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# All news on Kenwood Ave.

By Ann Treadway

The Capital District's only all-news radio station, WWCN, broadcasting from a small building on lower Kenwood Ave. in Elsmere, is proving there are a lot of people who like to turn on their radios just for news, sports and weather.

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Program director Jeff Bellinger and news director Hilary Hutchison at the WWCN studio in Delmar.

Tom Howes

everything else aired by the station is locally produced.

Jeff Bellinger came to WWCN a few weeks ago as program director, after stints at both WQBK and WTRY, and one of his first moves was expanding to a 24-hour schedule. "This keeps the night people tuned in and then they wake up with us, so it helps a lot," said Hilary Hutchison, the station's news director.

And WWCN is attracting many night listeners nowadays because it is

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# May 9 hearing set for Delaware Ave.

By Vincent Potenza

The Delaware Avenue Task Force, in its last meeting before a public forum at 7:30 p.m. May 9 in the town hall auditorium, closed in last week on what is likely to be the most sensitive issue it will deal with expansion of commercial districts into residential neighborhoods. And, it seems, the problem most likely to create hard feelings is also the one that will have to wait the longest to be resolved.

After over four months of deliberations on traffic, signs, setbacks, buffers for schools, architectural and site plan review the committee was stumped last week as to how to correct what has been happening for over 50 years—the development of a shallow commercial strip along Delaware Ave. that abuts residential neighborhoods. The two sides to the problem are as distinct as the 225-foot line from the center of the road that delineates the commercial zone.

On one side are the residents, who have, in a position paper formulated by the town's six active neighborhood associations, said they "oppose and will strongly resist" any widening of commercial zones into residential areas.

On the other side is the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which stated in its own position paper that it is in favor of widening—though not lengthening those same commercial areas.

And the place where the conflict seems to be greatest is in the Four Corners area, where businesses and residences have been in proximity the longest. A plan proposed by Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, to ease what he

labeled the "residential/commercial interface" by establishing some sort of buffer zone - presumably beginning where the commercial zone now ends and extending into the residential area — met with strong and very vocal disapproval from members of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association at the task force meeting last week.

The residents' argument was based on the premise that there are "plenty of other places in town" for businesses to go, and that any sort of encroachment into residential areas was totally unnecessary.

One resident said the terms "interface" and "buffer" were so vague as to be meaningless. "You're playing games with us," he told committee members. What was needed, he said, was some hard data on just how many businesses wanted to be located on Delaware Ave., and the town should get that information.

# A proposal for Delaware Avenue zoning

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Committee chairman Charles Redmond said he thought perhaps real estate agents might know how many businesses wanted to be located on the road—as opposed to those who were—but that the town certainly didn't have that information and in his opinion shouldn't. "It's not the town's business to keep tabs on people like that," he said.

The suggestion was made that rent figures in the last census might give some indication as to how desirable the

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Barbara Coon



Velma Cousins



Sheila Fuller



Paul Scudiere



Jed Wolkenbreit

# Contests on for 2 BC school board seats

The five candidates for three seats on the Bethlehem Central school board were interviewed last week by Sally Webb of Glenmont, president of the Albany County League of Women Voters. The interviews were videotaped and will be televised over cable Channel 16 (Button 28) at 8 p.m. on May 2. In addition, the tape will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library May 5 at 1 p.m.

In the interviews, each candidate was asked what makes a quality education, what impact social demands such as drug abuse prevention programs have had on the schools, and what alternatives there are for financing public education.

Voting on the proposed district budget for 1984-85 and on the board candidates

will take place from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. May 9 at the Bethlehem Middle School. Terms on the Bethlehem board are for three years.

# Barbara Coon

Barbara Coon of Delmar is seeking the seat vacated by Robert Zick of Glenmont, who resigned in December because of a job move. Mrs. Coon has a bachelor's degree from Russell Sage College and a master's degree with a minor in nursing education from Syracuse University. She headed the Glenmont School Parent-Teacher Association for two years and now is program chairman. She also is an associate director of the Capital District PTA. A resident of Bethlehem for 16 years, she

and her husband, James, have a daughter in the fifth grade.

In the LWV interview, Mrs. Coon characterized a quality education as an education "directed toward the full potential of every child." Concerning instruction aimed at social problems, Mrs. Coon said "...we have to take a good look at the curriculum and make sure it is presented in the most efficient way." There is nothing individual school districts can do to change education financing, she said: "In cutting costs, the better way is to look at streamlining the curriculum." She saw three challenges ahead for the school board: redistricting, with growth in the Glenmont area the impetus; employee negotiations, and cost-cutting that would not "compromise

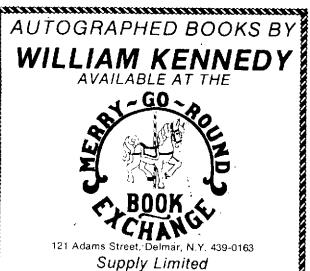
educational quality." Mrs. Coon also has expressed the view that school districts "have to be much more innovative in use of what resources they have."

# Velma Cousins

Velma Cousins of Glenmont is a teacher at Albany High School in the parenting and child development program. She previously taught in Rochester and in Rockland County, where she lived before moving to Bethlehem five years ago. She has served for three years on an evaluation committee for the Middle States Association. She and her husband, Oswald, have three children, two in high school and one in the middle school. She

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Lauren McCarroll sat right down to check her treats at the annual after-Easter egg hunt Sunday at the Slingerlands Firehouse. The event included an egg-rolling contest with prizes, with the best treat perhaps the warm sunshine. Gary Zeiger









By Lucy Dunne

The fate of Delaware Avenue is being deliberated. Let me add to the discussion a modest proposal.

Looking at Delaware Avenue from the air gives a different perspective - one that can perhaps resolve differences of opinion concerning the future of our main street

What strikes the air-borne eye first is the Normanskill valley Great Separator that it is, dividing neighborhood here in Bethlehem, and keeping all three of the Tri-Cities at bay, on the other side of four or five bridges.

It is no accident that Bethlehem is a "bedroom" community. Geography has given it this role. It is not centrally located, like Albany, It is not at the intersection of two mighty highways, like Colonie Center or even close to them, like Crossgates. Not only would most of the 200,000 residents of Albany, Schenectady, and Troy have to drive far from their homes to shop here, but also there is no handy way for them to get here. Geography dictates against it.

This perspective has been ignored by those who would like to see a new Wolf Road rise miraculously from the ashes of all the trees that have been cut down along Delaware Avenue. But this will never be. It is the stuff that dreams are made of; or nightmares, maybe.

As most of us realize, however, Bethlehem is, and ever more shall be, a residential town. This is its fate; this is its glory. Foolish and short-sighted is the person who tampers with the quality of life in this lovely little town; wise is the leader who guides its development so as to protect and attract residents - its strongest base.

Planning Board member Neal Moylan said it simply: "Keep commercial zones and residential zones as far apart as you can, so that businesses can grow and residents can sleep." Use the zones insofar as possible the way they were planned to be used: 'C' next to 'CC' next to 'CCC' next to 'AB' next to 'AA,' thereby locating the most pristine residential use ('AAA') farthest away from the most intensive commercial use

This policy is not so difficult to implement if you look at "lower" Delaware Avenue, again from the air.

The D&H Railroad tracks and Delaware Avenue itself are two sizeable barriers which, along with the ravines of the Normanskill, set off the many little neighborhoods of Elsmere and central

# OPINION

Delmar, Besides the Delaware Plaza area, most of the heavier commercial development along "the strip" being studied by the Task Force (from the Normanskill bridge to the Delmar Four Corners) occurs within 2 large triangles of land bounded by the tracks and Delaware Ave. The "Friendly's Triangle" runs from the old A&P to the railroad overpass; the "Stewart's Triangle" runs on the other side of Delaware Avenue from Stewart's all the way to the Four Corners. Note that none of the businesses in either of these triangles abuts (touches) any residentially zoned property. The Avenue and the tracks set them apart from the residential neighborhoods near them. These "triangles" and other parcels of land like them which are set apart by natural barriers such as ravines are good candidates for the 'CC' zone, which allows restaurants and retail stores.

On the other hand, the 'CCC' zone, (which is limited to non-retail uses such as administrative or professional offices, banks, insurance and real estate offices), is the only commercial zone which can hope to live comfortably at close quarters with residences. A good example of this is the "pretty part" of Delaware Avenue between Euclid Avenue and Salisbury Road, where the 'CCC' zoning nicely preserves the residential character of the (Normanside) neighborhood which lies behind it, while at the same time permitting an assortment of doctors and lawyers and real estate agents to thrive in the lovely old homes that front on Delaware Avenue. Had the other side of the avenue been made 'CCC' as well, the neighborhood behind that frontage would not be as threatened as it is now by current haphazard retail development (Carvel, Millbrook, Whirlpool, Sunoco, Dunkin' Donuts, Delmar Beverage, etc.)

All of the aforementioned businesses are allowable in 'CC' but not in 'CCC'. They certainly change the character of the neighborhood that lies behind them. One has only to view the backsides of these businesses from an abutting residence to recognize that the lights, litter, traffic, noise, asphalt, smells, and hours of business of these 'CC' operations have a markedly different effect on this neighborhood than the 'CCC' (nonretail) businesses do on the (Normanside) neighborhood across the Avenue.

Similar evidence of the incompata-



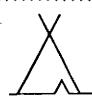
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Rte. 9W, Ravena, N.Y. 756-2105 bility of 'CC' zoning with abutting residential use can be seen behind Fowlers' liquor store. And the residentially zoned property behind McDonald's is hardly screened from the lights and exhaust and traffic by a chain-link fence and immature evergreens.

The other end of the area being studied by the Task Force, the St. Thomas church side of Delaware Avenue, is more fortunate than most other 'CC/'AA' strips. That frontage (along the south side of Delaware Ave., from the Four Corners to the D&H overpass) enjoys CCC usage despite its CC zoning — with four notable exceptions: Verardi's Automotive Shop, Main Brothers, the VIP gas station, and the Roger Smith building. (The first three are "non-conformers," which were grandfathered in to the present ordinances.) Fortunately, however, the rest of the businesses along this side of the avenue — the banks, the telephone company building, the church, the doctor's offices (all CCC uses) - are compatable with the homes along Herber and Adams Place which abut them to the rear. Thus, that lovely neighborhood, full of the character and charm of "old Delmar," is, to date, intact, and relatively untouched by the inappropriate CC zoning that abuts it.

What these neighborhoods, and all neighborhoods, need is the promise that no more incompatible (CC retail/ restaurant) uses will be allowed on their borders in the future. Only then will the young families who want to buy into such a neighborhood be assured that their money and their time will not be misspent in rejuvenating these homes and maintaining these neighborhoods.

itself. The Plaza area, and the land across from it all the way to the Fiesta Restaurant fall into this category, and are already

It will be objected that retail businesses need opportunities to locate and grow in Bethlehem. Precisely. They need to locate in the places where they can grow. Into the areas set apart from residences. Not into the neighborhoods.

It is significant that the Delaware Plaza has a waiting list of 20 businesses that want to relocate in the plaza. Many of these are retailers who are currently located on the avenue. On the other hand, no one has come forward with any data on the numbers of retail businesses who wish to locate on Delaware Avenue. In fact, no one knows whether there is any real need for more retail restaurant business locations on the avenue at all. According to Building Inspector John Flanigan, "Everybody wants to get into the Plaza."

It would appear that what the business community needs is another plaza. But where? Perhaps a "mirror image" plaza across the avenue from the Delaware Plaza would be well-located (near Albany, bounded by the Normanskill). It is possible that the owners of this land might discover that it would be profitable for them to develop a plaza there sometime in the not-too-distant future.

Town Planning as a serious endeavor has come a long way since 1944. Planning for growth and preservation can be done. Saratoga, the Cherry Valley Turnpike, Stockbridge, Lexington and Concord are a few of the many good examples. There is no need to allow Delaware Avenue to become another Central Avenue.

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These are large neighborhoods: Normanside, 140 homes; the neighborhood behind Elsmere school, 114 homes; Lincoln-to-Plymouth Ave., 95 homes; Brookman/Crannell Ave., 85 homes; Herber/Adams Place, well over 50 homes.-If they are allowed to be invaded any further by commerce, they will decay, first becoming rental properties, later being sold as commercial property, in a disorganized, slowly deteriorating fashion that will take years and millions of dollars to reverse. By contrast, the "elbow grease" of young families who buy and rejuvenate old homes is a gift that the town fathers would do well to encourage. Simply stated, I would:

• Limit to CCC (non-retail use) any commercial property along "lower" Delaware Avenue that abuts (touches) residentially zoned property.

• Save the CC (retail/restaurant use) classification for any already-commer cially zoned property along Delaware Avenue that is set apart from residences by barriers such as the Normanskill ravines, the railroad tracks, or the avenue

Delaware Avenue needs attention now, as it goes through some awkward phases and changes. It needs guidance, direction, "so that businesses can grow and residents can sleep." I have given it a lot of thought. I hope others do too. Between us we all can come up with something we all can live with, and preserve one of the nicest communities left in the area.

I think everyone will discover that much of the polarization of business and residential communities that has occurred will disappear if each group is directed to, and protected in, its separate areas by the clear-cut and appropriate zoning change that I have outlined.

Lucy Dunne is an Elsmere resident who was active in the Liebich property rezoning issue and has attended all Delaware Ave. Task Force meetings. Ed.

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# □ Hearing

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commercial property on Delaware Ave. was becoming.

Douglas Zenc, vice president of the CDNA, told the committee the town should draw up a questionnaire and mail it to every household in the town to see what the townspeople wanted for the highway. There was then a verbal freefor-all among members of the audience and Lee Faulkner, the chamber's representative on the committee, over who cared less about the town, residents or

Redmond brought things back to order and a suggestion was made by Lucy Dunne, an Elsriere resident who has regularly attended the task force meetings, as to how to define the commercial zones along the street and accomplish the buffering the residents required.

She suggested letting the railroad tracks, Normanskill valley and the highway itself define the commercial zones, and said any property adjacent to residences would automatically be zoned for professional offices and nothing more intensive. Those residents in attendance agreed they would not be adverse to that sort of arrangement. The committee agreed to think about the proposal.

Redmond, however, said he saw no way the task force could come to a conclusion- about the zones and the buffering in the immediate future, so he suggested holding a public forum where everything the task force has gone over can be reviewed and input from citizens received, and he set the May 9 date. He said he would make a written compilation of the committee's recommendations available to The Spotlight in time for publication the day of the forum.



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# It's revaluation time

With Easter come and gone and daffodils in full bloom, another spring ritual is approaching - the howl of homeowners as they realize they've been reassessed.

In Bethlehem, it happens to about 1,000 property owners every year, says assessor John Thompson. That's because the town follows a regular routine of reviewing every area of town at least once every five or six years.

The routine is Bethlehem's attempt to keep all assessments in the town on roughly an equal level - strictly speaking an impossible task, since property values are constantly changing in response to many different pressures. Without a system that would revalue every property every year, says Thompson, this seems to be the fairest for everybody.

The only system that does revalue property every year is tied to the concept of full value assessment, a plan pushed by the state Board of Equalization and Assessment (and mandated by the state Constitution), but not favored by many politicians.

Full value assessment means simply that all property in a municipality is assessed at the same amount as it would sell for on the open market, but gathering the information to make that judgement is very expensive, and maintaining current values means a yearly updating of the data base using computers — also an expensive proposition.

A mandatory switch to full value assessment has been stalled for several years in the state Legislature, and appears to have little chance this year as well.

As in all but a few towns in New York State, property in Bethlehem is assessed at a fraction of its real value. The town's current equalization rate, which is set by the state Board of Equalization and Assessment, is 13.61. (To calculate what a Bethlehem assessment would translate to

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But because there is no system of annual town-wide reassessments, Thompson and his small staff do the best they can. Thompson says he uses three criteria in deciding which properties to reassess: entire areas are reviewed on a rotating basis, properties that have had significant improvements made (a porch, a new kitchen, etc.) and properties that have been sold are automatically reviewed. The new sales are often called the "welcome stranger" rule, but Thompson' says the sale price is not the only factor that goes into settling the new assessment. The assessor also compares the value set on comparable homes in the neighborhood to make sure the change "isn't disproportionate with the area," says Thompson.

Owners of all properties reassessed are notified by mail. As of May 1, the rolls are officially closed, and the assessment books are opened to the public for inspection. Owners who don't agree with Thompson's decision can appeal and take their case to the town's Assessment Board of Appeals, which meets this year on June

# **BC** reunion dance

Bethlehem Central's 50th anniversary committee has issued a final reminder that the Golden Anniversary all-class reunion and community dance is on tap for this Saturday, May 5, from 7:30 p.m. to I a.m. at BCHS.

The gala affair will feature music for all ages and dancing in all styles. Dancers are asked to bring yearbooks and old photos, and to wear the clothes of their graduation era. Tickets at \$5 are on sale at the door. For information, call Judy Languish at 439-0892.

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Stuyvestant Plaza

# Site plan fee schedule put on the back burner

The Bethlehem Town Board has decided for the time being not to act on a recommendation by the plannning board to impose a fee schedule for site plan review that calls for charges of up to \$500 for new buildings in commercial zones.

Board members said they prefer to wait until the Delaware Ave. Task Force, which is proposing extensive changes in the scope and coverage of the site plan review process, completes its work. But there were also indications that the schedule proposed by the planning board may have some problems.

"Frankly, I think the fees are a little stiff," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan as he moved to table the planning board's

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said he understands the planning board had attempted to devise a fee schedule that would reflect the amount of work required of town employees to review an application.

The board did agree to set a public hearing date on the proposed \$4.4 million in water district improvements planned for this year and to purchase two properties in the southern half of the

They May 23 public hearing (8 p.m. at the town hall) will consider plans to build a new four million gallon reservoir on Feura Bush Rd. near the town park, build two new covered reservoirs in New Scotland near the Vly Reservoir, install a second interconnection with the Albany water line on Long Lane, and automate

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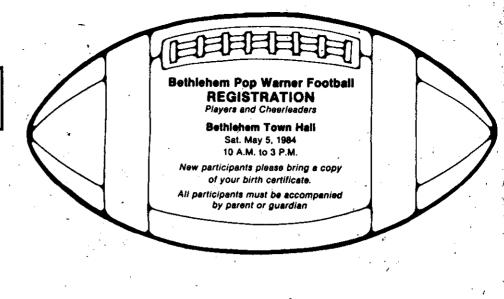
the bypass valve on Fisher Blvd. Later, a second phase costing an estimated \$2.9 million is planned.

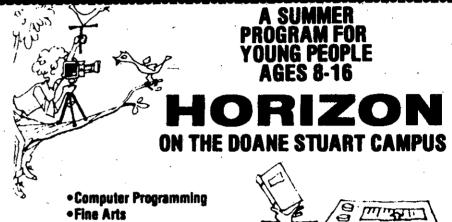
The board authorized Corrigan to spend \$38,000 to purchase the Knudson property on the south side of Rt. 396 near the Conrail yards, provided tests to confirm that the 79-acre parcel contains enough clay soil. The town plans to use the clay to cap the landfill on Rupert Rd., which must be closed.

The board also transfered funds to pay \$25,000 to the Penn Central Corp. for an abandoned right-of-way, part of which will be used for a recreation area in South

In other business, the board:

- Appointed Jeffrey A. Dammeyer as a computer program trainee with a salary of \$16,385 per year. Corrigan said Dammeyer has been working with a computer similar to the one the town purchased. He will be the town's first fulltime programmer.
- Approved bids for iron castings for Clow Corp. and Edgarton Sales Corp. and for precast concrete manhole blocks for V. Zappala and Co. and Dagostino Building Blocks Inc. The board decided to rebid a contract for plastic pipe and corrugated aluminum pipe because only one bid was received.





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# What will the big day be like?

### By Linda Anne Burtis

"You feel kind of small the first day," said one kindergartener as he recalled that powerful milestone, the first day of school last September. "I was scared I didn't know the names of the other children," another said.

Bethlehem Central administrators are looking carefully at the Kindergarten experience for their next batch of youngsters, some 230 strong. For some, the surroundings may be even less familiar, but the district is also looking at ways to make life easier for parents as well as children.

The greatest impact wil be felt in the Glenmont area which, due to space limitations will not have a kindergarten in its home school. After being bused to Elsmere, the first-timers will be divided among the Elsmere children and possibly some Hamagrael children.

Also, according to Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn, the district is "likely to push up announcements of kindergarten placements," whether morning or afternoon although he couldn't say how soon the district was prepared to make the announcement. Past policy has been to inform parents in mid-August. Zinn said that the large numbers of

working mothers who have difficulties making last minute adjustments in their schedule to accommodate their kindergartener's schedules was the reason for the policy change.

Ten Hamagrael 5-year-olds may be attending Elsmere in the fall because of potential heavy enrollment there. Zinn said that although 47 students registered in March, census figures indicate 58 possible kindergarteners. Keeping class size at 24, which the district prefers to do, would account for the spillover into Elsmere. Students from Slingerlands and Clarksville, in all likelihood, will be attending their home school, Zinn said.

Elsmere, as the host school, is preparing for five kindergarten sessions next fall, an increase of three sessions. There will be two full-time teachers and another half-time teacher. In view of the additional students at Elsmere, Zinn said that the emphasis will be "not to change Elsmere's program in any way." Current use of rooms will remain unaffected because it is likely that the one or two BOCES classes at Elsmere will be relocated, opening up space for the extra classrooms, according to the superintendent

In the interest of avoiding a "little

Glenmont or a little Hamagrael," Zinn explained that the youngsters will be separated from their fellow students who live in the same district. They will be blended into a kind of kindergarten stew among the Elsmere 5-year-olds ((55 are registered so far), along with the Hamagrael children, if they attend Elsmere.

Responding to concern from parents that this strategy dilutes the home school concept, Zinn said, "We would make sure that there are at least some of their own neighborhood classmates in each section."

The kindergarten stew approach will continue to be felt in first grade, when the children will be split once again among the several first grades in each home school. If they are in a kindergarten class with fewer neighborhood classmates, the pool of familiar faces for them when they reach first grade is greatly reduced.

Zinn said studies show that the number of familiar classmates "has nothing to do with success in school." He added: "Everyone blows it way out of proportion."

For Joanne Cedilotte, parent of an upcoming Glenmont kindergartener, next fall at Elsmere "looks like kindergarten heaven." With 120 5-year-olds spilling off the big, yellow school buses Sept. 6, perhaps the kids should be color coded to avoid confusion, she suggests.

# Speaker at AARP

Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of the AARP will hold a meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, May 9, at 12:30 p.m. Leland Lewis, a senior employee insurance representative from the state Department of Civil Service, will speak to the retirees about health insurance benefits. Call 439-3883 for information.



Jamie Fraiser may be catching butterflies at the Heldeberg Workshop's spring festival Saturday on the workshop's Picard Rd. land.

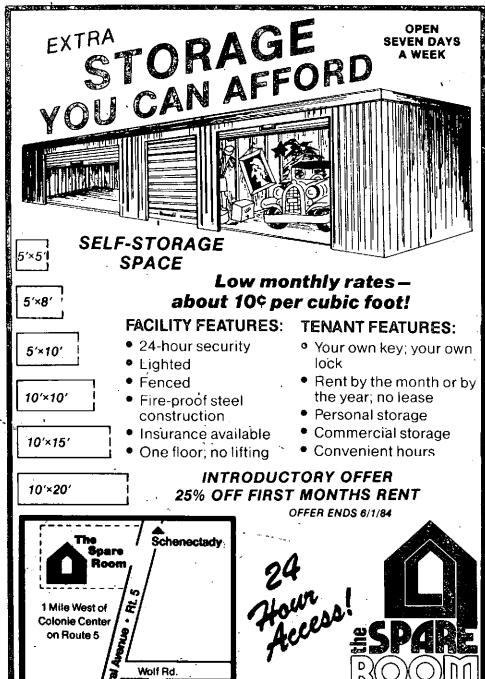
# Big day on Picard Rd.

The Heldeberg Workshop will open its land on Picard Rd. in Voorheesville for a free family day gala on Saturday, May 5, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. There will displays, fly-tying and fishing, pottery, archery, archeology, pruning and grafting, nature walks, an ox team demonstration and a performance by the Karner Blue Cloggers. The workshop will also sponsor a plant and shrub sale and accept early registration forms for summer classes.

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# School board candidates

has filed for the seat now held by Jed Wolkenbreit, who is seeking re-election.

In education, Cousins says, "it is important we remember our value structure, such things as integrity, loyalty, honesty...a willingness to work hard regardless of what the job is." Teaching directed at social problems complements the Three Rs; unless children have a chance to voice their feelings, they will not be susceptible to academic basics, she

On education financing, Mrs. Cousins said Bethlehem deserves a greater share of the state spending pie and that an addition to the income tax would be helpful. She said the district had been "penny wise and pound foolish in recent years" in having let the maintenance and capital projects section of the budget absorb the pressure for cuts.

In her summary, Mrs. Cousins said the board is "top-heavy with attorneys (three of the current six members). Are our needs really being met? I want teachers to feel they have a spokesperson — and a person to represent the entire community." In an earlier statement, Mrs. Cousins proposed redistricting to avoid busing of Kindergarten children away from their neighborhoods, and urged increased efforts to combat substance abuse, especially among middle school children. She also said she opposed "polarization in representation," urging that New Scotland and Bethlehem residents' needs be considered equally.

## Sheila Fuller

Sheila Fuller of Delmar is unopposed for a third term on the school board and is currently serving as president. She is a native of Albany and a graduate of Vincentian Institute. She was president of the Hamagrael Home-School Association for five years and served on the community's Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee and the district's Challenge Committee. She and her husband, James, are the parents of five children, from preschool through high school.

Mrs. Fuller said a quality education "is right here in Bethlehem, with a variety of programs that meet the needs of all children." Concerning social demands on schools, she said that although teachers are being asked to teach what used to be taught in homes, "kids feel comfortable talking to them, and can (be helped to) resist peer pressure." Courses directed at social problems are part of the total program, she said.

On financing education, Mrs. Fuller said, "I wish I had the answer."

### Paul Scudiere

Paul Scudiere of Delmar is director of history and anthropology at the State \*Museum in Albany and is an adjunct professor at the State University at Albany. He has a master's degree in history from St. John's University and a doctorate in education from SUNYA. He has resided in Bethlehem 18 years and he and his wife, Virginia, have two sons, one at the middle school and one at Hamagrael. He is seeking the seat formerly held by Robert Zick.

Concerning what makes a quality education, Scudiere said, "You have to look at what happens at the end of the process . . . the district has done a good job." The schools have taken on an extra responsibility in teaching directed at social problems, "but I don't think it's something you can walk away from," he said. "No other institution in the nation is as well equipped as the schools to deal with these problems."

The property tax cannot, at this point, be eliminated from education financing, Scudiere said. "We're dealing with large and small, wealthy and poor districts. As long as Bethlehem wants the kind of education it's been accustomed to, it's going to have to stay with the property tax. Earlier he had said "... there has to be an increase in outside support. We have to spend more time promoting state aid with political leaders." In last Monday's videotaping, Scudiere emphasized the role of the community in the school board's effectiveness: "You have to participate," he told viewers, "not only in voting but at school board meetings."

### Jed Wolkenbreit

Jed Wolkenbreit of Delmar is an attorney with the firm of Roche and Wolkenbreit in Albany. He is a graduate of the University of Rochester and the University of Buffalo Law School. A resident of Delmar for 10 years, he is seeking his second term on the board. He and his wife Linda, have a daughter who attends the middle school and a son at Hamagrael.

Wolkenbreit, too, saw a quality education as bringing each child to his or her full potential. In the classroom, social problems "take away from the ability to learn," he said, but generally they should be handled outside the classroom. it is the school's duty to provide the services of guidance counselors, a psychologist and similiar helping professionals, Wolkenbreit said. Awareness of social problems is required, he said. "A fully educated person today has to be able to do more than read and write."

Concerning education financing, Wolkenbreit pointed out that sales tax revenue could be shared with school districts. He also noted that the state's lottery income, advertised as for education, has replaced "traditional" funds, not augmented them. The state's income tax might be a revenue source for education, he said, "since our district pays substantial amounts of income tax.'

A Phoenix, Ariz. man was charged with passing a red light after his car collided with a vehicle driven by George Varin of Glenmont Thursday at Rt. 9W and Corning Hill Rd., Bethlehem police reported. Samuel Smith of Phoenix and Janet K. Diegel, no address given a passenger in Varin's auto, were taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany by the Delmar Rescue Squad, where they were treated and released.

# \$870 camera grabbed

A camera valued at \$870 was stolen from a Slingerlands man who had left it under his coat while he went to make a phone call at a Rt. 9W restaurant, according to Bethlehem police reports. The theft, which occurred April 14, was reported Thursday.





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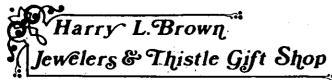
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# Another police force operating in Bethlehem

The police force employed by Conrail across New York State, including in Selkirk, has full police powers as a result of an August, 1983, measure approved by the State Legislature. Previously designated as peace officers, the Conrail employees now have full police powers, including the obligation to act in any situation involving a crime, whether or not Conrail property is at risk.

A spokesman for Conrail said the force throughout the state numbers about 100 persons, but declined to say how many are assigned in Selkirk. The new legislation has little significance, she added, because Conrail officers have always worked closely with local police departments. Conrail police, however, now are empowered to execute search and arrest warrants and to write tickets.

Prior to this special legislation, only Long Island Railroad police were designated as police officers, according to William Mohr, a training technician for the Bureau of Municipal Police, state Division of Criminal Justice Services. The August law gives all railroad police forces full police powers, including them among the 15 categories of police listed in the state's criminal procedure law. Formany years, Mohr said, those designated as peace officers have been permitted to

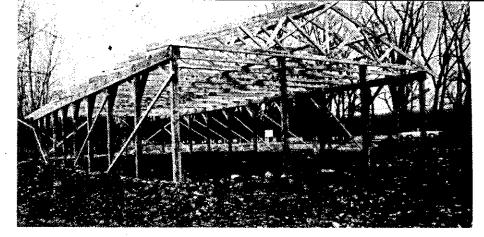
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take the same training as police officers. They then submitted an application for credentials to the superintendent of state police.

Conrail operates in 15 states and two provinces of Canada, and its police must meet the requirements of each jurisdic-

# Spill prompts alert

Local fire departments were called for standby Tuesday evening following a chemical spill at the General Electric Co. plant in Selkirk, according to state police at Selkirk. The spill, a mixture of methol alcohol and water, was handled by GE personnel, Cliff Montgomery, community and employee relations manager, said. He said notification to the fire department was routine and that it was the first time in several years that local volunteers had been called. GE maintains a \$10 million wastewater treatment plant at its site that treats a million gallons a day and the chemical spill was routed to that plant, Montgomery said,



A new pavilion for picnicers is going up at Bethlehem's Henry Hudson Park off Rt. 144 in Cedar Hill. The work is being done by town crews. Tom Howes

# Senior van arrives

The Bethlehem Senior Services Office has announced that the town's new Senior Van is ready to roll. The van is an 11-passenger vehicle and it will be operated between 9 a.m. and 4 p.m., weekdays, to transport Bethlehem senior citizens to doctor's offices, therapy session, shopping centers, dentist's offices and hospitals to visit friends.

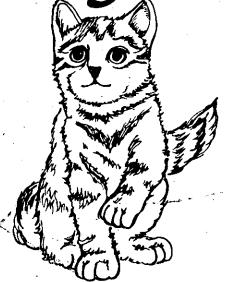
Appointments for van rides must be made in advance and can be made by calling 439-5770 between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays. A volunteer will be on hand between those hours to make appointments for van use. During the remaining hours, a recorded message will detail? special trips planned for the future.

There is a suggested donation of 25 cents per van ride, one way, within the Town of Bethlehem, and larger donations of up to \$1 will be requested for van rides of greater distances.

Special van trips planned for the future will be announced via a column in The Spotlight, official publication of the Town of Bethlehem.

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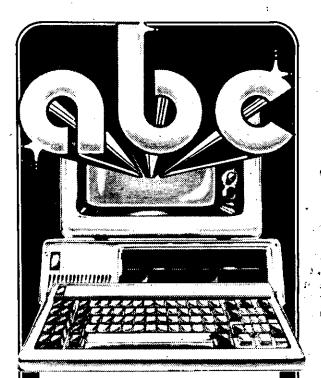
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# News from Selkirk AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

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### Talented students

The John Hopkins University Center for the Advancement of Academically Talented Youth (CTY) asked the RCS Lunior High to participate in a CTY talent search, Barbara Boehn, Jodi Cary, Joshua Curley, Darrin Hall, Jeremy Tarr and Jason Tucker participated in the search. They took the PSATs in October at the Senior High with 11th and 12th

Darrin Hall, grade 7, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Hall, New Baltimore, and Barbara Boehn, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Thomas Boehn, Ravena, placed among the top-scoring participants in the 1984 CTY Search from the New York State. Barbara and Darrin have been invited to attend the 1984 CTY award ceremony May 5 at Niskayuna High School. This ceremony is to honor those participants with the highest mathematics/verbal scores attending school in the

### Comedy on stage at church

A group of thespians of the South, Bethlehem United Methodist Church are hard at work preparing a comedy in two acts entitled Let Him Sleep Until its Time for His Funeral. The production will be staged at the church on Willowbrook Ave. at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, May 19.

### - Puppets at Family Night

The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will have their Family Night Festival this Sunday, An invitation is extended to all members of the church to attend the special event, which will begin at 5 p.m. with a covered dish supper. A puppet group will provide entertainment and enjoyment for all ages. Those attending are requested to bring their

own table service and a dish of their choice to share.

# Young artists on display 🖫 🕻

The New York State Education Department pays tribute to students each year by displaying art work during the month of March. The exhibit theme this year was "Olympics of the Visual Arts." This year, the RCS Junior High School honored Youth Art Month with its own "Olympics of the Visual Minds." The special event took place in the art room April 22 at the 1984 School Fair. The students displayed still-life drawings, designs, paintings, signs and sculptures.

The students recognized the future of the arts with a filmstrip titled All About Computer Graphics. They displayed graphic designs of computer game screens and patterns. The Art Club students had a display of special projects in stained glass. Eighth grade student Ted Austin demonstrated how to make a stained glass box. Arthur Hobbs, another Art Club student, demonstrated the use of the potter's wheel. The Photography Club had an exhibit of mounted prints. Posters done by students for people Against Chemical Abuse (PACA) were displayed in the halls. Lisa Tuscano, Lori rivers, Jason Mantor, Jeff Lilley and Arthur Hobbs acted as tour guides for the

### Paper drive is underway

Have you remembered to save your old newspapers and bottles for the youth of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church? They would appreciate it if you did. They are conducting a paper drive, now through June 2, at which time they will have a trailer located in the parking lot of the church on Willowbrook Ave. to

receive them. Any one who would like to have the items collected instead may contact Bob Vaber 767-9821 or Mary Dushek 767-3400.

### Turkey dinner at Grange

The public is invited to a roast turkey dinner sponsored by the Bethlehem Grange this Saturday at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, beginning at 4 p.m. and continuing until all are served. Tickets are \$6 and are available at the door. The Women's Activities Committee will also have a This and That Sale during the evening.

### Dinner theater for oldsters

The Selkirk-South Bethlehem Sunshine Senior Citizens plan to attend the performance of Present Laughter at the St. Andrew's Dinner Theater this Friday, May 4. They will be leaving from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem parking lot by bus at 6:15 p.m. Any senior interested in attending is invited to contact Robert Mayo 767-3006.

### Pancake breakfast at Elks

For those who have enjoyed the Bethlehem Elks pancake breakfast in the past, there will be another this Sunday at 9 a.m. and continuing until 1 p.m. The breakfast will be held at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. All you can eat - pancakés, eggs, sausage, bacon, juice and coffee. The cost is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children under 12 with all proceeds going to charity.

### **OES** fashion show coming

The Helderberg chapter of the Order of the Eastern Star will hold their annual luncheon and fashion show on Saturday, May 5, at 12:30 p.m. in the Altamont Masonic Temple. Fashions will be modeled by members. Door prizes will be given. Proceeds from the event will go towards the scholarship fund. The public is invited and tickets will be available at the door.

In Selkirk The Spotlight is sold at Convenient Food Market, Bumby's Deli, Ed's Variety and Three Farms Dairy



Joseph Cardillo

# Author at library

Local author Joseph Cardillo, an English professor at Hudson Valley Community College, will conduct a sixpart poets' workshop for aspiring amateur poets that begins Monday, May 7, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The series is free, but attendance is limited. To register, call the library at 439-9314 by May 4.

# Benefit auction slated

The Doane Stuart School will hold its annual ImaginAuction on Saturday, May 5. A reception and silent auction at 5 p.m. will be followed by dinner at 7:30 p.m. and a live acution at 9 p.m. Among the items that will be on the block are box seats for the Kentucky Derby, vacation homes, autographed books, meals, computer and flight lessons, haircuts and antique: furniture. Last year's Imagin-Auction raised \$40,000 for the private

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# Fete for Ken George

A retirement dinner honoring Ken George will be held on Saturday, June 9, at 7 p.m. at the Shaker Ridge Country Club, Colonie.

George, who has been a math teacher and guidance counselor in the Voorhees-ville Central School District for 33 years, has served as Student Council advisor, football and basketball coach, summer school and Red Cross swimming instructor, canteen coordinator and director of the men's adult basketball program.

Friends, colleagues and students wanting to make reservations should contact Marty Dwore at 765-3314 before June 1.

# Board finishes up budget

By Tom Howes

Village office-holders may change, but village business just keeps rolling along. Presiding over his first monthly board meeting, Mayor Richard Lennon found the board concerned with a variety of new and old issues last Tuesday night.

The board finalized the village's 1984-85 financial planning by passing both the Federal Renevue Sharing budget and the village budget. The board also passed the village's zoning ordinance, local law number two.

With \$49,000 in revenue sharing funds to divvy up, \$13,000 is allocated for a leaf vacuum, \$7,200° for fire department equipment, \$10,000 to the parks and recreation office, \$6,000 to the newly established Community Service Senior Citizen's Council and \$11,000 for a pole barn salt shed.

The shed, used to house road salt, does not yet have a site, although the budgeted amount includes site preparation. At this point, the board hopes to build it near the village garage.

Headed by Jim MacDonough, the Senior Citizen's Council has been created in response to an increasing awareness of senior citizen needs and interests, VOORHEESVILLE

according to Lennon. Given \$6,000 to work with, the council will begin formalating plans and policies at informal meetings at the MacDonough residence, MacDonough said. Also included in the council's charter are the interests of indigent and handicapped residents.

In passing the budget, the board continued its policy of carrying a substantial cash reserve, this year \$200,000. Totaling about 40 percent of the budget, the policy met some criticism at the board's April 9 budget hearing. In a telephone interview Lennon defended the surplus. "It's the same kind of budgeting you do for your house," he said, "where you try to have enough cash on hand." This year's 60 percent reduction in the property tax is directly related to the village's cash flow, he said. The loss of \$76,000 in the tax money was offset by an additional \$75,000 flowing into the village treasury. Distribution of Albany County Sales Tax was the major factor he said, and the village expects to receive

money from that source this year as well.

"The village is in excellent financial shape," Lennon said. It is "a matter of judgement" whether there is too much money on hand, he said.

This year, however, the village may set up three separate reserves with its cash base, he said. One fund will purchase a fire truck — "three or four years down to road," — he said. The other two was facilitate the village's road repair and snow and ice control work.

In other business, the board:

- Appointed former Trustee Douglas' DeDe to the planning commission.
- Announced the disenfranchisement of the village's zoning board, with its responsibilities to be taken over by the building inspector. The board is also considering the establishment of a board of assessment and review, Lennon said.
- Considered purchasing an easement from Conrail for \$2,000. The water line right-of-way, in the past rented for \$1 a year, has now been hiked to \$100 for a year's usage, with no guarantee that it might not rise again. No action was taken.
- Agreed to consult with the state Department of Environmental Conser-

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Bridgette Adams totes up her gains on the big board.

# They're bullish on the market

Members of Joan Herman's ninth grade business classes at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High recently had a chance to learn the ups and downs of the stock market.

Selecting their favorite stocks, the young tycoons filled in stock certificates and watched the progress of their selections on a special bulletin board. Investing imaginary money, some students found themselves "losing" from 50 cents to several hundred dollars, while those whose intuition paid off would up with earnings from \$1.88 to

For most, being bullish was not as easy as it appeared before the start of the unit, but then, being bearish was not as painful as it might have been had they spent real money Lvn Stapf for their choices, Herman said.

vation about a potentially polluting situation at the state's storage depot on Rt. 85A. The request came from village resident Peter Baltis, concerned that chemicals stored at the site might prove harmful to the village's aquifer.

- Received a letter from the Voorhees-. ville Volunteer Ambulance Squad requesting the village deed a plot of land immediately north of the squad's garage on Voorheesville Ave. to the service. The . squad hopes to expand its facility.
- Lennon announced that flow studies were completed on the Salem Hills Sewerage Corp., and that the village expects a report from engineers Clough Harbour this week, detailing what rehabilitation work will be necessary. The village will then put together a financial package including costs of acquisition, rehabilitation and service maintenance,

to be considered and voted upon at two public hearings this summer. Each affected household will receive a notification of the hearings, Lennon said, adding that Clough Harbour expects a timetable for the process to extend into 1985. Negotiations with Rosen and Michaels will continue simultaneously with the village hearing process, Lennon

# One too many for teen

A Slingerlands 16-year-old was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital låst, Monday night after he was found intoxicated and semiconscious on the porch of an Elsmere home, according to Bethlehem police reports. Police said the boy became drunk at a teenage party there while the homeowners were absent. The youth was treated at the hospital emergency room and released.



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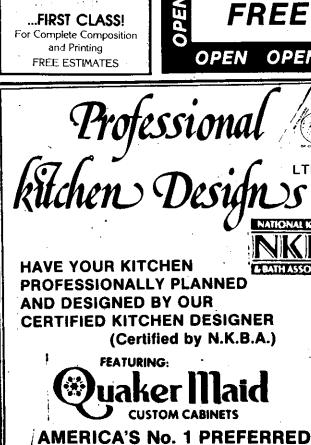
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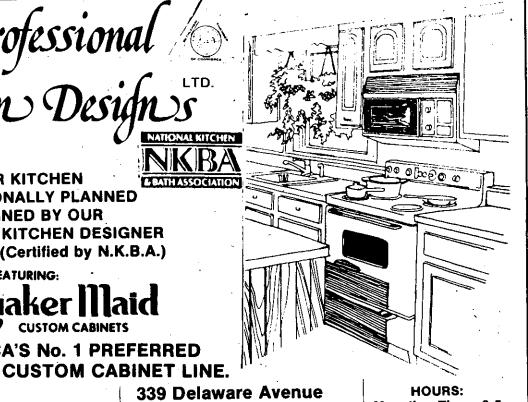
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# A Renaissance fair

Those interested in stepping back in time are invited to join the students and faculty at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High for the first annual Renaissance Fair to be held at the school on Thursday, May 3 from 8:45 a.m. until 2:30 p.m.

The day filled with assemblies, special courses, displays and demonstrations was designed to give students a chance to develop an awareness of the contributions of the Middel Ages and to celebrate and appreciate the multi-talented nature-of Renaissance man.

Featured during the day will be language demonstrations and plays, science experiments, displays of sand-casting and paper making, juggling, dancing, wrestling and music as well as foods of the period. Weather permitting the fair will close with an outdoor tournament complete with a parade, an archery contest and jousting.

The community is invited to come and make merry.

### Benefit to feature Southbound

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor a benefit concert on Saturday featuring the popular local quintet Southbound.

# Voorheesville News Notes



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

The proceeds of the event at the high school (8 p.m.) will go towards the PTSA scholarships given out an the end of the year. Tickets are \$2 for students and \$3 for adults and may be purchased at the door.

Southbound, sure to present an exciting evening of music, had an exciting evening themselves several weeks ago when they met and performed with the award-winning music group, Alabama, which was appearing in concert at RPI. Attending Alabama's press conference by invitation, the group presented members of the band with Southbound T-shirts and were pleasantly surprised when Alabama's bass player, Teddy Gentry, wore his during the concert at Houston Fieldhouse.

Another surprise came later when lead singer Randy Owen, accompanied by the



Voorheesville students getting ready for a Renaissance Arts Festival Thursday include Chris Fernandez, fashion chairman, at left, and Kathi Card, Christine Morrison, Bridgette Caldwell, Chris Houghton, Carla Perry and Amy Verhagen. The festival will be from 9:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

wives of Southbound, took the Alabama tour bus to Shooters in Latham and sang on stage with the Voorheesville group. It was a "first" for both Southbound and Owen, who does not make a practice of appearing with local talent, but apparently is interested in several of Southbound's original compositions.

### Craft fair in New Salem

The New Salem Fire Department will hold their fourth annual craft fair on

Saturday from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m., followed by an open house at the firehouse on Sunday from 1 to 5 p.m.

Featured at the fair will be crafts of every kind as well as various food booths. Admission is free and parking is provided

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### Hotaling on the pan

Barbeques are not unusual this time of year in Voorheesville, but what the American Legion is "cooking up" this weekend is a bit unique. On Saturday the Legion will "roast" Voorheesville's own Bill Hotaling, with the proceeds of the fun-filled evening going to benefit American Legion baseball. Tickets for the program, which begins at 7 p.m. at the Legion Hall, are \$10 and include a hot and cold buffet and beer. Those wishing to make reservations should call Gerry Gordinier at 765-4815 as soon as possible.

Hotaling, who is the superintendent of public works for the village, is a former president of the local Babe Ruth league and has long been active in sports organizations.

### Speaker at Garden Club

The Helderview Garden Club will meet on Thursday, May 10, ay 7 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The program will be "Creativity of Bouquets and the Dinner Table" by Dottie Guyer. Hostesses will be Pat Colfer, Nadia Sembrat and Mary Lous Nichols.

Final plans will be discussed concerning the group's plant sale to be held on Saturday, May 12, at both the Key Bank and Stewart's. Guests are welcome. For information call Kazzy Gainor at 765-

# Senior Citizens active

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will meet tonight (Wednesday) at 7 at the center in New Salem. Featured speaker will be a representative from Channel 17, who will give a slide presentation. Those wishing to sign up for the lunch on May 9 may do so at this meeting, or by calling Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

The seniors will also be taking ceramics for 10 weeks at Shirley's Ceramics in Delmar. Those wishing to sign up should contact craft chairman Avis Smith at 765-2035 for details.

### Fiction workshop starting

Attention budding authors! Beginning on Tuesday, May 15, the Voorheesville Public Library will present a six-session Writing Workshop open to interested teens and adults. Novelist Debbie Mayer, a Schenectady native and author of the acclaimed novel, Sisters, will conduct this fiction workshop, which will run on Tuesdays, from 7 until 9 p.m. through June 19. Pre-registration is required. Anyone interested may stop by the library or call 765-2791 to signup.

Registration is still being taken for the Sitting Safely babysitting course beginning on Monday, May 7. The three-week course is sponsored by the library and PTSA and open to anyone 12 and over. Either call or stop in to reserve a place in

Finally, a reminder that the Sheriff's Department will be conducting a fingerprinting clinic at the library this Saturday, from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. Parents must accompany their children to this free program.

### Spring concerts this month

The sound of music will be in the air in May as Voorheesville schools present their annual spring music programs.

On Wednesday, May 9, the fifth and sixth grade bands under the direction of Lydia Tobler and the fifth and sixth grade choruses directed by Cynthia McDermott will present concerts beginning at 7:30 p.m. in the high school

The Junior-Senior High choral program will be offered on Wednesday, May 23. The public is invited to enjoy all three presentations.

# Dinner for mothers and daughters

The New Scotland Presbyterian Church invites all mothers and daughters to their annual Mother-Daughter Dinner on Wednesday, May 16, beginning at 6:30 p.m. at the church on New Scotland



"Southbound" will appear in a benefit concert Saturday at 8 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Proceeds will go to the Parent-Teacher-Student Association scholarship fund. Tickets will be available at the high school Wednesday noon. Performers are, from left, Doug Bernhardt, Bob Kendall, Billy "Montana" Schlappi, Dave "McCall" Burnham and Dave Flint.

Rd. The cost of the ham dinner is \$3.50 for adults, \$2 for children 5-12 and \$1 for children 4 and under. Reservations must be in by Sunday, May 13. For information or to make reservations call Evelyn Fuglein at 765-2065 or Dorothy Kohler at 765-2931.

A final reminder that the church will host its annual spring roast beef dinner this Saturday beginning at 4:30 p.m. Tickets are \$5.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children under 12, and may be purchased at the door. Craft, plant and food booths will also be on hand.

# Budget vote next week

The final hearing on the proposed 1984-85 school budget of the Voorheesville Central School District will take place on Tuesday, May 8, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. A review of the public library budget will also follow. On Wednesday, May 9, polls will be open from 2 p.m. until 9:30 p.m. at the high

school, giving district residents a chance to vote on the budget, as well as for candidates for the Board of Education and the library board.

# Girl, 2½, pool victim

Nicole Cramer, 21/2, of Flansburg Lane, Voorheesville, died Friday morning after she apparently fell into a backyard pool at her home. A sheriff's department deputy said it is believed the child climbed a ladder to the aboveground pool and then fell in. She was found by her mother, Susanne Flansburg. Deputy Richard Vore, first on the scene, attempted to revive the child, but she was pronounced dead on arrival at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany. Both the Voorheesville and Western Turnpike ambulance corps responded to the call.

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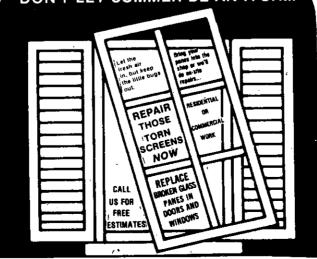
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville. Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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

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

# Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

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

kirk, 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

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Bethlehem Women's Republi- Profect Hope, preventive procan Club, third Monday at gram for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for-Bethleham-Coeymans, 767-2445

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

### 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 He microcomputer, 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

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

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

Red Cross CPR Course, first of 4 sessions sponsored by Town of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9 a.m.-noon. Free; registration, 439-4131 weekdays.

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; Bethlehm 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.



This silkscreen by Deborah Perez of Delmar, a College of Saint Rose student, is in the "Masters Show" opening Sunday at CSR's Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albanv.

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

New Scotland Senior Citizens, WMHT slide presentation, "old school," New Salem, 7 p.m.

# THURSDAY, MAY 3

Spring Rummage Sale, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-6270.

Welcome Wagon Coffee, for newcomers and new mothers in Tri-Village area, at home of Linda Drew, 79 Paxwood Rd... Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-0509.

Bethlehem Art Association, meeting and clay painting demonstration by Elizabeth Vigoda, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5069.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests, and applicants for membership. Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon. . Selkirk, 4 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.

Renaissance Fair, Voorheesville High School, 8:45 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free.

**Community Friendship Singers** In Concert, sing'along for Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization and public, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:15 p.m.

Luncheon for Good Samaritan RJesidents, sponsored by Social Ministry, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, noon. Information, 439-9331.

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

### FRIDAY, MAY 4

Air Band Concert, students imitate rock stars to benefit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited. Bethlehem Central High School, 7 p.m. \$2 tickets at door.

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

Sunshine Senior Citizens, trip to St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, leaves First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6:15 p.m.

Children's Films, for schoolers, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.; after school, 4 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library

# SATURDAY, MAY 5 45

Heideberg 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, admininistered 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-

Heideberg 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.

Roast Turkey Dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396,

# 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

"Hello Dolly" (Schenectady Light Opera's production of the Broadway musical hit), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady May 3-5, 8 p.m., May 6, 2 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

"Oh Coward!" (muscial tribute mounted by Schenectady Civic Players), South Church St. Theater, Schenectady May 4 and 5 and 9-12, 8 p.m., May 13, 2:30 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office.

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

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

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

"Romantic Comedy" (sophisiticated comedy by Bernard Slade) Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, May 9-13 and

MUSIC

CSR Chamber Singers and Campaniles Handbell Choir, St. Jošeph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany,

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

American Ragtime Ensemble, Hudson High School, May 4, 8 p.m. Tickets at the door.

Union College Men's and Women's Glee Clubs in concert of 18th century music, Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, May 5.

Lorelei (all-woman folk trio), Eighth Step Coffe House, 362 State Stj., Albany, May 5, 8:45 p.m.

Organ recital, Hew Lewis, Cathedral of All Saints, Swan and Elk streets, Albany, May 6, 3 p.m.

Family Concert, Albany Symphony Orchestra, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, May 6, 2 p.m. Tickets, Egg box office, 473-3750.

Berlioz "Requiem" performed by SUNY University Chorale. Capitol Hill Choral Society and University Community Orchestra, Cathedral of Immaculate Conception, Madison and Eagle, Albany, May 7 and 8, 8 p.m.

Rogeri Piano Trio, Kiggins Auditorium, Emma Willard School, Troy, May 7, 8 p.m. Community Box Office.

Tiny Tots Concerts (Albany Symphony Orchestra plays for children 3 to 7), Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, May 9, 10:45 a.m.; May 16, 9:15 and 10:45 a.m. Tickets, 482-6530 after 4 p.m. daily.

# DANCE

Jose Limon Dance Company, lecture-demonstrations, May 2, Nott Memorial Theater, Union College, 12:30-1:30 p.m. and 8 p.m., SUNY Dance Studio, May 4, concert at the Egg. Empire State Plaza, 8 p.m. Tickets for May 4, 473-3750.

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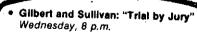
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Mystery! "Shades of Darkness: The Lady's Maid's Bell" Thrusday, 9 p.m. Movies: "Laurel and Hardy's Laughing

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Sunday, 6 p.m. American Playhouse: "Concealed Monday, 9 p.m. Enemies"

Remembering Harry S. Truman Tuesday, 10 p.m.

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Mary Keane and Jesse Braverman, a teacher at Bethlehem Central, are in the cast of "Romantic Comedy," opening this weekend at Albany Civic Theater.

MONDAY, MAY 7

Single Parent Support Group,

"Single Parent and the Adole-

scent" discussion, Bethelehem

**National Honor Society Induc-**

tion Ceremony, for juniors and

parents, Bethlehem Central

Temple Chapter 5 RAM, first

and third Mondays, Delmar

Delmar Progress Club, annual

meeting, Bethlehem Public

Delmar Community Orchestra,

Bethiehem Town Hall, weekly

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mon-

days at Starlite Lounge, Rt 9W,

Al-Anon Group, support for

relatives of alcoholics, meets

Mondays at Bethlehem Luth-

eran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Del-

mar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Informa-

Career and Education Advise-

ment, Mondays and Tuesdays,

Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9

p.m. Free; for appointments;

Poets Workshop, 6-session

series by local author Joseph

Cardillo for aspiring writers

begins, Bethlehem Public Li-

brary, 7 p.m. Free, registration,

**TUESDAY, MAY 8** 

Slingerlands Home Bureau,

second Tuesday of each

Slingerlands Fire District, sec-

ond Tuesdays at Slingerlands

Onesquethaw Cemetery Meet-

ing, Clarksville Community

Church, 7:30 p.m. Information,

Tri-Village Peace Breakfast.

First United Methodist Church,

**Delmar Rotary** meets Tues-

days at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor

Mothers' Time Out, Christian

support group for mothers of

preschoolers meets Tuesdays

386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free

child care; information, 439-

Voorheesville School District

Meeting, annual presentation

of school and public library

budgets, Voorheesville High

Book Discussion Group, re-

views "Billy Phelan's Greatest

Game" by William Kennedy,

Bethlehem Public Library, 10

**Bethlehem Central School Dis-**

trict Meeting, annual presentation of budget and board

condidates, Bethlehem Central

Christian Science Lecture,

Argentine Juan Lavigne asks

"Can God Protect Us?", Ho-

ward Johnson's Motor Lodge,

Tuesday and Thursday classes for beginners, Bethlehem Pub-

lic Library, 7-9 p.m. Free;

information, 439-9314.

Language Workshop,

Rt. 9W, Albany, 8 p.m. Free.

High School, 7:30 p.m.

School, 7:30 p.m.

439-9314 by May 4.

Church, 7:30 p.m.

fire station, 8 p.m.

Delmar, 7 a.m.

Inn, Glenmont.

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Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

High School.

Masonic Temple.

Library, 10 a.m.

Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

tion, 439-4581.

439-9314.

at 7:30 p.m.

Environmental Education Workshop, for teachers and youth leaders who teach in and outof-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.

Bill Hotaling Roast, benefits Legion baseball, American Legion Hall, 7 p.m. \$10 reservations, 765-4815.

Southbound Concert, benefits PTSA scholarship fund, Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m. \$3 and \$2 tickets at door.

Bethlehem Rural Cemetery Association, annual meeting, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 2 p.m.

All-Class Reunion, 50th anniversary music and dancing, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.-1 a.m. \$5 tickets; public invited.

Tri=Village Squares Dance, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. ceremony, 8-11 p.m. dancing.

Pokingbrook Morris Dancers, perform at Stuyvesant Plaza, noon; Altamont gazebo park, 2 Voorheesville village green, 3 p.m. Free.

Contradance, sponsored by Old Songs, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, 8:30 p.m \$3.50 admission.

Peace Prayer Vigit, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon Information, 439-5439.

Heldeberg Workshop Family Day, demonstrations, displays sports, arts and crafts, gardening, archaeology, nature walks and food, workshop land or Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 1( a.m-4 p.m. Free.

Car Wash, benefits So. Bethle hem ambulance fund and foor pantry, sponsored by Faith Lutheran Church, at Mobil station, Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, 8:30 a.m.-2:30

Outdoor Art Show, sponsored by Bethlehem Art Association, Delaware Plaza, Delmar, 10 a.m-5 p.m. rain or shine.

# SUNDAY MAY 6

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

Onesquethaw Fire Co. Open House, see equipment, meet firemen and attend blood pressure clinic, Clarksville firehouse, Plank Rd., 1-4 p.m.

Pancake Breakfast, Slingerlands firehouse, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Tickets \$3 and \$1.50.

New Salem Fire Department Open House, free children's fingerprinting, at firehouse, 1-5

Pancake Breakfast, Bethlehem Elks Lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Church Family Festival, and covered dish supper, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk, 5 p.m.

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

May Day Celebration, for children 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration

Red Cross Bloodmobile, for students over 17 and parents, Bethlehem Central High School,

439-9314.

11 a.m.- 5 p.m.

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

Landscaping Your Yard, spring garden lecture, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. soil testing clinic, 7:30 p.m. pro-

Apple Writer Workshop, session 2. Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314.

Second Milers, meeting and luncheon to honor charter members and past presidents on 20th anniversary, First United Methodist Church, Delmar,

Bethlehem Central Budget Vote and election of board members, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7 p.m.-9 p.m.

Voorheesville School District Elections, for budget, school board and library board, Voorheesville High School, 2-9:30

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Club, meeting, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 1 p.m. -

Spring Concert by elementary school students, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Red Cross CPR Course, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9 a.m.-noon. Free: registration, 439-4131 weekdays.

### THURSDAY MAY 10

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

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

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

**New Scotland Democratic So**clai Club, second Thursday, 8 month at the Delmar Reformed dp.m.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, meeting and demonstration, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information,

Mohawk Chapter, DAR, annual meeting at covered dish picnic, home of Mrs. Richard Cronce, Voorheesville, 12:30 p.m.

Strawberry Festival Volunteer Recognition, with speaker-Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan, Good Samaritan Home, Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 2:30

Hélderview Garden Club, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7

# FRIDAY, MAY 11

Slingerlands Spring Carnival, children's entertainment and fingerprinting, Slingerlands Elementary School, 4-8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, tulip show, luncheon at University Club, Albany, leaves Town Parking Lot, 11 a.m. Reservations, 439-9314.

# SATURDAY, MAY 12

Auction, Elsmere Fire Co-pany Ladies Auxiliary, antiques, collectibles and crafts, at firehouse, Poplar Dr.

Heldeberg Workshop Annual Plant & Shrub SALE

Large Selection Saturday, May 5, 10 - 4 Picard Rd., Voorheesville Call 895-2269 for info.

# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

**Events in Nearby Areas** 

### WEDNESDAY, MAY 2

Albany Symphony Orchestra Vanguard Preview, with composer Charles Wourinen 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-

Middle East Update: The Dynamics of Crisi, lecture 4 of 6 part series, Rodger Bacon Hall. Siena College, Loundonville, 7-9 p.m. Information, 457-3907.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Benefit, luncheon and fashion show. The Cheese Connection and Beck Furs. noon: open house, Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. \$7 and \$4 tickets, 465-

### **THURSDAY MAY 3**

Writers' Workshop, discussion on researching and writing non-fiction, Albany Public Li-. brary, 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, 371-6832.

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

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, 3 undergraduate poets, SUNYA Humanities Lounge; noon. Free.

Church Card Party-Fashion Show, Knights of Columbus Hall, Main St., Ravena, 7 p.m. \$3 tickets at door.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Benefit, luncheon and fashion show, L'Ecole and Macy's, noon; open house Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, 11 a.m.-6:30 p.m. \$7 and \$4 tickets, 465-4755.

# 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. dinnerdance.

Church Card Party, St. Patrick's Church, 283 Central Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$2 tickets at door.

Humanistic Studies in Technology, 2-day symposium on cathedral engineering, medieval music, frescoe, Hudson Valley Community College. \$15 registration, 283-1100.

AUSA Annual Dinner Meeting, Watervliet Arsenal Officers Club, 6:30 p.m. social hour, \$9 reservations.

An Evening of M\*A\*S\*H\*, author David Reiss's backstage view of TV series, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. \$3 and \$2 tickets.

Solid State Physics Demonstration, for high school science students and teachers, nuclear accelerator lab, SUNYA, 9 a.m.-12:30 p.m. Free.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Benefit, luncheon and fashion show, La Serre and the Country Miss, noon; open house, Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, 11 a.m.-3

### SATURDAY, MAY 5

Goods and Services Auction, B'Nai Brith Sholom, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

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

Antiquarian Book Fair, rare, and manuscripts, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m. \$2 admission, \$3 appraisal.

Luncheon and Fashion Show, Helderberg chapter O.E.S., Altamont Masonci Temple, 12:30 p.m.

Imagin-Auction, Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, 5 p.m. reception, 7:30 p.m. dinner, 9 p.m. auction. Information, 465-5222.

Springfest and Neighborhood Walkabout, colonial crafts, mock military encampment and Fife and Drum Corps benefit historic South End, Schuyler Mansion, 32 Catherine St., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

The Business of Being an Artist, seminar for area artist, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. \$6 registration, 449-5380.

Vanguard Albany Symphony **Benefit**, luncheon and fashion show. Grimaldi's and Pappagallo, noon; open house. Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

### SUNDAY, MAY 6

Albany Professional Singles, parapsychology meeting, Aibany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., 6:30 p.m.

Chinese Auction and Card Party, Catholic Women's Service League of Albany, at La Salle School, 391 Western Ave., 2-5 p.m. \$3 admission.

Talented Miss Pageant, local screening auditions for girls ages 5-18, Holiday Inn. 946 New Loudon Rd., Latham, 5-8 p.m. Information, (607) 334-9112.

Kirkin O' the Tartan parade, music and entertainment on National Heritage Sunday, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, 10:30 a.m. Information 43-3502.

Israel Festival and Walk-for-Life, United Jewish Appeal benefit on 9, 18km course. starts from Albany Jewish Community Center, Whitehall Rd., 9:30 a.m. Registration, 459-

Vanguard Albany Symphony Benefit, open house, Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, noon-4 p.m. \$4 tickets,

### MONDAY MAY 7

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

Prospects for Peace in the Middle East, lecture by Clovis Maksoud, League of Arab States out-of-print books, maps, print , ambassador to U.N. Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, 8:30 p.m.

### TUESDAY, MAY 8

Legislative Forum, EnCon Commissioner Henry Williams, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.

Friends of the Library Talk, Paul Weinman reads from Gathering Fish, Albany Public Library, noon.

# WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

The Relationship Between Diet and Health, lecture, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Starting a Bed and Breakfast Business, Cooperative Extension small business workshop, Sheraton Airport Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 9 a.m.-4 p.m., \$15 registration, 765-3635.

Albany Volunteer Center Awards Lunchean, Steuben Athletic Club, Albany, noon. Reservations, 434-2061.

Vanguard Albany Symphony Benefit, luncheon and fashion show, The Cheese Connection and Flah's, noon; open house, Historic Pastures Village, Green St., Albany, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

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The Delmar Kiwanis Club was recently judged to have conducted the second-best project last year among hundreds of Kiwanis Clubs throughout the state. The club's fingerprinting program for children, organized last summer in cooperation with the Bethlehem Police Department, was cited for its creativeness and overall implementation. Receiving the award is Gary Swan, Delmar Kiwanis president, center, together with New York Kiwanis Governor Anthony Palangi of Glens Falls and Capital District Lt. Governor Mike Fitzpatrick of Greenville

# Auxiliary selects slate

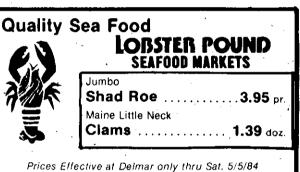
Marie Griffin is the new vice president of the auxiliary of Bethlehem's veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185. Other officers elected recently are Jo Dare. senior vice president; Irene Stapf, junior vice president; Pat DeVoe, secretary, Val-Moseley, treasurer; Colleen Bassett,

Also, Marie Privler, conductress; Rose -Price, guard, and Dorothy Way, patriotic instructor. Trustees are Marie Privler, Jo-Pratt and Frances Gathen.' <

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# Book on childhood

Allen C. Israel of Delmar, a professor of psychology at the State University at Albany, is co-author of a new book titled 'Behavior Disorders of Childhood," The book, written with Rita Wicks-Nelson, gives a historical perspective on childhood psychopathology and discusses sleep and eating disorders, fears and phobias, and aggression, among other subjects. Israel has the doctoral degree from the State University at Stony Brook and has been at Albany since 1971.





### On to state finals

A team of fifth graders from Bethlehem's Hamagrael Elementary School had a first-place finish at the Albany-Schenectady Board of Cooperative Educational Services. The win means the team will compete in the Olympics of the Mind state finals April 7 in Goshen. Teám members are Stacey Clark, Anita Kaplan, Mere Kiemle, Brooke Meislahn and Erin Rodat. Coaches are Dr. Allen Kaplan and George Kiemle, and coordinators for Hamagrael are June DeHart and Dee Foley.

A team from Glenmont Elementary School took second place with a different problem, while another Hamagrael team came in third. Clarksville Elementary School fielded a team that also won a second.

# Gunner shares know-how

Charles Gunner, principal of the Bethlehem Central High School, was the first administrator-in-residence at the Center for Teacher Education and Educational Services at the State University College at Plattsburgh this spring. He worked with students and faculty members there, and also met with area principals and school superintendents. Gunner is secondary school commissioner for the Middle States Association.

### 4 cars in accident

Four ears were involved in an accident Thursday afternoon on Delaware Ave, near Elsmere Ave. in Delmar. According to the Bethlehem police report, a car driven by a Rensselaer man struck the rear of a car stopped for the light, pushing it into the vehicle ahead, which in turn struck the lead car, Patricia Burns, 'no address given, a passenger in the third car, was treated at St. Peter's Hospital and released. No charges were filed, according to the police report.

# Singalong for oldsters

The Community Friendship Singers will be in concert after the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meeting on Thursday, May 3, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The free singalong, which will begin at 1:15 p.m., is also open to the public.



Frank H. Odell

# Cited by 'Y'

Frank H. Odell, president of the State Bank of Albany, has been selected by the Albany YMCA as Citizen of the Year for 1984. He will be honored at a Recognition Breakfast on May 9 at the Turf Inn. This award is presented annually to a local individual who has provided services to the community, worked for the improvement of humanity and who has contributed to the Albany YMCA either financially or through services.

Odell is a resident of Delmar.

# Candy probed

A Selkirk woman brought an Easter basket to the Selkirk state police substation Monday morning, but it wasn't a gift. The woman, a resident of South Albany Rd., told police she had found pins in a foilwrapped chocolate egg and brought in the whole basket of candyto be examined. The candy was bought at several locations at different times, police said. Investigation is underway.

## Two named at JCA

Two Delmar residents have taken posts at the Junior College of Albany. William H. Clarke is a new counselor in the correctional program at the college. He was previously a vocational counselor at the Singer Career Systems, Glenmont Job Corps Center. Judith Odell, a certified public accountant, is a new faculty member in the college's Division of Business and Economics.

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Rosemary Drysdale, noted English Embroidery and Knitting Teache Tuesday, May 8: 1-3 p.m. Blackwork and Beading

6:30-9:30 p.m. Advanced Knitting Entraac (Basketweave) Diagonal Knitting

Wednesday, May 9: 10-12 noon Whitework (cutwork)

1-3 p.m. Hemstitching

Each Workshop is \$10./person. No charge for kits. Reservations due by May 4th.

# DOLL LOVERS OF THE CAPITAL DISTRICT: Next Meeting Tuesday, May 15th FREE

Bring your favorite doll with you to a fun meeting. Ruth Trainor and Jean Morse are interested in talking about their favorite dolls. Learn how to make porcelain dolls, or dress your own baby doll. 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. meets the 3rd Tuesday of each month. Bring in your own lunch, beverage is provided. Handmade or store bought, antique or modern, all dolls will be welcomed lovingly.

May 25 and 26: Pat Cox, "One Of A Kind Quilt Designs"

Friday, May 25: 10-3 p.m. FABULOUS LOG CABIN PATTERN workshop. Explore some of the many possibilities of this fascinating quilt block. We will be making a variation of the basic block and using color to give different over-all effects. (Advanced).

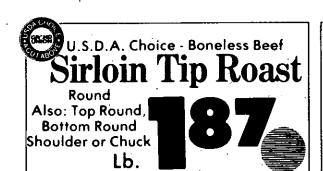
Saturday, May 26: 10-3 p.m. CURVED PIECING (Intermediate) The Drunkard's Path block is the basis for our design but we will be making a variation and expanding the color possibilities to more than the standard light and dark.

Friday evening, May 25, 7-9 p.m. Lecture: BALTIMORE ALBUM QUILTS, the greatest

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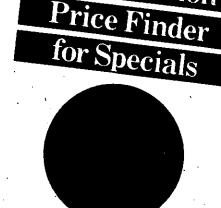






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# A letter from the kennel

Dear Family:

It's very frustrating for me to be unable to write and to know that I never will, It's even more frustrating that I cannot make word sounds with my voice the way-you do, because I have many thoughts I would like to share with you, and I'm afraid you won't be able to understand exactly what I mean in the limited ways I communicate.

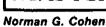
So I guess I'll try in the same way I've always tried, and hope it gets through to you. I will think my thoughts and feel my feelings trusting that you will be sensitive to me and pick up the meaning and the intent of what I'm trying to say.

First, I really hope you're all having a great time at the shore. I know how hard you've all worked at your jobs, at school and around the house. You deserve some time off and some relaxation for yourselves, and this vacation is just what you need.

I hope you're not worried about me. I like the place you've left me. The people here are kind, they have decent meals, although not with the special touches you give me at home, and I've made a few friends here, also. Naturally, I wish I could've gone to the shore with you. It would have been fun to run across the sand into the waves, and play eatch and all, but I understand that I can't be with you all the time.

I do miss you and can't wait for you to get home, but don't worry about me while you're supposed to be enjoying your vacation. When you hugged me goodbye last week after dropping me off here, you looked so sad. I know I sounded a little scared, but I really trust you to take good care of me, and I know you wouldn't leave me with bad people. Besides, you've given me such a wonderful home that I really do feel secure so that I can tolerate being apart from you at least for a while.

Family Matters





Being here without my familiar surroundings, my normal daily routine, without you, my family, is making me realize just how important you are to me. It's also making me feel bad for some of the things I've done that have upset you, and I want to apologize.

Remember when I was very young and hadn't learned that material things were important to you? Well, I haven't forgotten how angry I made you when I ruined Dad's recliner chair and then in the same week knocked Mom's African violets off the plant stand and she couldn't save any of them. And I can also remember the time I went racing through the family room while you were doing your income tax and I got the papers all messed up and torn. I still feel sorry for doing those things, and I deserved to get smacked and punished by you.

I also want to apologize for taking that Thanksgiving turkey a few years ago and digging into it all by myself while you were all in the family room with your friends. You were right to lock me up in the basement all night, and even then after doing such an awful thing to you, you were still kind enough to give me a blanket so I wouldn't be cold. I didn't deserve it.

I want you to know that even now that I'm pretty grown up and don't do those thoughtless things anymore, I still feel guilty about all the work I cause you to do. I really want to help, but I just don't know how to run a vacuum cleaner or do

laundry. I don't know what it is about me, but no matter how hard I try I just can't seem to eat or drink without making a mess. Please forgive me. I'm really doing the best I can. I just hope it's good enough.

And please don't think I resent our little baby brother just because I yell at him every once in a while. I know he's still very young and doesn't know better, but it really hurts when jumps on my sore hip while I'm sleeping or when he grabs my hair with his little fist and pulls hard. I hate myself for making you think I would ever hurt him. I never would, you know.

Finally, I want you to know that I feel your caring always, even when you forget to give me dinner, which doesn't happen often anyways, or when you keep me inside the house all day while you shop or go visiting. And I know you can't always give me a hug whenever I ask you to, because you're busy and you've all got lots on you minds.

Please' know that I understand these things and that I accept all of you just the way you are. I'm very content with our life together, and I'm grateful to you for loving me. If there's anything I do to bother you, please tell me and I'll stop doing it. And if I can help you in any way, please ask me and I'll try my best, because you're my family and I care about you more than anything else in the world, and I always will

your loving dog, Duke

# Flapjacks at firehouse

The Slingerlands Fire Department will serve a pancake breakfast on Sunday, May 6, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the firehouse. Tickets to the eating event are \$3 for adults and \$1.50 for children.



Frances Grant

# For mothers and children

United Methodist Women of First United Mehodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, will have a celebration Sunday, May 6, honoring mothers and children in Fellowship Hall.

Following a make-your-own sundae dessert at 6:30 p.m., Frances Grant and her "Puppet People" will entertain the mothers and children and will include a "sing-a-long."

# Exhibit at library

An exhibit of Peter Archambaut's drawings and paintings will be on display at, the Bethlehem Public Library through May 31. The exhibit was mounted by the Madawaska Museum in New Brunswick, Canada, and is presented by the Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series, which receives funds from the National Endowment for the Humanities.

Archambault was born and brought up in Madawaska, Me., and attended the Boston School of Practical Arts and the Rhode Island School of Design before becoming graphic artist supervisor for the University of Maine at Orono, a position he held for 10 years.

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Mrs. Stephen Fletcher, left, and Mrs. Leslie Maercklein, center, are co-chairmen for the Panhellenic Association's garage sale planned May 19 at 20 Longwood Dr., in Delmar. Mrs. Robert Friedlander is helping mark items for the sale, which will benefit the group's scholarship fund. Sale hours are 9 a.m. to 3 p.m.

# Fellowship to chemist

Eric Block, professor of chemistry at the State University at Albany, has been awarded a \$19,000 fellowship from the John Simon Guggenheim Foundation for studies in organosulfer chemistry. Block is one of only nine faculty members in the State University system to receive a Guggenheim Fellowship this year.

Under the fellowship, Block will write a companion volume to a book he published in 1978, "Reactions of Organosulfer Compounds," and will also do research at the University of Bologna in Italy, where he has been invited to give a series of lectures in the university's division of industrial chemistry.

Block also will research folk medicine, with a special focus on folk medicine associated with onions and garlic. Block, a Delmar resident, came to the university in 1981. He has a Ph.D. from Harvard University

# LaLeche session here

This year's La Leche League area conference will be held at Bethlehem Central High School on Saturday, May 12. Matilda Cuomo will give a key-note proclamation from the governor at 1 p.m. The day-long forum will see parents, professionals and students share their experiences and concerns about breastfeeding, parenting, nutrition and childbirth. Call Phoebe Kerness at 439--3419 for details.

# Volunteers honored

The Good Samaritan Home in Delmar will honor its community volunteers at a Strawberry Festival Volunteer Recognition on Thursday, May 10, at 2:30 p.m. Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan will speak at the ceremony. For information, call the nursing home at 439-8116.



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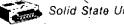


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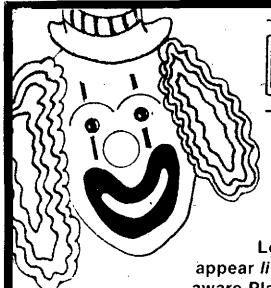
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Kris T. Jackstadt

# Joins law firm

Kris T. Jackstadt has recently joined the firm of DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy of Delmar. A specialist in personal injury trial practice, Jackstadt was formerly a staff trial attorney for the Hartford Insurance Group and managing trial attorney for Merchants' Insurance Group. He is a graduate of the State University at Albany and Albany Law

Jackstadt and his wife, Mary, and their two children reside in Voorheesville.

# **Business**

# Computer ins and outs

To help managers and other administrative professionals evaluate microcomputers and software the State University at Albany's Division of Continuing Studies is offering a three-hour noncredit seminar, "Selecting and Using a Microcomputer in Your Business," on Wednesday, May 23, from 6:30 to 9:30 p.m. The program is being sponsored by Urbach, Kahn, and Werlin. For information, call 455-6121.

# Manages fitness salon

Kerry Brown of Albany has been

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promoted to manager of the Gloria Stevens fitness salon in Elsmere. She is a 1983 graduate of St. Michael's College in Vermont, where she received a bachelor's degree in pyschology.

# Help for the hunt

# All news

(From Page 1)

broadcasting the New York Mets baseball games.

An advertising campaign alerting TV audiences to WWCN's news and sports format is also currently giving a boost to its Arbitron ratings, but the station's staff knows the challenge is to turn that initial interest into a habit.

Bellinger is enthusiastic about his new job and the talents of WWCN's news staff. "This is a growing operation," he said, "and we want to be leaders in the local radio market."

One of his main goals is to make the station "easier to listen for longer periods of time." He wants to cut down on the repetition of news items, and at the same time make the format "more predictable" -- so listeners will know, for example, at exactly what times during each hour they can expect to hear local news, weather updates or a financial report.

He thinks, too, that working for a station like WWCN is the best possible training for young radio journalists. "On a small radio station in a small town, you have to do everything," he said, "from covering news conferences, writing copy, editing tape, and, of course, doing onthe-air broadcasts."

Hutchison and Mark Lawrence Kaplan co-anchor WWCN's important 6 to 10 a.m. shift, when listeners are waking up and preparing for the day ahead.

Their style is direct and serious, in contrast to the light chitchat engaged in by many of their early-morning competitors. This no-frills approach conveys a respect for their listeners' desire to get filled in fast on what's happening on that particular day.

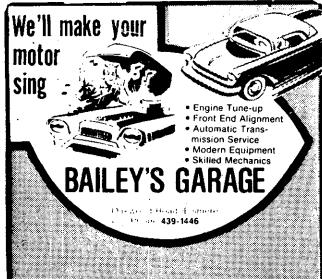
But while the station's staff specializes in such straightforward presentations of facts and figures throughout each day, Hutchison claimed recently that the reporters are all "borderline nuts." She said it affectionately, adding that she has great confidence in their intelligence and that it's "the people I work with" that makes her enjoy her job immensely.

On the other side of the small building on Kenwood Ave. are the offices of WWCN's sales staff — who sign up the advertisers who keep the station in business. The main office on this side is occupied by Chris Devine, a 30-year-old entrepreneur who is just this month buying out the radio station from a previous partnership, and who is also now overseeing the promotion of a rock music concert series to be sponsored at Heritage Park in Colonie by the J.C. Penney Company.

A psychology graduate of Loyola University in Chicago, Devine said he "loves being a part of the Delmar community," and while that may be a politic thing to say to a local newspaper representative, he backs it up with evidence of having made his mark here in a short time.

"The radio station is growing just like wheat in the fields," he shouted over the phone, and then after a pause for effect: WGY, watch out."

A little more time will tell, of course, but it might be this sort of brash, aggressive financial leadership -- combined with the dedicated efforts of some serious young journalists — will pay off in a welcome permanent addition to the local airwaves.



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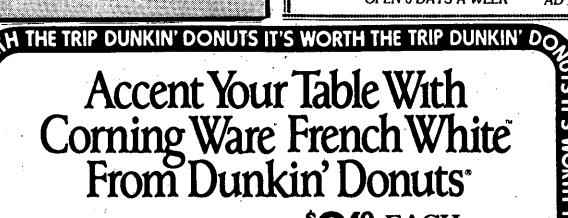
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# Lecturer coming

Juan Carlos Lavigne, an Argentine Christian Scientist, will give an affirmative reply to his lecture topic "Can God Protect Us?" on Tuesday, May 8, at 8 p.m. at the Howard Johnson's Motor Lodge in Albany. The free spiritual talk is being sponsored by the First Church of Christ, Scientist, in Delmar.

# Kirkin' at St. Peter's

St. Peter's Church in Albany will celebrate National Heritage Sunday on May 6 with its annual Kirkin' O' the Tartan celebration. A parade led by the Schenectady Pipe Band will begin the ethnic festivities at 10:15 a.m., and a religious service by Dr. Howard Hageman of the New Brunswick Theological Seminary will follow at 10:30 a.m. More than 50 groups of Scottish, Irish, English, Italian, Polish, German, Spanish and African ancestry will participate.

# Jewish exhibit one stop

Women's American ORT (Organization for rehabilitation through Training) plans a bus trip to New York City on Thursday, May 31, that will include a trip to the Jewish Museum there to see an exhibition of Jewish artifacts collected by the Nazis. The bus will stop at 34th St. first and then at the Paramus Mail in New Jersey following the museum visit. Cost is \$36. For information, call Barbara Silber, 439-3639.

# Still in there diagina

Now in its third year, the Bethlehem Archaeology Group has 10 regular members who meet to perfect their lab techniques on Tuesdays and Thursdays from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m., at the old Waldenmaier building on Feura Bush Rd. just south of the town park. With the help of volunteers, they use the lab experience during the summer months to excavate their current "dig" at the Nicoll-Sill House on Cedar Hill. It dates back from 1735.

Interested amateur archaeologists should call 439-4258 or field director Dr. Floyd Brewer at 439-6391.

# Birdwatching at 5 Rivers

"An Introduction to Birds and Birdwatching," a four-part adult education course, will be offered this spring at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

Designed for the beginning birdwatcher, the course will provide an in-depth look at local birds, their habits and habitats, and techniques for indetifying them. The course will involve two Tuesday evening lectures, from 7:30 to 9:30 on May 8 and May 22, and two Saturday morning field trips, from 8 to 11, May 12 and 26. Registration, which is limited, will be filled on a first-reply, firstserved basis. The course fee is \$15 and no single-evening registrations will be accepted. For information, call the center at 457-6092.

# Bike-a-thon Sunday

A Bike-a-thon to benefit the Capital District chapter of the American Diabetes Association will get underway Sunday at area McDonald's restaurants and at Blue Cross in Slingerlands. Bikers can get sponsor sheets at McDonald's, at schools or from the association, 869-0157.

# Stole, skates taken

A mink stole valued at \$500 and a pair of roller skates were taken from a Delaware Ave., Delmar residence whose owner was absent for two weeks, Bethlehem police reported. The theft was reported last Tuesday.

# Christopher cited

Thomas Christopher, of Coeymans, a senior at RCS High School, has been named a winner of a 1984 Jostens Foundation Scholarship award.

Christopher is one of more than 19,000 seniors who competed for a \$500 award. Selection of the 200 winners was based on achievements in school and community affairs, work experiences and academic excellence.

# Luncheon planned

Residents of the Good Samaritan Home are invited to a noon luncheon that will be served at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church in Delmar on Thursday, May 3. It will be sponsored by the Board of Social Ministry and chaired by Doris Hall and Mary Lou Wahl. For information, call Sandy Pangburn at 439-9331.

### **Auctionibles wanted**

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Company is looking for antiques, collectibles and handcrafted items to auction at its fundraiser May 12. Donors get 75 percent of the proceeds and the fire company gets the other 25 percent.

For information or to make donations, call Linda Watt at 439-0010 or Carolyn Kaufman at 439-0307.

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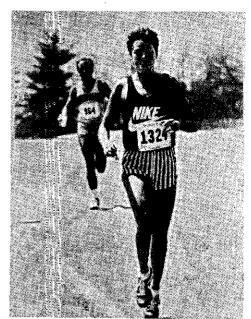
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Water-girls for the Blue Cross classic stand on the bridge railing of the D&H overpass on Cherry Ave. Extension in Slingerlands waiting for the first runners in the 5.5-silometer short-course road race Sunday. One runner, center photo, used his cup to pour cool

water on his face, while others ventured a few sips in the warm, 72-degree sunshine. On the cover: Once past the bridge, the runners headed for the home stretch down Cherry Ave. toward Rt. 85, three quarters of a mile all downhill or on the level.

Tom Howes photos

# Glenmont woman wins Blue Cross classic

Lisa Fast-Stanton of Glenmont was the overal wamen's winner in the Blue Cross Classic rui. Sunday, covering the 15-kilometer course in Slingerlands in 65 minutes 44 seconds, a full minute and a ·half over her nea est rival:

The 28-year-old Russell Sage graduate student in nursing education has been a distance raniler for eight years. She moved to Gle imont with her husband a year and a half ago.

Bethlehem runi ers also captured three other first plazes in age category listings over the long course. Ann Drapeau of Delmar was first in the women's 40-49 age group, finishing 193rd overall in 69:48. Peter Winkler of Delmar was first in the youngest age division, 10-14, in 59:58, and Dana Nuss and Kirsten Wehmann, both of Del nar, were 1-2 as the only runners entered in the women's 15-18 classification.

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Overall winner was Muva Wachira, a Canadian runner, who edged Dennis Northrup of Selkirk, who was 13th in the prestigious Boston Marathon :wo weeks ago, by 35 seconds. Wachira was timed in 48 minutes 55 secones, Nerthrup in 49:30. Thát finish, however, gave the Selkirk standout first pace in men's 19-

Other local participants who finished in the first three of various categories over the 9-mile course were Sean Wilbur of Voorheesville, third in boys 10-14; Ted Penkowski of Voorheesville and Steve Ryan of Glenmont, second and third in the 15-18 age group, and Dale Keenan of Selkirk, second in men 30-34.

In the 5.5-kilometer race (3 miles), finishers inc uded Michael Bartholomew of New Scotland, second in men's 60-

and-over; David DeCecco of Slingerlands, second in boys 10-14; Sheila Seery of Selkirk, third in women 15-18, and Ann Kieler of Delmar, third in women 35-39.

More than 1,300 runners answered the starter's gun in sunny 72-degree weather, starting and finishing at Blue Cross headquarters. The long course followed Font Grove Rd., Krumkill Rd. and Blessing Rd.

# A fifth at Draper meet

By Frank Baker

After a 10-day layoff, Voorheesville's struggling boys' track team got a big boost Saturday by placing fifth in a field of 17 teams at the Draper Invitational track meet.

Coach Ken Kirik had this to say about his team's performance: "There were a few disappointments, but we did pretty well for our first big meet."

Freshman harrier Chuck Rogers won the mile and captured second place in the half-mile, Junior Adam Schiable took second in the two-mile and eighth grader Leany Mertens was third.

The two-mile relay team of Mertens, Ben Greenberg, Doug Arthur and Tim Gcdin finished fourth, as did the mile relay team of Rogers, Godin, Lee Kraus and Craig Applegate.

Kirik was also pleased by the performance of freshman Tom Clark. He set a personal best mark of 9 feet in the pole vault competition.

Voorheesville is currently 1-3 in dual

# Onesquethaw open house

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company is hosting an open house at the firehouse on Plank Rd. in Clarksville this Sunday from 1 to 4 p.m., and potential volunteers are especially welcome. Clarksville, Feura Bush and Unionville residents are invited to meet the firefighters and their equipment,

meets, but the losing record is due mainly to the ack of depth. "We'll do better in the big meets than in the duals," said Kirik.

The Blackbirds were scheduled for a trip to Albany Academy yesterday (May 1) to tangle with what Kirik called "by far the finest team in the league. I don't go there with very high expectations, we'll just have fun," he added.

Voorheesville heads to Middleburgh Saturday for the Middleburgh Invitational, but with only a skeleton team because of the SAT exam scheduled for that day.

# Soccer coaches needed

A state-sponsored clinic for volunteer soccer coaches will be held in Delmar this month, and Bethlehem Soccer Club officials are urging coaches, assistant coaches and any other volunteers to sign

The :wo-part clinic will be held at the Bethlehert town hall from 6:30 to 10:30 p.m. on consecutive Tuesdays, May 15 and May 22. Registration is \$10 if made in advance, \$12 at the door.

To obtain mail registration forms, interested coaches should call 474-0403 during business hours weekdays.

On May 15, instruction will be in physiology, sport psychology, sport medicine and law aspects of soccer. On May 22. instruction will be on the teaching of basic soccer skills. Each registran: will receive a copy of the book, Coaching Young Athletes.

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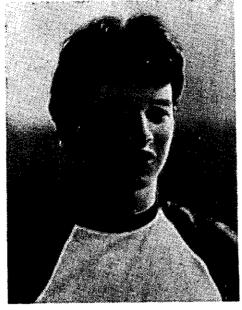
# Eagles get some standout efforts

Coach Art Ritchko has found another pitcher and another hitter for his Bethlehem Central baseball forces, and the discoveries have lifted the Eagles to a 2-4 record in the Suburban Council's Gold Division.

The Eagles won one and lost two during the vacation week. They upset Columbia in overtime with a run in the eighth last Monday at home, but it was a loss at Saratoga that gave the team its biggest morale-booster. BC lost that one, 1-0, before dropping a 9-2 decision to Mohonasen at Rotterdam on Friday.

Mike Cronin unloaded a grand slam and three singles in six trips against Columbia, driving in six runs including the game-winner in the extra frame. It was 7-7 after six, and each team scored three times in the seventh. That made it 10 apiece in the eighth, and Rick Keefe, who had taken some lumps over the first six innings, came back to pitch after sitting out the seventh.

Keefe held the Blue Devils scoreless in the top half. In the lower half, BC loaded the bases with one away on two passes and a single by Scott Bonanno. Cronin hit to third, creating a force at every corner, and when the fielder elected to go



to the plate, Keefe slid under the tag and the game was history.

The Eagles outhit the Devils by 11-8, beating a team that was 2-0 in the Blue

The bats were silent at Saratoga in a game shifted up the Northway because of the condition of the BC field. Saratoga's ace righthander, Bruce Burch, spun a nohitter, but Scott Myers, hurling for Bethlehem, nearly matched him with a one-hitter of his own. The lone hit was a bunt with first base uncovered.

Myers, making his first start of the season, had his curve snapping on the warm afternoon. He fanned seven and walked only three. The lone run came in the fifth after Saratoga filled the sacks on an infield bobble, a walk and a bunt on which nobody covered first. A suicide squeeze delivered the tally.

At Rotterdam the Eagles ran into another fine pitcher. They started strong with a run on a two-bagger by Cronin and a single by Jim Dering, but Dering was thrown out trying for second. Steve Mendel started on the slab and ran into trouble in the second inning. Keefe relieved with three runs in, but the frame ended 7-1 and the Eagles never recovered.

Bethlehem managed only three hits after the first inning, one of them a double by Kevin Roohan.

The Eagles will be on the road for the next week, playing at Burnt Hills today (Wedneday), Colonie Friday and Scotia Monday before Niskayuna comes to Delmar next Wednesday.

# Soccer camp signups

The Bethlehem Soccer Club has announced that a limited number of registrations are still available for the North American Soccer Camp Inc., which will be held from 9 a.m. to noon weekdays July 16-21 in Bethlehem.

Registration forms are available at the Bethiehem Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and at the Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza. A \$20 deposit must accompany each registration.

Registration fees are \$75 single, \$141 for two children in the same family, and \$227 for three children. Each participant will receive a molded soccer ball and official uniform shirt, and all participants will be eligible to compete for skills

For information contact George Tilroe, 439-7571.

# Fund aids hopefuls

The Price Chopper Olympic Hopefuls Fund, subsidized by donations from shoppers who returned their bottles and cans, has hit the \$16,500 mark. Among the 11 local athletes who recently received \$1,500 awards to meet training expenses was wrestler Jeff Clark of Voorheesville, who will compete in the U.S. Olympic Trials later this year.

# **Spotlight SPORTS**

**TENNIS** 

# **Birds stay** with the pack

**By Peter Fisch** 

When the season began this spring, Voorheesville High School tennis coach Tom Kurkjian wasn't really sure how his squad would fare in the tough Colonial Council. Now, after a 2-3 league start, the Blackbirds feel their future has brightened.

"With the exception of Albany Academy, the Colonial Council appears to be a more competitive league this year," commented Kurkjian this past weekend. "The matches seem to be a lot closer. We may do better than we expected."

Thus far the Birds have kept an even pace with the rest of the pack with the real test arriving this week. After several rainouts, VCHS was forced to schedule four matches for this week. The Blackbirds were to play host to Watervliet on Monday and on Tuesday it was Ravena, who dealt the locals a 6-1 setback earlier in the season. Today Voorheesville will attempt to defeat Schalmont for the second time this season after handing the Sabres a 4-3 loss earlier. On Friday, the Birds will travel to Shenendehowa to tangle with Mechanicville.

As rain played havoc with the schedule, the Birds have managed to play only two matches in the last two weeks. The rest proved harmful, as a powerful Albany Academy squad handed the Blackbirds a 7-0 blanking. Senior Ed Volkwein suffered his first loss of the season as the No. 1 man for VCHS.

In their only other hookup, the Blackbirds came close but Lansingburgh held on to a 4-3 league victory. Volkwein was back in form with a 6-4, 6-0 singles victory in addition to a doubles victory with eighth-grader John Meacham, 6-1, 6-4. Sophomore Paul Nichols bounced back from a first-set loss to register a 3-6, 6-3, 6-4 win to round out the scoring.

Seldom does one week of play decide a season, but in the case of the Voorheesville Blackbird tennis squad, one week could make a big difference.

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# Oh, those bases on balls

By Mike Larabee

No team from the majors to Little League can make fundamental mistakes and win games. This season the Voorheesville Blackbirds have been beating

After three league contests, VCHS needs to look no further than the bottom of the standings to locate their position in the Colonial Council. Voorheesville pitchers have awarded a depressing 12 walks a game, or almost two passes an inning. Coach Jerry Gordinier may be forced to change how he allocates mound duty if the Blackbirds continue to escort opposing players around the basepaths.

"Pitching right now is so up in the air we can't even begin a rotation," Gordinier said. "I'll give any kid who can throw low strikes a chance."

Fortunately, Voorheesville's defense seems to be coming around. The Blackbirds have committed fewer errors each time they have taken the field. "Defensively, we've come a long way," the coach said. "I anticipated greater problems than we've had starting a sophomore and six juniors."

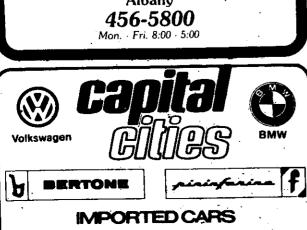
Give the gift

Against Ravena in last week's only game the Indians blew open a close game and coasted to a 9-3 victory. VCHS drew first blood, scoring runs in each of the first two innings. Brian Rubin doubled in John Ryan for the game's first run, and an inning later Frank Baker scored to make it 2-0 Voorheesville. However, the Blackbird's lead was short lived. Ravena countered with five in the third and fourth frames off starter Jerry McNamara, and put the game away for good in the sixth.

If Gordinier had hopes of solving the team's pitching dilemma, he certainly didn't find the answer Saturday. Voorheersville dropped a pair of scrimmanges to Gloversville by a combined total of 35-3. Even so, he still continues to feel optimistic towards the remaining portion of the season. Voorheesville was scheduled to play Cohoes at home on Monday. Lansingburgh in a makeup game on Tuesday, Schalmont today (Wednesday) and Lansingburgh again on Friday.

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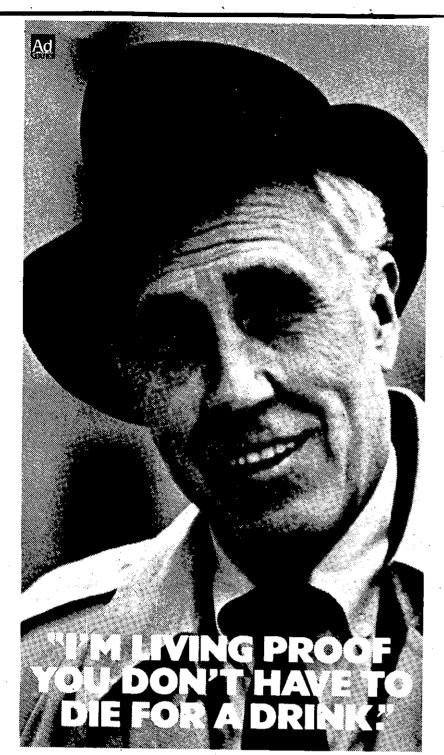
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Stewarts manager Bill Huptick presents Jeff Clark with a check fo: \$2,737. Joe Perry, chairman of the fund drive, is at right.

Lyn Stapf

# Clark express on track for Los Angeles Olympics

The Jeff Clark Olympic Fund, having fulfilled its purpose, has disbanded.

With the addition of \$2737.40 from Stewart's, matching the \$1368.70 contributed by the public at the Voorheesville store, reported to be the highest amounted to be matched by Stewart's Double Dip Fund to date, the grassroots drive has surpassed its original goal of \$12,000.

The hometown core group that formed in the fall to assist the talented wrestler in obtaining the capital needed for him to "go for the gold" assures the public that all the money collected will go towards Jeff's preparation for Olympic tryouts, covering such expenses as fees, equipment, transportation and lodging at various tournaments needed to gain experience in Greco-Roman wrestling, a form of the sport unlike that practiced in high school and colleges in this country.

Although it was originally estimated that \$12,000 would be needed for this, the exact amount is still unknown, but any excess that remains after Jeff's try this year will be put aside for his future use towards the same goal in years to come. Considering Clark is 17 years old and the average of most wrestlers is in the mid-20's it is conceivable that he may have several more tries in future games.

And what is Clark doing now? After finishing a remarkable high school wrestling career with a record of 1.52-10-2 for five years on the wrestling team, and

winning the 115 lb. state title for the second year in a row this March, Clark has been concentrating on preparing for the Olympic pre-trials to be held in Minnesota in early June and the finals in Michigan later that month.

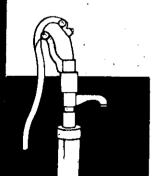
In the meantime he will be competing in the national Greco-Roman competition scheduled to be neld in Albany on My 11-12 and at the Concord International Tournament to be held in California later in May.

Although the Olympics are still months ahead, one part of Clark's future has been settled. After visiting a number of colleges, the Voorheesville High School senior honor student has decided to attend Harvard University, majoring in economics and bus.ness.

# Golfers get set

Mrs. Graham Red mond is the newly elected president of the Women's Organization of the Normanside Country Club, Inc., in Esmere. Vice president is Mrs. Verne E. Kenney; secretary, Mrs. Alfred W. Schermerhorn, and treasurer, Mrs. William N. Stasiuk. Mrs. John F. Deitz, Sr. is golf chairman.

The season is slated to open today (Wednesday) and a tournament is scheduled for May 10. Events continue through the summer, with a trophy banquet slated as the finale on Oct. 25.



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# More records for swimmers

Three Delmar swimmers swam five events each in the New York State shortcourse masters championship meet in Syracuse and came home with eight firsts and six new Adirondack District records.

Steve Bonawitz, an Albany Medical School student swimming in the newest and youngest age category of the masters hierarchy, swept all five of his events. The meet attracted more than 300 swimmers from 20 to 84 from four states and Canada at the Nottingham High School pool. MaryLou Schulz had three firsts, a second and a third.

Bonawitz, competing in the 20-24 age group, set district records of 26.01 in the 50-yard butterfly, 58.17 in the 100 'fly, 1:00.44 in the 100 backstroke and 2:14 flat in the 200 back. His 28.54 in the 50 backstroke was good for first place, but no record.

Schulz, swimming in the women's 40-44 division, set district records in two distance events, winning the 400 IM in 7:21.04 and taking second in the 500-yard free style in 7:42.42. She also won the 50 and 100 butterfly in 41,23 and 1:38. 16 respectively, and took a third place in the

Irving Bonawitz, swimming in all five freestyle events in the men's 60-64 category, had a second, third, two fourths and a fifth. First-place winners received medals, second and thirds got ribbons.

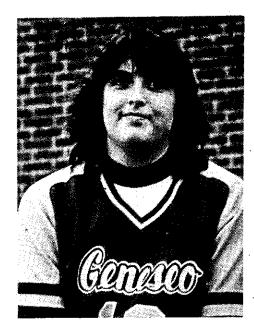
# Local wrestler gains

Chris Saba, a Bethlehem Middle School eighth grader, won the 95-pound freestyle championship in the New York State Kids Wrestling tournament at Freeport, L.I. last weekend. Saba, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Saba of Glenmont, qualified for the Northeastern regional meet to be held in Easton, Pa., May 12. He is a member of the Bethlehem Central varsity team.

### By Kevin Hommel

The RCS boys track team placed fifth in the Ray Barbuti Invitational meet on Saturday. Coach Jim Gorham says that despite the placing they had an impressive performance. Seven other teams participated along with RCS, which had 53 points. Troy won with 136 points, Cohoes was second, Pittsfield third, Lansingburgh fourth, RCS fifth, Averill Park and Ichabod Crane tied for sixthplace and Hudson finished eighth.

The team did well considering they went with a small group due to Easter vacation. Tom DiAcetis placed second in the discus with a throw of 117 feet, his personal best. Todd Van Wormer was second in the shot put with a heave of 40 feet, 11 inches, which was 5 feet better than he had ever done. Mike Constantine placed second in three events, the long



Karen Treiber

# In the outfield

Karen Treiber, a freshman at Geneseo State, is an outfielder for the 1984 Women's Softball Team, which currently sports a 7-7 record. A 1983 graduate of Voorheesville High School, she is the daughter of Carl and Kate Treiber, 99 Westview Ct., Voorheesville.

# Named golf pro

David Rihm, a. 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been named head golf professional and general manager of the Stratton Country club, Stratton, Vt. Rihm is the son of Alexander and Beverly Rihm of Delmar. His wife, Bonnie, also a Bethlehem Central graduate, is the daughter of Fred and Dorothy Hill of Delmar. David and Bonnie are 1978 graduates of the State University College at Plattsburgh.

jump with 20 feet 4 inches, the triple jump with 39-7, and the high jump with a leap of 6-3. Also contributing was Steve Brabetz, who finished fourth in the intermediate hurdles and sixth in the high. hurdles.

The team has had two weaknesses, the shot put and discus: because of a lack of experience. The surprising efforts of DiAcetis and Van Wormer may have solved that problem. Another problem has been the distance running, but the return of Billy Carroll from last year will help out. Their strong points are Shawn Leonard in the 100 and 200, Mike Kerrigan in the 440, Steve Brabetz in the hurdles, Joe McHugh in the pole vault, Bob Baranska and Mike Constantine in the high jump and Constantine again in the long and triple jumps.

The Indians were scheduled for a meet

on Tuesday versus Schalmont and Waterford. Upcoming meets are on May 10 against Cohoes and the Lansingburgh Invitational on the 12th.

# Gymnast qualifies

Libby Bartoletti, a 15-year-old Delmar gymnast on the DC Stars team, has qualified for the regional championship meet with a strong showing at the state championships in Utica Saturday.

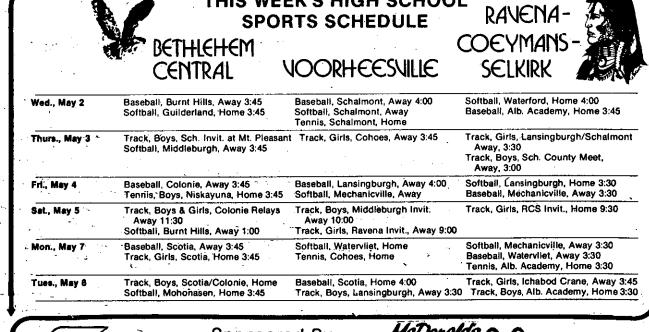
The young athlete, daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Albert Bartoletti, won second placein floor exercises and fourth place in vault and placed seventh all-around at the Utica meet, an official U.S. Gymnastics Federation event. The regional meet will be held in Bangor, Me. in June.

The DC Stars, who train at the Colonie Health and Racquet Club, finished third in the Utica meet.

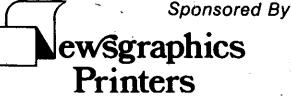




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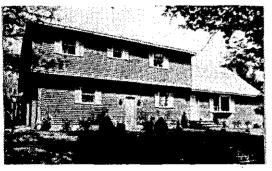
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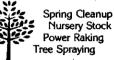
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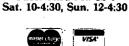
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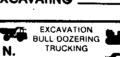


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# Support the budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to urge support for the school budget on May 9. The school system must be considered to be one of the most vital organs in the body of our community. If it suffers, the community

The proposed budget, adopted by the board in a 5-1 vote, is large and does reflect a significant tax increase. It is also, however, much needed for the maintenance of the health of our system. Further, it's an unfortunate fact of life that the revenue to support our system comes from essentially two sources, the real estate tax and state aid. Over the last five years, our share of state aid has not grown, and we lose ground as a result of inflation.

While there are items that many of us might consider unnecessary or objectionable, we must keep in mind that such items are the result of the democratic process and a majority/vote.

The initial budget draft, prepared by the administrators, was presented to the board on Feb. I. From that date until April 3, when the budget was adopted, there were 10 public meetings, some of which were devoted exclusively to the budget, at which the community was able to speak and provide input to the board. In addition, I held coffees in my home, with administrators present, to provide an informal setting for the community to address the issues and raise questions.

Following consideration of that input and the board's analysis of the draft, the budget, as revised, was adopted on April 3. The end result is a budget that consists of upwards of 85 percent of the total figure for mandated programs, salaries and fringes, and only approximately 12 that may be considered to be discretionary.

I would urge those who would be inclined to vote no to examine the budget and question the officials and become informed of the issues, and you will then see the need.

The benefits of a quality school system extend not only to the students who are the leaders and taxpayers of tomorrow, but are shared by every resident of the community.

This budget will maintain and enable us to improve the quality of that system, and I urge you to vote Yes on May 9.

Sheila Fuller

Delmar

Mrs. Fuller is president of the Bethlehem School Board. Ed.

# Seriously wrong

Editor, The Spotlight:

Something is seriously wrong with our school system, here in Delmar. Nat Boynton's timely 'OPINION' (April 25 Spotlight) is superb, and right on the mark. Unless the majority of Delmar residents vote down the latest Bethlehem School Budget Ripoff, our local schools will continue to deteriorate while remaining an ever-increasing drain on our pockets. Is this the fault of an apathetic and secretive school board? While some of our local teachers are excellent and may deserve more pay, nevertheless common sense suggests that it is futile to reward declining performance with raises; this will only encourage a further decline.

Soon after my daughter graduated from Bethlehem Central High School she married and moved away; when I happened to ask her what she thought of the local school, she said she would never want a child of hers to have to pass

through it. That was one reason she wanted to move out of Delmar.

When we had some yard work done by one of the seniors a couple of years ago, I asked what his estimate of the incidence of drug use in the high school amounted to. He said, "A bout 80 percent have tried it, a lower number keep on using drugs." I asked the same question of one of the school counselors and was told, "There is no drug problem at Delmar." Do the school authorities in our town get rid of drug problems by ignoring them?

During conversation at a local dinner party one evening recently, I was surprised to discover that every family represented at the dinner had had a major problem with the school. All of them concerned the poor treatment of the lessthan-super-bright children. Two members of the group had removed their children and were paying on top of our extortionate school taxes - fees to a private school. This was in order to get a decent education for their children, without the stigma and labelling in a lowachieving group which is apparently so commonplace in the Delmar system. Their children were kept out of certain programs because of low "IQ-type" test scores which are, in the opinion of many educators, of little if any value in that context. Apparently our school focuses only on the top few those who are easy to educate. Of course, this type of exclusion could make the life of the Delmar educator much simpler! Lower the general standard and you lower the

I believe that until we get together and vote down one of these secret and undemocratic 'rip-off' school budgets, the runaway system of self-reward for mediocrity that now characterizes most of our national and local schools will continue. We are paying more and more each year for a deteriorating educational system for our children.

We need open dialogue with the school, publication of detailed proposed budgets several weeks before the voting and a school board that is truly democratic and open. I see no reason to conclude that the standard of the Delmar schools is any different from the rest of the country. The "high" scores of which the school repeatedly boosts reflect only the achievement of the brightest students; Delmar is disporportionately blessed with these owing to the proportion of high-intelligence genes in its resident population. It is the average student who fares so poorly here.

Take a look at the secretive budget, produced as a fait accompli at the last minute before voting day. What are the 'Special Items' that consume \$267,000? Why should salaries of the staff increase by \$62,000 when the quality of education is so poor? Why should the teaching salaries go up by \$534,439, an increase of 10.4 percent? We are seeing a steady lowering of education here - as in the rest of the country — and the Delmar schools are rewarded for it by a huge, ten percent raise in a four percent inflation year. That is so counter-productive it would be a joke if it weren't so alarming. What business that is failing, can solve its problems by handing out more money to the same workers? This year we are being asked to provide just under a million dollars (grand total) more money for the same dismal record — all to be supplied by the Delmar residents. The schools are asking for a \$934,864 increase over last year's budget of \$8,398,742 — or an 11 percent increase. In any realistic system, improvement would be à prerequisite for financial reward.

Notice if you please, that for the same budget period Chatham is managing with a slightly reduced, or at least no higher budget; Schodack is asking for only a 1.9 percent increase and Kinderhook requests a 5.9 percent increase. Why should Delmar be so self-indulgent? Just from habit?

There is a more ominous element here: it was mentioned by the courageous correspondent in the same issue of *The Spotlight* (The real issue, Name Submitted.) Some of us who have dared in the past to raise some of these issues directly with the school, have seen our children

punished for our efforts by more severe implementation of those very measures which we had sought to remedy. We live in a country which cherishes human rights and freedom of speech, yet can we claim these privileges and expect to get them here in Delmar? Who can afford to speak out openly in constructive criticism of our schools, if he or she has children still at risk in the system? To protect our children, must we withhold our names? If so, what kind of a school system is this? Are we ideologically in Delmar USA or Delmar USSR?

In fairness, it should be said that we had no real problem with the Slingerlands Elementary School, but only with the Middle School. We have had no recent experience of the Senior High School.

Congratulations to Nat Boynton for throwing some intelligent light on what, to me, is a sadly irresponsible dereliction of the duty of those who control our local educators. If we continue to reward this declining and vindictive system with everincreasing pay raises, we shall deserve the fifth-rate education of our children that our school systems are moving steadily towards.

John Hotchin, M.D.

Delmar

# Support for budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Association urges all eligible voters in the school district to vote on May 9, and to vote in favor of the school budget. This public statement of support for the school budget is unprecendented for the BCAA. Normally, our activities include fundraising to support the purchase of equipment for all school athletic programs, the year-end athletic picnic and awarding scholarships.

The recently resolved labor negotiations and widespread publicity over the proposed school tax rate increase caused our members to take a public position. We are all aware that school sports programs could be cut if the budget is defeated. Taxpayers should be aware that an austerity budget will still represent an 8.5 percent increase over last year. The average tax hike is \$91 under the proposed 10.08 percent increase. A no vote on the budget will save the average taxpayer less than \$20 this year.

Do not use the school budget vote to express your frustration or anger with the system. Recognize that our school board has worked long and hard to draft a budget we can all live with, a budget that is hard to prepare because there is little room to cut. Remember that a large part of our costs are state-mandated, and that state aid to Bethlehem is not growing. Finally, and most importantly, remember our children, who should not be deprived of optional items like library books, transportation and sports, to save a very modest sum of money.

The officers of the Bethlehem Central Athletic Association

The numbers cited in this letter were issued by the school board. An austerity budget would be one of the options open to the board if the budget is defeated; the board could also decide to resubmit the same or a revised budget to the voters.

# Where's our raise?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Just read in *The Spotlight* about the cost of living for teachers. What about the cost of living for the retired people?

School taxes keep going up every year. We through the years would have liked raises like some are getting. We are taxed to death, but then, they say that's the only sure thing, death and taxes.

No name, please.

Name submitted

Glenmont

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# 'More is not better'

Editor, The Spotlight:

Suddenly there has surfaced a series of loose speculations about changes in the zoning codes applicable to central Delmar.

Who has generated these speculations? What are the bases of these speculations? It appears that these speculations have been raised as idle hypotheses among some persons who have been involved in rethinking the shape of Delaware Ave. in Elsmere and Delmar.

These idle hypotheses seem to have been generated to handle a vast amount of nonfacts. Someone has, for some unknown reason, a belief that there is a need to enlarge the business section of our town. This belief seems, at best, to grow from a longstanding faith in the principles that more is better and more is inevitable.

Before one falls madly in love with the principles that more is better and more is inevitable, all of of us should be acquainted with the serious economic theorists who believe that more is not better and more is not inevitable. In that honest persons have yet to present solid evidence to justify the idle speculations and to uphold the probably false principles about unending growth, we should consider dropping discussion of these damaging speculations. Let us first develop a base of fact!

Furthermore, anyone who persists in these speculations should know that some of us believe that the speculation is being carried on at our expense. I, for one, would like to ask the speculators to stop speculating with my future, my neighborhood, and my home.

James C. Mancuso

Delmar

# Latham in Delmar

Editor, The Spotlight:

For the past 10 months my neighbors have actively opposed rezoning to allow commercial interests to invade our neighborhood. After personally attending nearly all Planning Board and Task force meetings during this period, I can liken this movement to change Bethlehem as to that of toxic waste. No matter how deep one buries it, it still seems to resurface again and again.

This past fall, we successfully opposed the rezoning of a portion of Adams Pl. from residential to commercial with the unanimous vote of the town board. As of the last Task Force meeting, however, Mr. Kleinke (Planning Board consultant) is still proposing to rezone this area commercial, but has now included residential areas all along Delaware Ave. not only in Delmar but in Elsmere as well.

Now with the supposed backing of the Chamber of Commerce, Mr. Faulkner (appointed businessman on the Task Force) has launched what Mr. Faulkner called the "Latham Concept" trying to shove it down our throats. This falls under the wording in the Chamber position on growth: "We do not support any policy that restricts competition in business." In other words down with the present zoning to allow for more businesses of the same type to expand into our residential neighborhoods.

I would urge Mr. Faulkner to bring all these business people who are in favor of "widening" the commercial district into residential neighborhoods, to the public hearing and tell us to our faces instead of behind closed-door meetings why they need Latham in Bethlehem.

I urge all concerned parties to attend this meeting May 9, 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall.

Douglas Zeno

Delmar

# Photos on display

The Delmar Progress Club's next monthly meeting will be held on Monday, May 7, at 10 a.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. George Parker's photographic art will be on display, and there will be a reception after the meeting to greet his widow, Mabel.

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Sherry LaRose

# LaRose - Cooke

Mr. and Mrs. Elliott F. LaRose of Gales Ferry, Conn., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sherry Colleen, to Robert F. Cooke of Mystic, Conn., son of Mr. and Mrs. Donald Cooke of Delmar.

The bride-elect is a 1979 graduate of Ledyard High School and a 1983 graduate of Russell Sage College, Troy, with a BS degree in nursing. She is an ensign in the United States Navy Nurse Corps stationed in Oakland, Calif.

Her fiance is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He entered the United State Navy Hospital Corps in 1981, and is stationed at New London, Conn., where he is a respiration therapist.

A June 9 wedding is planned.

# 26 receive honor

Twenty-six students were inducted into the National Honor Society recently at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. They are Brereton Bissell, Adam Clark, Justin Corcoran, Karen Foley, Gina Gifford, Kirsten Haaf, Edward Hampston, Dianne Jackson, William Lee Kraus, Jennifer Kurkjian, Christine Martin, Bonnie Mitchell and Renee Nichols.

Also, Sandra Peragrine, Yvonne Perry, Lynne Richbart, Elizabeth Rourke, John Ryan, Heather Sanderson, Marianne Sapienza, Christina Shuff, Gretchen Storm, Catherine Teuten, Alissa Van Zutphen, James Volkwein and Thomas Wright.

Officers for the next school year are Edward Mitzen, president; Victoria Ross, vice president; Debra Bausbach, secretary, and Sharon McKenna, treasurer.



Susan Kinnard

# Kinnard - Klim

Dr. William V. Kinnard, Jr. of Buffalo and Mrs. Margaret W. Kinnard of Norwood, Mass., have announced the engagement of their daughter, Susan Anne, to Thomas A. Klim. The bride-tobe graduated from the University of Vermont and the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. She is a registered nurse in the intensive care unit at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Her fiance graduated from Bentley College, in Boston, and is a senior auditor for New York State. A July wedding is planned.

# Ward - McPheeters

Darlene A. Ward of Schenectady and Thomas S. McPheeters of Albany have announced their engagement. Ms. Ward, the daughter of Emily Ward of Williamsville, N.Y., is a graduate of the State University at Albany, where she received a master's degree in English in 1983. She is news bureau director at Union College in Schenectady.

Mr. McPheeters is the son of Carroll Scullen of Sante Fe, N.M., and Thomas S. McPheeters, Jr., of St. Louis, Mo. He attended Reed College in Portland, Ore., and Ohio State University in Columbus, Ohio. He is editor of The Spotlight.

A Sept. I wedding is planned in Albany.

# Grab your partner

The Tri-Village Squares will be in action on Saturday, May 5, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar, A square dance class graduation ceremony at 7:30 p.m. will be followed by mainstream dancing and a plus tip called by Duane Silver of Delmar from 8 to 11 p.m. Call 439-7983 or 439-5976 for informa-



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., (1) Steven Robert Dugas, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Robert Dugas of Lynn, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethle tem Central High School and Tufts University, and is assistant director of the Stepping Stones Program in Framingham, Mass. Her fance is a graduate of Lynn English High School and the University of Massachusetts at

Amherst, and is food and beverage controller at Radison Resort Ferncroft in Danvers, Mass.

A September wedding is planned.

# Walkabout Saturday

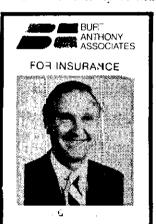
The Schuyler Mansion Springfest and Neighborhood Walkabout will raise money for Albany's historic South End on Saturday, May 5, from 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Such colonial trades as blacksmithing, quilting, spinning, tanning, weaving and candlemaking will be demonstrated, and the Villege Volunteers Fire and Drum Corps will perform. Tickets for a walking tour through the neighborhood open house along Catherine St. are \$4. There also will be refreshments and a spring plant sale.

# Bands in benefit

Teenagers will transfer their favorite rock acts from MTV to the stage of the Bethlehem Central High School for the Key Club's second annual Air Bands competition on Friday, May 4, at 7 p.m. Admission to the musical theater is \$2 at the door. The fundraiser will benefit Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, one of three groups that works with town

# Tapes stolen

Fifteen cassette tapes were taken from a car parked on Winne Rd, in Delmar last Wednesday, according to Bethlehem police reports.



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Charter members Millerd Larkin. ack Krause, Robert McNitt, the Rev. Robert Thomas and Arthur Westfall will take a bow at a luncheon May 9, and past presidents also will be saluted. The community offers hearty congratulations on the Second Milers' vigorous first 20 years.



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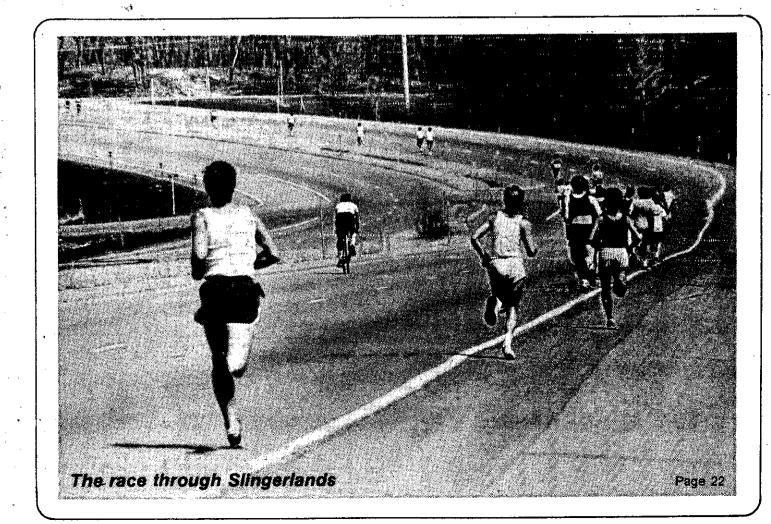
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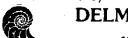
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