrary to the budget adopted by the taxpayers will the news item report which board members vote to change the numbers?

And how many citizens will care enough to vote on May 9?

Nat Boynton is associate editor of The Spotlight. The views expressed here are his own and are not a reflection of the paper's editorial policy. Ed.

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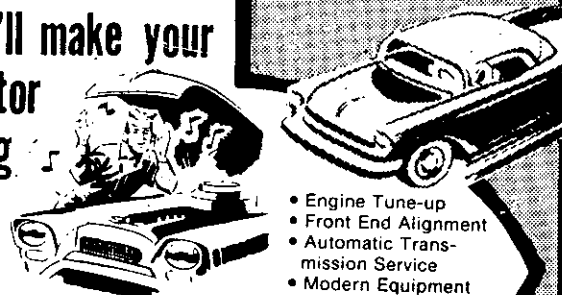
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## Production professional

Editor, The Spotlight:

What a refreshing and stimulating night we had watching the Stage 700's production of "Seven Brides for Seven Brothers." It's great to see our high school students put on such a professional performance. Dick Feldman and Joe Farrell should have also received a standing ovation for it is through their skill and expertise that these young people reached for the high levels that they performed at. Many kids are talented, but Dick Feldman had the unique professional skill to draw out the very best in each and every performer. We have attended all the Stage 700 shows and have never been disappointed.

Keep up the excellent work, Dick. We, the community, as well as your students, think you're the greatest.

P.S. I felt the Spotlight did an excellent job of covering the show.

Name submitted

Elsmere

## Stylist for clothier

Cindy Cohn, a 1978 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been named assistant menswear stylist for West Point Pepperell in Manhattan. She has a degree in fine arts from Syracuse University and is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Cohn of Delmar.



Donna Marie Ure

## Ure - Dugas

Mr. and Mrs. Vernon Ure of Chelmsford, Mass., formerly of Delmar, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, of Newton Centre, Mass., to Steven Robert Dugas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Dugas of Lynn, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Tufts University, and is assistant director of the Stepping Stones Program in

Framingham, Mass. Her fiancé is a graduate of Lynn English High School and the University of Massachusetts at Amherst, and is food and beverage controller at Radisson Resort Ferncroft in Danvers, Mass.

A September wedding is planned.

## Randles - Kelly

Dr. and Mrs. Robert H. Randles of Slingerlands have announced the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Lynn Randles, to Richard James Kelly, Jr., son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard James Kelly of Stamford, Conn.

Miss Randles is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the College of Saint Rose. She resides in New York City where she is employed by Peat, Marwick, Mitchell and Co. Her fiancé is a graduate of The University of New Hampshire and is employed by Emery Worldwide in Wilton, Conn.

A wedding is planned for next April.

## Art work shown

Janet Van Woert is among the students whose art work is on display at the senior exhibition at Ithaca College. The show will continue until May 12. The art student is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Irving Van Woert of Delmar.

## SENIOR CITIZENS



There will be a free legal clinic for senior citizens in the Town of Bethlehem from 11 a.m. to 1 p.m., Friday, May 4, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Appointments are required and can be made at Senior Citizen Organization meetings, held from 12:30 to 4 p.m. each Thursday at town hall, or by calling 439-4955, between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. weekdays.

The legal clinics are held the first Friday of each month.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization has planned a field trip to Schoharie's Easter egg exhibit on Monday, April 30. Seniors can board the tour bus at the town parking lot on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar at 10 a.m., or at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in Selkirk at 10:15 a.m. Lunch will be served on the trip.

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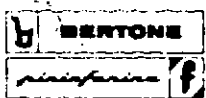
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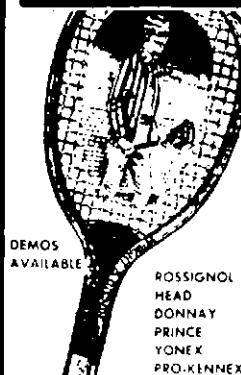
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