

Delaware Ave. goals — the public's turn

By Vincent Potenza

After over four months of deliberation the Delaware Ave. Task Force will tonight (Wednesday) hold a public forum at 7:30 in the town hall auditorium in order to get public reaction to the conclusions it has reached thus far. The committee's consensus on proposed actions is shown below in an amended version of a list provided by Chairman Charles Redmond.

After the public forum the committee will hold one more meeting, according to Redmond, where it will discuss whatever changes were recommended by town residents. After that it will make a final and formal recommendation to the town board.

The opinions expressed by residents at tonight's informational meeting will not be part of any official or legal record. The task force, like the town planning board, is empowered to make suggestions on most of the issues to be discussed — not to act on them.

Any changes in the zoning ordinance recommended by the task force must be implemented by the town board, which alone has that power. That board must publish notice of proposed changes and hold a public hearing before those changes can be accomplished.

It should be noted that the task force has listed as needing "further study by planning board" some controversial issues that have arisen during its deliberations, chief among these the possibility of creating a "buffer zone" between commercial property on Delaware and adjacent residential neighborhoods, as well as modifying existing commercial districts to reflect their current uses.

Aesthetics

Proposed Action

- Establish architectural guidelines and separate review board for new construction in town.
- Strengthen site plan review power of town planning board.
- Establish specific landscaping requirements and increase commercial setbacks.

Task Force Consensus

- Amend site plan review power in zoning ordinance with such guidelines. No need for special board.
- Include all new expansion of commercial buildings; all changes in use; changes in ingress/egress/parking; require landscape planting/street trees; encourage joint access/integrated parking.
- Require trees on new sites and replacement on existing sites; require 10% green area on lots; establish front yard and side yard setbacks at 8 ft. and require them as green areas; limit parking in front yards and restrict to side and rear yards; require adequate site lighting with maintenance agreement.

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Elsmere principal's invisible hand

By Linda Anne Burtis

"I think I've set a climate in which the teachers can reach their full potential," said the soft-spoken principal of Elsmere Elementary school, Richard J. Herrmann, who has announced his retirement after 32 years on the job. Approximately 2,500 students have passed through the doors under Herrmann's guidance, including children of the children for whom he was responsible, learning and growing as they were exposed to his educational philosophies, administrative style and daily presence.

But one custom at Elsmere, introduced by the principal, has stood out for his students as a very special memory: happy birthday pencils. On their birthdays, children in kindergarten through Grade 5 receive a pencil inscribed "happy birthday from Mr. Herrmann." That effort has gone a long way to dispel the old stereotype of principal.

Herrmann, father of three grown children, met and married his wife Jeanne while teaching in Japan. Between 1949 and 1952 he taught junior high school students and became an assistant elementary principal for American children of the military stationed in Japan.

Rather than run Elsmere in autocratic fashion, Herrmann has preferred leadership by invisible hand. He has paid close attention to "try and get the best people" when hiring teachers. Once accomplished, he placed great confidence in his staff, finding that they rise to the occasion when he does so. For example, his teachers have the freedom to work closely with him on budget decisions, a process very beneficial to the students. Peter Hogan, Elsmere's physical education instructor, was able to buy low baskets which enabled the younger children to learn basketball, because of his accessibility to the budget.

In a recent interview, Herrmann expressed strong concern about "keeping our goals in balance." He predicts a trend already begun, to emphasize academic achievement, but fears it may not be balanced with social, emotional and individual needs. "When schools are motivated to increase pupil's achievement test scores to look good when compared to other school districts, we can put the children's total educational program out of balance," according to this educator.

Herrmann is pleased to have been part of a change at Elsmere that saw an increase in parent involvement because "parents coming in here keep you on your toes . . . they see things that are going on, they encourage you and can help sell the school program."

Thirty-two years cannot go by without some crises, surprising episodes and grand jokes. Herrmann described the time he was put into a panic because a father came to pick up his daughter, and not only was she not to be found, but he had



Richard J. Herrmann

no record of her enrollment. (It turned out the father had come to the wrong school.) Then there was the dramatic moment in 1953 when one of his teachers needed his services to check for lice in her hair (she had them). And finally he recalled the day some teachers put a dummy man in the women's room.

He said he's seen a score of trendy educational styles come and go, with the modern math fad among the most memorable.

Herrmann's thoughts on retirement focus on the philosophical, rather than the practical, because, for him "the real issue is not if I'm going fishing, but what are going to be my priorities?" Elaborating, he said he believes "they have to be in the area of service." He has yet to decide where to channel those goals, but surely he will bring talent, wisdom and experience to some fortunate project.

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Junker laws to be passed

By Lorin Pasqual

The New Scotland Town Board informally endorsed two revised ordinances to rid the town's landscape of unsightly junk cars and scrap material during a well-attended public hearing May 1.

Board member Wyman Osterhout, who moderated the meeting, said public opinion on the issue seemed equally divided and he did not want to pit "neighbor against neighbor." However, an informal show of hands revealed quite the opposite, with residents favoring the measure by a 26 to 10 margin.

Calling the proposed action "a good" (Turn to Page 8)



Leah Fralick, front, and Leigh Alexander, next, swing through the new playground apparatus at Hamagrael Elementary School in Delmar. The kindergarteners were trying out equipment put up over the weekend by parent volunteers in a project sponsored by the Home-School Association. Tom Howes

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Proposed Action

D. Regulate signs along Delaware Ave.

Task Force Consensus

D. Require street number as part of sign; require "directory" type sign for multi-use building; restrict sign to name and type of service; require "time/temp" signs be non-flashing; require sign size be figured on total square footage of building, not on frontage as is done now.

Land Use

- A. Change commercial district uses
- B. Change commercial district designations to reflect current uses.
- C. Incorporate property life cycle into Delaware Ave. plan
- D. Update ordinance to allow for regulation of new types of uses.
- E. Establish transition zoning districts between commercial and residential areas.

- A. Revise permitted use list for Delaware Ave. commercial districts.
- B. Further study required by planning board.
- C. Further study by planning board.
- D. Revise ordinance with new definitions list.
- E. Further study by planning board.

Schools

Buffer schools from impact of neighboring commercial uses and traffic.

Restrict permitted uses with 250 feet of schools; require adequate site lighting; study possibility of restricting traffic on Herrick Ave. to one way.

Public Education/Transportation

Establish park and ride sites; establish and publish education program; identify alternate commuter routes; construct "right turn" lane on Elsmere Ave.; eliminate parking on street between Four Corners and railroad underpass; restrict number of driveways permitted for individual sites; update parking requirements.

All deferred to study by town board, Capital District Transportation Authority and state Department of Transportation.

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Spring prank ends in jail

It started out as a prank but nobody's laughing now. Twelve days ago, on Friday, April 27, a group of Voorheesville teenagers allegedly decided the statue of clown Ronald McDonald that stands outside McDonald's Restaurants regional corporate office on Computer Drive in Colonie would look better elsewhere. The figure, spot-welded at its base, according to reports, was toppled and taken to Voorheesville.

When the theft was discovered, McDonald's filed a complaint with Colonie police, for insurance reasons, a spokesman there said. More than one television news department responded to word that the figure had disappeared, and McDonald's offered a reward for its recovery — "a month's worth of Big Macs."

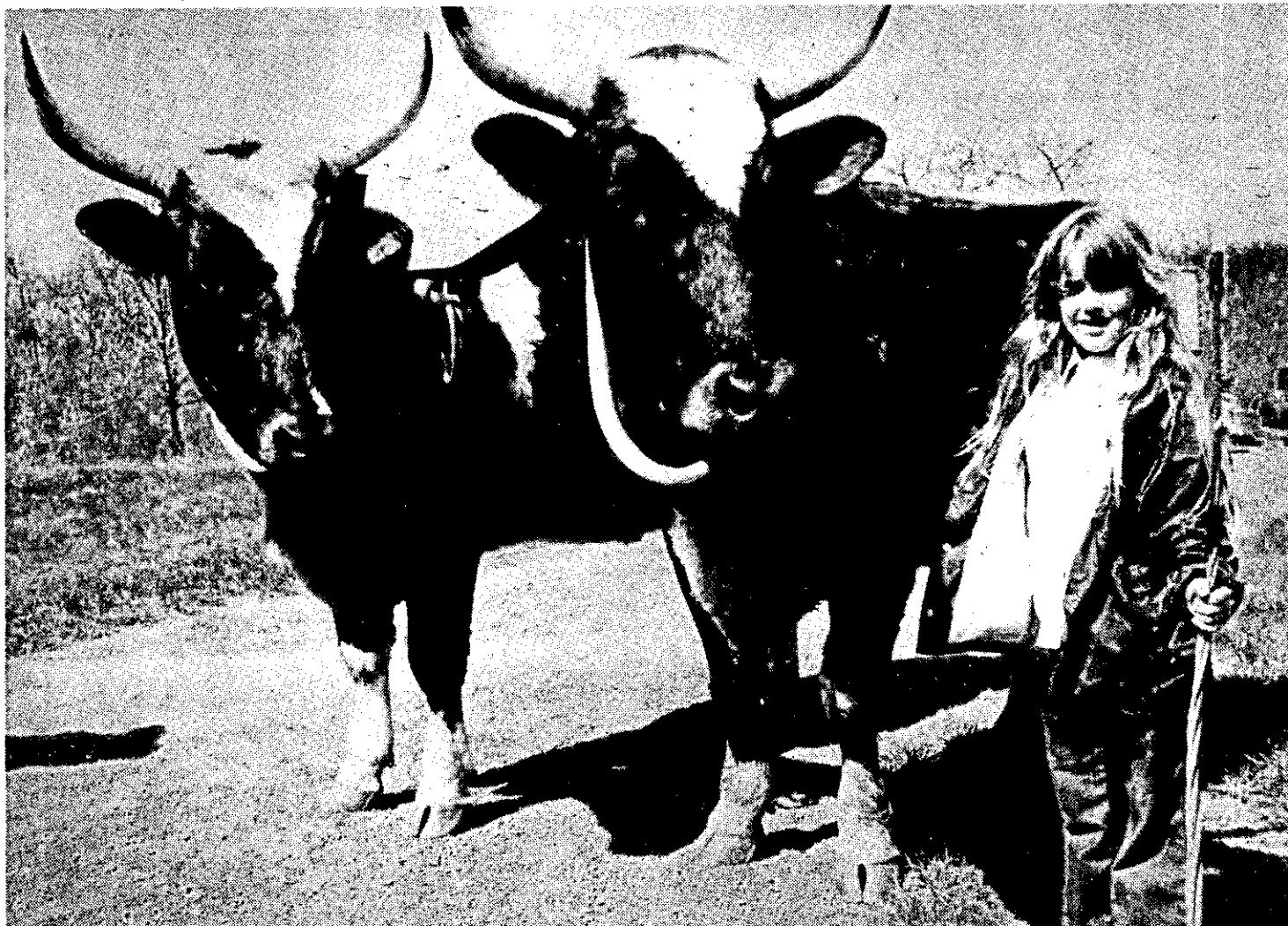
Meanwhile, the statue, which is valued by the company at more than \$1,000 according to Colonie police, spent a week in the Village of Voorheesville, according to one parent. It finally surfaced on the roof of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. When the statue appeared in Voorheesville, Steve Gendreau, advertising manager for the restaurant chain, went out to the high school to pick up the company's property and gave high school Principal Peter Griffin certificates for "a month of Big Macs." He understood, Gendreau said Monday, that the certificates would be used to reward academic effort during the remainder of the year, rather than to reward the pranksters.

That afternoon, the parents of four of the teenagers who reportedly were involved in the incident were notified that the youths were to go to the Colonie Police Department. According to one father, the parents of only two of the youths went along — and they went without a lawyer — because all were confident that, within a few hours, everyone would be back home.

It didn't work out that way. At about 10 a.m. Friday, the four were arraigned before Colonie Town Justice Nicholas Greisler on felony charges of third-degree grand larceny, were denied bail, handcuffed and taken to the Albany County Jail to await a court reappearance today (Wednesday). A fifth youth was arrested Saturday.

County Dist. Atty. Sol Greenberg, reached by the parents Saturday morning, denied their request for a bail recommendation. "This is a high school prank, basically," Greenberg said Monday when contacted by The Spotlight, but it's also grand larceny, he added. The parents eventually located state Supreme Court Justice John Casey in Rensselaer County, who set cash bail at \$1,000 each.

Justice Greisler, also contacted Monday, told The Spotlight denial of bail in such a case "is not at all unusual" and



Erin McCaffrey, 7, shows who's boss as she leads John and Luke, left and center, around the Heldeberg Workshop grounds Saturday during a family day at the Picard Rd. site in

Voorheesville. Demonstrations, displays and nature walks were among the doings. Tom Howes

declined further comment on the grounds that the youths are eligible for youthful offender status. The Spotlight is withholding the names of the youths because of possible youthful offender status.

Gendreau said he was not aware until mid-morning Monday, when a Colonie police officer came to his office, that anyone had been arrested in connection with the disappearance of the statue. He said this was the third time he knew of that the statue had been stolen, but the first arrest he was aware of in connection with its disappearance. A Colonie police officer said he knew of a previous theft of the figure within the past 24 months and that an arrest had been made in that instance, but he was uninformed about the disposition in that case. One of the parents involved said he himself had once encountered the statue in an unaccustomed place and knew of other instances when it had been taken.

Siegal plan to be aired

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week held a public hearing for Elizabeth Elliott and William McLaughlin, who wished to subdivide four lots on Van Wies Point Rd. No one in attendance spoke for or against the proposal and the

board took no action.

The board also heard informal plans for a one-lot subdivision in the Westland Park area of North Bethlehem from Peter Burnetter, who proposed a single-family home on a 13.8-acre site.

At its meeting on May 15 the board is scheduled to discuss a proposed change in zone from A and AA-Residential to a planned resident district for land at the

end of the Delmar Bypass from David Siegal. Siegal has been before the board on an informal basis and next week's consideration by the planners will be at the behest of the town board, to which Siegal made his formal application two weeks ago.

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Mrs. Whitney in new post

Dorothy Whitney, teacher and principal at Bethlehem's Clarksville Elementary School for seven years, has been named principal at Elsmere Elementary School. She will assume the new post July 2, succeeding Richard Herrmann, who is retiring after 32 years with the district.

Mrs. Whitney came to the district as a reading specialist in 1974, teaching for three years at Elsmere before going to Clarksville. She has divided her time between teaching kindergarten and the principal's duties for the past seven years. Mrs. Whitney has a bachelor's degree in psychology from Russell Sage College and a master's degree in reading education from the College of Saint Rose. She also has taken courses in administration at the State University at Albany. Before coming to Bethlehem, she taught at Sacred Heart School in Albany.

In 1980, Mrs. Whitney received the Distinguished Alumna Award from



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Russell Sage. She is the mother of six grown children (including triplets).

Mrs. Whitney said it is important "for the children to know that I care for them, and will demand and expect the best for them. Knowing this, the children can enjoy the challenge of meeting these expectations and learning."

Library budget also is up

The Bethlehem Public Library budget, on the ballot for voters today (Wednesday), has topped the \$1 million mark for the first time. Included in the proposed budget is a levy of \$180,000 as a planned balance to help the library pay its bills over the summer before tax payments are received in September.

Library Director John Hodges said Monday, "The budget has grown to such proportions that it is no longer possible not to recognize" the need for a balance on hand when the library's fiscal year begins July 1. "Once it's in place, it'll always be there," Hodges said of the planned balance. "But it's hard initially because it does have to come from nowhere."

The library's \$1.1 million proposed budget calls for a projected tax rate in Bethlehem of \$11.3 per \$1,000 assessed value, up \$1.26. For New Scotland residents, the tax rate is projected at \$19.33 per \$1,000 assessed, up \$2.42.

More than half the budget goes for salaries and fringe benefits for the 70 part-time and full-time employees. All

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employees will receive a 3 percent cost-of-living pay increase and full-time employees also will get increases according to the salary schedule.

Tuxedos and Taxis

Juniors and seniors at Bethlehem Central High School are scheduled Friday to hear about the "Tuxedo and Taxi" program developed by the Albany County Stop DWI program. The message is to "drive sober," said Denis Foley, administrator of the DWI program, and teen-agers are being urged to ask a friend to drive or take a taxi if they have been drinking on the junior prom or senior ball nights.

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Regents plans mean more language, arts

By Caroline Terenzini

"It's going to be an interesting couple of years" is the way J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent for the Bethlehem Central School District, sums up the outlook as the district maps its strategy for complying with the Action Plan recently adopted by the state Board of Regents. The chief changes for Bethlehem include extending foreign language instruction and additional courses in art, music, "home and career skills," and technology. For high school students, the Regents' plan presages less flexibility in their course schedules.

It is not clear whether more teachers will be needed to carry out the Regents' requirements in Bethlehem, McAndrews said Friday. Some teachers on the staff will be able to teach the new curricula, and additions in foreign languages and art, for example, may be offset by cuts elsewhere.

In a report to the school board last Wednesday, McAndrews said the district currently meets or exceeds the new

Regents requirements in many areas of the curriculum so that in these areas only minor changes in scheduling or presentation need to be made. In addition, in most instances, the new requirements are effective for the class of 1989, giving school districts time to make needed changes.

The additional 10 days of in-service training now required for teachers can be phased in over two years, but for Bethlehem the latest proposed state aid plan would fund only four of the 10 additional days, leaving district taxpayers to finance the other six. The proposed formula would supply aid on a per-pupil basis, so that districts with a low pupil-teacher ratio would end up financing much of the additional in-service themselves.

The Regents' requirement that high school students have sequences of five courses in English or social studies and other sequences of three or five courses means that students will have to decide early whether they will be a candidate for a Regents diploma and what sequences to

There's still time to vote

Voting continues until 9 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Bethlehem Middle School on the district's proposed \$16.78 million budget for 1984-85 and to fill three seats on the school board. Barbara Coon and Paul Scudiere, both of Delmar, are seeking a vacant seat; incumbent Jed Wolkenbreit of Delmar is seeking re-election and Velma Cousins of Glenmont also has filed for that seat; Sheila Fuller of Delmar, currently board president, is unopposed for re-election.

The proposed budget means a tax rate increase on the order of \$15.24 per \$1,000 assessed for Bethlehem residents and \$24.23 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents of the school district. The figures may be revised when the tax rolls are finalized Aug. 1.

Any citizen 18 or older and a resident of the district for 30 days before the election may vote. Preregistration is not required.

take, McAndrews said. He added that he has not yet determined "what the real D-Day" is.

"A lot of flexibility will evaporate somewhere along the line" McAndrews said, and this could affect a student's graduation date. Board member Bernard Harvith suggested that academic courses could be offered in summer school, but administrators pointed out that state law allows a district to charge only \$3 for such a course, so these courses would not be self-supporting.

Board member John Clyne accused board members of "defying the court" in urging a "yes" vote on the budget...

In the "budget hearing" portion of the meeting, board member John Clyne again expressed his opposition to the tax rate increase in the district's proposed budget, which is before voters today (Wednesday), and also accused fellow board members and the district administration of "defying the court" by urging a "yes" vote on the budget in the latest issue of "Central Highlights," the district's newsletter.

Clyne was referring to a recent ruling by state Supreme Court Justice Harold Hughes that it is illegal to use public funds to "disseminate propaganda in favor of or against any issue or candidate." The ruling came in a case involving a school board near Rochester that had placed a newspaper ad urging a "yes" vote on its budget proposal. Hughes' decision upsets a longstanding policy of the state Education Department that allowed such use of public funds, and an SED official has promised an appeal of the ruling.

The newsletter was already in print when the ruling was made public, accord-

ing to district officials. A subsequent letter to parents was revised to avoid an explicit appeal for a "yes" vote on the budget.

State School Boards Association that cites case law to support the view that "a board of education has authority to expend district funds to publicize the board's view on matters to aid voters in intelligently exercising their franchise, although an individual board member or those members holding a minority view are not entitled to have their opinion published at district expense in board publications. This does not mean that an individual board member may not communicate his views at his own expense."

Roger Fritts, attorney for the Bethlehem district, said he had advised board members that he did not believe they "had to fear being held in contempt (in publishing the newsletter). The question is still wide open and is yet to be determined," he said last Wednesday. It also was noted that Hughes' decision is a ruling, not a court order. Board member Harvith, who teaches at the Albany Law School, observed that under the ruling expenditure of public funds to hire press secretaries for government officials might also be called into question. "I don't see much difference between urging a 'no' vote and urging a 'yes' vote," Harvith added. A dissent by Clyne appeared in the "Highlights."

In other business, the Rev. Johannes Meester of Delmar expressed the Clarks-ville School's regret that Principal Dorothy Whitney would be leaving to take the principal's job at Elsmere Elementary School. "I feel as if I should speak against the appointment," he said. "We're sorry to see her go."

The district's practice in the past has been guided in part by a handbook on "school law" published by the New York



Poppy Day is Wednesday, May 16, and the ladies of the American-Legion Auxiliary will be seeking donations to help veterans. Getting a jump on the occasion with Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan are Dorothea George, president of the legion auxiliary, Pauline Ouderkirk, poppy chairman, and Frances Gathen, president of the VFW auxiliary. *Spotlight*

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What next for Becker overcrowding?

The week before voters in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District were to go to the polls to express their opinions on two plans to deal with overcrowding at the Becker School, Board of Education President Prescott Archibald moved to call off the vote.

"I think that the public was not too interested in either of the two propositions," Archibald said later.

Archibald's motion failed, but apparently he was right. The May 1 vote against the plan to add four classrooms to the Becker School was defeated 843-256, with 72 blank ballots, and the vote against the alternative plan to split up elementary school grades among different schools was equally emphatic, 803 to 338, with 30 blank votes.

What happens next is somewhat unclear, although it appears unlikely the district will submit any new plans to the voters. "We got the general idea," observed one administrator.

Archibald said Monday the board would ask the district administration to come up with some new plans to deal with the overcrowding situation and then present them to the board. Nothing — including the previously rejected idea of changing the elementary school bound-

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aries — has been ruled out, Archibald said.

School boundaries have been moved in the past, but in the case of Becker School, the impact has always been on the residents along Rt. 9W, and board members apparently felt that it would be unfair to burden that same group again.

"It could come up again," said Archibald said.

A special committee chaired by board member Susan Gottesman came up with the two alternatives put to the voters. But in the weeks prior to the vote, the portable classroom option lost much of its appeal when it was learned that it was not eligible for state funding. The portable classrooms would have cost the district an estimated \$185,000. The second option — redistricting by grade levels, so that Kindergarteners and first graders would have attended Ravena, second and third Becker and fourth and

fifth Coeymans — was less expensive but opposed by many parents because of the long-distance busing involved and the possibility of splitting up siblings.

Mrs. Gottesman said Friday the committee has no plans to meet again.

Final blood pressure clinic

The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, May 15, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. No appointment is necessary. A summer hiatus will postpone the next clinic until September.

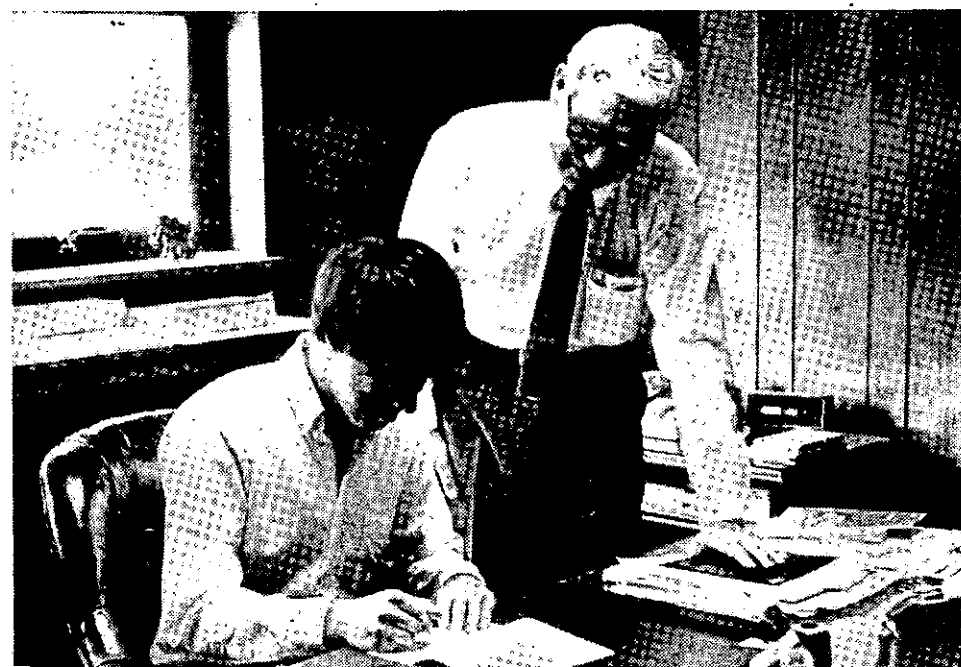
Health professionals who would like to volunteer their assistance at the clinic should call Ruth Bickel at 439-4955.

DAR chapter meets

The Gansevoort Chapter of the DAR will hold its 87th annual meeting on Monday, May 14, at 12:30 p.m. at the Ten Broeck Mansion in Albany. The business meeting will include the election of new officers and an installation ceremony for new members. Mrs. James Stratton of Delmar, the local regent, will report on her activities at the recent Continental Congress in Washington.

Glenmont carnival

The Glenmont PTA will present its annual spring carnival at the elementary school on Saturday, May 19, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. There will be a raffle and bake sale for adults, a plant sale for gardeners, and a moonwalk, face-painting and games for children. The Bethlehem Police will also do children's fingerprinting.



Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan shows Tom Schrempf, a student at Bethlehem Central High School, the ropes during Youth in Government Day last week at the Town Hall. The annual event is sponsored by the Elks Club to give students an inside look at town government.

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News from Selkirk AND South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



Archaeology slide-talk

The public is invited to hear Richard Christopher, a young high school student whose hobby is archaeology, present a slide-talk on "The Nicoll-Sill Inventory of Family Possessions" at the May 17 meeting of the Bethlehem Historical Association. Richard, with other students, participated in a dig last summer on the grounds of the 1730 Bethlehem house on the Vlaumanskill at Cedar Hill under the tutelage of Dr. Floyd Brewer, archaeology professor at Hudson Valley Community College. His talk will be based on the actual inventory record of everything Francis Nicoll, son of the builder of the Bethlehem House, owned when he died in 1817. The audience will be given an opportunity to ask questions. Refreshments will be served. The programs will be held at 8 p.m. next Thursday at the Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Cedar Hill.

New officers for seniors

This month's meeting of the South Bethlehem-Selkirk Sunshine Senior Citizens on Monday, May 14, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, will be the first for the new slate of officers. They are: president, Elizabeth Huller; first vice president, Henretta Schubert; second vice president, Betty Orpello; secretary, Freda Fourman, and treasurer, Frank Everingham. A covered dish luncheon at noon will be followed by Karen Pellettier providing information on possible trips and programs of interest. All seniors of the area are invited.

Tailgate sale at museum

The Bethlehem Historical Association will hold a Tailgate sale on Saturday,

May 19, from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. on the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum grounds, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk. There will be more than 20 dealers in antiques, folk art, wooden jointed dolls, children and baby original clothes, stained glass, wall hangings, herbs and herb products, plants, white elephants, next-to-new clothes, a genealogy table and home baked goods. Refreshments will be available. Committee heads include Charles and Marjorie Crangle, James and Ann Vandervort, Evelyn Alford, Mary Ann and Josephine Twardowski and Mary Van Oostenbrugge.

DAR to collect torn flags

Hannakrois DAR chapter will hold its annual meeting Monday, May 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Alfred J. Stein, Ravena. Hostesses will be Mrs. Stephen Coye, Mrs. Ronald Newton, regent, and Mrs. Irving Verschoor. Mrs. S. Benjamin Meyers will report to members on her recent trip to Washington, D.C. to attend the 93rd Continental Congress. Also included in the program will be the tolling of the bell in honor of Revolutionary ancestors of members present.

A reminder to Hannakrois chapter members: old, torn, service-worn flags are being collected to be presented to the Bethlehem Elks for their Flag Day service. All members are invited to attend the ceremony on June 10, at which time the worn flags will be retired in a dignified manner.

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



Bethlehem's new Senior Van is on the road, available for trips for senior citizens in the town. Shown with the new acquisition of the town's Senior Services Office are, from left, Mrs. F.W. Gui, Mrs. E.F. DeTiere, Mrs. Charles A. Carroll and Marguerite Kinsley. The van is available, by appointment at 439-5770, weekdays from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m.

Tom Howes

Girl Scout camp starts in June

The Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council is currently accepting applications from girls for its day camp, Is-Sho-Da, in East Greenbush, and its resident camp, Little Notch, in the town of Fort Ann near Lake George. Non-Scouts as well as Scouts are welcome.

Is-Sho-Da will offer extended hours, from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m., for working parents. Is-Sho-Da will also pilot a unit for boys entering grades two through four, if they are members of a family in which one person is a registered Girl Scout. The boys' activities will include outdoor living skills, swimming, sports, games and Indian lore.

Is-Sho-Da is open to all girls entering grades 1 through 6. The day camp offers instruction in dramatics, swimming, boating, simple gymnastics, nature

study, music, dance and basic camp skills. Older campers may specialize in programs relating to five proficiency badges — local lore, boating, foot traveler, outdoor cook and horse lover.

Seven one-week sessions will begin July 2. The weekly fee is \$40, which includes the cost of an overnight stay at camp. There is an additional fee for those using day camp buses.

Girls entering grades two through 12 may attend Little Notch resident camp for sessions of six, eight, ten or twelve days. The basic fee is \$14 per day, with bus transportation available from Colonie Center.

To register for Girl Scout day or resident camp, or for further information, contact the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council in Delmar at 439-4936.

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Pollution charge denied

A state official has denied a charge by a Voorheesville resident that seepage from barrels stored at the DOT maintenance depot in the village is a threat to local water supplies.

Peter Baltis, a developer who owns a tract of land on Rt. 155 opposite the DOT depot at the intersection with Rt. 85A, appeared at two public meetings at the New Scotland town hall last week to protest the storage of what he termed "debris, old highway materials and waste."

Baltis also said that "unsightly barrels spewing dangerous liquids" could seep into gravel and porous soil and thus could pollute shallow wells nearby and the underlying aquifer. He made the charge at last Tuesday's public hearing on New Scotland's proposed ordinance to control the storage of junk cars and waste materials. On the following night at the regular monthly meeting of the town board he showed photos of the DOT site.

Peter Charland, DOT acting resident engineer at the Voorheesville headquarters, said that the agency keeps empty paint barrels on hand to use as barricades for highway projects. The barrels, he said, originally contained paint used for marking highways. "To my knowledge, there is no toxic liquid of any kind stored on the property," he stated.

Charland said that the DOT had recently purchased additional land in the

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rear of the highway garage, and that "once we get the property fenced, graded and cleared of trees and brush, we can utilize it to put things in a neat order."

Baltis had previously voiced similar complaints at a meeting of the Voorheesville village board.

Frederick Riester, New Scotland town attorney, told the audience at Tuesday's hearing on the junk-car ordinance that he was uncertain whether the town could issue a mandate to the DOT under the proposed law, but he added that the state agency "will probably clean it up voluntarily."

Mohawk chapter meets

The Mohawk Chapter of the DAR will hold its annual meeting outdoors after a covered dish picnic at the home of Mrs. Richard Crouce in Voorheesville on Thursday, May 10, at 12:30 p.m. The officers and committee chairwomen will give their annual reports.

Also on the agenda are plans for the chapter's garage sale-fundraiser on Saturday, May 19, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Alden Merrick, 356 Wellington Rd., Delmar.



The Pokingbrook Morris Dancers show how it's done Saturday on the village green in Voorheesville. The group performed earlier in the day at Stuyvesant Plaza and in Altamont.
Tom Howes

Junker laws

(From Page 1)

compromise," and "a protection from large-scale abuses," these residents noted the need for expediency.

The town plans to pass the laws as quickly as possible, Town Supervisor Steve Wallace had said at an earlier meeting. He said the Albany County Planning Board, which recently reviewed the ordinances, stated that such action would have no significant negative effect on outlying communities in the county. Moreover, the county has no jurisdiction over the town's attempt to enact such laws.

Presumably town officials will adopt the ordinances after Town Attorney Frederick Riester compiles a final draft that incorporates word changes for clarity and legal purposes.

The junk-car ordinance will prohibit residents from storing more than two unsightly, inoperable vehicles that are visible from a public road, residence, a private road, a point six feet or less above the ground or within 150 feet of another residence. In addition, it will ban the visible outside storage of any old or scrap material and debris other than lawn, garden, nursery and agricultural refuse.

The other ordinance, which affects antique car dealers, junk-car owners and used-car collectors, contains provisions to regulate and license new junk yards as well as guidelines to monitor existing businesses.

Such a junk yard, as defined by the revised ordinance, consists of three or more inoperable and unsightly old cars owned by a person who collects, buys, trades, sells or stores such items as metal, machinery or parts in excess of ordinary household use.

The establishment of such businesses

will be restricted in such zones as residential-forestry, residential-commercial, low-density residential and residential hamlet. New dealers will need to obtain special permits from the New Scotland planning board. However, existing junkyard operators will have automatic approval from the board, provided they meet town standards.

According to Riester, the new law only regulates and will not put existing sites out of business. The essential design, merely "tidies up" an existing ordinance, which the town rarely enforced in previous years, he added.

Residents who do not comply with the ordinances will receive written complaints from Building Inspector Walter Miller. Upon receiving notification, persons must remove junk vehicles within 30 days and scrap materials within 10 days. Failure to do so would result in a fine of up to \$250 and/or a jail sentence of up to 30 days.

In less controversial matters at its regular meeting Wednesday, the board adopted an amendment to the town zoning ordinance to permit the removal of fill, gravel or loam as special use in low-density residential and industrial districts. Prior to this action, the ordinance allowed such special use only in residential forestry districts.

In other action the board approved an expenditure of \$645 to purchase a reconditioned mailing machine and scale and allocated \$13.74 per month for meter rental.

Windows smashed

Three teenagers face court action in Bethlehem after they allegedly broke three store windows at Delaware Plaza Saturday evening. Bethlehem police said one youth allegedly threw a trash container through the front window at the Delaware Plaza Liquor Store; another reportedly threw a rock through the window at the Off-Track Betting outlet, and the third allegedly put his fist through the window at Speedy Photo. The names of the three were withheld by police because they are eligible for youthful offender status. Police were alerted to the 10:30 p.m. vandalism when the alarm went off at the liquor store. The youth whose fist went through the window was treated at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany and released.

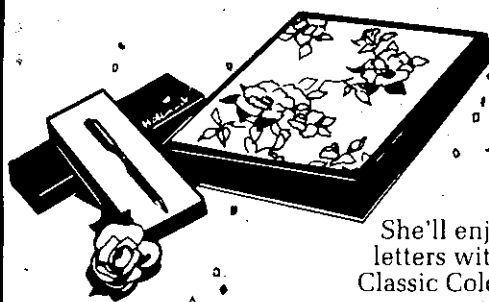
An affair of the heart

"A Light-Hearted Affair," a play-on words for the first annual Albany County Heart Ball, is set for Friday, May 18, at the Colonie Country Club in Voorheesville. The black-tie optional gala will begin with dinner at 8:30 p.m. Dancing to the music of the Phil Restifo Quintet will follow. Tickets for the dinner-dance are \$50, proceeds will benefit the American Heart Association.

For information, call 869-1961.

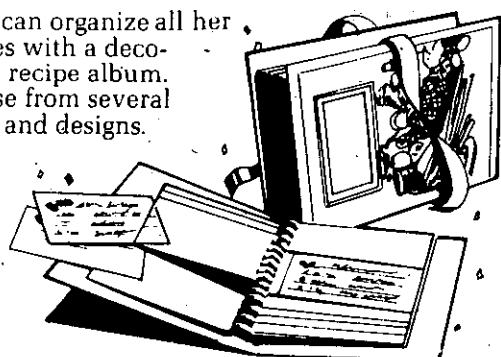
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Tulip festival

The scrubbing of a stretch of State Street in front of the Capitol will officially begin Albany's 36th annual Tulip Festival this Thursday. The spring celebration will climax at Washington Park over the weekend. On Saturday, the Kinderkermis, a free children's fair featuring costume and break-dancing contests, hot-air balloons, music, clowns, magicians and a variety of games, will run from 1 to 4 p.m.

On Sunday, the Pinksterfest will see adults party, rain or shine, from noon to 6 p.m. More than 200 food and craft vendors will join such mainstage entertainment as The Play It Again Sam Gang, Skip Parsons' Riverboat Jazz Band, Southbound, Squareone, the Sharks and the Katz-n-Jammer Kids. The newly crowned Tulip Queen will be introduced at 1 p.m.

Other Tulip Festival events include the three-day Tulip Flower Show at the Albany Institute of History and Art and the Tulip Pageant Coronation at Washington Park and Tulip Festival Ball at the Hilton Hotel on Saturday.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lyn Stapf 765-2451



Club's plant sale

The Helderview Garden Club has some good news for area plant lovers and those last-minute shoppers for Mother's Day. The club will hold its annual plant sale this Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. at both the Key Bank in Voorheesville and the Voorheesville Stewart's. Available will be a wide variety of plants, cut flowers and crafts. Raffle tickets will also be available for gifts donated by Jeffers Nursery, Mariani's Nursery, Hewitt's Garden Shoppe and Helderledge Farm. The drawing will be held at the end of the sale.

Members will meet Thursday, May 10, to make final arrangements for the sale, and to take part in a table arrangements and bouquet workshop. The public is welcome to this meeting at the Methodist Church at 7 p.m.

Sale to benefit pre-schoolers

Also on Saturday, May 12 the Community Nursery School of Voorheesville will hold a Spring Thing Sale, featuring crafts, baked goods, candy, and white elephant items. The sale will be held at 135 Oxford Ct., Salem Hills, off Stonington Hill Rd., from 9 a.m. until 3 p.m.

Concerts on the agenda

Music lovers are reminded that the elementary school spring music concert will take place this evening (May 9) beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the high school, giving residents a chance to enjoy the music of the fifth and sixth grade bands and choruses and to cast votes on the school and library budgets and board seats as well.

Next Thursday, May 17, the junior and senior high school bands will present an evening of music beginning at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. The concert featuring the bands under the direction of Frank McDermott and Lydia Tobler is free and open to the public.

Residents are also asked to mark their calendars that the junior-senior high school choral concert will take place at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 23, also at the high school.

Video tapes now at library

Librarian Nancy Hutchinson announces that the Upper Hudson Library Federation now has a collection of video cassettes that patrons may borrow, free of charge, through inter-library loan. The tapes, which fit a one-half inch VHS video cassette playback unit, may be borrowed by registered patrons of the Voorheesville Library for a period of

seven days, Friday afternoon until Thursday evening. Only one cassette may be borrowed at a time.

A catalog of all the video cassettes owned by UHLF, children's and adults', as well as rules for borrowing them are at the library. Although the catalog is a reference book and therefore may not be removed from the library, patrons may photocopy it for their own use if they wish. Anyone wanting more details on the program may stop in at the library or call 765-2791.

A final reminder that teens and adults interested in signing up for the fiction workshop featuring area author Debbie Mayer may still register. The six-week course, which will run on Tuesdays from 7 p.m. until 9 p.m., begins on May 15 at the library.

Tennis ladder forming

Attention area tennis players! A tennis ladder is being formed for local enthusiasts. Tom Walter, in charge of organizing the ladder, invites all players to join, stating that a player "need not be an expert as the ladder allows members to play people who are at a similar skill level."

Following an arbitrary ranking, the ladder works on a challenge basis with one member challenging another to a match at a time and place agreeable to both players. If the lower ranked player wins, he assumes the rank held by the loser, and all players in between drop one position. After a few matches the rankings begin to reflect the ability of the players.

At this time, only one ladder is planned, however if there is sufficient interest, a doubles ladder or separate men's and women's ladders may be formed. Those wanting to sign up or interested in more information are asked to call Walter at 765-2768 after 6 p.m.

Village clean-up next week

The Village of Voorheesville has announced that the annual spring clean-up will be held during the week of May 14. All articles left at the curb Monday through Friday will be picked up.

During that week normal garbage pickups will take place on the usual day. Residents are asked to separate clean-up items from garbage and place them in separate piles, as different vehicles will be used for the collections.

People who have large items to discard, such as appliances, are asked to



New officers of the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School National Honor Society are, from left, Ed Mitzen, Vicky Ross, Debbie Bausbach and Sharon McKenna.

call the village office at 765-2692 to make special arrangements. All brush, tree branches, lumber and metal piping must be piled and cut into four-foot lengths. Grass clippings must be placed in plastic or metal containers.

Scout collecting flags for community

A local Boy Scout is asking for assistance in his project to help area civic organizations. Tom Donohue, a freshman at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High and a member of Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73, is working towards his Eagle Scout award by collecting new or unused American flags, which he will distribute to local civic organizations. Anyone contributing a flag is asked to attach the name of the veteran the flag is honoring, if applicable.

Also as part of his project Tom is collecting old, frayed and unusable American flags, which will be disposed of in the proper manner at the patriotic public flag-burning ceremony to be held as part of the June Flag Day event sponsored by the New Scotland Elks Club. Anyone wishing to donate a flag of

either type is asked to please leave the flag at the village office.

Singer to entertain kids

Students in grades K-3 will get a lift out of the production *Leapin' Legends* scheduled to be viewed by the primary grades this Friday at the elementary school. The upbeat performance by area story-singer Chris Holder will be presented in two performances so that both morning and afternoon kindergarten classes will have a chance to see the program which includes tall and true tales of American folk heroes.

This will be the final production of in-school programming this year sponsored by Theater Fun for Young People. Other Theater Fun presentations this year included *The Amazing Einstein* and *Rhythms and Visions of India and the Middle East* viewed by the intermediate grades. The group also sponsored a trip to the Egg for the primary grades to see the Empire State's Institution for the Performing Arts Christmas production of *Raggedy Ann and Andy*.

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Discipline, from crib to rocking chair

"The trouble with kids today is that they lack discipline, good old-fashioned discipline. You know the kind I mean, where the parent's or teacher's word is law and the kid's don't dare go against it, because they know what'll happen if they do. We used to respect our elders, not like kids today. They've got too much freedom and they get away with everything. It seems like nobody, not parents or teachers or even the courts, are willing to discipline these kids nowadays, like it's too much trouble to do it or like the kids have too much power, too much knowledge about things they shouldn't know until they're adults, too much leeway to do their own thing. It's like the tail is wagging the dog instead of the other way around."

I know a lot of people who feel that way. Sometimes I do, too, but I also recognize that when things around me

Interesting that punishment is the final word in discipline. Even more interesting is that knowledge or learning is the first word.

seem to be falling apart, one of my first reactions is to try and simplify everything into right or wrong, good or bad, black or white. But most of our world is grey, and when we try to force our "grey matter" to see only black or white, we usually fall short.

There certainly are appropriate times and places for hard-line, punitive discipline in our world, and some of us handle it better than others whether we're

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on the giving or receiving end. But punishment is only one aspect of discipline, and, in fact, not even the primary meaning of the term.

Consulting Webster's Dictionary we find no less than six meanings for the word "discipline": 1. a branch of knowledge or learning. 2. training that develops self-control, character, or orderliness and efficiency. 3. the result of such training; self-control; orderly conduct. 4. acceptance of or submission to authority and control. 5. a system of rules or methods, as for the conduct of members of a monastic order. 6. treatment that corrects or punishes."

Interesting that punishment is the final word in discipline. Even more interesting is that knowledge or learning is the first word. To understand that order is to understand the real meaning of discipline. To learn something and know it for what it is enables us to develop self-control regarding it; to remain ignorant opens us up to being corrected or punished by someone other than ourself.

One of the very first issues we encounter in our lives that demands discipline is bowel and bladder control. We call it "toilet training." The ultimate objective is knowledge on a number of levels, and a parent's task is to teach that knowledge to the child. The child must learn, for example, what his or her body

feels inside when the need for evacuation arises. Depending on the stage of physical development, the child must then learn to either ask for help undressing or do it alone. Finally, there is wipe up, wrap up and wash up, all of which earns us the rewards of gold stars and Happy Faces to grow up.

Around that time we also begin our lessons in health and safety. "Don't touch the oven. Eat this, it's good for you. Stay away from the edge of the pool. Zip up all the way to keep warm. Don't play with any of the bottles under the sink. Let me tie your shoelaces or you'll trip. Don't bother the dog while he's eating." There are so many things we must learn for survival alone, and then for ensuring our

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growth and development toward a satisfying quality of life. And when we cannot or do not learn through knowledge or training or authoritative dictates or social rules of conduct, then we must be taught through punishment. It's a fact of life.

Unfortunately, as we grow bigger, stronger and smarter, the punishments that worked before no longer work now. As our resistance to discipline escalates, so do the punishments designed to reinforce that discipline. Thus enters the turbulence of adolescence.

I preface any of my remarks about adolescence with a serious and soul-searching question: In that most societies before us equated adulthood with puberty and, consequently, treated their "teenagers" as new, yet fully qualified, adults, have we created an unnaturally prolonged childhood for our young people, who, in spite of the fact they have adult essence, are forced into a limbo stage we call "adolescence?" I have suspicions without answers, but like you I am forced to suffer that extended period of time along with our teenagers who are allowed to feel like they're 30, think like 20, and act like 10.

The world is more complex than ever before. Technology alone has driven

wedges of knowledge gaps between the generations. Our numbers have swelled. Our critical social issues have grown in frequency and severity. Our moral codes and value systems are as changeable as fashions of dress. And finally, the preparatory lessons for adulthood which used to be the eminent domain of the family are now being shared and, in some cases usurped by the peer groups, the pop heroes and the mass media.

To make some kind of sense out of it all, I try to keep in mind the goal of discipline, which is self-discipline. If I can teach my children to know themselves then they can learn to know me. If I can teach them to know how I make rules for myself, then they can learn to rule themselves. If I can teach them what society expects of them, then they can learn what to expect of themselves. If I can teach them what I value, then they can learn to develop their own values. It is so because all teaching and learning requires discipline, and it is only through discipline that one can experience self-awareness and self-expression, and that's the key to a fulfilling, satisfied life in a world of peace and order.

An 'enchanted evening'

The annual fashion show of the Altar Rosary Society at St. Thomas Church in Delmar will have a South Sea flavor this year with The City Kids, a group of St. Thomas School students, performing selections from "South Pacific." The show will be Friday, May 18, in the school auditorium, beginning at 7:30 p.m. Fashions are being provided by J.C. Penney at Crossgates Mall and will feature the Halston line. Coordinators are Tricia O'Donnell, Donna Fish, Joanne Drozd and Karen Graziade, with Peggy Nelson commentator. The \$4 ticket price includes dessert. Tickets will be on sale in the school lobby after Masses on Sunday.

Staff from The Orlo will do the makeup and flowers will be provided by Verstandig's Florist. Margaret Dandeneau is organizer of the event.

'Homeless' benefit

The Capital District Travelers Aid Society, an emergency crisis intervention agency serving a four-county area, will celebrate its 60th anniversary on June 6 with fundraising gala to benefit the Fund for the Homeless. The event, a Pastures party set in a 1920s theme, will be held from 5-8 p.m. in the Historic Pastures area of Albany. Mr. and Mrs. John Brunner are co-chairmen. For information, call 463-2124.

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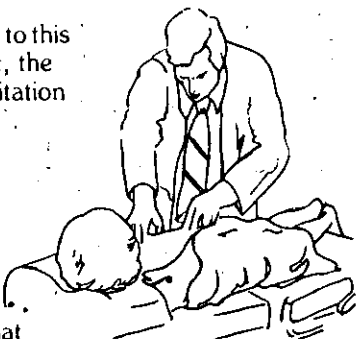
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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville. **Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. **Assemblyman Larry Lane's** district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

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The 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.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

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

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

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

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 residents on 20th anniversary, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, noon.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

"Pornography, You Are Its Victim," Morality in the Media discussion by Rev. Robert Hess, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

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 Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Personal Computer Group, meeting and demonstration, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4758.

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

Strawberry Festival Volunteer Recognition, Good Samaritan Home, Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 2:30 p.m.

Helderview Garden Club, Voorheesville Methodist Church, 7 p.m.

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

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

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

Spring Music Festival, Part 1, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m.

Weatherman Bob Kovachik to speak at Bethlehem Senior Citizen Organization meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1 p.m.

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.

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

"The Pearl Buck No One Knows," program by author-lecturer Virginia Westervelt, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Free.

QUILT, show-and-tell meeting, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 9:30 a.m.

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THEATER

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

"Romantic Comedy" (sophisticated comedy by Bernard Shaw

"Romantic Comedy" (sophisticated comedy by Bernard Shaw) Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, May 9-13, and 16-20.

"Slowly, By Thy Hand Unfurled" (new play by Romulus Linney with Piper Laurie, produced by Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 10 and 11, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Egg box office, 473-3750.

MAGIC

David Cooperfield, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, May 9; 6 and 8:30 p.m. Box office, 346-6204.

MUSIC

University Symphonic Band and University Percussion Ensemble, SUNY Performing Arts Center, May 9, 8 p.m.

Judith Ramaley, contralto, and Leonard Kastel, piano, SUNY Performing Arts Center, May 9, 8 p.m.

"Evening of Music" featuring Cantor Howard M. Stahl (operatic arias, duets and selections from Jewish and secular music), Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Rd., Albany, May 12, 8:30 p.m.

Mother's Day Concert by Albany Symphony Orchestra, Saratoga Performing Arts Center, May 13, 2 p.m. Free.

"A Little Afternoon Music" (members of the Monday Musical Club), First Presbyterian Church, State and Willet, Albany, May 13, 2:30 p.m.

"Madrigals and Mother's Day", (SUNY Chamber Singers), Performing Arts Center, May 13, 3 p.m.

Postdam Woodwind Quintet ("Crane at Cohoes series), Cohoes Music Hall, May 13, 3 p.m.

Jean Redpath (traditional Scottish singer), St. Marks Community Center, Rt. 146, Guelderland Center, May 14, 8 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office or Records 'N Such.

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

ART

Paintings by Jan Sawka, Albany Academy Gallery, May 10 through June 2.

"Paintings of People" (recent works by Arleen Targan), The Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, May 10 through June 15.

Seascape painter Charles Movalli, lecture and demonstration West End Presbyterian Church, Central and Main, Albany, May 15, 7:30 p.m. Sponsored by Albany Artists Group.

Christine Heller "Signposts & Witnesses", Rathbonne Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., through May 25.

Thesis Exhibition by 16 MFA candidates, SUNY Art Gallery, through May 20.

"Masters Show", works by CSR graduate students, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, through May 18.

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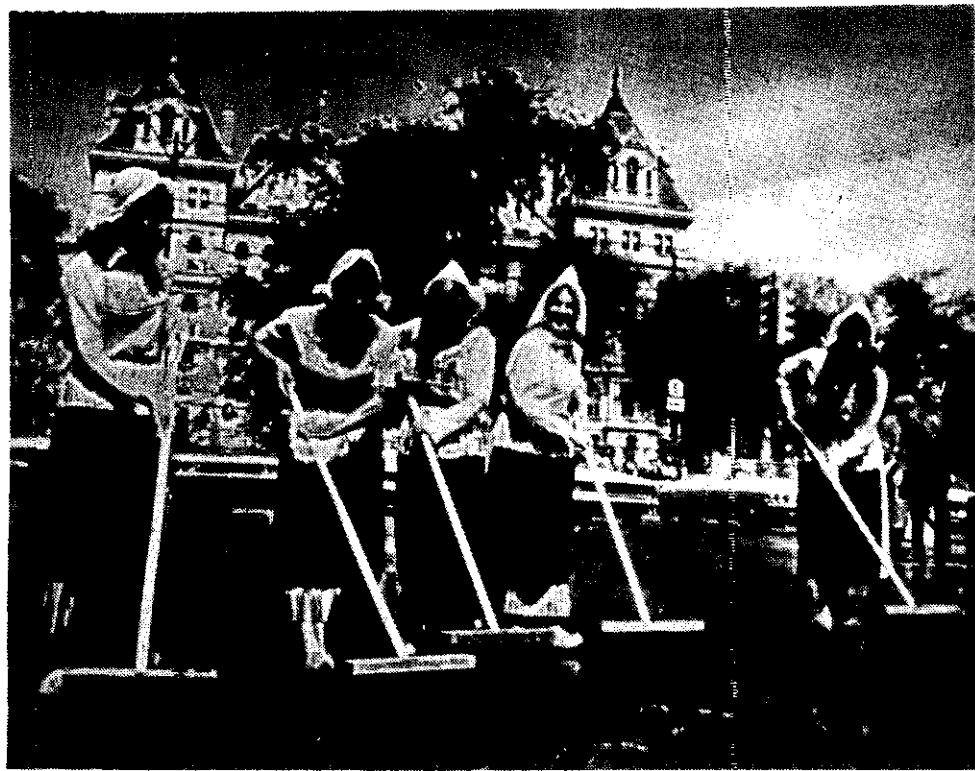
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SATURDAY, MAY 12

La Leche League Area Conference, highlighted by Matilda Cuomo's proclamation at 1 p.m., Bethlehem Central High School.

Franco-American Poetry Festival, readings, roundtable discussion, music and refreshments outdoors, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-4 p.m. Free.

Concert for Peace, local musicians perform, benefit National Peace Academy, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m. Tickets, 439-7027 or 768-2832.

Auction, Elsmere Fire Company Ladies Auxiliary, antiques, collectibles and crafts, at firehouse, Poplar Dr.

Delmar Plant Sale, flowers and vegetables, Men's Garden Club of Albany, Key Bank, Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Voorheesville Plant Sale, Helderview Garden Club, Key Bank and Stewarts, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Bethlehem Garden Day, soil testing clinic and free compost, Town Garage, Delmar, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

White Elephant Sale, with craft and bake sales, Voorheesville Community Nursery School, 135 Oxford Ct., 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

Mother's Day Race, 3.5 mile road race for mothers and children, sponsored by Owens Corning, Hamagrael School start, McGuffey La., Delmar, noon. \$3 entry fee; information, 235-2743.

MONDAY, MAY 14

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

Sunshine Senior Citizens, meeting, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, noon.

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

Hannakrois DAR, chapter meeting, Stein residence, Ravena, 7:30 p.m.

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

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

TUESDAY, MAY 15

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

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

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

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

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

Church Family Night, pot luck supper, play and Friendship Singers concert, Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church, 5:45 p.m.

Spring Concert, and ESCO election, Elsmere Elementary School 7:30 p.m.

Sing Language Workshop, Tuesday and Thursday classes for beginners, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

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

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

Delmar Progress Club, spring banquet, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 6 p.m.

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

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

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Ravena High School gym, Rt. 9W, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

Albany Audubon Society, members' night and election of officers, board members, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 8 p.m.

1817 Inventory Nicolli-Sill Family Possessions, Bethlehem Historical Association slide talk, Schoolhouse Museum, Selkirk, 8 p.m.

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

Spring Music Festival, Part 2, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m.

Food Stamp Registration, from county Department of Social Services, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.-noon.

Spring Band Concert, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Fashion Show and Dessert Party, St. Thomas School auditorium, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Albany County Heart Ball, black-tie-optional gala benefits American Heart Association, Colonie Country Club, Voorheesville, 8:30 p.m. dinner. Information, 869-1961.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Barbershop Harmony, Electric City Chorus and 3 guests quartets benefit Epilepsy Association, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Church Play, "Let Him Sleep Until It's Time For His Funeral," South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 8:30 p.m.

Tailgate Sale, Bethlehem Historical Association, Schoolhouse Museum, Selkirk, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Library Book Sale, 3-day annual fundraiser, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Glenmont Carnival, plant and bake sales, raffle, children's games and fingerprinting, Glenmont Elementary School, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Stress Management Workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-3 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314 by May 16.

Outdoor Bird Walk, "In Search of the Wistful Waterthrush," Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m. Free.

Outdoor Amphibian Study, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Flatwater Canoe Races, 1 and 2 mi. sprints and 2 mi. relay benefit Bethlehem Ambulance Squad, Ravena-Coeymans Yacht Club, Stonehouse Hill Rd., 1-3 p.m. Information, 767-3018.

Library Book Sale, 3-day annual fundraiser, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m.

Church Concert for Organ and Voice, with tenor Bradford Logan and organist Keith Williams, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, MAY 21

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

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

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Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 9

The Relationship Between Diet and Health, lecture, Albany Public Library, 8 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 Luncheon, Stuebén 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.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 10

Vegetable and Container Gardening, spring lecture, Family Resource Center, 230 Green St., Albany, 3 and 7 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, meeting room 6, N.Y. Telephone, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Public Book Sale, Albany Public Library, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

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.

Albany Symphony Auditions, for flute, violin, cello, bass and harp, Palace Theater, Clinton Ave., Albany, today and tomorrow.

Retired Teachers Association, executive committee meeting, Bavarian Chalet, Rt. 20, Guild-erland, 9 a.m. registration.

Empire State College Information Session, for Master of Arts degree candidates, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m.

Federic Church in Private and Public, lecture, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

State Street Scrubbing, Dutch customed women begin Albany Tulip Festival, State St. outside Capitol, noon.

Temporary Employment, Job Outreach discussion, Human Resources Center, Albany, 4:30 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 11

Five Day Plan to Stop Smoking, first group session, Seventh-Day Adventist Church, Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$10 fee, 456-0077.

School Garage Sale, sponsored by New Hope Christian Academy, Westerlo Town Park, Rt. 143, 10 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

Rummage Sale, sponsored by Montessori School, Morris St., Albany, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

Albany Symphony Auditions, for flute, violin, cello, bass, and harp, Albany Academy.

Albany Tulip Flower Show, part of Albany Tulip Festival, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon-8 p.m. Free.

Photojournalism Course, weekend classes begin with "The Adirondacks — My Backyard" slide-lecture, Social Science Building, Union College, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Information, 370-6288.

Altamont Station Squares Dance, to introduce beginners to square dancing, former Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m.

Genealogy Conference and Book Fair, Albany Public Library, 9:30 a.m.

Albany Tulip Flower Show, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Free.

Tulip Pageant and Coronation, announcement and crowning of Tulip Queen and court, Washington Park, Albany, noon. Free.

Nature Conservancy Field Trip, to Waitecliff and Limestone Rise Preserves, leaves Altamont train station, 10 a.m. Information, 869-6959.

American Cancer Society Spring Festival, weekend of country music, antique cars, craft show, flea market, Altamont Fairgrounds, Rt. 146, 10 a.m.-7 p.m.

Kinderkermis, children's fair with contests, clowns, music, magic, ballroom and break-dancing, Washington Park, Albany, 1-4 p.m. Free.

Racquetball Party, for players of all skills and ages, Colonie Court Club, 7 p.m. \$4.50 admission; information, 462-5113.

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

Early Childhood Education Lecture, Doane Stuart School, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 465-5222.

SATURDAY, MAY 12

Church Supper, Trinity United Methodist Church, Rt. 143, Coeymans Hollow, 4:30-7 p.m.

Tulip Festival Ball, gala for Tulip Queen with Nancy Cozian as mistress of ceremonies, Albany Hilton Hotel, Ten Eyck Plaza, 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 13

American Cancer Society Spring Festival, Altamont Fairgrounds, Rt. 146, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.

Albany Tulip Flower Show, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon-5 p.m. Free.

Albany Pinksterfest, smorgasbord of crafts, food, art, theater, dancing, and mainstage entertainment, Washington Park, Albany, noon-6 p.m.

Saratoga Fashion Show, sponsored by Historical Society of Saratoga Springs, Casino, Congress Park, 3-6 p.m. \$2 admission.

Career Change and Job Search Workshop, 2-part workshop for unemployed and career changers, at SUNYA, 12:30-5 p.m. Registration, 455-6121.

MONDAY, MAY 14

Stop Dieting, orientation to 6-week weight management program, Fitness Studio, Hamilton St., Albany, 8 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. Registration, 462-4206. Through Friday.

Spaghetti Dinner, St. Patrick's Parish Center, Central Ave., Albany, 2-8 p.m.

Gansevoort Chapter, DAR, annual business meeting, Ten Broeck Mansion, Albany, 12:30 p.m.

Sterilization Option, Planned Parenthood workshop, 259 Lark St., Albany, 6-8 p.m. \$5 registration, 434-2182.

TUESDAY, MAY 15

Planning a Flower Garden, Cooperative Extension talk, Albany Public Library, noon.

Daughters of American Colonists, Fort Orange chapter luncheon, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., Albany, noon.

Crime Prevention Mini-Seminar, for local retail merchants, sponsored by regional Chamber of Commerce, Best Western Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 8 a.m. Reservations, 434-1214.

Nature Conservancy Field Trip, to Christman Sanctuary, leaves Schenectady Two Guys, 9:30 a.m.

"Sir Winston Speaks", One-man portrayal of Winston Churchill by James Humes, speechwriter to President Eisenhower, Nixon, and Ford, sponsored by Citizens for America, Albany Hilton Hotel, 8 p.m. \$10 reservations, 438-6387.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 16

"Is Your Clean Home and Green Yard Hazardous to Your Health?" League of Women Voters forum, Capital District Psychiatric Center, New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Heitis and Collits Support Group, Colonie Central High School, Hackett Ave., 7:30 p.m. Free.

Albany Soroptimist Club, award night dinner meeting, Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, Western Ave., 5:30 p.m. \$11 reservations, 482-1732.

Mother's Day May 13th

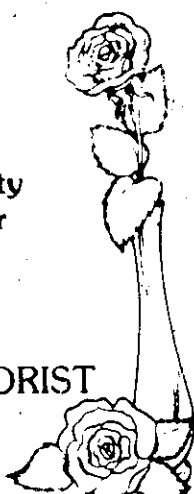
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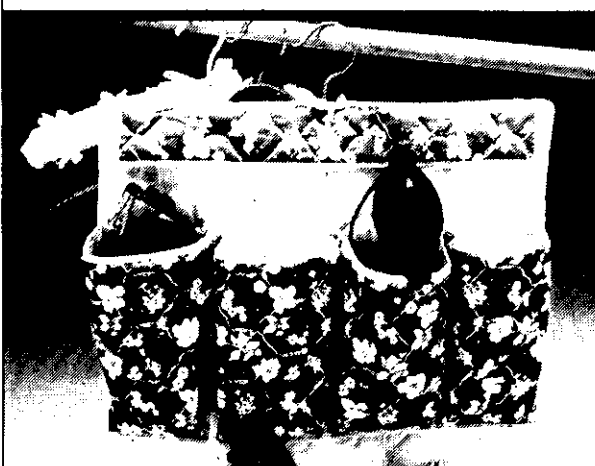
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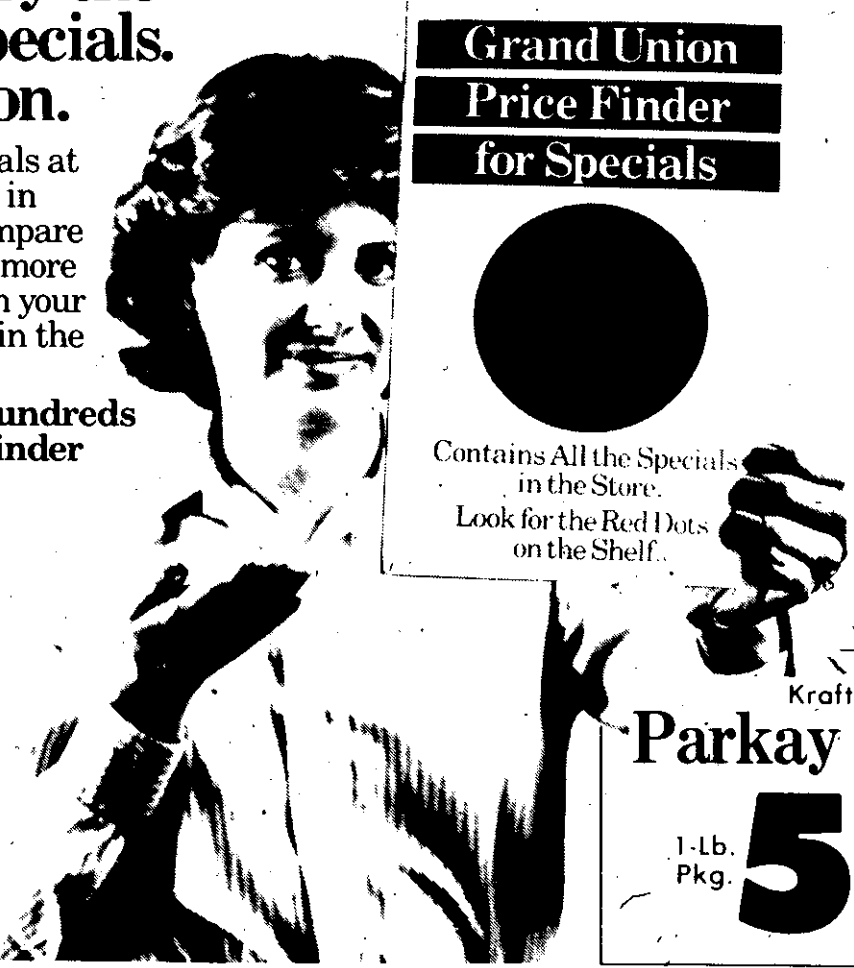
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Ah, spring in England

By Damon Woo

During the recent spring vacation, I participated in a student group from Bethlehem Central on a tour of England. It was a week full of new experiences. The traveling, the sightseeing and all the other activities were all enhanced by the fact that they were done with a large group of friends.

The trip began with a bus ride from Bethlehem to the Montreal airport. The bus was overflowing with energy as the excited travelers talked of the coming adventures. As the plane headed for England, the energy continued to increase. Many of the students did not sleep on the nightflight and were still wide awake when we arrived in England's Heathrow Airport. Here we met our tour guide for the rest of the week and then proceeded to our hotel in London.

The first three days we stayed in London. A beautiful city, it has many interesting historic sites that could be seen during the planned tour or during the free time allotted. The changing of the guards at Buckingham Palace and the Crown Jewels at London Tower are a standard stop in any tour of London, ours being no exception. Our guided tour gave us quick views of many famous London sites like the Parliament buildings, Tower Bridge and Trafalgar Square.

In agreement with many of the students, the most enjoyable part of the trip was the free time in London. During this time small groups went in their own directions to see and do various things. For some it was shopping at Harrod's, the world's largest department store, or having afternoon tea at the famous Ritz Hotel. The group I went with preferred to do more sightseeing. One of the things we did was climbing the 542 stairs to the top of the dome atop St. Paul's Cathedral. We also stopped to have one of our meals in the famous Hard Rock Cafe.

One of the biggest shocks to our energetic group of American teenagers was the way the city (we later found out that much of the country also) shuts

down at 11 p.m. For a vacation week this seemed like a let-down, so we kept ourselves occupied in the hotels.

After our stay in London we moved on to spend our nights in Brighton, Bath, Stratford and Windsor. On our drives between these cities we stopped at such sites as Stonehenge, Dover Castle and a variety of cathedrals. Our stay in the Stratford area was one of the most interesting. In the evening we saw Shakespeare's *Henry V* put on by the Royal Shakespearean Company. Though it was somewhat confusing and dull at times (enough to put some of us to sleep), it was a nice experience. After the play we proceeded to the hotel, which turned out to be a very nice small inn. After going to our rooms, a brief exploration found a party where they were banging each other's hands with spoons; this was interesting to watch.

The trip was interesting and full of fantastic new experiences. Our luck on the trip was neither great or poor. We avoided any major difficulties — the bombing of the airport just prior to our arrival, or the crisis at the Libyan embassy. We suffered no serious accidents, but we did have some problems with our timing in certain situations.

Stowaways picked up

Three men from Colombia were picked up by Bethlehem police Thursday night on Rt. 144 and turned over to immigration authorities after it was determined the trio were in the country illegally. The police report said the three, who did not speak English, had stowed away on a ship that docked in Tampa, Fla., and had hitchhiked north from there.

Progress Club banquet

The Delmar Progress Club will sit down to its annual spring banquet on Wednesday, May 16, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. A 6 p.m. dinner will be followed by an 8 p.m. program.



London's Albert Memorial attracts tourists from all over the world.

Charged with biting

Bonita Blaisdell, 19, of Selkirk was charged Friday, with a felony count of second degree assault after she allegedly bit a state trooper who was called to the scene of an altercation. Trooper R.C. Whipple was bitten on the right wrist, according to state police at the Selkirk substation. He was treated at Memorial Hospital in Albany and then returned to duty. The woman, who was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court, also faces charges of criminal mischief and resisting arrest, police said. She was sent to the Albany County Jail pending appearance in County Court.

Computers on line

The Bethlehem Personal Computer Group will learn how the personal computer is used in telecommunications on Thursday, May 10, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The meeting is open to all Bethlehem computer users.

For information, call Ross Gutman at 439-4758.

Not for sales

The old A&P parking lot at Delaware and Elsmere Aves. has long been a convenient Park and Ride for area commuters — now, according to Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan, it's turning into a used car lot as well.

But not for long. Flanigan said Monday he tagged five vehicles with For Sale signs in the lot over the weekend, and intends to issue violation citations if the practice continues. Selling a vehicle from a parking lot is a violation of the town's zoning ordinance, he said.

BC securities endangered

A filing of bankruptcy by a small New York City government securities trading and investing firm has left the Bethlehem Central School District facing the possible loss of \$390,000 in reserve funds.

The "Wall Street Journal" confirmed Monday a report last Friday that the firm, Lion Capital Group, had filed for protection from creditors under Chapter 11 of the federal bankruptcy code. The newspaper said the company specialized in investing idle cash from municipalities and school districts in re-purchase agreements backed by U.S. government securities, whereby investors received a short-term yield on funds that the firm reportedly invested at higher rates, leaving the original investor holding securities as collateral.

The newspaper said the bankruptcy filing listed unsecured claims totalling \$26 million, the largest of which was said to be Saratoga County, which stands to lose \$3 million. Other creditors listed by the *Journal* included a number of school boards, most of them in New York State, for sums ranging from \$1.3 million to \$2.6 million.

The Bethlehem school board was not listed in the newspaper's report, but a detailed report by News Center 31 Schenectady, on Monday night's 6 p.m. TV newscast named Saratoga County and the Bethlehem Central board as the viewing area's investors facing the possible loss of funds in the bankruptcy filing.

Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of Bethlehem schools, confirmed the \$390,000 principal sum. Zinn said business administrator Franz Zwickl, bauer and school board attorney Roger M. Fritts made a hurried trip to New York City Friday in an effort to retrieve the U.S. Treasury bills deposited in New York City bank as collateral under the school district's name, but found the assets had been frozen as a result of the legal action.

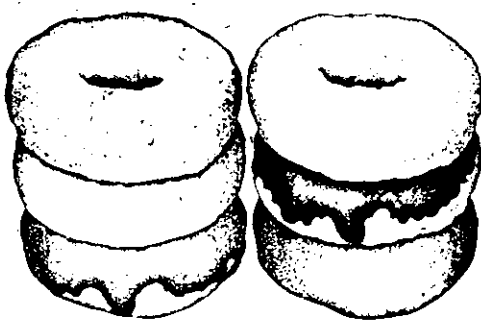
Zinn said the Bethlehem district "taking steps to get them." The bankruptcy firm, he added, "apparently overextended themselves," resulting in liabilities exceeding its assets.

Cyclist hurt

An Averill Park man was injured Sunday afternoon when the motorcycle he was operating went out of control along the water line in Selkirk, according to Bethlehem police reports. The cyclist was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Bethlehem Ambulance and was released after treatment.

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Local musicians perform

Helen Schoenthal of Delmar, program chairman of the May 13 Monday Musical concert, "A Little Afternoon Music," has announced the following Delmar residents performing at the First Presbyterian Church, State and Willet Sts., Albany, at 2:30 p.m.: Rachel Worth, organist, and Eleanor Haverly, soprano. Also on the program are Ruth Baumbach, violinist, accompanied by Mark Baumbach, both of New Scotland, and the Willett Bell Ringers, directed by Helen Henshaw. The public is invited to the free concert.

Carnival at school

Slingerlands Elementary School will hold its annual spring carnival on Friday, May 11, from 4 to 8 p.m. Among the regular attractions will be pony rides, face painting, moon walks, games, a magic show, raffle and bake sale. Chuck E. Cheese will make a guest appearance, and local police will do children's finger printing.

Learning to live on Kenwood Ave.

By Lita Katzer

By outward appearance, the Kenwood Ave. community residence for developmentally disabled adults may seem quiet. But whatever season it may be, activities never cease for the residents of the home in Delmar, who first began living here in April, 1981.

There are now five men and three women, ranging in age from 23 to 53 residing in this house, filling the six-bedroom house to capacity. All the residents had previously lived at state institutions.

They are all engaged in educational and pre-vocational programs daily, at various locations in the area. Ray, Tom, Willie, Richard and Coralie attend a day training program at the Center for the Disabled on Manning Blvd. in Albany. The program operates 12 months a year, five days a week. In addition to services such as occupational therapy, speech therapy and physical therapy, daily living skills and attending behaviors are addressed. The group participates in field trips to such diverse locations as Five Rivers Environmental Center, fast food restaurants and bowling alleys. One woman, Bonnie, is involved in a pre-vocational program and may eventually become a wage earner.

Karen attends a state-operated program at Veeder School in Colonie, but may soon have the opportunity to receive training at the Center for the Disabled for employment at a sheltered workshop.

Mary, Anne and John are in a day treatment program at the Association for Retarded Citizens in Albany. There, some simulated work tasks are done, such as stuffing envelopes. Also included are field trips and community awareness projects.

In addition to daytime educational programming, each resident has specific goals established within the home. Higher functioning clients may have household chores such as setting the table, vacuuming, or making beds.

Recreation is not forgotten. There is



Residents Anne and Bonnie enjoy a recent birthday party at the Kenwood Ave. home as volunteer Gert McCaffrey stands ready to clean up. *Spotlight*

bowling for Karen and Mary every Saturday, and a swim program every Tuesday evening at the Middle School. At holiday times, a dance is held at the Town Hall. And a gross motor development program is held at the Elm Ave. Park two days each month. Some residents have experienced the great outdoors on camping trips at Camp Wilton and Camp Woodcraft at Old Forge.

Much progress has been seen in the behavior and capabilities of the residents. The Kenwood Community Residence provides a homelike environment, and combines that with a therapeutic program. The staff has remained a constant influence on the residents — something often lacking in a large institution.

Volunteers from local church groups have generously donated their time and energy to make occasions extra-special.

Volunteers are always needed, however, to work either on a one-to-one basis or with small groups in many capacities. If you might be interested, contact the secretary of the community advisory board, Lita Katzer, at 439-7203, or Larry Fuld, director of the residence, at 439-5970.

Garden Day is Saturday

The Town of Bethlehem's Garden Day is Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the town garage in Selkirk. There will be free composted leaves for gardeners with their own shovels and sturdy containers. Master gardeners from the county Cooperative Extension will conduct 50-cent soil tests from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m.

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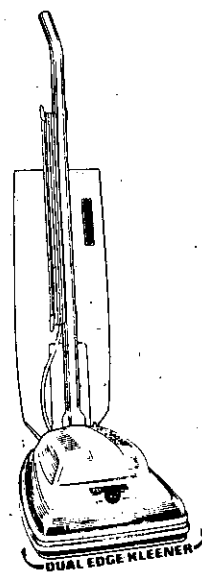
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CHP plan draws fire

The Capital Area Community Health Plan's proposal to establish a satellite center in Delmar has won preliminary approval from an area health planning agency. And despite some opposition by local health care professionals, the proposal appears likely to sail through the rest of the complicated approval process by the end of the year.

CHP, the area's first and largest health maintenance organization, is proposing to convert the old A&P building at Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave. to a center capable of serving 7,000 subscribers now and double that number when the full building is utilized. Initially, three physicians will practice at the center, supported by laboratory, pharmacy, eye care and outpatient surgery.

The plan is being reviewed by the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York, which will make its recommendation to the state Health Department after a series of meetings. The first of those meetings was held by May 1 by the HSA's Albany Subarea Council.

The meeting was attended by a small group of Tri-Village health care professionals, who protested that the need for a health center should be assessed against the fact that the area is already well served by doctors.

However, an HSA official noted Monday that while "need" is one of the

criteria used to judge new health services, health maintenance organizations are judged under "a special set of criteria." The policy of both the state and federal governments is to promote the growth of HMOs as an alternative (and cheaper) way of delivering health care, said Paul FitzPatrick, so need is not considered in terms of the overall demand for medical services in the particular area.

"We're looking at whether they can enroll a sufficient number of people," FitzPatrick said. "And so far they have been able to do that."

CHP claims some 47,000 subscribers at its seven area centers, and projects that 2,700 of these will switch to the Delmar center because of its more convenient location. By 1985, CHP expects 4,000 subscribers in Delmar, and should reach its break even point of 6,000 by 1986.

The next step in the review process is a meeting of the HSA's review advisory group this Thursday at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany. The CHP review is scheduled for 2:45 p.m. in Unit H. Following that, the proposal goes to the HSA's executive committee June 4, and from there to the state Hospital Review and Planning Council. FitzPatrick said final state action is expected by the end of the year.

BUSINESS

Heads college panel

James C. Ross of Elsmere has been named interim president of the Commission on Independent Colleges and Universities (CICU), the statewide coordinating body and public policy forum for 116 independent institutions of higher learning in New York State.

Ross has served as CICU vice president since 1975 and has a national reputation as an authority on higher education public policy. He is a member of the Albany County Legislature.

Honor for insurer

Robert C. Griffin of Slingerlands has been named a life member of the National Management Award of the National Association of Life Underwriters. The honor is in recognition of his having received the award for six consecutive years. Griffin has been associated with Massachusetts Mutual Life Insurance Co., Springfield, Mass., since 1968 and has been general agent for the Griffin Agency, 50 Wolf Rd., Albany, for six years.

Plaza parking is rearranged

The new Grand Union is packing them in at Delaware Plaza, so the plaza's management has come up with ways to pack more cars into the plaza's limited parking area.

Last week, the main parking area was relined to eliminate the center aisle, creating long east-west rows of angle parking from what had been shorter north-south rows. The short-term effect was a number of confused drivers cruising through signs and yellow lines looking for exits, but the long-term result will be to add about 30 spaces to the approximately 350 formerly available.

Next on the agenda, according to plaza manager Kay McCabe, is repaving of the parking areas on either side and to the rear of the plaza. This includes the City of Albany's water line which runs between the plaza and the adjacent mini mall. The plaza leases that land and is obligated to maintain it, McCabe said.

But the attempt to put up a fence or barrier to keep customers of mini mall merchants from parking at the plaza is still stalled by the city's refusal to allow any permanent structure on the water line. "The senator's handling that," McCabe said, referring to coowner

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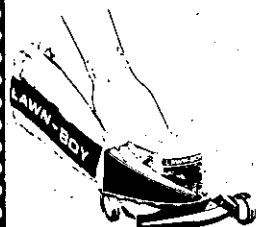
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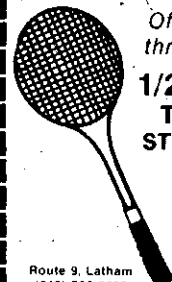
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The paving and restriping are all part of the plaza's gradual change which began with the closing of Denby's, followed by the Grand Union move. Lately, some of the long-term merchants have complained that their customers were having trouble parking since the new Grand Union opened. A new group of stores is scheduled to open in the old Grand Union space next month.

Fire fighters gather

Members of the Delmar Fire Department and its auxiliary gathered Saturday for an installation dinner that also marked 73 years of service to the community. Officers installed include Louis DiLillo, chief; Amos Bastiani, first assistant chief, and William E. Wright, Jr., second assistant. Line officers include Paul Woodin as captain and Robert Junco, John Smith, James Carazza and Douglas Shanley as lieutenants. Rescue Squad captain is Robert Boyea, while Kathy Cooke and Dave Harrington are lieutenants. Fire police captain is LeRoy Cooke.

Patricia Carazza heads the auxiliary, with Maureen Wright as vice president. Long-time department members David Scoons and William Contento were honored at the event at the Sheraton Airport Inn, Albany.

Bridge under repair

Single-lane traffic is being maintained during repairs to the bridge carrying Rt. 32 over the Onesquethaw Creek three miles west of Feura Bush. The state Department of Transportation said the deck of the southbound lane was scheduled to be completed around July 15, at which time work will begin on the northbound lane. The work is being done by Sere Construction Co. of the Bronx under a \$750,000 contract.

Crash hospitalizes 2

Two Selkirk men were hospitalized Monday evening after the car they were in collided with a pickup truck on Rt. 396 near Lasher Rd. Bethlehem police said the Slingerlands Rescue Team was called to extricate Patrick J. Wilkie, 23, of Selkirk from his car using the squad's mechanical device called "the jaws of life." Wilkie was listed as in serious condition Tuesday at Albany Medical Center Hospital, where William Howard, 29, a passenger in Wilkie's car, was listed in fair condition. James M. Pilarski, 33, of Orchard Park, driver of the pickup, was treated at the hospital and released, according to a hospital spokesman. Police said Wilkie was charged with driving while intoxicated, failure to reduce speed at a curve and failure to keep right.



Dr. Stuart A. Rosenberg

Heads St. Peter's unit

Dr. Stuart A. Rosenberg has been appointed chief of the Subdepartment of Urology at St. Peter's Hospital. Dr. Rosenberg, a graduate of McGill University and McGill University Medical College, has been on staff at St. Peter's since 1978. His special interests include urologic oncology, renal calculus disease and male infertility. Dr. Rosenberg is an assistant professor of surgery (urology) at Albany Medical College and serves as a consultant to Memorial Hospital, Veterans Administration Hospital and Cerebral Palsy Center for the Disabled.

Trained in fitness

Robin Celebucki of the Gloria Stevens fitness center in Elmsere has been certified by the company as a fitness technician. The two-week certification program in exercise and nutrition is conducted at the company's training center in Braintree, Mass.

Quilters show and tell

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar on Friday, May 11, at 9:30 p.m. Members should bring quilts that they have made, collected or borrowed for a show-and-tell day. For information, call 477-9705.

Crash kills two

Timothy P. Smith, 18, of Voorheesville and Thomas W. Hayden, 20, of Slingerlands were killed in a one-car crash early last Tuesday on Johnston Rd. in Guilderland. Both were 1983 graduates of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. Smith was the son of Mr. and Mrs. John Smith of Voorheesville; Hayden was the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Hayden of Slingerlands.

Offers color consultations

Kristy E. Reynolds of Delmar, is offering a new service — personal color consultations to help clients look their best while saving both time and money. She will advise on color and style in clothing for all ages and both sexes with an eye to avoiding costly mistakes hanging in the closet and saving time on shopping trips — "You can do Macy's in half an hour!" she said.

Mrs. Reynolds also will advise on makeup colors for every age. "This is especially important for older people," she said. As women age, their cosmetic needs change and a consultation can help a woman move gracefully through age transition, she said. There are also specific looks for success in business, for young mothers and for daytime versus evening, she added.

Men are increasingly aware of how clothing affects both their own attitudes and the reactions of others to them, Mrs.

Reynolds said, so a consultation on complementary colors can be useful for both business and social reasons.

Consultations are offered for individuals or group of four or fewer, and include draping with fabric. The client leaves with a color palette that can be carried in pocket or purse and that includes suggestions on styles. Mrs. Reynolds, who has a degree from the Albany Medical Center School of Nursing, has taken a number of art courses and has been painting in acrylics for the past 10 years. She can be reached at 439-5120.

Faces 2 counts

A Ravena man was charged with speeding and driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor after he was stopped by Bethlehem police Sunday evening on Rt. 144 in Selkirk, according to police reports.

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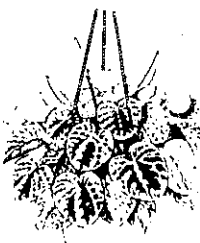
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Church workshop: 'It was great'

Bethlehem Community Church, in Delmar, recently asked its young members for their views on the church's annual workshop, a week-long summer session of classes for all ages. The children were asked to write essays for the contest sponsored by the workshop steering committee. Winners were Dennis Marcello and Ted Harro in the high school category, Brian McAllister and Jennifer Covey at the middle school level, and Ian Anderson and Taryn Gillen among the grade schoolers.

Harro wrote a stirring account of a climb up Hunter Mountain that his workshop class made last year — complete with lost trails and other hair-raising adventures. Anderson, who participated in a workshop camping trip last year, wrote: "I liked the overnight camp. It was great! I took up all the room in the tent. Everybody else was squished. We stayed up really late and ate candy all night."

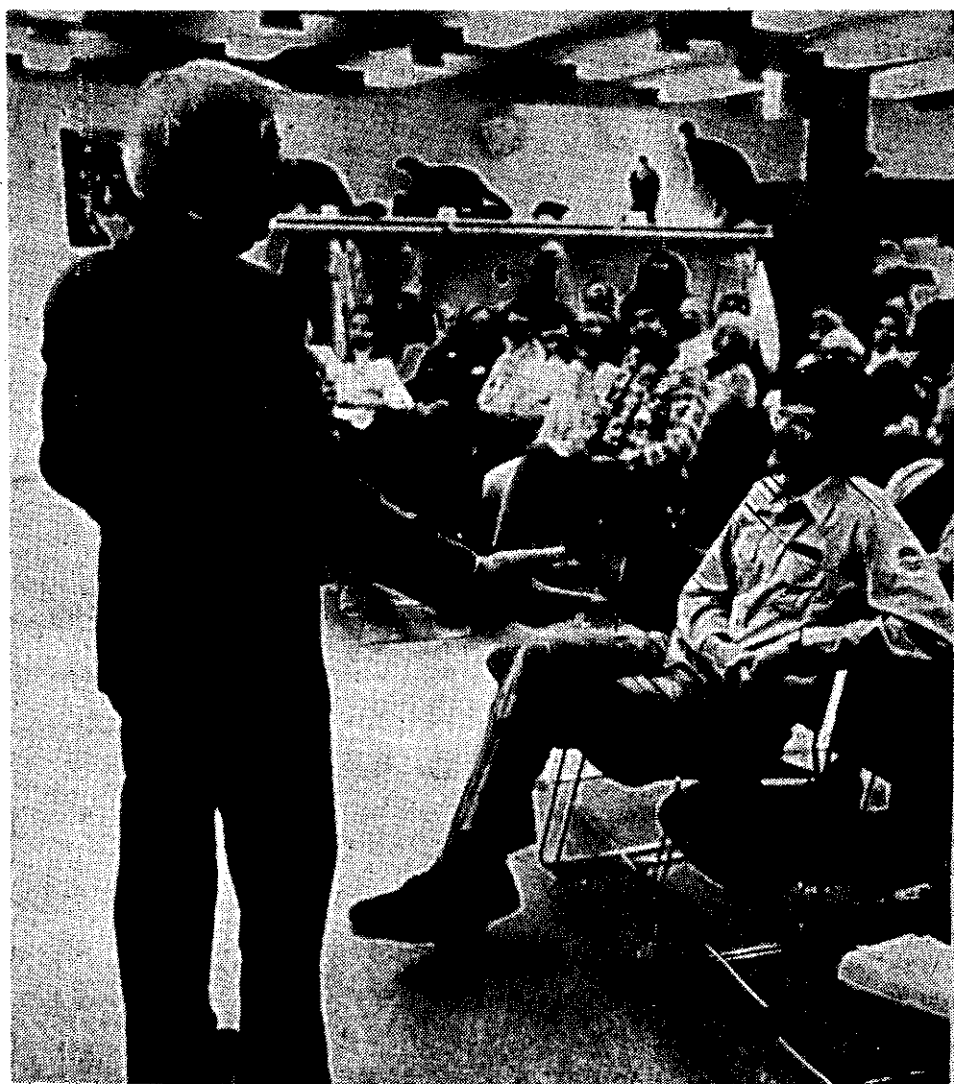
Lest anyone think the workshop is all sweets and adventure, fifth grader Theresa Saxton sets the record straight: "One day our teacher was telling us about when Jesus washed the disciples' feet. Well, I will tell you she blew it, and she got all confused. Teachers do make mistakes also." Theresa went on to say, however, "I learned some things that I did not know before. Like for instance the time our teacher told us about ourselves. I learned that I am the only one of a kind."

The interdenominational church plans its 19th workshop for July 9-13 this year. Brochures describing the courses and containing registration information will be distributed to homes in the area in June.

Media and its message

"Morality in the Media" will be the subject of two Wednesday seminars at the Delmar Reformed Church. Both begin at 7:30 p.m. On May 9, the television documentary film "Pornography, You

Are Its Victim" will be shown and discussed by Rev. Robert Hess. On May 23, "What Else Are We Learning from Television?" will see Jim Reid of Albany's Christians United in Mission address the subtle moral implications of TV programs and commercials.



State Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry G. Williams addresses volunteers during a visit Monday to Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar. The commissioner is paying tribute to people around the state who have given their time and talents to improve the environment. Five Rivers volunteers include Tom Howes.

Concert in Delmar

Tenor Bradford Logan will join organist Keith Williams in concert at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar on Sunday, May 20, at 7:30 p.m. They will perform music from weddings, love songs and lullabies, as well as compositions by Bach, Franck, Vaughan Williams and Brahms. A reception will follow the concert. Donations will benefit the church's music fund.

Trip is top prize

An all-expenses-paid trip for two to Israel is the first prize in a fund-raising effort by the Minna Breuer chapter of the Albany Hadassah. The first 100 persons, to donate \$75 will be eligible for this prize as well as others. Winners will be announced June 2 at 8:30 p.m. at the Regency Park community room. For information, call 439-0756 or 439-4009.

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Prize-winning thoughts

Two Delmar residents are among the winners in the Stuyvesant Plaza Mother's Day writing contest. Tamara Backer, a pupil at Hamagrael Elementary School, and Michael Futia, an Elsmere pupil, each took home first prizes in their age groups.

In her "letter," Tamara thanked her mother for straightening things out with the dentist so that Tamara was encouraged to stop sucking her thumb. Michael wrote: "Mom, you're usually mad at home but that's because our family drives you nuts...I love you when you're mad, happy, really whatever mood you're in, I'll still love you." A prize-winner, for sure.

On the cover: It's Mother's Day Sunday, and that's a busy time for kids. Judy Douglas' first grade class at Voorheesville Elementary School decorated their own flower pots, then went out to Helderledge nursery and planted marigolds. Shannon Shafer and Jennifer Markham got some help from proprietor Mardell Steinkamp. *Spotlight*

AARP to meet

The Tri-Village Chapter of the AARP will hold its regular monthly meeting on Tuesday, May 15, at the Delmar United Methodist Church. A 12:30 p.m. social hour will be followed by a program on "The Mystery of Magic" by Robert Comins.

SENIOR CITIZENS



Television weatherman Bob Kovachik will be the guest speaker for the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meeting this Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The popular Channel 10 news personality will speak at 1 p.m. and also answer questions from the audience.

Food stamp session

A representative from the Albany County Department of Social Services will supervise local food stamp registration at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Thursday, May 17, from 9:15 a.m. until noon. No stamps will be distributed at that date, however.

On handling stress

The Bethlehem Public Library will host a free stress management workshop on Saturday, May 19, from 1 to 3 p.m. The workshop will be conducted by Clara Galus, a professional human relations trainer and director of the Human Development and General Management Project.

Registrants should wear comfortable exercise clothes. Since attendance is limited, preregistration by May 16 is required. For information, call 439-9314.

GE engineer is honored

Dr. Herbert F. Storm of Delmar, retired as a consulting engineer at the General Electric Research and Development Center, recently was presented a Centennial Medal by the Institute of Electrical and Electronics Engineers (IEEE). The medal, which commemorates the institute's 100th anniversary this year, recognizes service and achievement.

Born in Vienna, Dr. Storm joined GE's Industry Control Department in 1946. He transferred to the Advanced Technology Laboratories (now part of the R&D Center) in 1953, where he performed and directed research and development work on solid-state devices and circuits. He is the author of more than 50 technical papers and holds more than 20 patents. His book, "Magnetic Amplifiers," has been translated into French, Japanese and Russian.

Dr. Storm founded the IEEE Magnetics Society, served as its president, and was also the founder and first chairman of the International Magnetics (Intermag) Conference.



Dr. Herbert F. Storm

Correction

It's the AART (Albany Area Retired Teachers), not the AARP, as we reported last week, that is meeting today (Wednesday) at 12:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The group will hear Leland Lewis of the state Civil Service Department speak about health insurance benefits.

Garden speaker here

With the planting season approaching, the Bethlehem Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, May 9, at 1 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar.

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Birds upset 2 contenders

By Mike Larabee

Although Voorheesville's baseball varsity now seems to be plagued by inconsistency, playing well some of the time is certainly better than never. The Blackbirds combined timely hitting with superb pitching and hitting while upsetting two Colonial Council contenders, but could do nothing right in big losses to Cohoes and Schalmont.

Senior Frank Baker came on in relief to nail down victories in nail-biters against Lansingburgh and Mechanicville. In Tuesday's 5-4 decision over Lansingburgh, Baker came in with Voorheesville trailing, 4-3, in the fourth. VCHS tied the score an inning later and then Joe Rissberger walked and scored to give the Blackbirds a one-run advantage with one inning to go. Baker, mixing his fastball with an unorthodox sidearm curve, threw 3½ scoreless innings to claim the win. Rissberger also had a double.

BASEBALL

Against Mechanicville, Coach Jerry Gordinier again called on Baker to silence opposition bats. With VCHS ahead 6-3, junior Kevin Conley left the game because of a sore arm. Baker was quickly tagged for a double and a single. After an error closed the gap to 6-5, Baker fanned the next four Raiders en route to another save. Conley was credited with the victory.

The Blackbirds scored all six of their runs during a fifth-inning rally that included hits by Brett Hotaling, Brian Rubin and John Ryan.

In the losses to Schalmont, 7-1, and Cohoes, 11-4, the Blackbirds illustrated what Gordinier lists as their largest problem, sporadic defense. They committed a combined total of 16 errors in the

two games, compared to just three in the two triumphs. Ryan claimed the lone hit against Schalmont, and Rubin and Jerry MacNamara had doubles for most of the offensive output against Cohoes.

Gordinier now believes that with those two victories the Blackbirds are in excellent position to earn a Sectional berth. Upcoming games with Class C schools Watervliet and Waterford have taken on a new meaning. One major factor is the logjam of make-up contests and the havoc they play on a team's pitching staff. Gordinier says that this situation could give Voorheesville and advantage later in the week. "I have one senior and four juniors I can throw. I don't think that other teams' third and fourth pitchers can match up with ours."

Voorheesville was scheduled to play Scotia in a non-league game on Tuesday, Waterford today (Wednesday) and Mechanicville Thursday. A doubleheader is tentatively scheduled for Saturday at Voorheesville against Watervliet.

Meyers goes the distance

Another complete game by a Bethlehem Central pitcher has given the Eagles a measure of respectability they haven't enjoyed in years.

Scott Meyers, a senior control pitcher, went the full seven innings last week to beat Burnt Hills, 6-4, in the process raising BC's record to 3-4 in the Suburban Council, 3-5 overall.

The route job was the second in a row for Meyers, who spaced three hits and struck out four while giving out only three walks. A week earlier Meyers lost a 1-0 non-league game and a no-hitter at Saratoga. In that one a sacrifice bunt on which first base was left uncovered went into the book as a single, the freak marring of a gem of a game.

At Burnt Hills the Eagles struck for three runs in the top of the first on four hits and a run-scoring fly. Scott Bonanno, Tom McTague and Mike Cronin singled in succession for one run, Kevin Roohan delivered another with a deep out and twin brother Ray Roohan singled home the third.

Meyers pitched out of a possible jam in the final frame. He started the inning with a 6-3 lead and gave up a run on an error and a two-out triple, but snuffed out the threat by inducing a grounder to the infield that stranded the runner.

McTague had two singles and Howard Thompson a double.

Two days earlier Bethlehem dropped a 12-4 decision to Saratoga at home. The

Bonawitz combo takes 4 events

The Bonawitz father-son combination placed in four events at the Eastern regional masters swim championships at Mountain Lakes, N.J. last weekend.

Competing against 400 top qualifiers on teams from New England to the District of Columbia, Steve Bonawitz of Delmar placed second in the 100-yard backstroke and 100-yard butterfly in the 20-24 age group. His time in the

backstroke was 1:01.13, with the winning time 1:00.08. In the fly Bonawitz was clocked in 58 seconds flat, marking the second time within a week he had lowered the Adirondack District record.

His father, Irving Bonawitz, competing in the 60-64 age division, swam the 500 in 2:57.55, his personal best, good for fifth place. He was fourth in the 50 free in 36.15.

Barbershop benefit

The Electric City Chorus and three guest quartets will be on stage at the Bethlehem Middle School for an evening of barbershop harmony on Saturday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m. Tickets, which are \$4 for adults and \$3 for senior citizens and students, are available at the Community Box Office, at the door and by calling 439-3403 after 7 p.m. The singing will benefit the Capital District Epilepsy Association.

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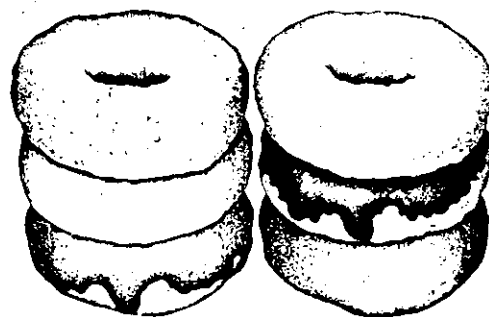
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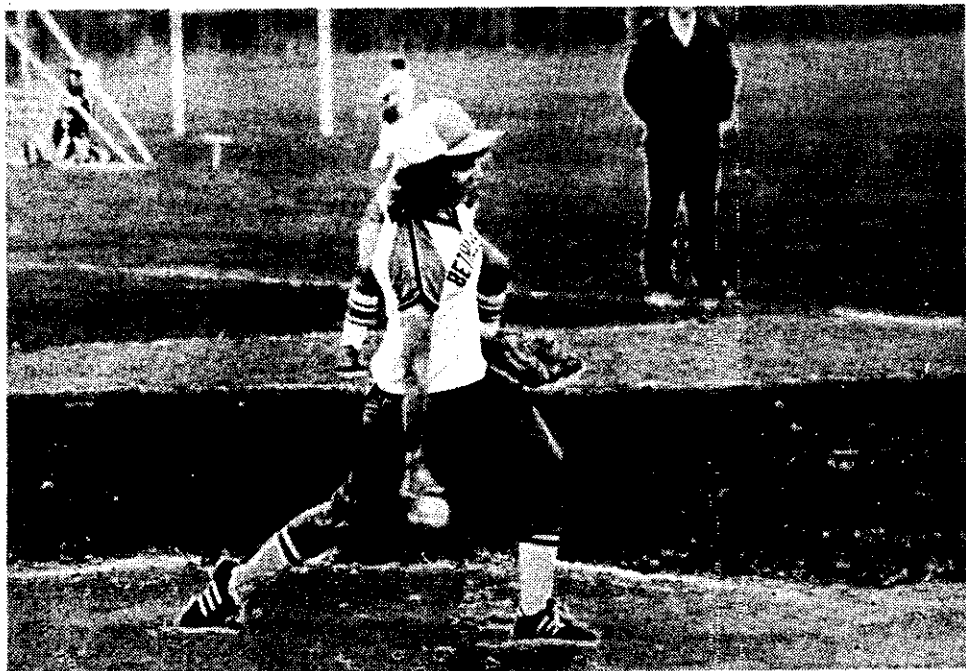
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Poor weather has plagued high school athletic teams this spring, but last week the sun was bright and warm, thus filling the broad acres of Bethlehem Central's playfields. In one corner Karen Burke, pitching for the BC girls varsity softball team, uncorked a fastball against a team from Middleburgh Central. *Tom Howes*

Eagles sprayed 10 hits around the premises, but the pitching was spotty. Steve Mendel, junior lefthander, escaped unharmed after issuing three walks in the first inning, but ran into trouble in the third. Ray Roohan relieved, but also had control problems. Saratoga scored 7 in the fourth on two triples, a single and some Bethlehem generosity, and had an 8-1 cushion before Jim Dering, Thompson and Mike Cronin strung singles together. An error and Tom Amell's fly made it 8-4. Rick Keefe finished on the rubber.

Kevin Roohan was 2-for-4 in that game, one of them a double, and Bonanno had two singles.

Ravena wins meet

RCS won its own girls invitational track meet for the second year in a row Saturday, compiling 81 points to 63 for second-place Chatham. Twelve teams entered the meet.

The Indian Squaws won on team balance, taking only one first and four seconds in individual events, but winning two of the three relays.

Franco-American poetry

Novelist Robert Perreault and poets Normand Dube, Al Poulin Jr. and Jim Bishop will give outdoor readings from their works at the free Franco-American Poetry Festival at the Bethlehem Public Library on Saturday, May 12, from 1 to 4 p.m. The program is part of the Franco-American and Quebec Heritage Series.

Little League season underway

Tri-Village Little League held its opening day ceremonies Saturday with all the teams from all the leagues marching onto the center diamond at Magee Park. Returning league president Jim Dillon urged everyone, parents and otherwise, to take an active part in the league by volunteering at the concession stand or helping to keep the grounds in playing condition during the league's 30th anniversary.

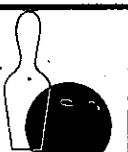
Ade Arnold, who has been involved with the league since it began, threw out the first ball. Officers this year are: president, Jim Dillon; executive vice president, Bob Doody; player activities

director, Doug Pratt; treasurer, Frank Mengel; secretary, Bob Davis.

There were also two action-packed games played in the majors league. In the first game of the season, Kyle Snyder of Spotlight hit a grand slam to help his team blank Price Greenleaf, 10-0. Jamie Mizener pitched a one-hitter and struck out nine for Spotlight.

In the second game, Farm Family clobbered General Electric, 15-2. Scott Hodge hit two singles and two doubles, Quimby McCaskill smashed a homer and Pat Doody struck out 14 for Farm Family. David Sodergren accounted for all three of GE's hits. *Keith Graham*

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7th in relays

Bethlehem's girls track team finished seventh among 12 teams in Saturday's Colonie Relays, the 19th running of the event. BC scored 35 points, winning the 6400-meter relay, placing second in the distance relay and high jump, and adding one fourth place and one fifth. Colonie won the meet, followed by Burnt Hills, Shaker, Columbia, Shenedehowa and Albany High in that order.

BC's boys team scored a second in the 6400 and fifth in the 3200-meter relays, finishing in a tie for 13th place among the 16 teams. Albany won the boys' meet.

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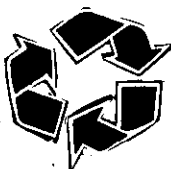
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Marra, Shens derail undefeated Eagles

By Julie Ann Sosa

The Bethlehem Central tennis team was undefeated (5-0) until last Thursday, when Shenendehowa added it to a list of victims that already included rivals Shaker and Niskayuna. The undefeated Plainsmen won by 8-1 and seem sure to win the Sectional crown again this year.

Singles phenomenon David Marra has played No. 1 at Shenendehowa for four years and in his five-year varsity career has yet to lose even a set to a Bethlehem player. He excused Andy Saidel, previously unbeaten, 6-0, 6-1. BC's No. 2, Doug Cole, tenaciously fought back from a 6-1 first-set deficit to a 7-6 second set win that he took 7-5 in a tiebreaker. It was all to no avail; he tired and lost the last set, 7-6, in another tiebreaker.

Only freshman Stanley Lee emerged from his No. 5 singles match unscathed, 7-6, 5-7, 6-3. The rest of his teammates toppled quickly in two-set matches.

Bethlehem was as erratic as the strong wind on Tuesday, but it still managed to weather a Guilderland surprise, 5-4. Saidel, No. 3 Jay Simard and No. 4 David Cory won quickly, but Andy Tomlinson had to come from behind to take his match 0-6, 6-2, 6-1. David Cunningham and David Tyree

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won their pivotal No. 3 doubles match late to break the 4-4 team tie 6-2, 7-5.

Among Bethlehem's other laurels were easy victories over Columbia, 9-0, and Burnt Hills, 8-1. This week, however, will see the Eagles seriously tested twice. They were booked to play Niskayuna (4-2) for the Gold Division lead yesterday (Tuesday) and meet Blue Division rival Shaker (5-1) today (Wednesday) at home at 3:45 p.m. A weak Scotia team will make the trip to Delmar on Friday.

Canoe races slated

The fifth annual canoe races sponsored by the Greater Ravena Area Lions Club to benefit the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad will take place on the Hudson River Sunday, May 20, starting with a mile sprint at 1 p.m. The 2-mile intermediate race will start at 2 p.m., followed by the 2-mile relay.

The events will be held rain or shine, barring an electrical storm, at the Ravena-Coeymans Yacht Club.

Meacham moves up a notch

By Peter Fisch

A bright light has illuminated the future of the Voorheesville tennis squad as eighth grader John Meacham has risen from obscurity to the team's No. 2 singles post.

After beginning the season at the third position, Meacham set down sophomore Jim Volkwein to move up in the order. Meacham's steady improvement and success has Coach Tom Kurkjian beaming with optimism. "He's playing his best tennis right now. He won two out of his last three matches this past week and has shown he can come from behind. He has the potential to be a strong number one player. As it appears, he could be the heir to Ed's (Volkwein) No. 1 spot."

Meacham's aggressive style of play has also pleased the coach. "He attacks the net whenever possible," commented Kurkjian. "Rarely have I seen that during my experiences at Voorheesville. Also, he's been a good partner for Ed in doubles. John can relax due to Ed's strength and therefore play better."

Meacham and Volkwein both aided the Blackbirds in their recent success. On the last day of April, the Birds set down Watervliet, 6-1. Ed Volkwein (6-1, 6-1), Meacham (3-6, 7-6, 6-3), sophomore Paul Nichols (6-3, 6-2) and freshman Joe Flanders (6-2, 4-6, 6-4) tallied singles victories. The duo of Volkwein and Meacham captured a 6-0, 6-1 win as

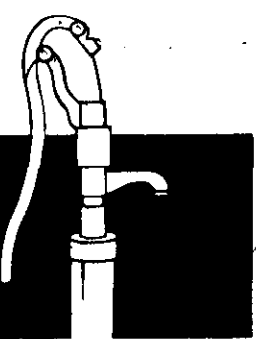
Nichols teamed with the younger Volkwein for a 6-1, 6-1 doubles victory.

The month of May entered a little less welcomed as the Blackbirds dropped their second match of the season to Ravena, 5-2. Only Volkwein in the No. 1 spot (6-0, 6-1) and his combination with Meacham (8-7) managed to score for the Birds. Rebounding from the defeat, VCHS pounded Schalmont the next day, 5-2, to get back on the winning track. Ed Volkwein (6-0, 6-0), Meacham (6-3, 6-3), Jim Volkwein (2-6, 6-1, 6-4) and freshman Dan McKenna (6-3, 6-3) registered singles wins as the familiar combo of Volkwein and Meacham rounded out the scoring, 6-0, 6-1.

Today (Wednesday) finds the Birds matching their skills against the Cadets at Albany Academy. A newly acquired Niskayuna High School transfer has bolstered the Cadets' squad by taking over the No. 1 spot.

Right on target!

Lynn Wacksman of Schoolhouse Rd., Guilderland, shot a perfect 300 in the recent state indoor archery tournament held in Birmingham. Wacksman landed 60 consecutive arrows in a three-inch circle from 60 feet away — thirty-nine of the arrows hit within a 1 1/4-inch circle. Wacksman, a bowhunter, has been shooting for 14 years, and is a member of the Rakowana Archers, Picard Rd., New Scotland.



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Thurs., May 10		Baseball, Mechanicville, Away 4:00 Track, Girls, Ravena, Away 3:45	Track, Girls, Voorheesville, Home 4:00
Fri., May 11	Baseball, Shenendehowa, Home 3:45 Tennis, Scotia, Home 3:45 Softball, Scotia, Away 3:45	Softball, Lansingburgh, Away 3:45	Softball, Cohoes, Away 3:30 Softball, Cohoes, Away 3:30 Baseball, Schalmont, Home 4:00
Sat., May 12	Baseball, Burnt Hills, Home 1:00 Track, Niskayuna, Coed. Invit.	Track, Boys, Mayfield Invit. Away Track, Girls, Middleburgh Invit. Away	Track, Girls, BC/Tamarac, Home 10:00 Track, Boys, Lansingburgh Invit. Away Baseball, Gloversville Tourn. Away TBA
Mon., May 14	Baseball, Mohonasen, Home 3:45 Softball, Colonie, Home 3:45	Baseball, Alb. Academy, Away 4:00 Softball, Cohoes, Home 3:45 Track, Girls, Lansingburgh, Away 3:45	Tennis, Mechanicville, Home 4:00 Softball, Schalmont, Home 4:00 Baseball, Cohoes, Home 4:00
Tues., May 15	Tennis, Boys, Saratoga, Away 3:45 Track, Boys, Alb. County Meet, Bleecker	Track, Boys, Alb. Co. Champ. Meet, Away 3:30 Tennis, Coun. Tourn., Home 2:00	Tennis, Col. Coun. Tourn. Away 2:00 Track, Boys, Alb. County Meet, Away 3:00

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William Fuller, 49 Woodstream Dr., Delmar, is chairman of the fund, which seeks to offer a scholarship grant to a Bethlehem senior wishing to attend college. The committee hopes to award the first grant to a member of the graduating class in 1985. Checks made out to the Don Farrell Memorial Fund also may be turned in to Bruce Austin at the Middle School or John Rathjens at BCHS.



Don Farrell directed Bethlehem Central's basketball program for many years.

Women run Sunday at Hamagrael

The starting line for Owens-Corning Fiberglass' fourth annual Mothers' Day Race will be at the Hamagrael Elementary School on McGuffey La. in Delmar on Sunday, May 13. The gun for the 3.5-mile road race open only to women will go off at noon. Shorter children's races

for both sexes will be run also. The entry fee is \$3, and prizes will be awarded in different age groups. Child care will be provided.

For information, call Diane Wagner at 235-2743.

Run for Fun set for June 3

Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) plans a family "Run for Fun" on Sunday, June 3, complete with the race slogan printed on T-shirts in all sizes. Runners will start from Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane, Delmar, with a one-mile run for children up to age 12 (parents can go along, too); a 3.5-mile event with eight age divisions, and a 7-mile open for those who want a bigger challenge.

Those who register by June 1 will receive a "Run for Fun" T-shirt. Registration may be made with Phil Mahar at the Bethlehem parks and recreation office, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, telephone 439-4131. Entry fees are \$3 through age 13 and \$5 for all

others.

BOU is a nonprofit community organization whose goal is to offer young people alternatives to drugs and alcohol.

Seeking warblers, toads

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will be the site for a free twin-billing of outdoor programs on Saturday, May 19. At 9 a.m., a bird walk will go in search of the wistful warbler. Binoculars and hiking boots are recommended. At 2 p.m., frogs, toads and salamanders will be the subject of an investigation over wet and damp terrain. Waterproof hiking shoes are recommended.

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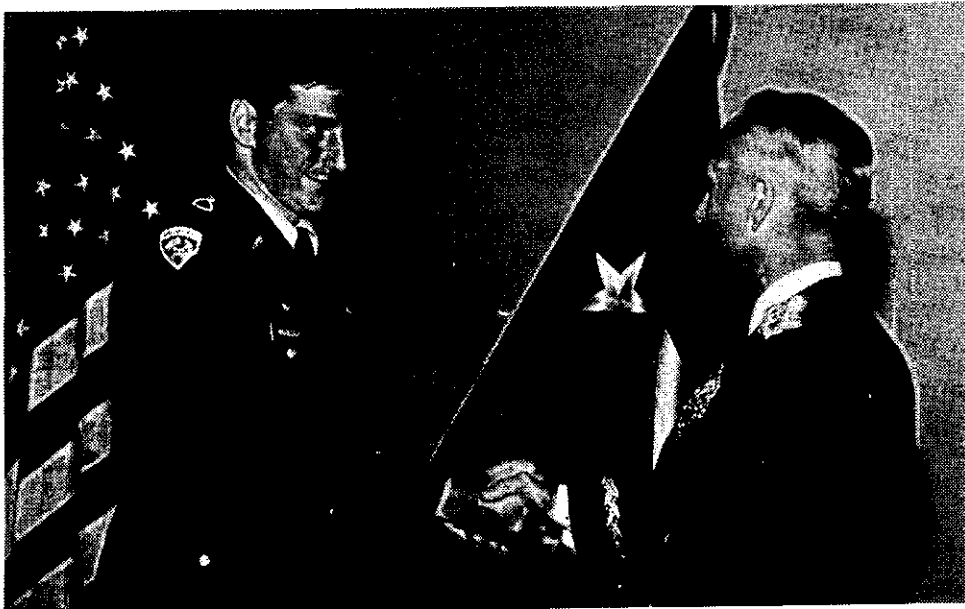
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Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

First Lt. Paul O. Somersall has been decorated with the Army Achievement Medal at Fort Knox, Ky. Somersall is an executive officer with the 194th Armored Brigade. His wife, Linda, is the daughter of Ralph E. and Jeanette F. Collen of Feura Bush.

He is a 1981 graduate of the Military Academy at West Point.

Army National Guard Pvt. Carl S. Bodian, son of Jacob and Clara E. Bodian of Delmar, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He is a 1976 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Airman Gregory R. Raynor, son of Sharon L. Raynor of Voorheesville, has been assigned to Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex., after completing Air Force Basic Training. He is a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Army Pvt. Bernard Rathke, son of Bernard N. and Roselind Rathke of Voorheesville, has completed basic training at Fort Knox, Ky. He is a 1983 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

Airman Tammy M. Hallenbeck, daughter of Ronald E. Hallenbeck of Voorheesville and Sarah E. Holmes of Albany, has been assigned to Goodfellow Air Force Base, Tex., after completing Air Force basic training. She is a 1980 graduate of Bishop Maginn High School, Albany.

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See map dated November 1983, submitted by J. Kenneth Fraser and Associates, Consulting Engineers, now on file in the office of the Town Clerk of the Town. The Phase I improvements described in said general map and plan consist of the following additions to the water system of the Bethlehem Water District No. 1: construction of one 4 million gallon reservoir; construction of a second interconnection with the City of Albany's 48" transmission main; and construction of an automated bypass for the pressure reducing valve.

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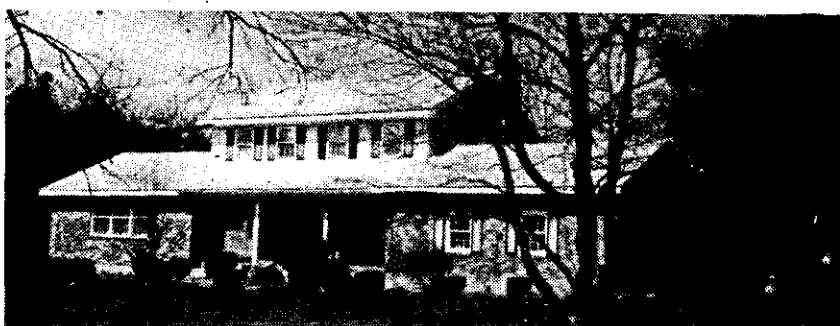
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More opinions on the budget

Dr. Hotchin's letter draws replies

Frustration

Editor, The Spotlight:

Reading Dr. John Hotchin's letter to the editor (900+ words, May 2 *Spotlight*) stirred many emotions, not the least of which was frustration!

I found Dr. Hotchin's letter critical, negative, full of generalities and, in my opinion, totally out of touch with the realities of the educational system in Bethlehem today. I speak as a professional educator, the parent of a Bethlehem third grader, and the principal of the school where two of Dr. Hotchin's children have attended or are currently attending.

I would submit that most of the remarks in Dr. Hotchin's letter are just *plainly not true*. Since they are Dr. Hotchin's statements, however, he apparently feels:

- Our budget process is not public enough
- He wishes open dialogue with the schools.

• Our budgets and, consequently, taxes are too high.

• We have a deteriorating, declining, dismal, vindictive, fifth rate educational system.

In response: This year alone, ten public meetings were held during the budget building process. Dr. Hotchin, to my knowledge, attended none of these.

Open Dialogue: During the years Dr. Hotchin's children attended the Slingerlands School, some 40 P.T.A. meetings were held. Dr. Hotchin, to my knowledge, attended none of these.

High Taxes: The current average assessment in the Town of Bethlehem is \$6,250. My own assessment is \$7,900. Based on my current school taxes, I am paying \$1.18 per hour to educate my daughter. Since I am currently paying babysitters more on an hourly basis, I hardly consider this a rip-off.

Educational Quality: The children at Slingerlands (all children as a group) last year scored at the 98th percentile in

reading and 95th percentile in math. In other words, they scored higher than 98 percent of their peers in reading and higher than 95 percent of their peers in math across the nation. I would hardly call such results fifth rate, declining performance or dismal.

In addition, we spend a large portion of our school day and time forming and shaping the behavior and attitudes of our students...a job we feel equally committed to.

Dr. Hotchin speaks of constructive criticism. I looked and found little, if anything, constructive in his letter.

In closing, I would like to state I am proud of our educational system in Bethlehem. I am glad my daughter attends Bethlehem schools, and I feel very fortunate that the vast majority of parents for whom I work do not share Dr. Hotchin's views.

David C. Murphy
Principal
Slingerlands Elementary School

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Board letter is 'unethical'

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the face of what has been an all-out campaign to win passage for the Bethlehem Central School District budget, what chance does the individual taxpayer who opposes the budget have to protest the unethical if not illegal tactics of the Board of Education (John Clyne excluded)?

The taxpayer who is dismayed by school board members abdicating their responsibility to represent the public as a whole and shocked by the administration which has been diverted from performing daily responsibilities to campaigning for the budget, has nowhere to turn but the voting machine.

On May 1 the school board members who voted "yes" for the budget sent a letter only to parents on school sentery and at taxpayer expense. This unethical action appears to be in defiance of an April, 1984 state Supreme Court decision that bans the use of taxpayer funds to advocate budget votes.

Taxpayers who oppose the budget have no access to school district mailing lists segregated by computer to parents only, as did the school board members who are asking for a "yes" vote. We cannot afford to spend money to file contempt of court charges, and do not have access to the school district administration to help organize a telephone vote "yes" solicitation and under-the-table appeals to little league, swimmers, football and other sports boosters.

The integrity of the school board and administration is at greater stake today than the budget itself. I urge the readers of this letter to go to the polls on Wednesday at the Middle School and cast a vote. The polls are open until 9 p.m.

John F. Dearstyne, Jr.
New Scotland

Gone too far

Editor, The Spotlight:

Things have gone too far within the Bethlehem Central District when its board, its superintendent and its administration distribute discriminating political letters and publications at taxpayer expense.

A letter dated May 1 addressed to "parents" urges a vote for the budget and the overthrow of the "no" voter. Did all "parents" receive a copy of this letter? No, they did not — it was created for a select group for the board's own purposes.

The use of tax dollars in this instance put the "no" voters at the disadvantage of having their own tax dollars used against them. The discriminatory distribution of the letter is even more insidious politically since the "no" voter had no opportunity for equal time.

While this use of public funds is of questionable legality and should be investigated by the proper authority, I feel that this situation indicates a deeper problem — the question of responsibility.

The school board should not be polarizing the community that it represents nor should it be intimidated by the administration over which it presides, yet this is what appears to be happening.

Elections provide the opportunity to change the board; maybe the time has come to consider changing the administration.

John J. McCall
Delmar

Credit

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to Dr. Hotchin's long (unedited) letter (May 2 *Spotlight*) we feel it imperative to speak to your readers in an attempt to set the record straight and to give credit where credit is due.

There are many statements in Dr. Hotchin's letter which either reflect personal bias or are totally without basis. To start with, we have constant references to the "secretive" budget. The Bethlehem budget was available to the public in its entirety at both the Bethlehem Public Library, district office and at all seven public schools for 5 weeks. Those who really wanted to be informed read it and spoke out at the 10 public meetings, while others merely claimed it was secretive and denied its existence. We are also being informed that our proposed budget increase is out of line with comparable districts when, in fact Niskayuna (a quality school system often compared to Bethlehem) is request-

ing a similar increase of 8.4 percent. Niskayuna residents are also being asked to pass a computer proposition for \$240,000.00 that would give them a 10 percent dollar increase while the dollar increase in Bethlehem is only 8.5 percent. The district of Chatham only requests a 5.4 percent increase because it has been given over \$300,000.00 in state aid over last year and has "hit the jackpot" according to their business administrator. Were we to be the beneficiary of such a windfall, the budget increase would certainly not be as great.

We also read in Dr. Hotchin's letter about \$267,000.00 as "special items" in the budget. If he would have read the budget he would have seen that this figure is for last year and is in fact \$229,525.00. These are indeed special items as they include fire and theft insurance, student accident insurance, sewer and water assessment and BOCES charges.

Dr. Hotchin goes on to complain about the poor treatment given the less-than-bright children. While it is true that

much effort goes into the various Challenge and honors programs, it is equally true that extremely talented and innovative teachers are at work in speech therapy classes, remedial reading programs and in teaching the handicapped. Children of varied abilities leave this school system with a solid education and go on to higher levels of learning, often returning as leaders of our community. The school system enjoys an enviable reputation in the Albany area, which explains the high influx of concerned parents who are determined to provide the finest education possible for their children.

We are not happy about a 10.8 percent budget increase but we will be voting for it. Why? Because it is a small price to pay for a quality education. We urge all of you to maintain this tradition by voting "yes."

Raymond L. Horowitz, M.D.
Janice L. Horowitz
President,
Slingerlands, P.T.A.

Misleading

Editor, The Spotlight:

The letter written by John Hotchin, M.D. (*Spotlight*, May 2) is so misleading and scandalous I hardly know where to begin!

In the first place, Dr. Hotchin is recommending voting down the 1984-85 Bethlehem Central School Budget since "...our local schools will continue to deteriorate while remaining an ever-increasing drain on our pockets." In the same letter, this Delmar resident has admitted problems only with the Middle School and not the Slingerlands Elementary School or the High School; and Dr. Hotchin talks of vindictiveness?

Dr. Hotchin also claims that there is a bias toward students who achieve well and against students who are average. Exactly what is the bias? Should an educator with 20 to 30 students in a class be expected to chain individuals to their desks and force them to learn everything presented? There is no way any educator can do this. Incentive to learn must come from both the educator as well as the home environment. The basic premise that there is something inherently wrong with school systems because they have "average" students is fallacious. There is nothing wrong with being "average"; thank God most parents realize this.

One of the more surprising statements by Dr. Hotchin is that "Delmar is disproportionately blessed...owing to the proportion of high intelligence genes in its resident population." I would suggest that he and other residents who believe that genetics is a factor in determining intelligence among humans read *The Mismeasure of Man* by Stephen J. Gould. Experiments designed to demonstrate a genetic influence on intelligence all lack proper controls. Specifically, in order to eliminate effects due to nurturing, the individual must be separated from his or her natural home environment and placed in a sterile, controlled environment. Practicality aside, the ethical ramifications are enormous and obvious.

Dr. Hotchin also claims that parents

A vote against the budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The only way for taxpayers to show they care at all about the excessively high cost to them of education in the Bethlehem Central School District is to turn out in large numbers on May 9 and vote down the school budget.

If the school budget is defeated, hopefully, in the first go-around of voting, little will have been accomplished

who object to budget issues are punished through their children in school; this is ludicrous! The teacher's union would be the first to come down on colleagues who resort to such measures and the administration would have grounds for dismissal of that teacher. To suggest that this is a normal sequel to criticism of Bethlehem schools is scandalous and irresponsible.

Dr. Hotchin also states that teachers will receive a 10.4 percent increase in salaries; the figure is closer to 6 percent in each of the following two years. This is barely a cost of living increase. One can guesstimate the average salary for local M.D.'s and their concomitant increases over the past several years.

Michael J. Murphy, Ph.D.
Clarksville

unless taxpayers keep right on voting it down each time it comes up for voting — until the school board is finally forced to make drastic cuts in it.

In a school budget of \$16.78 million there must be many extravagant or superfluous programs that could be eliminated or cut.

James R. Adams
Slingerlands

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Open the Vly to fishermen

Editor, The Spotlight:

Residents of Bethlehem and the New Scotland are indeed fortunate to live in communities that offer so much. Good schools, responsive local government, excellent recreational facilities, and countless other benefits make us all realize how lucky we are to call this area home. However, in spite of the many good points we take for granted, there is always room for improvement.

At this time, there is an important recreational resource that is not now available to area residents. The Vly Reservoir, located in the Town of New Scotland, could provide an excellent public fishing area. This reservoir, which is owned and operated by the Town of Bethlehem as part of the town water system, is completely closed to the public. The New Scotland Kiwanis, as a public service project, is attempting to obtain the opening of the Vly Reservoir to controlled public fishing. Recently this effort was joined by the Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club and other area sportsmen's organizations. To date, all pleas to the Bethlehem Town Board to approve this matter have fallen on deaf ears.

The facts of the matter clearly support this proposal:

Most public water supplies in New York State are open to regulated fishing with no adverse affects.

Fishing in the Vly Reservoir can be permitted without adversely affecting water quality.

The New York State Department of Environmental Conservation has indicated a willingness to manage the fishery.

Adequate police patrols are already provided by at least three area police agencies.

The number persons using the reservoir at one time can be easily controlled by limiting parking to regulated areas.

Information provided by the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation indicates this reservoir can be a very productive fishery.

At the present time, there are numerous recreational facilities in Bethlehem and New Scotland — tennis courts, swimming pools, athletic fields and playgrounds — all provided at taxpayer expense. However, good public fishing areas are almost nonexistent. Because the Vly Reservoir offers such a valuable resource to area residents at little additional expense and no adverse environmental considerations, the town boards of Bethlehem and New Scotland are urged to adopt the plan proposed by New Scotland Kiwanis. So far, however, we have seen no indications that this will happen, and we expect that no action will occur unless citizens of both towns speak out.

Therefore, we urge all interested citizens of Bethlehem and New Scotland to join in this effort. If you agree with the concept that this valuable public resource should be utilized in a controlled, well-regulated manner, please phone or write your town board members and urge their support. Nothing less than substantial public support can succeed.

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Delaware Ave. — more can be better

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last week's Vox Pop column carried two letters, "Latham in Delmar" and "More is not better," both based on dubious assumptions. Loose talk about "serious economic theorists who believe that more is not better and more is not inevitable" raises more questions than it answers with its numerous catch-words, along with such other gems of phraseology as "idle hypotheses...idle speculations... (and) nonfacts" (a "nonword," by the way). Intellectual honesty precludes this type of verbal camouflage, especially from one who questions the integrity ("honest-persons") of the Task Force, or anyone else with recommendations for improving *all* aspects of life along Delaware Avenue.

Hidden beneath this double-talk lies the real intent of the letter, couched in the words "false principles about unending growth." Mr. Mancuso is "in" and wants the door shut! Period! No more people, no more homes, no more cars, no more babies, no more schools, no more churches, no more jobs, no more businesses. In other words, "zero growth!" (his own words). An interesting concept, especially for "insiders."

Growth, by definition, is "a process of developing." Antonyms for growth are "decline, decrease." Stagnation, by definition, means "to stop developing, advancing or being usefully active." Few rational people would even *try* to make a case for this.

Can rational people make a case for "more is not better?" Sure, when it comes to weeds, traffic, filth, crime, hunger, disease, politics, unemployment, taxes and fuzzy thinking! We certainly could use less of these things! But, what is

wrong with more peace, happiness, success, freedom, quality, equality, jobs, competition, communication, growth? Nothing! *More can be better!*

Dubious assumption No. 2 involves Mr. Zeno's "Latham in Delmar" concept, figments of his imagination bordering on total confusion. His premises and conclusions just don't fit the facts.

For example, neither Edward Kleinke (a sincere, honest, dedicated, hardworking gentleman it has been my pleasure to work with on the Task Force these past several months) nor I are "proposing to rezone this area (Adams Place) commercial," and no one, including the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, is "trying to shove it down our throats." All of the facts, figures, suggestions and recommendations received by the Task Force from residents, associations, and businessmen have been disclosed in subcommittee meetings, open Task Force meetings, closed association meetings, and Planning Board meetings with an eye toward *improving* traffic flow, public safety (pedestrian and vehicular), site planning, architectural considerations, land uses, signage, ordinance enforcement and ordinance definitions. And that's it! No ordinances have been written, no maps have been drawn, no hard positions have been taken (except those being addressed here).

Further, Mr. Zeno's all-inclusive wrap of "the Chamber position on growth," the actual Chamber position on "competition in business," and breaking down "the present zoning to allow for more businesses of the same type to expand into (our) residential neighborhoods," is a classic example of a non sequitur

argument. He has, obviously, trapped himself in syllogistic nonsense! Why? Because he goes one step further than "zero growth!" To wit: "This town doesn't need any more business! There are too many businessmen and professionals in this town already! Too many doctors, too many lawyers, too many bankers, too many realtors, etc., etc." (This was Zeno's statement to me following the Task Force's April 24 meeting).

The intimidation and the threats after the last Task Force meeting all border on a not-so-subtle form of commercial genocide by self-appointed defenders of the public good. This type of behavior is so much at variance with the well-considered and well-presented opinions of the six neighborhood associations of Bethlehem, for whom the Task force has the greatest admiration and respect.

I do, however, agree with Mr. Zeno in one respect. I, too, would urge "all concerned parties" to attend the May 9, 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Town Hall — after first voting in the school board/budget elections. Please come and express yourself — with aplomb — as Lucy Dunne has, both at meetings and in last week's OPINION column in this paper. She speaks with merit, with reason, and with calm, a far cry from the false statement and "cheap shot" innuendo to which I have addressed myself here. They are untimely, undeserved, uncalled for and unbecoming of anyone with a sense of decency and fair play.

Lee Faulkner

Slingerlands

Lee Faulkner is a local businessman and a member of the Delaware Ave. Task Force.

Is new health center needed here?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The April 17 issue of the *Spotlight* reported a new tenant for the A&P building on Delaware Ave. in Elsmere. The tenant would be the Capital Area Community Health Plan.

Approval for use of the A&P building as a health facility requires approval of the Health Systems Agency and the state Health Department. A Certificate of Need is required.

The review process has already begun with a lightly attended meeting of the Health System Agency's Albany Area Subcouncil May 1, at which time the CHP plan was approved. On May 10 at 1:30 p.m. at the CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, a meeting of the Review Advisory Group of the HSA will be convened. Following their approval or disapproval of the CHP application for Certificate of Need, the recommendation

is forwarded to the State Health Department for final decision.

The Southern section of Albany County is well blessed with primary physicians, numerous specialists, an office for x-ray diagnostic care, a clinical laboratory and 16 dentists in the Tri-Village and Voorheesville areas. Bender Laboratory, St. Peter's Professional Building, Child's Professional Building, as well as the two major hospitals, Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's, are ten to fifteen minutes from most of the residents of the Delmar area. Where in the world is the NEED for the health facility and more doctors in Delmar?

For many weeks now, residents and public officials in Delmar have been greatly concerned about Delaware Ave. traffic problems. The CHP health facility will be attracting member participants, future members and non-member patients to further congest Delaware Ave.

immediately opposite a grade school. If this traffic represented truly a need not met in the community, there's "no beef." If the need isn't there for a health facility, why should the community endure increased Delaware Ave. traffic problems?

The residents and health care people of this community should have a voice in the review process of whether there is a need for a facility such as is proposed. Is this good for the Delmar area or is it for a small minority inconvenience by having to drive to Route 7 in Latham? Should clinic-type health care be encouraged in this community? These questions and others should be on the minds of our residents, and the opinions should be expressed to those agencies who will say "yes" or "no" to the need for this facility and the price the community will pay.

Name Submitted

Report 'not accurate'

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am asking for a retraction of statements erroneously attributed to me in the May 2 *Spotlight*. The reporting of the League of Women Voters' interview of April 23 was not accurate.

I did not call for an addition to the income tax to aid education financing. I am against any increases in taxes at the local, state or federal level. I mentioned both the income tax and the sales tax in response to a statement made previously by another interviewee. At no point did I mention an addition to the income tax.

I did not imply, "I want teachers to feel they have a spokesperson." Quoting out of context, as was done here, left some readers with the idea that I would not be a representative for Bethlehem's teachers. This is not true. I feel that I would be able to understand teachers' concerns; however, as a school board member, I would be as objective toward their needs as I would be toward the needs of parents, students and other community members.

I feel that there was no intention on the

part of your paper to mislead the reader. Please do not leave your readers with these misconceptions.

Velma Cousins

Glenmont

A review of the video tape of the League of Women Voters interview shows that Mrs. Cousins made the following statements. In response to a question on education financing, Mrs. Cousins said, "An addition to our income tax would be helpful in terms of letting us have some of the money we are putting out." She also said she doubts the voters would be receptive to an addition to the county sales tax.

The full context of her statement regarding her being a spokesperson was reported in the article. The exact sentence from the tape: "I want the teachers to feel they have a spokesperson who is going not only to represent them but also is going to represent the entire community." Ed.

BIRTHS



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Kevin James, to Maria and James O'Connell, Glenmont, April 21.

Boy, Zachary Stryker, to Rebecca and Barry Gray, Delmar, April 23.

Boy, Gregory Dane, to Linda and David W. Anker, Niskayuna, April 19. Mr. and Mrs. Henry Finger of Delmar are maternal grandparents, and Mrs. Marie Engel of Delmar is maternal great-grandmother.

Talk on Pearl Buck

Author-Lecturer Virginia Westervelt will discuss "The Pearl Buck No One Knows" at the Bethlehem Public Library on Friday, May 11, at 7:30 p.m. She has written several books, and her articles have appeared in the *New York Times* and *Christian Science Monitor*. The literary program is free.



Edwin Piedmont and Leslie Ann Frasier

Frasier - Piedmont

The engagement of Leslie Ann Frasier, Delmar, and Edwin David Piedmont has been announced. The bride-to-be is the daughter of Kathleen M. Frasier of Delmar and the late John G. Frasier. Her fiancé is the son of Michael and Eleanor Piedmont of Pavilion, N.Y.

The prospective bride is employed as a teller at Citibank. The bridegroom-to-be is an accountant. A wedding date of Oct. 10 has been set.

Arpin-Cillis

Mr. and Mrs. Gerald E. Arpin of Severson Hill Rd., Voorheesville, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Sharon L. Arpin, to Joseph J. Cillis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph J. Cillis of Stove Pipe Rd., Voorheesville.

Miss Arpin is a graduate of Voorheesville High School and has an associate in applied science degree from Maria College. She is employed at St. Peter's Hospital as a registered nurse.

Her fiancé is a graduate of Voorheesville High School and has received a bachelor of science degree in business administration from the State University at Albany and a masters of science degree from R.P.I. in Computer Science. He is employed at SyntheSys Consulting, Syracuse as a computer programmer analyst.

A Sept. 1 wedding is planned.

Fun needs financing

Contributions are being sought for after-the-ball activities for Bethlehem Central's Class of 1984. The dance will be Friday, June 1, and swimming, tennis, dancing to band music and breakfast are scheduled from 1 to 6 a.m. The late-night activities are planned to encourage teens to stay off the roads. Checks may be made payable to Jeanne Tartaglia, treasurer, and sent to her at 31 Tierney Dr., Delmar 12054.



Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Taylor

Miss Ott marries

Jacqueline Ott, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Ott of Delmar was married April 13 in Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, to Daniel Taylor of Spartanburg, S.C. The son of Mr. and Mrs. Ansel Taylor, the bridegroom is with the Navy's Seal Team.

Maid of honor was Lori Rysedorph, and bridesmaids were Pattie Ann Kavanaugh and Tammy Lawton. Jonathan Price was best man and ushers were Edward Ott, brother of the bride, and Waldo Roberts.

The couple will reside in Virginia Beach, Va.

Kirk Harmon married

Christine Louise Lawlor, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Angus Y. Bethune of Spokane, Wash., was married April 28 to Kirk Thomas Harmon, son of Dr. and Mrs. Millard Harmon of Delmar.

The wedding and reception took place at Trinity Baptist Church, New York City, with Rev. Charles Stevens officiating. The bride was attended by her sister, Janet Unzickerm of La Salle, Ill. The best man was Christopher Cove of Auburn, N.Y.

The bride is a candidate for the M.D. degree from the University of Colorado Medical Center at Denver. The bridegroom is also a candidate for the M.D. degree, his from Cornell University Medical College. The couple will intern at the University of Alabama Medical Center in Birmingham.

Clean out the attic

The Bethlehem Public Library's annual book sale will be held during the regular library hours from Saturday, May 19, to Monday, May 21. The bargain sale selection will include popular fiction and nonfiction, children's books, paperbacks, magazines, encyclopedias and old books. There will also be puzzles, records, pictures and some equipment. All proceeds will benefit the library.



Mr. and Mrs. Timothy J. Finnigan

Miss Fragomeni wed

Christine Marie Fragomeni and Timothy John Finnigan were married April 14 in St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville. The bride is the daughter of Maureen and Patrick Fragomeni of Voorheesville. The bridegroom's parents are Ruth and James Finnigan of Slingerlands.

The bride's sister, Lisa Fragomeni, was maid of honor, and James Finnigan III was best man for his brother. Bridesmaids were Jo Marie O'Connor, Lynn Gallant and Lisa Cordell. Ushers were Patrick Fragomeni, brother of the bride, Paul Gallant and Chris Baker. Keith Fragomeni, a brother of the bride, and Matthew Finnigan, brother of the bridegroom, were altar servers.

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The couple both are graduates of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. The bride is employed by the state Department of Audit and Control, and her husband is co-manager of Finnigan's House of Hallmark in Albany. They will reside in Albany.

Concert for peace

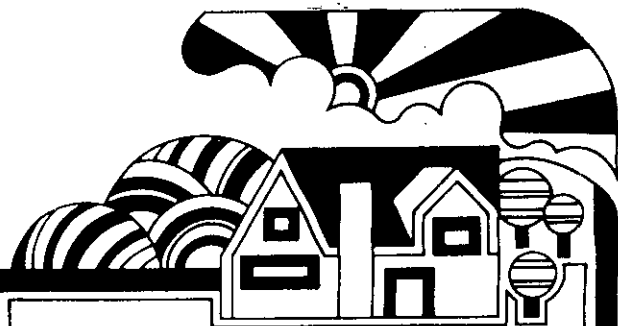
Local talent will be on stage at Bethlehem town hall Saturday at 8 p.m. for a benefit concert sponsored by the National Peace Academy. Co-sponsors are the Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival, Community United Methodist Church, Friends of Latin America, St. Thomas Church and a group of high school students.

The program will feature Joan Mullen, Rev. Bert Mayne, Lucy McCaffrey, a children's choir directed by Virginia Spelich, Lorraine and Dennis Guyon, Hilary Schrauf and Susan McIntyre.

For Rev. Mayne, a Presbyterian minister serving two small churches, the concert means a return to Delmar, where he grew up and where he later became well known as a singer and guitarist.

Spring plant sale

The Men's Garden Club of Albany will display its best flowers and vegetables for the spring plant sale on Saturday, May 12, from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. at the Delmar branch of the Key Bank.



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The ultimate garage sale

A sure sign of spring is the sprouting of garage sales, and the sale planned Saturday, May 19, to benefit the Panhellenic Scholarship Fund promises to be something special. More than 100 families are contributing to the event, which will be from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. at 20 Longwood Dr. in Delmar. Collectibles, clothes, toys, sporting goods and maybe even a kitchen sink will be available for the discerning shopper. A "bag sale" at 2:30 p.m. could mean some real bargains.

The Panhellenic Scholarship Fund awarded three scholarships this year. Winners for next year will be announced in June.



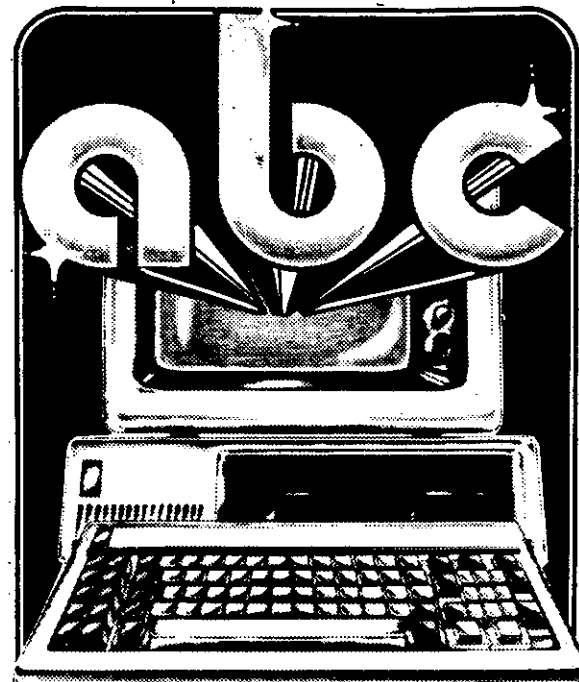
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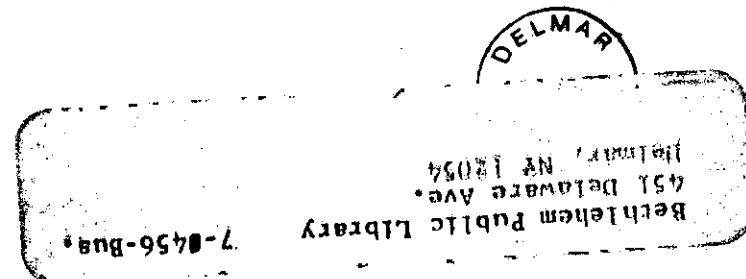
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The people's turn

Wednesday brings to a head two local issues that have drawn extraordinary public interest — Delaware Ave. and the Bethlehem Central budget.

The Delaware Ave. Task Force holds a public forum tonight (Wednesday), and the task force's conclusions are detailed on Page 1 of this issue.

School budgets in both Bethlehem and Voorheesville are also up for voter approval today. See Page 4.

And our readers have plenty to say about both issues. Pages 29 and 30.