

The budget defeat: what next?

Voters polled say budget too high

By Caroline Terenzini

Why was Bethlehem Central's budget rejected by the voters? The survey conducted by Evalumetrics Research for *The Spotlight* shows that 64.4 percent of those who voted "no" on the budget stated that the proposed tax increase was the single most influential factor in their vote. The size of the budget was cited by an additional 18.6 percent of "no" voters.

The most dramatic contrast between "yes" and "no" voters appeared when respondents were asked directly if the proposed tax rate increase were acceptable: only 3.4 percent of "no" voters found the proposed increase acceptable, compared with 72.7 percent of "yes" voters.

Among "yes" voters, 29.9 percent said the most influential factor in their vote was the quality of education in Bethlehem. Twenty-three percent said concern for the needs of the students influenced their vote the most, and 23 percent said they felt it was their civic duty to vote for the budget.

Twenty-one percent of the voters in the representative sample were age 60 or older.

In light of defeat of the budget, respondents were asked which alternative they would support. The voters surveyed overwhelmingly favored submission to the electorate of a revised-reduced spending plan — 78 percent of "no" voters and 75 percent of "yes" voters. Operating the district under an austerity budget was endorsed by only 29 percent of "no" voters and 21 percent of "yes" voters.

Asked in what areas of the spending plan they would support cuts or reduc-

How survey was conducted

The Spotlight asked Evalumetrics Research, a behavioral science research firm operated by Rob Lillis of Delmar, to conduct a survey over the weekend of attitudes of voters in the May 9 Bethlehem Central School District budget vote. A scientific random sample of voters was drawn, and 121 interviews were conducted, using a 33-item questionnaire. A statistical test indicates that survey respondents are representative of voters in the May 9 balloting, Lillis said. He estimated the margin of error for the survey at about 8 percent.

The questions were designed to discover what factors influenced the vote, attitudes about the school district and voter preference concerning alternatives for the district now that the proposed spending plan has been defeated. Lillis said he plans to present his findings to the school board.

tions, among respondents offering an opinion, no one choice received clear support: 52 percent of those surveyed said they would accept cuts in the district administration, 48 percent would accept cuts in new equipment purchases, 39 percent reductions in the noninstructional staff — on down to 24 percent who would support reductions in budgeted spending for maintenance of buildings and grounds.

Overall, 50 percent would not favor cuts in the teaching staff while 31 percent would, with the remainder having no opinion. Among "no" voters, 41 percent would accept teaching staff cuts, while only 16 percent of "yes" voters said they would.

On questions concerning the recent

teacher contract negotiations, 57.9 percent of all voters expressed dissatisfaction with the school board's and administration's handling of the talks and 48.8 percent expressed dissatisfaction with the union's conduct of negotiations. Fifty-three percent of all voters surveyed said they approved of the eventual settlement. More than a quarter of the respondents — especially among the "no" voters — had no opinion on these questions.

Concerning the district's bid for a "yes" vote in *Central Highlights*, the district's newsletter, and in a letter to parents of BC pupils, 67.8 percent of the "no" voters said they did not approve of this action (while 15 percent had no opinion).

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Board members split on cuts

By Caroline Terenzini

What next? is the question before the Bethlehem Central school board when it meets tonight (Wednesday) following the resounding defeat last week of its proposed \$16.78 million budget for next year. The 2,584-1,428 negative vote left the board with some hard choices to make. In fact, said board member Bernard Harvith, "At this point, there is no good choice."

The choices are to resubmit the defeated budget proposal to voters; trim it and submit the revised plan to voters, or adopt an austerity budget, which, according to state law, provides only for state-mandated programs. Excluded items such as library book purchases, interscholastic sports and student transportation beyond the state requirements can then be submitted to voters in separate propositions.

The 4,105 turnout last Wednesday was the highest since 1970, when 4,415 votes were cast — 53 percent "no." Budget proposals also were defeated in 1971 and 1974, again in heavy voting. A more typical voter turnout is less than 2,000.

Voters last week also chose Velma Cousins of Glenmont over incumbent Jed Wolkenbreit by a vote of 1,744 to 1,636. Barbara Coon of Delmar won the vacant seat, defeating Paul Scudiere, also of Delmar, by a vote of 2,060 to 1,383. Sheila Fuller of Delmar, seeking her third term unopposed, received 2,730 votes.

Also on the ballot was the Bethlehem Public Library's proposed \$1.1 million

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Victory for residents at Delaware Ave. forum

By Vincent Potenza

The scene was a darkened and crowded town hall auditorium last Wednesday night. After some two hours of reviewing the consensus of the Delaware Avenue Task Force on what was to be done about architectural review, site plan review, modifying setbacks, green areas and signs, a heated discussion erupted over the possibility of expanding commercial districts along the problem road. The positions were predictable, but when the smoke had cleared the town residents had won an unexpected victory — a promise from committee Chairman Charles Redmond that as far as such a recommendation was concerned, they could "consider it dropped."

The statement left many observers wondering if Redmond meant what he said. The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, which had previously stated that it was in favor of increasing the depth of the street's commercial zones, regrouped quickly and by Friday had issued an open letter to Redmond: "We understand your statement that the task force will not recommend expansion of the business zones in its initial report following the May 22 meeting (to be) for the simple reason that such a decision cannot be made until all the facts that dictate such a



Charles Redmond

decision have been assembled," the letter said.

But Redmond said Friday that this interpretation is incorrect. When asked to verify that he meant the task force would under no circumstances recommend the rezoning of residential areas for commercial uses, he said, "Absolutely,



Lucy Dunne

that's what I meant. If you went around the table and asked the members of the committee if they would recommend rezoning I'm sure they'd agree with me. You heard that I said at the meeting Wednesday night," he continued, "and you heard what those residents said. We'd have to be damn fools to recom-



Peter Merrill

mend something like that to the town board."

Public opposition to the idea was vehement and vocal at the meeting. "The bottom line is that any intrusion into currently zoned residential land is not

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□ Delaware Ave. residents

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negotiable," Lucy Dunne, an Elsmere resident active in the review process, said. The statement was greeted with widespread, longlasting applause from the more than 200 townspeople in attendance.

And though one resident said that "this is not Beirut, and 'non-negotiable' isn't going to do it," the more militant residents dominated the forum.

Members of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, formed as a result of a rezoning attempt on Kenwood Ave. and Adams Pl. by Brooks Byer Associates last year, were insistent in their accusations of a rezoning scheme.

"If you're not contemplating it, then why doesn't your list say 'not recommended' like it does for the architectural review board? Why does it say 'further

study by planning board' instead?" one resident asked Redmond.

Douglas Zeno, vice president of the CDNA, got up again and again to demand from Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, why such a rezoning had ever been considered in the task force's subcommittee meetings, despite Redmond's repeated assertions that the committee as a whole had never seriously considered such rezoning.

Kleinke's reply that it was the subcommittee's job to look at land use and think of alternatives was met with jeers from the audience.

When discussion haltingly moved on to the possibility of restricting parking along Delaware near the Four Corners, it was the business community's turn to get in some licks. "Some people live by on-street parking," said Peter Merrill,

chamber president. "Eliminate the parking and you eliminate the business, period."

Merrill went on to state — and repeated in the chamber's letter to Redmond Friday — that much of the proposed new regulation would serve to decrease the amount of usable space on commercial lots. "Therefore, to continue encouraging many excellent ideas while implying no change of the business zones seems to us premature," the letter said.

Redmond had said at an earlier meeting that the committee would hold just one more meeting, on May 22, to consider the input from the public forum before making its recommendations to the town board.

The town board, however, would be required to hold a public hearing before implementing any of the task force

recommendations that entail a change in the zoning ordinance; or before rezoning any land.

So while the arena begins to shift, the controversy seems just to be starting.

Bank acquisition

First American Bank of New York, which has a branch in Glenmont, has announced it will acquire the 33 branches of Bankers Trust Co. that make up the trust company's Albany subsidiary. The 33 branches, one of which is in Elsmere, employ more than 400 people and have assets of about \$450 million.

First American is a subsidiary of First American Bankshares, Inc., a privately held banking organization with other banks in Washington, D.C., Virginia, Maryland and Tennessee. First American Bankshares, with assets of \$3.8 billion at the end of 1983, ranked 89th in size among U.S. banking companies.

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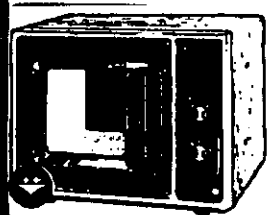
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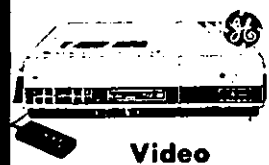


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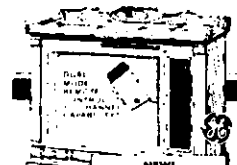
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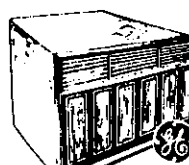
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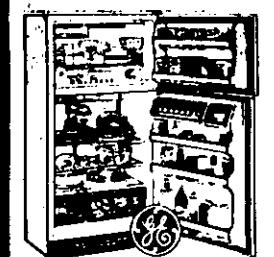
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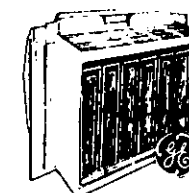
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Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie, left, has announced promotions for three officers, Colin Clark, second from left, Frederick Holligan and Joseph Sleurs. *Spotlight*

New chief reorganizes, promotes 3 officers

By Tom McPheeters

Four months after moving in quietly as Bethlehem's new chief of police, Paul Currie has started to put his own stamp on the department. Following the town board's appointment of three new sergeants last week, Currie announced a new command structure that he expects will allow for more top-level supervision of the cop on the beat.

The new sergeants are Frederick Holligan, Joseph Sleurs and Colin Clark, all appointed from an Albany County Civil Service list. Holligan was also appointed to lieutenant on a provisional basis, and Currie said he expects him to take the next civil service test for that position, probably this fall.

Under the new arrangement, Capt. Roy Cooke will be in charge of the patrol division and Lt. Holligan in charge of the new special services division, which includes the detectives, the youth bureau and the administrative bureau (records, communications and clerical).

In addition, Currie, Clark and Holligan will work overlapping shifts, so that there will be a ranking officer available more of the time, Currie said.

"I think it gives us a little better chain of command," he said.

And the return to a more clearly-defined chain of command comes some five years after the town fired its last chief, Peter Fish. During the interim period there was a safety director and an acting chief, but to many observers the department appeared to operate on its own momentum, with no strong direction from the top.

Holligan, 38, joined the department in 1973 and has been a detective for four years, spending most of that time in the youth bureau. He recently graduated from the prestigious FBI Academy.

The promotions for Clark and Sleurs are recognition of the jobs they are doing now, and do not involve reassignment, Currie said. Clark, a 16-year veteran of the department, has been a detective for 12 years and has supervised the four-man detective bureau for six years. The difference in pay is "a few hundred dollars," said Currie, but the sergeant position is civil service whereas the detective position is at the town's discretion.

Sleurs, who joined the department in 1969, has headed up the department's administrative arm, including liaison with the Bethlehem Town Court, for the last 10 years. He held the rank of officer (patrolman).

"I think this will be the major change," Currie said Friday. His next project, he said, will be a revamping of the department's records system in conjunction with the town court. Currie and court officials are also looking at ways to put those records on the town's computer.

Talented sought

The Bethlehem Channel (cable channel 15) is looking for people with talent, skill or knowledge to share. Talent in break-dancing or skill in gourmet cooking are examples, according to Carol King, program director. She can be contacted at 439-9314.

Board is split

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budget, which was approved by a vote of 2,336 to 1,522. Thomas Shen of Delmar was re-elected to the library board, unopposed, with 2,712 votes.

What next for the school district is unclear. Both Harvith and board member Robert Ruslander said over the weekend they were undecided about which option they favor. Mrs. Fuller, who is board president, said, "We really have to look at cutting" the rejected budget.

Board member John Clyne, who strongly urged defeat of the budget, said, "I want it cut and resubmitted. It's got to be cut, no question about it." Clyne has consistently opposed the Challenge program for the district's gifted children and that is his first choice for a cut, he said. The Challenge program's budget is about \$60,000, chiefly for two teachers who serve more than 200 elementary school pupils. Eliminating that expense would reduce the tax rate about one-half of 1 percent.

Nor do all board members agree Challenge should be cut. Jed Wolkenbreit said, "I'm really not prepared to cut any of the programming. Obviously, we have to live within the limits the community has, (but) I'd much rather see an austerity budget (with all instructional programs equally affected) rather than just cutting Challenge." Wolkenbreit said he wanted to hear all sides before making a decision.

Board member Marjory O'Brien, too, said she was trying to keep an open mind. "But it's so frustrating, because we've been so open," she declared. "Nobody's budget is smaller than it was!" She noted that while the state budget this year does not call for a tax increase, hikes in numerous licensing and registration fees last year are providing significantly higher revenue to the state. Similarly, the town was able to provide for new sidewalks along Cherry Ave., she ob-

served, without enduring accusation of budget "fat." In rejecting the school district's spending plan, Mrs. O'Brien said, "People don't realize they're doing so much damage, and yet they're still going to end up paying the 10 percent."

The trouble with an austerity budget, Harvith said, is that if district voters approve separate propositions financing transportation as now provided and funding for the athletic program, the district is essentially "right back where we started." That's with a tax rate increase in the neighborhood of 10 percent, which is believed to be the chief reason the spending plan was rejected.

Recent history supports Harvith's contention. Following budget defeats in 1970, 1971 and 1974, the school board adopted contingency budget plans and then submitted propositions to voters that would restore certain items. In each case, voters approved propositions that put total district spending close to the amount initially rejected, meaning the tax rate increase was little changed. Budget proposals also were rejected by school district voters in 1968 and 1969. In 1972 and in 1973, budget plans requiring no tax rate increase went to voters. Even without a tax rate increase, a district spokesperson pointed out, 34 percent of those who voted in 1973 voted "no."

Commenting on the rejection of this year's budget plan, Ruslander said it appeared some voters declared "a plague on both our houses" as a result of the protracted contract negotiations with the district's teacher's association that went on more than a year and led to adoption of a work-to-rule policy by the approximately 230 faculty members. Ruslander also noted that the school district budget is the only governmental spending plan subject to voter approval and that voter dissatisfaction with policies on the federal, state or county level could translate into a negative vote in school district polling.



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BC's \$390G at risk in bankruptcy case

BY Tom McPheeters

Bethlehem Central officials admit they may not know much about where the district stands in the increasingly complex Lion bankruptcy case, but they do know one thing — they're out \$390,000, not \$904,000, as the bankruptcy papers show.

"We know what we've invested," insisted Superintendent Lawrence Zinn Friday. Later that day, he met with officials of other school districts in the same six 31 districts in New York State are caught in the Lion Capital Group bankruptcy morass and discovered that many of them had the same tale to tell.

"The figures were just not right," said Zinn. "It just shows how fouled up their bookkeeping apparently is."

Fouled up or not, \$390,000 is a sizeable hunk of change, and Zinn doesn't expect that Bethlehem Central will see the money for some time. At best, the district stands to lose the interest it would have earned on the money, plus whatever interest it will have to pay to borrow money (probably in June) to cover the missing funds. At worst...

Zinn says that Bethlehem Central didn't think it was gambling when it put out idle funds for short-term investment; it was only trying to get the best interest rate possible, and earn as much money as possible to keep the tax rate low. The district acted on the knowledge that the broker that was investing its money, an outfit called National Money Market, had been specifically endorsed by the state Comptroller's office.

"Obviously, it's going to force us to act much more cautiously in the future,"

Zinn said Monday. In effect, he said, the district will "avoid dealing with anybody we don't know."

Did the district act prudently? Did the state take all the steps it could have to protect school districts and municipalities? And was there a missed lesson two years ago in the losses sustained in a similar investment by another public agency just up the road?

Lion Capital Group, described in the *Wall Street Journal* as a small government securities trading firm, filed for bankruptcy law protection under Chapter 11 May 2. The filing showed Lion with assets of \$206 million and liabilities of \$212.4 million, according to the *Journal*, and listed a number of "unsecured" creditors, including the 31 school districts and a number of municipalities.

Bethlehem Central and the others were trading in what is known as "repos" repurchase agreements backed by U.S. government securities. In effect, the district would lend Lion its short-term idle cash against a guarantee of a certain rate of return. The district's guarantee was that it got to hold the government securities Lion was pledging against that cash as a form of collateral.

That is what Bethlehem Central thought it was doing. According to the district's attorney, Roger Fritts, the district followed a well-established procedure when it invested funds with Lion. It wired instructions to Bradford Trust Co., the clearing bank for Lion's transactions. Bradford was supposed to hold the securities in Bethlehem Central's name, and indeed in each case the district received confirmation from Lion that this had been done, Fritts said.

Fritts said the district did not hold the

securities itself, nor did it ever see the securities. But, he argued, the procedure followed is routine and the district felt it was adequately protected by federal law.

After the bankruptcy was announced, however, Bradford Trust took the position that the \$50 million in Treasury securities it held were collateral for a loan it made to Lion. That issue will now be addressed by a federal judge, who has since ordered the securities sold the proceeds placed in trust.

Fritts said that on May 3, after learning of the bankruptcy filing, he called Bradford Trust and received verbal assurance that Bethlehem Central's securities were at the bank in the district's name. But the following day, when he and district Business Manager Franz Zwicklbauer went to New York City to retrieve the securities, they were informed by the bank that they had been frozen.

This is the second time in two years that investments in "repos" by a public agency has put taxpayer funds at risk. In 1982, the New York State Dormitory Authority, which has its headquarters in Elmsere, was caught with about \$200 million at risk in the bankruptcy of Lombard-Wall, another small investment house, and ultimately lost \$17.5 million. State officials who worked to extricate the dormitory authority from that situation said several important lessons should have been learned. Chief among them were that "repos" are a volatile form of investment and should be backed by a financially solid firm, and that the securities used as collateral should be in the hands of the investor.

Bethlehem Central, in company with many other school districts, apparently relied on an opinion by the state Comptroller's office that said it was permissible for school districts to use a money market broker to place investments. The opinion specifically cited National Money Market as an example of such a firm. (According to the *New York Times*, National Money Market had asked the comptroller's officer for the opinion and used it to solicit business.)

But, said a spokesman for the comptroller's office, the opinion did not endorse the use of "repos," and in other comptroller's publications the office specifically warned districts to be cautious in using them. "It (the opinion) specifically says that municipalities should keep control of their funds and keep a close watch over them," said the spokesman, Pam Orzechowski.

Last week the office sent out a new advisory, telling municipalities not to use "repos."

Zinn said Monday that most of the school districts caught in the Lion case feel that the state shares some liability for what happened. They will ask for interest-free loans until the case is settled and the funds freed, he said.

Zinn said Bethlehem Central has no written guidelines for making investments, and that most decisions are left to Zwicklbauer, with the school board discussing general policy at budget time. "The guideline has been to get the best rate you can and at an approved institution," Zinn said.

In the fast-changing world of high finance, at least one state official wondered if districts such as Bethlehem Central should be left to their own devices.

"Investing government funds is a complicated business," said Eugene Sunsuine, an Elmsere resident who is deputy commissioner of the state Department of Taxation and Finance and state treasurer, responsible for a \$1 billion investment portfolio.

"At this time it would seem very beneficial for the Bethlehem school district to appoint a committee, consisting of residents of the district who are expert in government securities and investing, to review the district's investment policies and practices, and to offer recommendations for strengthening and improving them."

□ Voters

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Among "yes" voters, 16 percent did not approve, while nearly 80 percent did and only 4 percent had no opinion.

Asked if they were satisfied with the way the district prepared and submitted its budget plan, only 34 percent of those surveyed said they were dissatisfied. About 20 percent of those surveyed had no opinion.

Among all voters questioned, general satisfaction was expressed with the district administration, school board, teachers and quality of education (with one out of five persons asked having no opinion). The greatest degree of approval from voters on both sides of the budget question was expressed on the question concerning the quality of education: 86 percent of "yes" voters and 57 percent of "no" voters said they were satisfied with the quality of education in Bethlehem. Teachers received endorsement from 80 percent of "yes" voters and 48 percent of "no" voters. (More than a quarter of "no" voters had no opinion on this item). Concerning the administration, 75 percent of "yes" voters and 42 percent of "no" voters expressed satisfaction (no opinion was expressed by about 10 percent of each group). The school board's performance was rated as satisfactory by 77 percent of "yes" voters and by 37 percent of "no" voters.

Forty-seven percent of all voters surveyed said they supported the Challenge program for gifted children, although among "yes" voters the approval rate was 65 percent and among "no" voters, 34 percent (with 27 percent of "no" voters having no opinion).

And, asked if they would support a bond issue to pay for capital improvements, if proposed, 31 percent of all respondents had no opinion, 41 percent said they would support a bond issue and 28 percent said no.

Flag essay topic

The Albany County Coservative Club is sponsoring a patriotic essay contest for high school seniors living in Albany County on "What the Flag Means to Me." Three prizes will be awarded. Essays of 750 to 1,000 words are due by June 1 and should be mailed to the club, at 22 Westchester Dr., Albany, 12205.

The Albany County Conservative Club is an association of voters who support conservative ideals.

Court date delayed

A Colonie Town Court appearance by five Voorheesville teenagers accused of the theft of the Ronald McDonald statue from outside McDonald's Restaurants offices off Wolf Rd. in Colonie has been postponed until May 30. The youths face charges of third degree grand larceny, a felony.

Loans for college

National Savings Bank, with a branch in Delmar, is offering higher education loans for students or parents. For student loans, the state Department of Higher Education recently set the rate at 8 percent. Students can borrow up to \$2,500 a year with a ceiling of \$12,500. Repayment begins six months after the student leaves school. Applications can be requested by telephoning 463-5626.

Care for elderly

The Foundation for Long Term Care (FLTC) has announced the availability of an informational slide presentation on respite options for families caring for frail, elderly loved ones. The program highlights the coordinated respite care project of the Capital District and the agencies that participate to offer temporary, short-term relief to persons responsible for the total at-home care of a chronically ill, disabled or otherwise dependent elderly family member or friend. Phone 449-7873.

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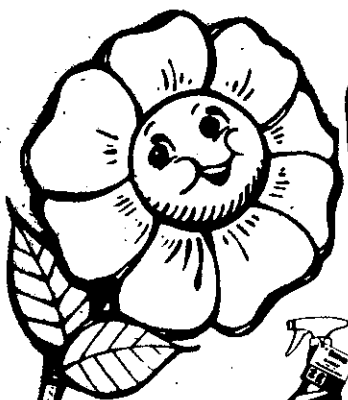
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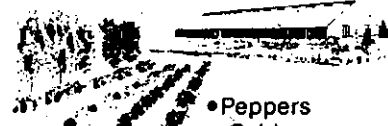


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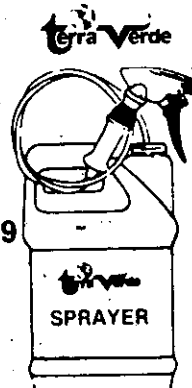
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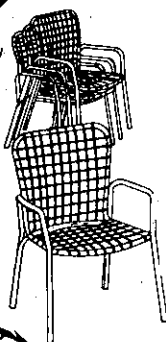
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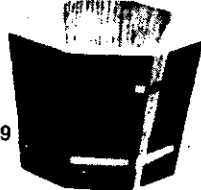
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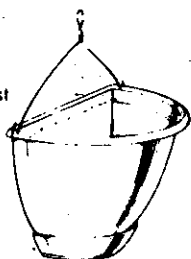
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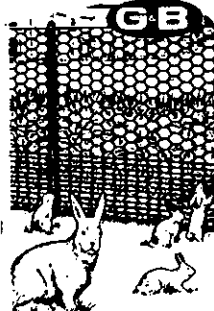
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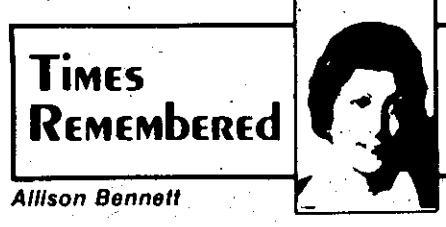
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Church grew from discontent

Many years before Delmar became the residential town that it is today, the Delmar Reformed Church existed as a place of worship. The farm families from the outlying areas drove over the sand roads with their horses and buggies to reach this church at the crossroads. This settlement was then called Adamsville, and the church, although it stood on the present site, was at that time the east branch of the Union Church, located at Unionville.

In April of 1841 a group of families of the Union Church congregation met to request that a chapel be built at Adamsville for their use, as Unionville was too distant from their homes. Also, a Methodist church had been established at Adamsville and some of the residents of this section found it more convenient to attend that church than to travel to Unionville. The pastor, the Rev. V.E. Westfall, became convinced of the necessity of establishing a branch of his church in Adamsville, and received the sanction of the Union consistory to do so.



Allison Bennett

A site was acquired, the gift of Nathaniel Adams, across the street from the Adams House Hotel and near the center of the little settlement. The building at Adamsville was directed to be built after the plan of the 1835 Presbyterian church at North Bethlehem. While these two buildings do not resemble each other today, the North Bethlehem church being much altered, we can see from a comparison of old pictures that the original buildings were almost identical, except that the Delmar church added a large portico across the front.

In 1847 the Rev. Westfall resigned his charge to become a missionary to the

western Indians. With his departure, the growing discontent of the members of the Adamsville church with being merely a branch of the Union Church crystallized into a request for separation. At a meeting of the Albany Classis in January of 1848, a petition to that effect was presented and on Jan. 31, the Delmar church came into separate being, with amicable relations existing between the two churches that continue to this day.

The church at Delmar was incorporated Feb. 3, 1848, as the Second Reformed Protestant Dutch Church of Bethlehem, and it carried that name for 64 years, until 1912, when it was changed to Delmar Reformed Church. There were 87 names on the roll at the time the charter was granted, among them such familiar ones as Becker, Bender, Haswell, Houghtaling, Patterson, Van Allen and Winne. The members of the first consistory were: elders, Peter Hilton, Leonard G. Tén Eyck, Nathaniel Sawyer, who owned mills in Normansville, Joseph Haswell, deacons, Wm. H. Slingerland, John Van Allen, James Onderdonk and Jacob Winne. The first pastor, the Rev. J.A. Lansing, served the church for 12 years and received a salary of \$550, payable semi-annually.

The parsonage was built in 1851 to house the minister and his family, and in

1859 the congregation had grown to the extent that it was necessary to enlarge the sanctuary at a cost of \$3,000. It was again enlarged in 1879. One of the most beloved pastors of the church was the Rev. J. Lansing Pearse, who served the congregation for 38 years until his death in 1898, when he suffered a fatal attack immediately after returning to the parsonage from conducting Sunday evening worship service. While the children stood in awe of him, he was

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much loved by all and it was said that he was like a father to everyone. During his pastorate the Sunday School addition was built at the rear of the church. It was enlarged six years later.

In 1927 major renovation and reconstruction work was begun that resulted in the appearance of the church building as it stands today. The entire building was raised and a new basement was excavated beneath to provide additional space for the many activities of the congregation. The sanctuary was enlarged by the addition of the chancel, and the balcony was rebuilt at this time. While the reconstruction was in progress, services



A Delmar Reformed Church Sunday school class on an outing at Warner's Lake about 1910.



The interior of the Delmar Reformed Church before 1900.

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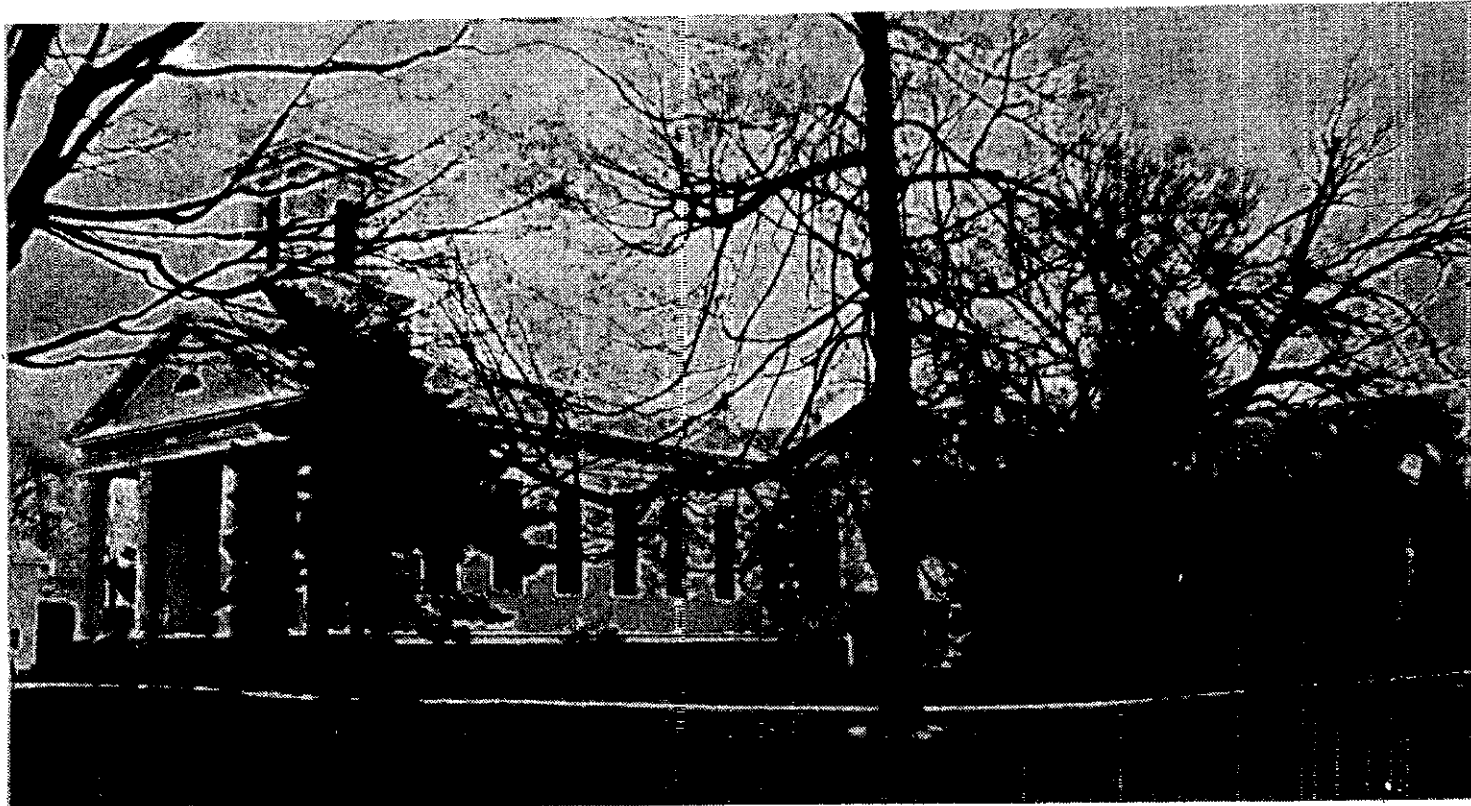
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The Delmar Reformed Church as it looks today

Tom Howes

were held in the Delmar school (Masonic Temple). As the congregation grew in number, it became necessary to expand again in 1951 and a new wing was built to the west. This provided additional education rooms and church offices as well as an activities room.

Over the long span of years, the members of this congregation, as with so many other churches in our town, contributed their gifts of time and money, love and sharing to better the condition

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of mankind at home and around the globe. Indicative of this is the Missionary Society's barrel, packed in 1900, containing a dozen sheets, 2 dresses, 6 pairs of pillowcases and 11 dressed dolls for the "mountain whites" of Jackson County, Kentucky. In 1910 a box of sheets, towels, baby layettes, surgical dressings, needles and thread was sent to India. The society's meeting was held the first Saturday of the month, with 25 cents the annual dues.

About 1912 the Ladies Aid Society was organized by Mrs. Henry Bacon Allen, wife of the minister. This group was formed to assist in the care of church properties and the women used ingenious ways of raising money for their projects. They sold quilts, aprons and home-made doughnuts, and held food sales on the church lawn, as well as preparing oyster

suppers for the public, and having silver teas and spring luncheons. Another service group, the LEN Service Circle, once bought a bushel of peanuts to be shelled, salted and sold, and held a harvest supper with a donation of 75 cents a person. Christmas and Thanksgiving dinners were provided to needy families, as well as a ton of coal occasionally.

International culture was brought to Delmar in those early years when the church women sold articles made by Chinese women of the Peking Exchange and 25 percent of the profit went to the LEN Circle. Religious efforts were not overlooked, with the pastor and parishioners concentrating on Sunday worship, evening prayer meetings and hymn sings, Bible study and visits by mission speakers.

No less does today's congregation take seriously its responsibility to communicate its biblical theological tradition. It is still putting belief into practice through the service and witness to the church's people and the world's community, translating faith into action.

Civil War buffs meet

Daniel Stecman will display, discuss, but not fire, his Henry rifle at the next meeting of the Capital District Civil War Round Table on Friday, May 25, at 7 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. The featured speaker will be David Bosse, who as a student intern at the state library catalogued the map collection. He will talk about "From Maps to the Macabre: Ambrose Pierce as Topographer" and show the film "An Occurrence at Owl Creek Bridge."



The parsonage for the Delmar Reformed Church was built at a cost of \$1,480 in 1851. The wing was added 20 years later. The Delaware Ave. landmark was removed in 1935, and the present parsonage was built on the site.



There will be a photo I.D. program for Bethlehem senior citizens at the Senior Citizens Organization meeting on Thursday, May 17, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. I.D. photos will be taken from 1 to 3 p.m.

I.D.'s that will be available include half-fare CDTA bus cards, Golden Age passes for state operated recreation areas and "discount cards" issued by the Albany County Office for the Aging. There is a \$1 fee for the bus I.D. and a \$2 fee for the discount card, which is honored by many area merchants.

Seniors must bring proof of their age. For information, call the town hall at 439-4955.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization will take a shopping trip to the Crossgates Mall in Albany on Tuesday, May 22. Seniors must sign up for the bus trip at their meeting on Thursday, May 17, from 12:30 to 4 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. The trip costs \$1, and those who sign up can also attend movies at the mall for only \$1.

The Bethlehem Senior Citizen Organization will go to the movies at its meeting on Thursday, May 24, at 1:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. "Tender Mercies," which won Robert Duvall an Oscar this year, will be the Silver Screen presentation. Admission is free.

Punch In for Ile

The Bethlehem Public Library will hold two orientation sessions at the keyboard of its new Apple IIe micro-computer on Wednesday, May 23, and Thursday, May 31, from 7 to 9 p.m. The introductory course is required for validation to join the Bethlehem Apple Corps and use the computer. Registrants must be at least 13 years old and live in the library's service area.

To sign up, call 439-9314.

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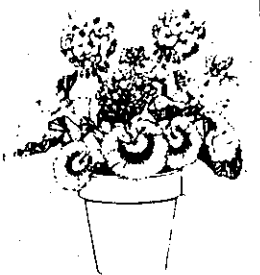
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Another zoning issue surfaces

With one zoning controversy simmering in the next room, the Bethlehem Town Board received a warning about another potential trouble spot at its brief meeting last week.

Two town officials warned the board that the newly completed sewer system extension and an area boom in multi-family housing construction are creating new pressures in areas zoned A Residential. The result, warned Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor, could be more units than the new sewage system can handle, particularly in North Bethlehem.

"In the past 18 months there have been at least five significant development proposals for parcels in the North Bethlehem area, all of which incorporated 100 percent duplex and or multi-family construction," Secor wrote. "This switch from a basically single family residential development scheme (approximately four dwellings per acre or less) to that of a duplex or multi-family scheme (approximately six dwelling units per acre or more) would generate 50 to 150 percent more sanitary sewage flow for the same area of development."

Secor explained that in order to obtain

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federal funds for the sewer extension the town had to agree to limit the scope of the project to that of "solving existing community sanitary problems." There is, he said, a limited reserve capacity.

Building Inspector John Flanigan noted the same building trends in his memo to the board and suggested it is time for the planning board to review the uses and requirements of the A-Residential zone. The town board agreed, and referred the matter to the planning board for study.

As it happened, the planning board was occupied across the hall in the Town Hall's auditorium, listening to citizens react to the Delaware Ave. Task Force's recommendations. Town board members quickly finished their business and went across the hall to listen. Prior to adjourning, the board:

- Approved the final order establishing the new ambulance district for the Selkirk Fire District. Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said the order must

now be approved by the state Division of Audit and Control; following that, the town will sit down with the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Company and make an agreement for the company to provide services in the district, and for the town to pay the company out of tax revenues collected. "The hard part is over," Kaplowitz said, referring to the nearly two years the town and the company spent trying to find a way to support the volunteer service through tax revenues.

- Passed a resolution noting the end of the permissive referendum period in which citizens of the town could have objected to the purchase of an abandoned right-of-way from Owasco River Railway, a subsidiary of Penn Central. The town is to pay \$25,000 for the land and use a section near Rt. 396 in South Bethlehem as a playground.

- Acknowledged receipt of two easement requests from Tennessee Gas Pipeline to go around the southern end of the town's Vly Creek Reservoir in New Scotland. Secor said the route is acceptable to the town. The company has been working to find a route that did not cross the reservoir and would still be acceptable to the residents of the area.

Scholarships for two

The Bethlehem Business Women's Club will present scholarship awards to two Bethlehem Central students at an assembly at the high school May 21. They are Lisa Clark, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gerry Clark, and Thomas Denham, son of Mrs. Maude Denham. Mrs. James A. McCarroll, Jr., club president, will make the presentations.

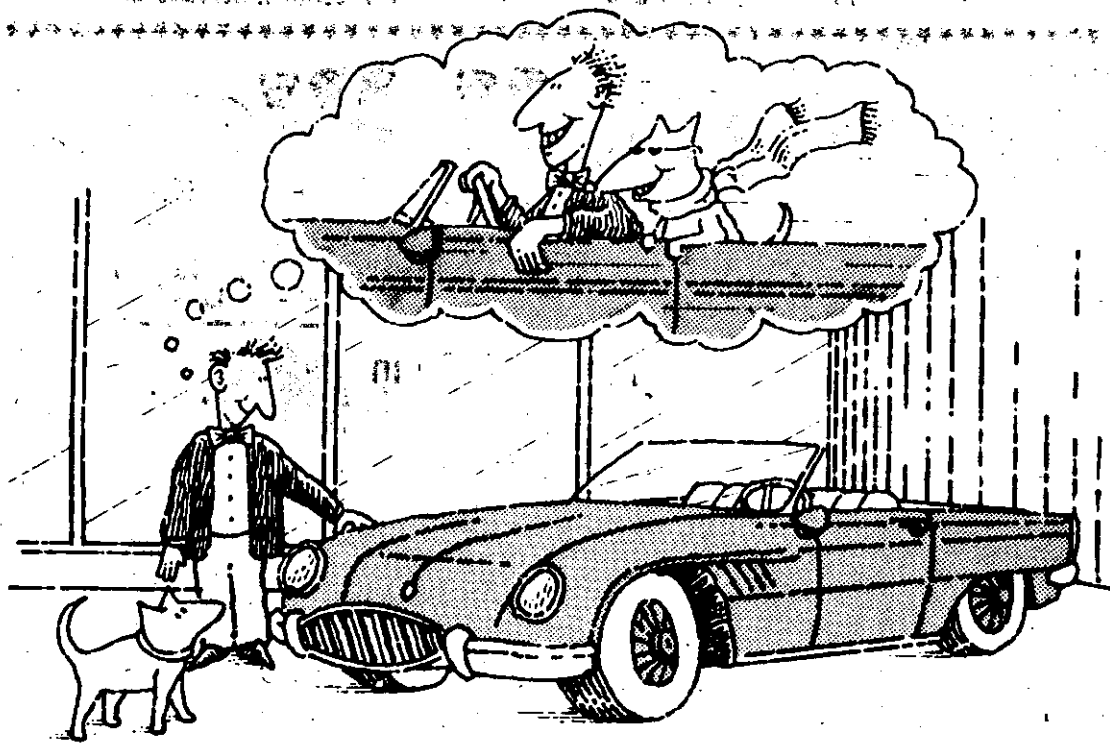
Nuclear power topic

The Delmar Kiwanis Club heard from a Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. spokesman at its meeting last week at Star-lite Restaurant in Glenmont. James Kellogg told the Kiwanians that nuclear power is the least expensive energy source for the future, compared with oil, coal and water power.

Dutch roots

The congregation of the Delmar Reformed Church will celebrate their Old World roots with a Heritage Sunday on May 20. A 10 a.m. worship service in Dutch will also feature Dutch costumes. It will be followed by a covered-dish luncheon and a display of pictures and memorabilia dating from the church's early days.

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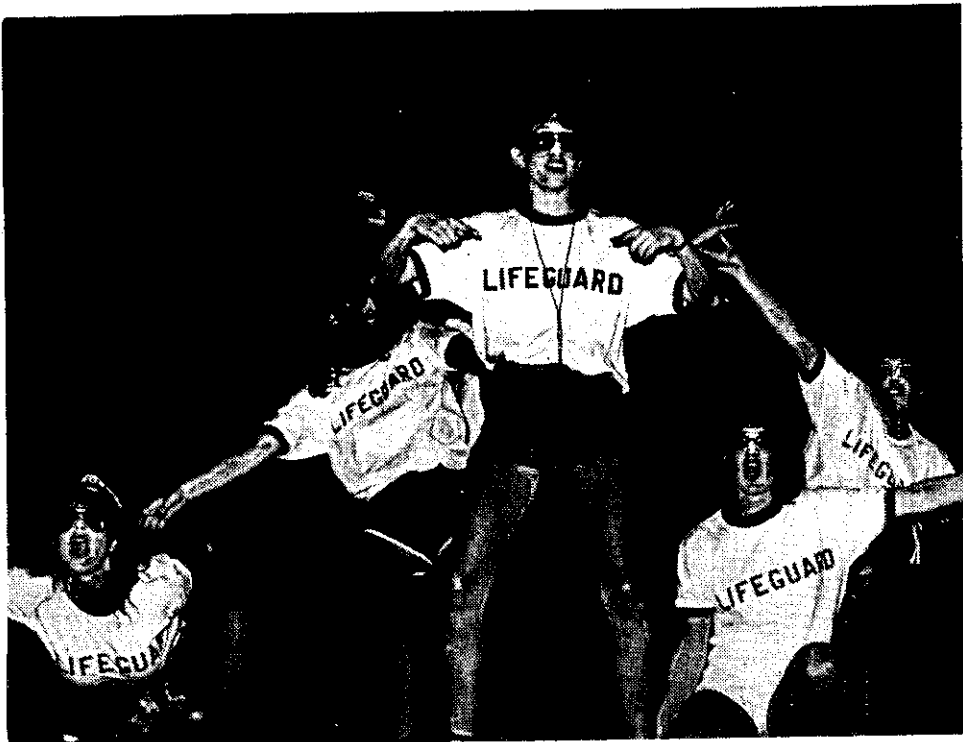
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Surgeon honored

Dr. Harvey W. Kausel of the Town of New Scotland recently received the fourth annual Physician's Recognition Award presented by the trustees of St. Peter's Hospital in Albany. A spokesman for the hospital said Dr. Kausel introduced thoracic surgery to the hospital

when he joined its staff in 1953. He continued surgery and teaching at the hospital for 30 years before retiring.

Dr. Kausel is a graduate of the Yale University School of Medicine and completed his residency at New Haven Hospital, in Connecticut.

RCS reviews new options

More than 100 RCS school district residents heard Supt. Milton Chodack present five alternate solutions to the problem of elementary class size at a meeting of the school board Monday night.

The options were: move two kindergarten classes from Becker School to the Ravena School, move three fifth grades from Becker to Pieter B. Coeymans School, redraw the north-south lines and phase in kindergartners, use the Board of Education building for one kindergarten classroom, or convert the entire

Thatcher St. building to classrooms and lease space in Ravena's civic center for central offices.

Chodack said a move to the civic center was "just a possibility, just one option," he said no steps had been taken to negotiate for the space.

An informal show of hands from the audience overwhelmingly favored the first option, moving two kindergarten classes to the Ravena school. The board deferred action until next Monday, May 23.

51 years of service

Jim Marotta of Delmar has retired as land resources manager for the Bureau of Land Management at the state Office of General Services. He has a combined total of 51 years with the New York Central Railroad, the Army and the state. Marotta received a bachelor's degree in civil engineering from Union College, where he was on the varsity football and baseball teams and was college champion horseshoe player. In the Army during World War II, he was sent to India, where he was put in charge of 100 miles of railroad. He was recalled to active duty with the Selective Service System in 1950, and served as deputy state director with the rank of colonel for five years. Marotta joined OSG in 1973.

He was elected to the Albany Bowling Hall of Fame in 1981, and has served on its board of directors for five years. Marotta also enjoys golf and has a backyard site for horseshoe pitching.

Marotta has been instrumental in construction of a new building for the Colonie Christian Life Center Church, he and his wife, Clara, plan to visit Italy, where he has relatives near Naples.

In Delmar The Spotlight is sold at Handy Andy, Delmar Card Shop, Tri-Village Drug and Stewarts

Service awards to 4

Four area residents were honored recently for their service to the State Education Department. Lewis E. Kohler of Voorheesville, employed in the Division of Museum Services, was presented a 30-year award. Twenty-five-year awards were given to Alvin P. Lierheimer of Delmar, who is in the Office of Higher Education Services, and to Garrett Van Alstyne of Selkirk, in the Bureau of Business Management Services. Alan G. Robertson of Delmar, an employee of the Bureau of Occupational Education, received a 20-year award. The four were among 72 long-time employees honored.

Top job at prison

Martin F. Horn of Delmar has been appointed superintendent of the medium-security Hudson Correctional Facility in Columbia County. He is a 1969 graduate of Franklin and Marshall College, in Pennsylvania, and has a master's degree in criminal justice from John Jay College, New York City. Horn was a parole officer for six years and taught criminal justice at the State University College at Utica-Rome from 1975 to 1977. He has been assistant commissioner for the Department of Correctional Services since 1980.

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\$5.8 mil school budget passes in light voting

Garnering 67 percent of the vote, the \$5,870,796 Voorheesville school budget passed handily at last week's election, 222-107.

The total vote of 329 was the lowest total since 1980 when 322 district residents visited the polls. Only 15 percent of the district's approximately 5,000 eligible voters chose to cast ballots this year.

Board president John McKenna and member John Zongrone both running unopposed, won reelection, with 287 and 281 votes respectively.

Since 1977, budget vote totals have ranged from 322 to a high of 545 in 1983. In 1976, 1,600 were drawn to the voting booth when the district proposed a \$40 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation increase.

District residents also passed the \$126,145 library budget, 257-66 an 80 percent margin.

Marilyn Bradley won election to the library board with 160 votes. She

defeated Edward Donohue, 87 votes, and Diane Connolly who received 78 votes.

Bradley fills a seat left vacant by board president Wyman Osterhout, retiring after the June meeting. The board will elect a new president at its organizational meeting in July, according to library director Jane Salvatore.

The library board has also delayed any decision on building expansion until receipt of a consultant's report in September, Salvatore said. The board hired Andrew Geddes, director of the Nassau County Library System, to prepare a report on construction alternatives, according to Salvatore. *Tom Howes*

Carrying the torch

Patricia Griffiths Clark of Derry, N.H., daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Griffiths of Voorheesville, is one of the runners selected to carry the Olympic torch across the nation to Los Angeles. Her group began their run in New Jersey, and will end Saturday in Ohio.



Edward A. Volkwein



Frances Spreer

Volkwein, Spreer top students

Edward A. Volkwein and Frances Spreer, have been named valedictorian and salutatorian, respectively, at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville.

Volkwein compiled a 98 percent

academic average during his high school career, and was a National Merit finalist. He is among 250 students nationwide who have received a \$1,000 National Honor Society scholarship, and he also earned a state Regents scholarship, the RPI medal for excellence in math and science, and a bronze medal from the Mathematics Association of America contest.

Volkwein was captain of the tennis team for four years and co-captain of the varsity volleyball team. He was a member of the ski club and a tournament chess player. He also plays the piano and the tuba, and is a member of the school's brass ensemble. He will attend Harvard College, where he plans to major in physics. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fredericks Volkwein of New Salem Rd., Voorheesville.

Frances Spreer has maintained an average of 97 percent during her four years of high school. She is the editor of the student newspaper, and secretary of the Student Council and Key Club. She was the school's representative to Girls' State in 1983.

Miss Spreer participated in varsity track, basketball and cheerleading. She plays the flute and saxophone in the school band and also works part-time at a local pharmacy. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Spreer of State Farm Rd., Voorheesville, and will attend the State University at Albany.



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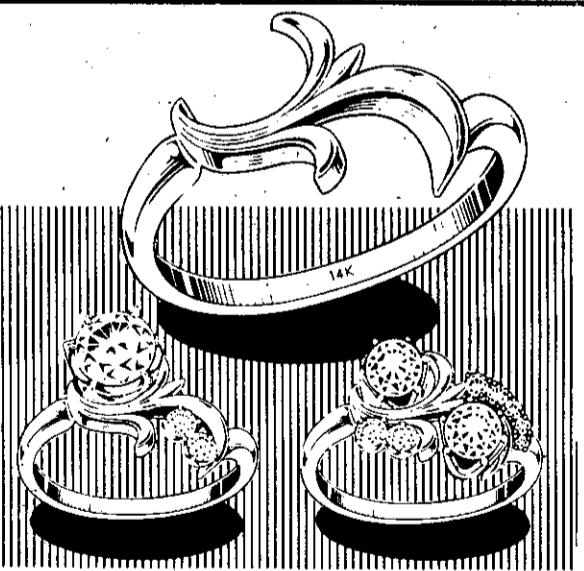
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PTSA to hold election

The Voorheesville Parent-Teacher-Student Association will meet on Tuesday, May 22, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. At that time, officers for the 1984-85 school year will be chosen. Those nominated are Mary Van Ryn, president; Ken Getnick, first vice president; Joanne St. Denis, second vice president; Janice Genovesi, treasurer; Rosemarie and Larry Pakenas, recording secretary, and Jeanne Knouse, corresponding secretary. Since this is the last meeting of the year, all PTSA officers and members are urged to attend.

Next week is also the deadline for reservations for the New York City bus trip sponsored by the PTSA. The trip will take place on Saturday, June 2, with the bus leaving Voorheesville at 8 a.m. and returning around 11 p.m. Riders will be taken to a central location in Manhattan and will be responsible for their own activities during the day. Cost of the trip is \$15 a person. All are welcome. Those wanting to reserve seats or to obtain information are asked to call Jean Mattimore at 765-2061 before May 21.

Orders are also being taken for T-shirts and sweatshirts. The purple shirts come in both children's and adult sizes with yellow lettering. Children's shirts bear the words Voorheesville Elementary School with a drawing of the school on it, while adult shirts have a simple logo and the word "Voorheesville." Cost for the T-shirts is \$6 for children's sizes and \$7 for adults, while sweatshirts are \$11 for children and \$15 for adults.

The shirts will be on display at the PTSA pet show June 9. They may be ordered ahead of time by calling Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748 or Joyce Schreiber at 765-2210. Both shirts were designed and printed by area artist Connie Burns. St. Denis adds that although all other shirts are purple, the children's sweatshirts come in navy blue with gold lettering since purple could not be obtained in smaller sizes.

Big in business

Karen Foley, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has been selected outstanding senior high school business student by the Albany chapter of the Administrative Management Society. She was honored at a dinner along with other area students at Siena College. Guest speaker was Schenectady Mayor Karen Johnson.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Vincent Foley, Karen planned to attend the dinner with her parents, business teacher Jane Willey and guidance counselor Lady Rucinski.

Scholarship to senior

Another area senior also received good news recently. Wendy Knapp, president of the senior class at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School has been named recipient of the Delta Kappa Gamma educational sorority's Edna Marwell Scholarship. The \$400 award is given to girls interested in careers in education and is presented on the basis of achievement in academics, school involvement and citizenship.

The daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Wesley Knapp of Rockhill Rd., Wendy is to receive the award from Mrs. Marwell herself at a dinner meeting this month. Mary Pilkington, a science teacher at the high school and a member of the sorority, had the honor of informing Wendy about the scholarship and plans to accompany her to the dinner.

Inside look at careers

Recently, 17 students in the district's gifted and talented program had a chance to mix careers and computers at Saturday morning sessions held at the high school. Teacher Jerry Irwin instructed them in computer programming and the technical aspects of computers, and seminars were conducted by local business and professional people. Among those who participated were Pat Baldorf, kindergarten teacher; Howard Breeze, attorney; Lee Nagus, associate in the Bureau of Mathematics at the state

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Education Department; Elton Butler, retired as a professor of mathematics at SUNYA, Benjamin Meyer, funeral director; Philip Joyce, educator in substance abuse; Bill Candido, pharmacist; Donald Otterness, coordinator of the gifted and talented program at the elementary school; Joe Huth of the Albany County Cooperative Extension, and John McKenna, businessman and president of the board of education.

Giant garage sale Saturday

Bargain hunters take note! The granddaddy of all garage sales will be held in the Salem Hills subdivision in Voorheesville this Saturday, May 19, from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m. The annual event will feature 100-plus families displaying items for sale. All are welcome to come and take advantage of Voorheesville's biggest garage sale.

Sale to aid scouts

The same day, Saturday, May 19, the Voorheesville Neighborhood Girl Scouts and Brownies will have their annual bake sale and car wash from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. in the former Voorheesville Grand Union parking lot. Part of the proceeds from this event will be used to assist four Cadette Scouts who will be singing at the Girl Scouts World Convention Conference in July at Monmouth College in Tarrytown, N.Y. The four area girls, Laura Shearer, Jill Guyer and Margaret and Susan Arthur, were selected from among a large number of applicants for the choir.

Recently five area scouts took part in the eighth cadette conference at the Empire State Plaza. Jill Guyer, Laura Shearer, Judy Olsen, Michelle Schaff and Melony Thompson attended, along with more than 300 scouts from more than 18 statewide councils.

Artisans plan show

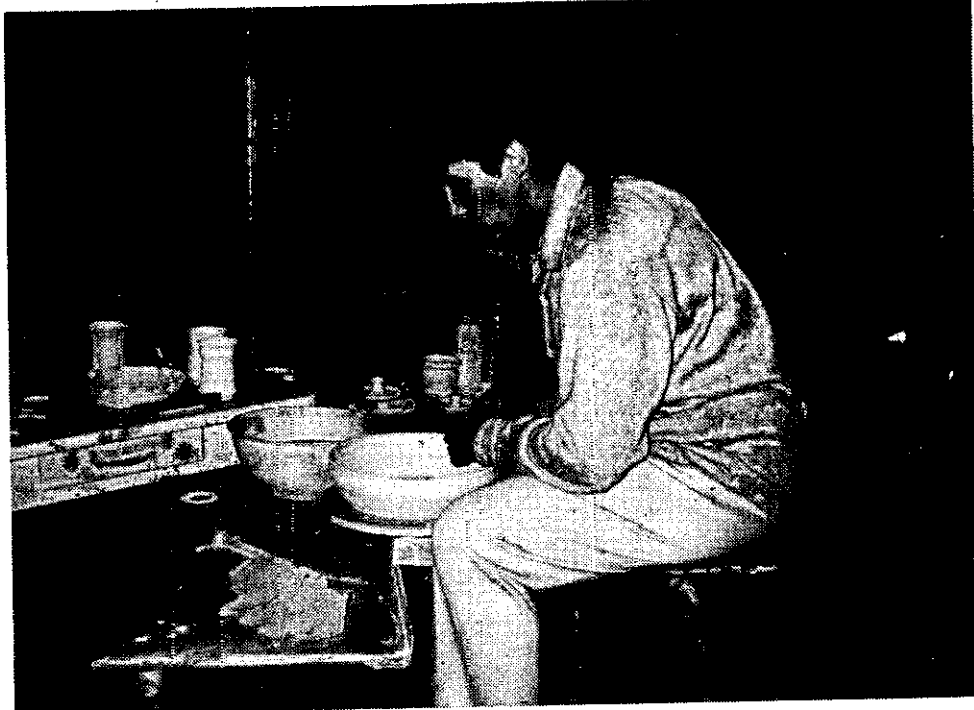
Around the corner and round the bend where Rt. 85A meets Picard Rd. the Locust Knolls Artisans will have their annual exhibit of primitive and American arts. The display will be open on Friday, Saturday and Sunday, May 18, 19 and 20, from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. with an evening showing on Friday, from 7 to 9. Local artisans will display such items as handcrafted pottery, hand-dipped and molded candles, and quilted goods, while a number of guest artists and craftsmen also will display their wares. Among them will be Tawn Höllick with her soft-sculpture dolls; Howard Coughtry with his wooden frames, boxes and shelves; Jean Goldstien, grapevine wreaths; Florence Winn oil paintings; Ellie Scofield, teddy bears; Jack Fairbank, primitive framed paintings; Gloria Scannell, woven woolens; Judy Shearer, molded candles, and Gary and Michelle MacDonald of MacDonald's Farm, who will introduce some new wooden folk art pieces. All are welcome to attend.

2 concerts at high school

Two school music concerts will be held this week and next. On Thursday, May 17, the junior-senior high school bands will present an evening of music, while the junior and senior high choruses under the direction of Margaret Dorgan will present a program on Wednesday, May 23. Vocal solos will also be a part of the evening's entertainment, featuring soloists David Mistretta, Larry Bach, Michelle Huth and Tina Rasmussen. Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school and are free and open to the public.

High flying cub scouts

Cub Scouts in Voorheesville's Pack 73 will be "getting their projects off the ground" on Sunday, May 20, when the



Pottery made by Bonnie Foster of New Salem will be a feature of the Locust Knoll Artisans' 7th annual spring show this weekend at the intersection of Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., New Scotland.

boys will have a spring rocket shoot at 2 p.m. at the Voorheesville High School. The 40 boys and their den leaders have been working on rocket kits over the past month, with the boys doing all the work on the models. Prizes will be awarded to the scouts on the basis of construction and height in flight.

Substance abuse group

The Voorheesville Substance Abuse Committee will meet on Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. With graduation and summer-vacation just around the corner, this will be an important meeting. Formation of a community support group will be discussed. Interested adults and teens are invited to attend and-or join the group.

Last call for cleanup

Last call for cleanup in Voorheesville. Trash left along the curb will be picked up in the village through Friday.

Two outings set

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will meet this evening (May 16) at the Old School House in New Salem at 7 p.m. At that time the group will hold a White Elephant Auction. Members of the group are reminded that the date of the bus trip to Vermont has been changed to Friday, May 25. The following day the seniors will venture down to the Empire State Plaza to attend the Miranda Staats concert. Those wanting more information on either outing should call President Lois Crouse at 765-2109.

Institute graduates

Three Delmar residents are among the graduates of a Public Relations-Communications Institute sponsored this spring by Albany Business College. They are Marlene Brookins, Diane R. Carroll and Flora Neumann. The institute is in its 22nd year.

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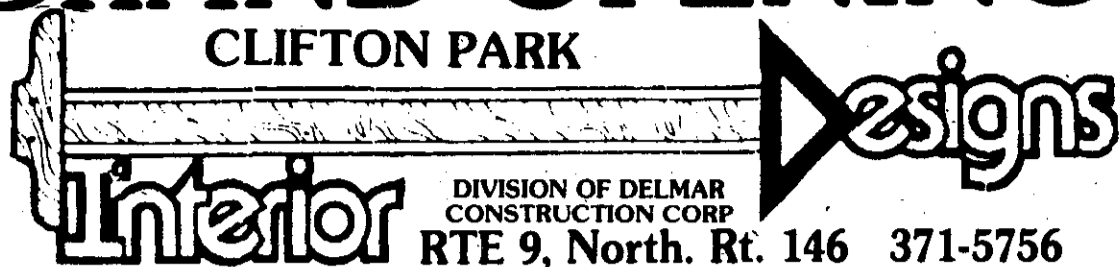
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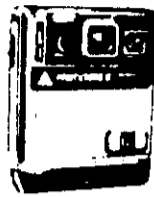
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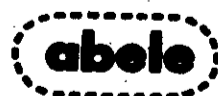
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A Mothers Day for learning

By Linda Anne Burtis

Chattering toddlers, infant paraphernalia, multi-colored baby carriers and enough diapers to keep a large nursery dry made the presence of 250 little ones at Le Leche's "A Celebration of Good Parenting" conference, held Saturday at the Bethlehem Central High School, strongly felt. More than 280 mothers and 87 fathers, from as far away as Long Island, were also on hand to keep all those infants and children happy and well fed.

Held the day before Mothers Day, the conference provided a day-long series of panels for parents to discuss breastfeeding, parenting, nutrition and childbirth. Nikki and David Goldbeck, nationally known authors of "Supermarket Handbook," were the featured speakers.

"Preventing and Coping with Parent Burnout" was one of the most popular panels. It was moderated by a very unburned-out-looking woman, Pat Wootan, mother of eleven children. Complaints and support were in ample evidence, as parents traded experiences. One mother talked about the difficulties that moving into a new community created. She resolved the problem "through a support network where I feel safe and good." La Leche organizers drew on their burnout theme, with signs on the high school walls seemingly

intended to inspire tired parents, such as: "Do you answer your child as fast as you answer your telephone?"

The fact that the high school had temporarily turned into a gigantic playpen was constantly apparent. Infants could be seen having great fun pulling themselves up on desks to chew on wooden edges or dipping inside wastebaskets looking for surprises.

Caesarean Prevention and Vaginal Birth after Caesarean was another well attended panel. Esther Zorn, president of the Caesarean Prevention Movement, was the speaker. A mother who delivered a child by Caesarean section, she spoke with familiarity about the professional literature. According to Zorn, "we're not saving more babies as a result of an increased Caesarean section rate."

At the Alternative Schooling panel moderator Kathy Houk found herself speaking to the converted. Many of the parents had already opted to teach their children at home rather than in public or private schools. Fears about a lack of sufficient socialization experiences for their home-instructed children was a common concern, solved in one case by becoming a Brownie leader and by joining the local soccer team in another case.

Debbie Braverman, a mother of five children, teaches her two older children

with help from her husband. She said she is reassured by the standardized testing her local public schools have performed on her "students," because her eight-year-old reads on the 6th grade level and scores at the 4th grade level in math. Braverman's children receive one to two hours of morning instruction, with a rest time and a long reading time in the afternoon. When asked about conflicts between the responsibilities of a large household and her teaching role, Braverman replied, "the schooling is the easy part; the hardest part is keeping up with the housework."

Carol Seligman, La Leche's area conference supervisor, said she was pleased with the large turnout. She explained that the format was "intended as part inspiration, part information and part sharing among parents." Two hundred and fifty small children were clearly the pleased recipients of this inspiration, information and sharing.

Ham in Clarksville

The Clarksville Community Church will serve its annual spring ham dinner on Saturday, May 19, from 4 to 7 p.m. Tickets to the fundraiser are \$6 for adults, \$2 for children ages five to 12 and \$1 for toddlers. For information, call 768-2993.

Club tops competition

Delmar Camera Club won first place in total points for color slide winners in the annual Hudson-Mohawk competition with camera clubs from a wide area of Eastern New York. Delmar finished second in color prints and tied for second in monochromatic prints.

Florence Becker won first prize in color prints and second in monochromatic prints, and Sheila Schlavin, Sally Whitcomb, Amelia Anderson and Elizabeth Christen were second through fifth in that order in color slides.

Club members will hold their annual Best-of-the-Year competitions at the final meeting of 1983-84 on May 22 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church parish house, Elsmere, as well as the monthly competition in various categories. Election of officers also will be held. The public is welcome. The program, starting at 7:30 p.m., will be presented by three members: Elizabeth Christen on cropping, Amelia Anderson on photo journalism, and Florence Becker on judging black-and-white prints.

Peace prospects discussed

William Schoonmaker will discuss Soviet-American relations at the Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival meeting on Monday, May 21, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Preparations for Herbert Scoville's visit on June 11 will also begin.

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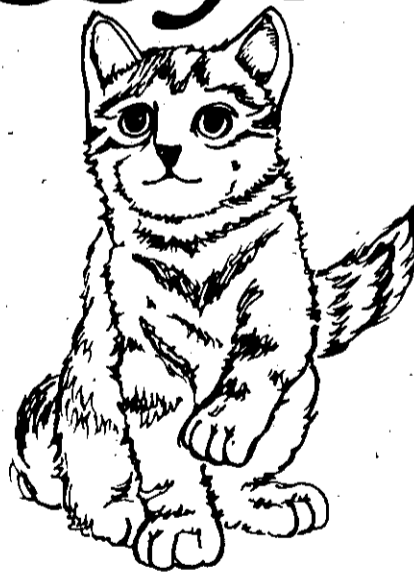
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SATURDAY, MAY 19
Barbershop Harmony, Electric City Chorus and 3 guests quartets benefit Epilepsy Association, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

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

Fallgate 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.

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.

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

Stress Management Workshop, Bethlehem Public Library, 103 p.m. Free; registration, 439-9314 by May 16.

Locust Knolls Artisans, spring show and sale, Picard Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Car Wash and Bake Sale, sponsored by neighborhood Girl Scouts, Grand Union parking lot, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Salem Hills Garage Sale, by more than 100 families, subdivision 85A, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Tri-Village Squares, last square dance of season, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Church Baked Ham Dinner, Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Turnpike, 4-7 p.m.

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.

Locust Knolls Artisans, spring show and sale, Picard Rd. and Rt. 85A, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Dutch Heritage Sunday, Dutch service, ceremony, memorabilia displays and covered dish luncheon, Delmar Reformed Church, 10 a.m. worship.

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.

Library Book Sale, 3-day fundraiser, Bethlehem Public Library, 9 a.m.-9 p.m.

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

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:10 p.m.

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

Sunshine Senior Citizens, lunch at Fiesta Restaurant, Elsmere, noon.

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.

Career and Education Advisement, by appointment only, Bethlehem Public Library, 6-9 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Selkirk Fire Commissioners, Selkirk Fire Company No. 1, Maple Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Substance Abuse Committee, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Coalition for Peace and Survival, Soviet-American relations presentations by William Schoonmaker, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Poets Workshop, session 3 with Joseph Cardillo, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 22

Delmar Progress Club, literature group's annual picnic, at home of Harriet Chitney, noon. Information, 439-4071.

Spring Music Program, Hama-grael Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Regional Swine Herd Health Meeting, for interested veterinarians, adults and 4-H swine producers, County Resource Development Center, Voorheesville, 1-3 p.m. Information, 765-2331.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, bus trip to Crossgates Mall, \$1 registration at Thursday meeting, 12:30-4 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 8 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

Voorheesville PTSA, meeting and elections, Voorheesville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Sunshine Senior Citizens, bus trip to Crossgates Mall, Albany, 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Delmar Progress Club, garden group trip to Landis Arboretum in Esperence, leaves Town Parking Lot, 9:30 a.m.

Spring Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

"What Else Are We Learning from Television?", Morality in Media discussion, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30-9 p.m.

High School Tour, for incoming eighth graders and parents, Bethlehem Central High School.

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

Choral Concert, junior and senior high students, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Library Microcomputer Orientation, validation to join Apple Corps and use Apple IIe computer, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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

THURSDAY, MAY 24

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

Tender Mercies, Robert Duvall film for Senior Citizens Organization, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1:30 p.m. Free.

Orientation for Parents of Fifth Graders, Bethlehem Middle School, 9:30 a.m.

Instrumental-Choral Concert, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Civil War Round Table, "From Maps to the Macabre; Ambrose Bierce as Topographer," Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Strawberry Supper, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush 4:30 p.m. Reservations, 767-3143.

MONDAY, MAY 28

Memorial Day Parade, starting at Bethlehem Cemetery, west on Kenwood Ave., Adams Pl., Adams St. and then east on Delaware Ave. to Memorial Park, 10:30 a.m.

Memorial Day Holidays, Voorheesville Village Hall, New Scotland Town Hall, Bethlehem Town and landfill closed; town sanitation collection delayed until Tuesday.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

Creepy Caterpillar Making, for toddlers under 3, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Slingerlands Homeowners Association, meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Middle School PFO Meeting, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

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Events in Nearby Areas

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.

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

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

Association of University Women, meeting and presentation of "Women in Media Award" to Marci Elliott, Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, 5:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-0308.

THURSDAY, MAY 17

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.

State Police Auction, unclaimed articles from around state, Troop G garage, Rt. 9, Loudonville, 11 a.m. show, 1 p.m. auction.

Be Your Own General Contractor, Capital Hill Improvement Corporation panel discussion, 419 Madison Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. Free; information, 462-9696.

Alzheimers Association, support group meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Rental Property Owners Association, meeting, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

RPI Alumni Reunion, Friday commencement and week-end of sporting events, campus tours and parades for grads and families, RPI, Troy.

What High Technology Means to You, Job Outreach talk for the unemployed, Human Resources Center, Albany, 4:30 p.m. Free.

"Is Physical Exercise Good for Your Health?" Public Health Association lecture, Cultural Education Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:15 p.m. Free.

Louis and Charlotte Hyde: Building and Art Collection, lecture, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 18

Blood Pressure Clinic, Albany Medical Center main lobby, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Free.

Wood Graining Class, Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Greclan Festival, Tavern night with Bouzouki food, music and drink, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.

Colonial Market Fair and Encampment, historic weekend begins with recruiting of British and American Soldiers, Main St., Johnson Hall, Johnstown.

Ostomy Association, week-end conference for patients and health professionals, Albany Hilton Hotel, information, 463-8126 evenings.

SATURDAY, MAY 19

Greclan Festival, food and crafts, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Whitehall Rd., Albany, noon-10 p.m.

Albany Business College Commencement, Palace Theater, Albany, 9:30 a.m.

Hudson Valley Community College Commencement, at Hudson Hall, 10 a.m.

Church Ham Dinner, Grafton United Methodist Church, 4:30 p.m.

Bandbox Class, Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Cranberry the Clown Performance, mime, puppets, ventriloquism, juggling, music and balloons about good nutrition, Rensselaerville Institute, 3 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, MAY 20

Greclan Festival, food, souvenirs, music and folk dancers, St. Sophia Greek Orthodox Church, Whitehall Rd., Albany, noon-10 p.m.

Siena College Commencement with speaker first Lady Matilda Cuomo, at the college.

Plant and Seedling Sale, soil tests by Cornell Cooperative Extension master gardener, St. Andrew's Church, Main St. and Madison Ave., 11:45 a.m.

Jewish Singles' Party, Americana Inn, Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 7:30-11:30 p.m. Information, 869-2013.

Toy Train Collectors Society Meet, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

Russel Sage College Commencement, at RPI Houston Field House, Troy, 10:30 a.m.

Junior College of Albany Commencement, Administration Building quadrangle, 4 p.m.

Nature conservancy Field Trip, to Moccasin Kill Preserve, from Kiwanis boat launch, Rotterdam, 2-4 p.m.

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

French-Canadian Genealogy Lecture, St. Joseph's Hall, congress St., Cohoes, 1:30 p.m.



William Kennedy, acclaimed author, and Matilda Cuomo, New York's First Lady, will be honored at the Siena College commencement.



TUESDAY, MAY 22

Delmar Camera Club, Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elmsere, 7:30 p.m.

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

The French Heritage in N.Y. State, lecture by Franco American and Quebec Heritage Series coordinator, Albany Public Library, noon.

Minn Breuer Hadassah Dinner, home of Risa Kassof, 29 Marion Ave., Albany. Information, 439-5320.

Empire State College Information Session, for Master of Art degree candidates, 15 Washington Ave., Albany, p.m.

Volunteer Fire Service Exhibits, seminars, tours, firemen demonstrate equipment sponsored by Senate Assembly, outdoor plaza and indoor concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Flower Gardens, Now or Never, spring garden lecture, Colonial Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., 7 p.m. soil testing, 7:30 p.m. program.

Itelle and Colitis Foundation general meeting, HUYC Auditorium, Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Ave., p.m.

Friends of the Albany Public Library Annual Meeting, lecture program and reception, at the main library, Washington Ave., 8 p.m.

Language and Reading Development in Children, lecture program for parents, Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Volunteer Fire Service Exhibits, firemen demonstrate equipment, sponsored by Senate Assembly, outdoor plaza and indoor concourse, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 9 a.m.

Giant Charity Garage Sale, more than 40 local agencies participating, East Greenbush flea market, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 477-5897 or 462-3166.

Fourth Annual Cropwalk, sponsored by Capital Area Council of Churches to earn money for local hungry, First Church of Albany, 56 Orange St., Albany, 1 p.m.

Albany State Commencement, with guest speaker — Pulitzer Prize winning historian Arthur Schlesinger Jr., University Field, SUNYA, 1 p.m. academic procession.

Jewish Theater Lecture, with authoress Dr. Ellen Schiff, Temple B'Nai Sholom, Whitehall Rd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

EBA Auditions, for dancers in "Maude Baum and Company," EBA Chapter House Theater, Hudson and Love St., Albany, noon for men, 2 p.m. for women. Information, 465-9916.

MONDAY, MAY 21

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

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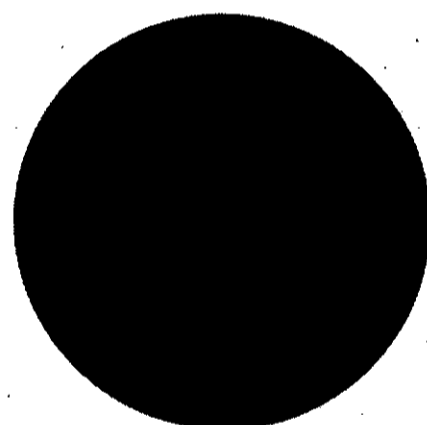
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Couple plans weekend on wheels

Spending a weekend by a lake in the beautiful Adirondacks is pleasant, but not necessarily unusual. The plans a Selkirk couple have made for a weekend in the mountains, though, are a little out of the ordinary. Linda and Jim Harrington are preparing to spend June 23 to 25 participating in a bicycle marathon in the area of Lake Champlain — to be more specific, around Lake Champlain.

Biking for the benefit of the American Lung Association, the Harringtons will be joining approximately 50 bicycling enthusiasts who plan to pedal their way around the entire shoreline of the lake — a distance of approximately 200 miles.

The Harringtons are avid bikers and often spend their leisure time traveling to points of interest in this manner. This will be their first marathon. In preparation for the event, during the winter Linda and Jim used an exercise bike to keep in form, pedaling 30 to 40 miles every evening. They were a little apprehensive that the course might be primarily mountainous, but they have determined that most of the route is "relatively" level. "Only" the first five or six miles are mountainous, and the last leg of the marathon has roller coaster terrain.

Beginning at 9 a.m. each day, the bikers will ride until dusk, when they will check in at one of the two base camps along the route. Providing food and shelter for the participants, the predetermined campsites will also assure officials all bikers are safely accounted for. The group will be accompanied by four vans to ensure immediate assistance in the event of an emergency.

NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



As a minimum of \$180 in pledges are required before a registrant can officially qualify, the Harringtons are spending much of their free time seeking pledges from businesses and individuals for the American Lung Association. Proceeds from the marathon will be used to educate the public about the harmful effects of smoking, living with asthma, support emphysema victims, occupational health hazards, and lobbying on the local, state, and federal levels for a cleaner environment. Anyone who is interested in making a contribution may do so by sending checks payable to the American Lung Association to: RD #1, P.O. Box 372 B, Selkirk, 12158 or calling Jim or Linda Harrington, 767-3394.

In concert at plaza

The 11-year-old, blue-eyed, blonde country and western singer from South Bethlehem is again in the news as she prepares to perform in concert at the Empire State Plaza. Mirinda Lynn Staats, who is known on stage simply as Mirinda, will be headlining two concerts Saturday, May 26, in the Convention Hall at the plaza. Appearing with Mirinda at the 1 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. performances will be vocalist C.J. Colt,

the American Gentlemen Band, and the Cross-County Dancers.

Mirinda has just returned from Nashville where she recorded a new release for Stargem Records. One of the songs featured on the soon-to-be-released record is "Don't Tell Mama," a song written for Mirinda by her father, singer-songwriter Jim Staats. Another of the songs, "Square Dance Saturday Night," was written by Bill Schappi and Dave Burnham of Southbound, the Voorheesville-based group. Tickets are available at the Community Box Office for country and western music fans who would like to see this talented young lady perform.

Testing due for tots

A pre-kindergarten screening test is the next step for youngsters who will be enrolling in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk kindergarten classes next fall. Most parents have already made appointments for the testing, which is scheduled between May 16 and 22. Parents who haven't registered their children are encouraged to call the school immediately for an appointment. Verification of a child's immunization records and a review of the child's health history will be taken care of at the testing. Parents are asked to have records with them.

The screening will consist of vision and hearing screening as well as a check of the child's speech and language performance. Listening ability and muscle control will also be evaluated.

Historical group elects

The Bethlehem Historical Association recently elected officers. They are: president, Evelyn Alford; first vice president, Margret Law; second vice president, William LaMed; recording secretary, Ann Van Dervort; corresponding secretary, Marjorie Terrell; treasurer, George Bloodgood. Elected for three-year terms as trustees were Donald Gillespie, Eleanor Gochanour and William Tinney.

Comic capers on Saturday

Have you purchased tickets for the two-act comedy, "Let Him Sleep 'til It's Time for His Funeral"? There will be only one performance, this Saturday, May 19. The curtain will go up at 8:30 p.m. at the South Bethlehem Church, Willowbrook Ave. Tickets are \$4 and may be obtained from any member of the United Methodist Women of South Bethlehem. Admission includes dessert and coffee.

Members of the cast hope the audience will enjoy a good laugh as they watch the performers caper through this crazy comedy. The play is produced by special arrangement with Contemporary Drama Service, Merriwether Publishing LTD., Colorado Springs, Colo.

Seniors sign up to vote

Sixty-four students at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School are set to have a say in selection of the country's next president in the November election. The 64 registered as voters recently at the school under a voter registration program sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Albany

County. Norma Pettit and Kay Valentino, members of the nonpartisan volunteer organization, provided information and registration forms for the students.

Anyone who is an American citizen and will be 18 years old by election day, Nov. 6, can register. Seniors who plan to be away at college or in the armed forces in November received information about absentee balloting. Eligible students who did not sign up at the school can register by mail using forms obtained from town or village offices, public libraries, or boards of election. Arrangements for bringing the registration program to the high school were made by the social studies department.

Luncheon, shopping for seniors

The Sunshine Senior Citizens have a number of activities planned for this week. On Monday, May 21, at noon, the group will be dining at the Fiesta Restaurant in Elmsmere. The following day, the seniors have scheduled a trip to the newly opened Crossgates Mall. The day is completely unplanned, allowing individuals to do as they wish once they arrive at the shopping center. They will be leaving by bus for Albany from the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem parking lot at 10 a.m. Everyone is welcome.

Every Tuesday is Senior Citizens Day at the Mall, with merchants offering special discounts. Admission to the theaters on the upper level also are reduced on Tuesdays. A senior citizen may attend any show before 3 p.m. for only \$1.

Fire equipment sale

On Sunday, May 20, at p.m., the members of the Selkirk Fire Department will hold a most unusual auction, in fact, the first of its kind in this area. Items to be sold will include new, used and antique fire equipment that the district no longer uses. Included in the sale will be other miscellaneous items such as windows, doors, lights, etc. The sale is to be held at the Selkirk Fire House on Rt. 396 in Selkirk.

The sale should attract fire companies in need of fire equipment and also collectors. It will offer ladders, fire nozzles, helmets, boots, radios, hoses, extinguishers and hundreds of other items.

Refreshments will be on sale. Preview time will be noon. Terms of the sale will be cash, good check or fire company purchase order.

Worn flags wanted

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge and Nathaniel Adams Blanchard post of the American Legion are collecting worn, faded or otherwise unserviceable American flags for disposal by a ceremonial burning on Flag Day, June 10. Such flags can be dropped off at the following places, in addition to sites already announced: Adams Hardware, Delmar Travel, Fowler's Liquor Store, Hilchie's Hardware, Professional Kitchen Designs and Stewart's Bread and Butter Shop, all on Delaware Ave., and St. Stephen's Episcopal Church on Elmsmere Ave. and *The Spotlight* at 125 Adams St.

Flags to be disposed of also may be taken to the Elks Lodge, Rt. 144 at Winne Rd., Selkirk, where the ceremony is to take place at 2 p.m. June 10.

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Tuxedo and taxi

Prom-goers this weekend are being offered coupons that will provide discounts on flowers, tuxedo rentals and taxi service. The discount coupons are being provided by the Albany County Stop-DWI program, with the cooperation of local police departments and schools. The coupons, available from class advisors and from the police department, are redeemable at the following businesses:

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Taxi services: Pine Hills, Albany Yellow Cab, Colonie Capitaland, Latham Circle, Westmere Guilderland and Watervliet-Menands.

The coupons carry the message "Friends Don't Let Friends Drive Drunk."

Livestock missing

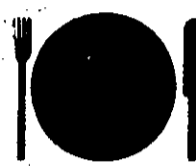
Two rabbits and a 35-pound turkey were taken from a farmyard on Smultz Rd. in Glenmont last Monday, according to Bethlehem police reports. The turkey was valued at \$50 and the rabbits at \$10 each, the report noted.

Plane misses runway

A Selkirk pilot and a student escaped injury Saturday when the small craft they

were in went into brush about 1,500 feet from the runway at the South Albany Airport, Bethlehem police reported. James D. Feil, 52, of Selkirk told police he was practicing landings with a student when the accident occurred about noon. Bethlehem police investigated the accident, in which the Cessna 150 was damaged, and Federal Aviation Administration investigators also were called.

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The incredible clinging boy

"Eli! Eli, it's time to get up. The school bus will be here in a little while. Get up, young man."

Mom goes about her breakfast routine in a half-stupor, realizes that five minutes have passed without hearing any familiar sounds from her 9 year old's bedroom, and she approaches the stairway again.

"Eli! Get up! You'll be late!"

A thin, sickly voice makes its way out of Eli's bedcovers down the stairs to Mother's ears. "I don't feel good. My stomach hurts."

As Mother slowly and deliberately trudges up the stairs to soothe, urge, tug and pull her reluctant fourth grader out of the house and into the school, she feels her entire body tense up realizing she is about to face another dreaded morning with "The Incredible Clinger."

He not only refused to get on the school bus, but eventually took his stand in the hallway refusing to leave home. His sobbing and writhing ultimately gave way to a full-blown temper tantrum . . .

Little Eli had taught his mother just how strong the muscles in his tiny frame could be when she tried to pull him out the door last week to drive him to school. He not only refused to get on the school bus, but eventually took his stand in the hallway refusing to leave the house. His sobbing and writhing ultimately gave way to a full-blown tantrum, and in his panic-rage he knocked a framed picture

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



off the wall, shattering the glass as he was flailing against his mother's attempts to get him to stand up, he kicked her shin leaving her with a battle bruise of motherhood.

Eli's mother felt all alone with nowhere to turn. Because of her distress, her husband went into work late one morning to handle Eli's attack at dawn. To Mother's dismay Eli responded quickly and easily to Father's command, and washed, dressed, ate and bounced out the door on time to catch the bus to school. Her husband chimed, "All you have to do is let him know who's boss."

Mom wondered if he were right. She wondered if her little boy merely loved his father more than her. She wondered if she lacked something as a parent, as a person. She spent most of the morning in tears.

By the end of the day she had rallied her inner forces, partly because she knew the job was hers as her husband spent most of the workweek out of town, and partly because she was angry — angry at her husband whose solutions were always too simple for her to adopt, angry at her son who was taking advantage of her softness and her caring, and angry at herself for feeling so weak against this little boy whom she delivered, nursed, changed his diapers, taught to use a spoon and loved so very much.

That afternoon Eli's mother placed a telephone call to a psychotherapist who specialized in working with families and children, and who had helped a neighbor

whose child was hyperactive. The therapist called her back that evening and after a few minutes of reassuring talk, she made an appointment for her, her husband and Eli. She knew that it would be the strength of her feelings that would win her husband's agreement to see a professional, even if he denied the existence of the problem. She knew he loved her, and that he would feel her distress as well as her resolve to get help. And he did, and they all went.

What they learned in the therapist's office was that Eli's behavior had nothing to do with the love they shared as a family. He wasn't playing favorites or testing the limits of caring or experiencing some unexplainable hostility toward

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anyone. He was just plain scared of something he didn't understand.

They also learned that fear and anger often resemble one another, especially when the source is unknown. A drowning victim, for example, acts hostile toward the rescuer and, indeed, may pull the rescuer under the waves in panic. Like the rescuer, a parent of a clinging child must take control with firmness, consistency and arbitrary decisions. The parents must say to the child as well as to him or herself, "I know what's best," and then do it.

And when the battle is over, it is time for warmth, nurturing and smiling. It is time to reaffirm the love bond that holds the family together. It is time for reassurance that the struggle hasn't diminished the caring, but rather was engaged in because of it.

In this case, as in many cases of school phobia, Eli was reacting not to a desire to avoid school, but to an exaggerated fear that something terrible would happen to his loved ones if he left home. His irrational answer was simply to stay home to avert the danger. The therapist helped these parents realize that Eli was responding to his father's frequent absence during the week when he was traveling as part of his job. He was also

reflecting Mom's silent discontent with her husband's required travel away from home, even though Eli himself could not verbalize or be aware of his mother's feelings. He was just reacting on a pure emotional level without rhyme or reason, as most youngsters do.

With therapy to understand the dynamics, and with some more hard work and strong support in that work, Mom was able to deliver the goods whenever Eli had the "bads," Dad was able to readjust his road schedule slightly to lend a hand more often during the tough times, and Eli gradually gained more self-control over his fears and calmed down to continue his growth as a normal, healthy and happy little boy.

BIRTHS



Albany Medical Center Hospital

Girl, Joamy Lynne, to Susan and Michael Herzog, Voorheesville, March 30.

Girl, Ruth Anna Marie, to Dr. and Mrs. Robert Catalano, Delmar, April 5.

Girl, Catherine Elizabeth, to Cathy, and David Semenov, Delmar, April 13.

Boy, Michael George, to Lynda and John Nuttall, Delmar, April 19.

Girl, Meaghan Elizabeth, to Robert and Lesley Snyder, Delmar, April 20.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Risa Kate, to Joyce and George Sarachan, Delmar, March 17.

Girl, Rebecca Martha, to Christine and Stephen Corson, Delmar, April 24.

Boy, Stephen Michael, to Lynne and Michael Sanchez, Delmar, April 27.

Girl, Mary Beth, to Catherine and Stephen Picarazzi, Delmar, April 29.

Girl, Katherine Elizabeth, to Ellen and Lawrence Hammond, Delmar, May 1.

Boy, Jared Michael, to Kellie and Frank Archambeault, Selkirk, May 4.

Boy, Beau Anthony, to Lori and Daniel DiPace, Voorheesville, May 8.

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Gilbert Brookins

Elected to board

Gilbert M. Brookins of Elsmere was recently elected to a two-year term on the executive board of the New York State Association of Two Year Colleges. Brookins, who is dean of academic affairs at Albany Business College, holds undergraduate and graduate degrees from State University at Albany, and has done advanced study at Harvard University.

Elected at Blue Cross

John S. Gold of Delmar has been elected president of the board of directors of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York. Gold is chief administrator of the New York Farm Bureau and directs the five Farm Bureau corporations that represent more than 20,000 farmers and growers in the state. He is a graduate of Cornell University and served in the Naval Air Corps during World War II.

Harvey Kahalas of Delmar has been elected to the Blue Cross board. Kahalas is dean of the School of Business at the State University at Albany.

A special message about drinking and driving for teen-agers and their parents.

Gift registry added

Barbara Leonpacher of Slingerlands, who is a consultant on framed prints and accessories with Transart Industries, a division of WLC Industries, Inc., in Georgia, has added a gift registry service. A registry can be set up for couples planning marriage, for graduates and for other gift-giving situations, she said. Transart gift certificates also are available. For information, call 439-4109.

Earns safety award

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corporation has announced that its Delmar plant has earned the company's first quarter safety award for reducing by at least 10 percent the number of injuries recorded under the regulations of the Occupational Safety and Health Administration.

The Delmar plant manufactures building insulation.

Award for realtor

Henry J. Klersy, Jr., of Delmar is to be among those honored today (Wednesday) at a luncheon scheduled by the Albany County Board of Realtors. Klersy is to receive a plaque in recognition of his contribution as a director of the group. Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen is slated to speak.

Cooking up courses

Vegetarian cooking is among the new courses in the Guilderland Central School's continuing education program this summer. The summer session begins Monday evening, June 4, and runs through the week of July 16. Among the more than 60 courses planned for all ages from high school up are investment strategies, private pilot's ground school, and plumbing, heating and electrical repairs.

The fee for most courses is \$22 for Guilderland residents and \$25 for nonresidents. For information call 861-8591 before 2 p.m. weekdays.



Charter members honored at the 20th anniversary luncheon of the Second Milers, an organization of active retired men, were, from left, Robert McNitt, Arthur Westfall, Jack Krause, Millerd Larkin and Rev. Robert Thomas. The club meets regularly at the Delmar United Methodist Church. J.W. Campbell

Parley on campaign

Daniel Maffeo of Delmar, state director for the American Association of Retired Persons, recently participated in a four-day AARP leadership meeting at which members discussed a campaign to restrain health care costs. AARP volunteers from four states met in Delaware to map a campaign strategy for the group, which counts 16 million members nationwide.

Two appointed

Two area residents have received appointments from the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany. Joan Thompson of New Scotland is a 1976 graduate of the University of Wisconsin with a bachelor's degree in nursing. She was formerly a staff nurse at the Albany Medical Center Hospital. Laura Bye, also of New Scotland, is a 1979 graduate of the University of Vermont. She now is the association's discharge clerk.

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The prom problem
If there's a chance you might drink and drive on prom night, you should know this: New York State has tough laws dealing with drinking drivers. Even after just a few drinks, you may be impaired enough to be arrested and convicted. And if you think you'll get away with it, consider this: Many counties have increased the number of law enforcement officers on the road, particularly after midnight. They're coming down hard on drinking drivers, even first offenders.

What you can do on prom night
We know there's a lot of pressure to drink. Many teens who don't usually drink do drink on prom night. If there's even a remote possibility that this could apply to you, here's what you should do: If you do have a few drinks, and you're driving, or riding with someone who's been drinking, call home and ask your parents to pick you up. Think that will embarrass you? It shouldn't. Consider the alternatives - being arrested by the police or being involved in an accident. You're still not convinced? Show this

message to your parents. Ask them afterwards if they won't please pick you up if you need it. No questions asked. The kid stuff is over. You're grown up. Your parents are grown up. Together, you can make sure you don't become an arrest statistic or an accident statistic on prom night.

What you as a parent can do
Too many prom nights have ended in tragedy. Because it's a big night out, there's enormous peer pressure to celebrate by drinking alcohol. Even with the best of intentions, some teens will end up driving under the influence. If they are stopped by police and found to be impaired or intoxicated, they'll be arrested. New York State is determined to get drunken drivers off the road - no matter who they are. We think you ought to do your son or daughter one big favor. Tell them that if they need you, you'll be waiting to drive them home. No ridicule. No comments. No questions asked. Tell them straight out that you'll respect their decision. You know you'd rather get a call from them than from the police or a hospital. Tell them that.

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BC's baseball team is struggling this season, but that's not due to lack of effort. Steve Mendel cuts loose a lefthanded fastball, above, as third sacker Andy Kasius gets set. In right photo, BC



first baseman Jim Dering holds a Shenendehowa runner close to the bag in a Suburban Council game. Tom Howes

Spotlight SPORTS

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Standings May 13

Major League

	W	L		W	L
Pr. Green.	2	1	Gen. Elec.	1	1
Farm Fam.	2	1	Roberts	1	1
Spotlight	1	1	Main Care	0	2

Intermediate League

	W	L		W	L
American	1	0	D. Answer.	1	0
Main Care	1	1	Stewart's	1	0
Paper Mill	1	2	Handy An.	1	0
Buenau's	1	2	Gen. Elec.	0	2
Sutter's	0	1			

Junior League

	W	L		W	L
McDonald's	2	0	Beth. Auto	1	1
Prof. Kitch.	1	0	Klersy	0	1
Pratt Vail	1	1	Hoogy's	0	2

Bethlehem Tomboys

Intermediate League

	W	L		W	L
Design Wo.	3	0	Eaton B.	1	2
GE Plastics	2	0	Farm Fam.	1	2
Riccardo's	1	1	Mom's	0	3

Minor League

	W	L		W	L
BPW	3	0	Tri-Vil. D.	1	2
Myers Tra.	3	0	Betty Lent	1	3
Bailey's	1	2	K. Jewelers	0	2

Church Softball

Results May 10

Delmar Reformed 5, Glenmont 2
 Presbyterian 21, Albany 5
 Beth. Community 9, St. Thomas 8
 New Scotland 11, Methodist 9
 Voorheesville-13, Clarksville 5
 St. Thomas II 7, Wynantskill 6
 Westerlo 10, Bethany 5

	W	L		W	L
Voorville	2	0	New Scot.	1	1
St. Tom II	2	0	Glenmont	1	1
Presby	2	0	Del. Refor.	1	1
Beth. Com.	2	0	Methodist	0	2
Wynantskill	1	1	Clarksville	0	2
Westerlo	1	1	Bethany	0	2
St. Thomas	1	1	Albany	0	2

On to Kentucky

Joseph Nicholas Futia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Futia, Jr., of Delmar, has graduated from the State University College at Morrisville with an associate's degree in journalism. A 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he plans to attend Western Kentucky State University, in Bowling Green this fall.

Bats boom as Eagles take 1 of 3

With only an outside chance to squeeze into the Sectionals, Bethlehem Central's baseball team was looking to its pitching staff for a return to excellence this week.

The BC mound staff absorbed heavy enemy shelling last week, giving up 45 runs in three games. In the debris, however, were two positive factors: (1) the Eagles won one of those slugfests, and (2) they produced some artillery themselves, but not nearly enough.

In the scorebook the week went like this: Monday, defeated Scotia by 20-15; Thursday, lost to Niskayuna by 13-1, and Friday, lost to Shenendehowa by 17-6. That left them 4-6 in the Suburban Council, 4-7 overall.

Scott Meyers, who earlier had emerged as the team's best pitcher with two low-hit route jobs, was rescued from a rain of base hits in the Scotia game, a contest in which no one was safe from flying baseballs. It was 9-6 Bethlehem after only three innings, and Scotia perpetrated a 7-run inning in the fourth. The

visitors were ahead by 15-13 and Howard Thompson had become the fourth Bethlehem pitcher when the Eagles came to bat in the sixth. Then the Eagles erupted for seven runs on five hits, one of them a double by Thompson, for a five-run lead. Thinking of supper getting cold on the table at home, Thompson set down the side in the seventh for the only scoreless frame on the board for either team.

Thompson led Bethlehem's 18-hit bombardment with four hits in five trips and four ribbies. Scott Bonanno and Tom McTague had three hits each.

BC bats were quiet with Niskayuna's well balanced team in town. The Niskies scored all 13 of their runs in the first three innings. Rich Keefe pitched two scoreless frames after relieving Meyers in the second, and Ray Roohan added two more ciphers at the end.

Mendel started against Shenendehowa and was down 9-1 when Roohan came on

in the sixth. Roohan gave up a run-scoring single before putting out the fire, but an inning later he yielded three walks and three hits for five runs and the game was gone.

Thompson again delivered the big blow for the Eagles, a bases-loaded triple to left center in a 5-run fourth. Mike Cronin and Kevin Roohan chipped in with two hits apiece, and Kevin and Keefe had doubles.

After 10 games Kevin Roohan was the team's leading sticker with 14 for 32 and a .438 average. Cronin was 13 for 36 and .361, and Bonanno 8 for 27 and .296.

Local sticker cited

Greg Portmann of Delmar, a sophomore at Penn State is the 1984 recipient of the Nick Thiel Award, given for the most improved player on the Penn State lacrosse team. The award is named in honor of Penn State's lacrosse coach from 1935 to 1956. Portmann, a graduate of Bethlehem Central, is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Glenn A. Portmann, 46 Brockley Dr.

It's a parade

The Memorial Day Parade will wind through the streets of Delmar, Monday May 28. It will begin with a graveside service for Nathaniel Adams Blanchard at the Bethlehem Cemetery at 10:30 a.m. and conclude at Memorial Park. The float and dignitary-filled parade is sponsored by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion.

Babe Ruth has 2 divisions

Bethlehem Babe Ruth Baseball has a new format this season. The league has joined forces with the former Senior Little League, and will operate in two divisions — the Tournament Division for players 14-15, also to be known as the Gold Division, and the Community Division for players 13-15, to be known as the Blue Division. There are five teams in each.

Games will be played on two fields. The Gold Division will use the Bethlehem

Middle School diamond and the Blue Division the large diamond at Magee Park. All games will start at 5:45 p.m. Blue Division teams opened their schedule this week. Gold Division play starts May 29.

Dennis M. Battle is president of the league. Other officers are: Bob Gola, vice president; Diane Swanson, secretary, and Ed Hart, treasurer. John Skillbeck is serving as equipment manager and Bob Cronin as tournament director.

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Faltering Blackbirds need a streak

By Mike Larabee

After 10 games, Voorheesville's baseball team had a 3-7 record and a need for a string of victories to receive an invitation to the Sectionals. Coach Jerry Gordinier summed up his team's position: "We have six games remaining. To make the Sectionals we must win at least five of them. Our team batting average is respectable, but we must cut down on walks and errors to be successful."

Team statistics support this statement. According to Gordinier, the Blackbirds have walked 65 and committed 45 errors in 10 games. Conversely, Voorheesville opponents have issued just 28 free passes and have had only 19 errors.

On the week, the Blackbirds were 1-2.

outscored Waterford on Wednesday but losing to Mechanicville Thursday and Watervliet Saturday.

Against Waterford, Brett Hotaling and Frank Baker combined for a three-hitter and Joe Rissberger tripled to set up the winning run in the 4-3 victory. Hotaling pitched the first five innings, struck out four and allowed no walks or earned runs before being replaced. Baker surrendered one walk and no hits and fanned three in two innings of work to pick up a victory and even his record at 2-2.

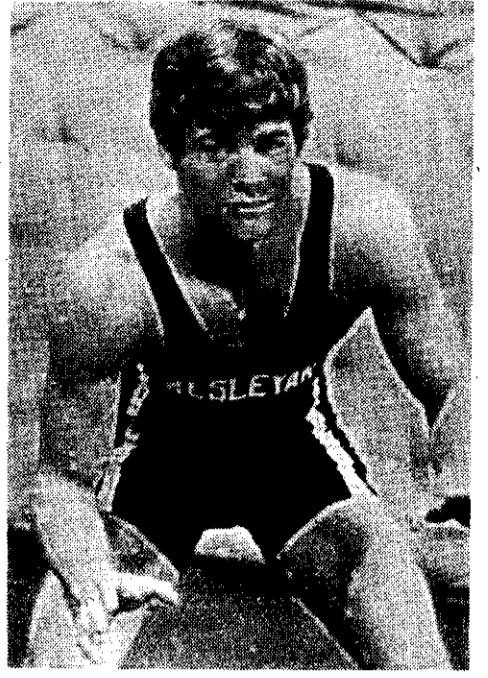
Hotaling helped his own cause in the sixth when he knocked a line drive single into left center to score Rissberger for the winning run. John Ryan went 2-for-2 and

raised his team-leading batting average to .421.

The Blackbirds played well in defeat against Mechanicville, losing 2-0 on a misplayed pop that accounted for both Raider runs. Junior Kevin Conley started the game and pitched well before Baker again came on in relief. Tom White, Gerry McNamara and sophomore Bill Kelly each had singles.

Just two Blackbirds hit safely during an 11-1 loss to Watervliet. Four pitchers threw in the contest.

This week Voorheesville was scheduled to play Albany Academy Monday, Watervliet today (Wednesday), Academy again Thursday, and Ravena home on Friday.



J.B. Rodgers

Price Greenleaf wins 2

In the Tri-Village Little League's first full week of play, Price Greenleaf of the Major League captured two impressive wins. The first came as the team beat Roberts, 10-2. Keith Tobin pitched a two-hitter for the victors and Craig Weinert and Pat O'Neill each had a single and a double.

Price Greenleaf's second victory came Sunday when they beat Farm Family, 3-2. Farm Family led throughout the game until the bottom of the last inning, when two walks and a wild throw on an infield grounder let in the winning run.

In other league action last week,

General Electric edged out Spotlight, 4-2. David Sodergren struck out 16 batters for GE, and Chris Bearup had a single, double and two RBI's. In Farm Family's 8-0 shut out of Main Care, Pat Doody pitched a no-hitter and Scott Hodge hit a grand slam.

Roberts beat Main Care in an exciting extra-inning game Sunday, 10-9. Josh Pierce had the winning hit for Roberts in the seventh inning. Pierce also combined with Chris Siciliano on the mound in the win. Matt Dennin was the hitting standout for Roberts with two singles and a double.

Seth Graham

Cycling for a cause

The annual Multiple Sclerosis Century, a bicycle ride with distances of 100, 50 or 25 miles, will be held Saturday, Aug. 4. Riders will start near the town of Argyle in Washington County and some will go as far as western Vermont. Century chairman Dr. David Welch, a Glens Falls physician, said cyclists are asked to raise at least \$25. All proceeds will benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society campaign to defeat this disease of the central nervous system. For information contact the society at 815 Central Ave., Albany 12206, telephone 459-5118, or Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Mansbach, Schenectady at 393-3475.

Wins mat letter

J.B. Rodgers, a junior from Delmar, has earned his third varsity letter in wrestling at Wesleyan University, Middletown, Conn. He fashioned a 12-1 regular season record competing in the 126-pound class. His season total of 50 points was fifth on the squad, which won the New England championship and established a New England College Conference record for points scored.

Rodgers, son of Dr. and Mrs. John Rodgers, 92 Dumbarton Dr., is a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, where he was a wrestling co-captain. He is majoring in economics at Wesleyan.

Driver 'serious'

James F. Sullivan, 31, of Delmar was listed as in serious condition at Albany Medical Center Monday following a one-car accident in the early-morning hours Sunday on Font Grove Rd. in Slingerlands. According to Bethlehem police reports, the car Sullivan was driving hit trees and fence posts when it went off the road about 2:40 a.m. Sunday. Sullivan was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad. John Appleby, 23, of Slingerlands, a passenger in the auto, was charged with disorderly conduct after he allegedly verbally abused officers at the scene. Appleby did not require hospital treatment, according to the police report.



Talk on Parsons center

Wayne Fry of Delmar will give a presentation about the Parsons Child and Family Center to the Delmar Kiwanis Club on Monday, May 21, at 6:30 p.m. at the Starlite Lounge.

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The annual Mothers Day road race for mothers and daughters got off at Hamagrael School in Delmar under sunny skies on Sunday. On the cover: Denise Hermon of Saratoga was the first across the finish line in 20 minutes, 24 seconds.

Tom Howes photos

Lady Eagles have full week

By Damon Woo

The Bethlehem Central softball team faces hard work and a busy schedule this week, the last full week of regular season play, in its bid to earn a berth in the Sectional tournament. Plagued by the spring rains, many of their games had been postponed and rescheduled, making the lady Eagles play a game a day this week.

Starting the week with a record of 4 wins and 4 losses, BC comes off several good performances. Last Wednesday, the team took a close contest from Shaker, 4-3. Barb Cebry, the team's experienced pitcher, earned her third win of the season, thanks to a winning hit by Kathy Tartaglia. The next day proved to be another good effort, but in vain. Three unearned runs for Burnt Hills in the first inning were Bethlehem's undoing in the 9-6 loss. On Friday, BC was back on top, defeating Scotia, 11-3. Kelly Burke and Julie Little each contributed two hits and Laura Treadway was the winning pitcher.

Coach Jesse Braverman seemed optimistic about the remaining games. He commented, "We've been hitting well and that has kept us in the game." He singled out Karen Burke, batting well over .500 as the team's leading hitter. Braverman also said, "Earning as contrasted to giving away runs makes the difference. Defensively and pitching we will be there, but we are playing teams with good records that don't make many mistakes."

On Monday, the team was scheduled to face Colonie. Yesterday's and today's games are with Niskayuna. Thursday the team will face Mohonasen and on Friday, Saratoga.

Three days on wheels

A three-day, 180-mile bicycle trek through the Lake Champlain region is planned as a fund-raiser for the American Lung Association of New York State. Dates are June 23 through 25. Cyclists are to sign up at least \$180 in pledges, with proceeds going to the association's programs of education and patient services. The trek is billed as "Camp With Camp." For information, 459-4197.

Video recorder gift

The Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent-Faculty Organization has made a gift of a video cassette recorder to the school. The recorder will be used to tape educational television programs for use in the classroom, a spokesman for the association said.




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The Ravena Lions Club's fifth annual flatwater canoe races will be run rain or shine at the Ravena-Coeymans Yacht Club on Sunday, May 20. Competing paddlers can enter a one-mile sprint at 1 p.m., a two-mile intermediate race at 2 p.m., or a two-mile relay at 3 p.m. The entry fees are \$5 for one race or \$12.50 for three. All proceeds will go to the Bethlehem Ambulance Squad.

For race information, call Ron Selkirk at 767-3018.

Going fishing

The Delmar Kiwanis Club has invited members of the town boards of Bethlehem and New Scotland to hear Norm McBride, a fishery biologist for the state Department of Environmental Conservation, discuss the stocking of municipal reservoirs for fishing. The Kiwanians and several local sportsmen groups have been trying for the last several years to get the Vly Creek Reservoir in the Town of New Scotland opened for fishing. The reservoir is owned by Bethlehem.

The meeting Thursday is at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Presbyterian Church on New Scotland Ave. and is open to the public.

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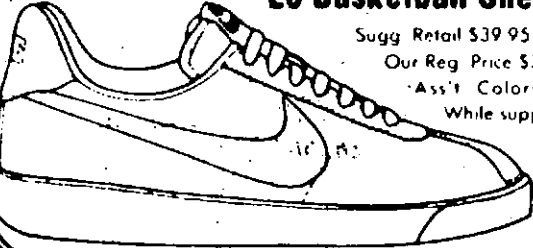
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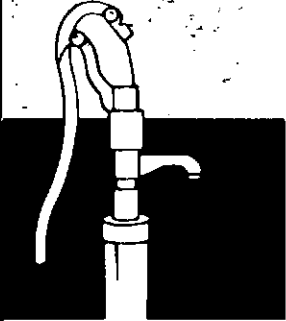
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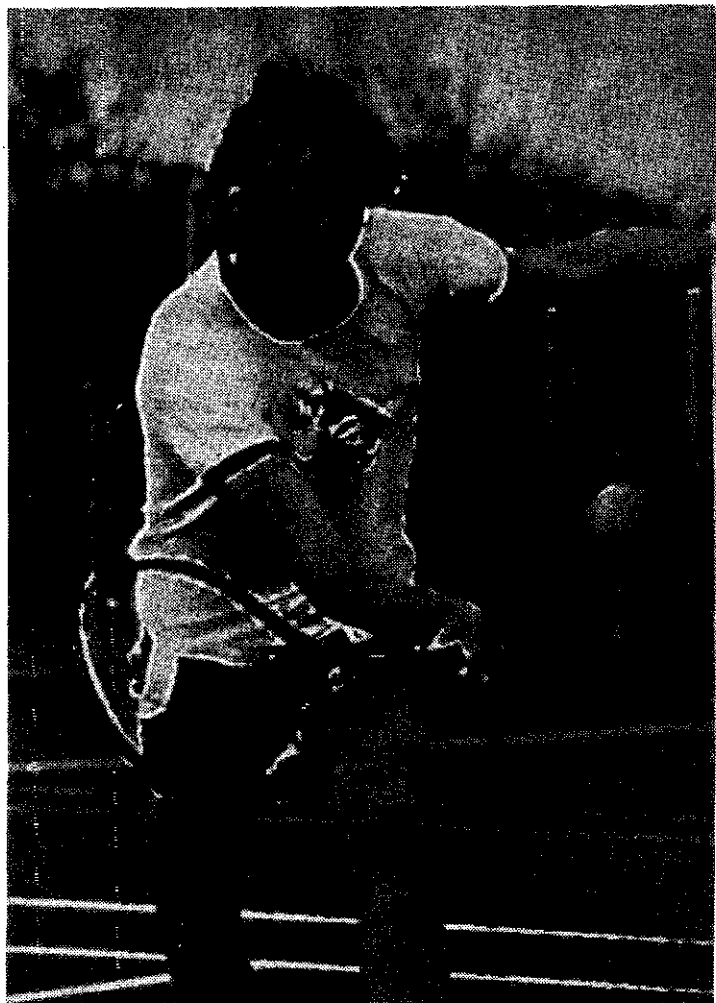
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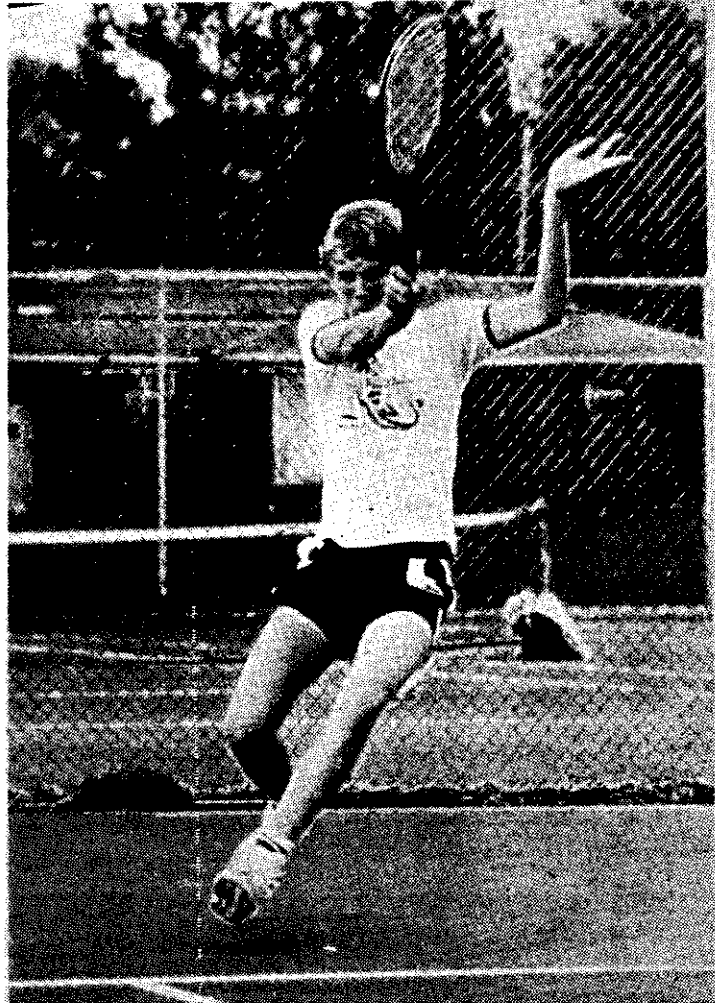
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Bethlehem Central's Doug Cole put up a valiant battle against Med Ethier of Shenendehowa in the No. 2 singles matchup last week. In the end the undefeated visitors from



Clifton Park were too much for Cole and the Eagles as BC lost, 5-2.

Hauf gets tryout bid

Earl Hauf of Glenmont, a senior at Christian Brothers Academy in Albany, has been invited to the Olympic tryouts in Los Angeles. Earl, the son of Shirley and Lou Hauf, Jr., is a marksman with both the .22 caliber rifle and the air rifle. He holds the New York State Junior Olympics championship, the National Invitational championship and the Northeastern States championship, as well as a slot on the national all-star team for the .22-caliber rifle.

Organizers of the Earl Hauf Olympic Fund are seeking to raise \$5,000 to help pay the teenager's travel and lodging expenses for the June tryouts. Contributions may be sent to the fund at First American Bank, Town Squire Plaza, P.O. Box 115, Glenmont 12077. The Bethlehem Lions Club and Elsmere American Legion post have kicked off the campaign with contributions, a committee spokesman said.

Scheduled to graduate from CBA with honors at the end of May, Earl has a button from friends that identifies him as an "Almost Famous Person."

BC, Nisky, to settle Gold

By Julie Ann Sosa

The suspense continues. Bethlehem Central and Niskayuna are 8-2 and still tied atop the Suburban Council's Gold Division. Rain, and a lot of it, saw their pivotal tennis match canceled last Tuesday. It has been rescheduled for today (Wednesday) at 3:45 p.m. in Delmar, weather permitting.

The perennial showdown, which will be the first of two, will also decide which is the third-best team in the council. Combined, BC and Nisky have gone 0-4 against Blue Division powers Shenendehowa and Shaker.

The Blue Bison from Latham felled the Eagles, 7-2, on Wednesday. Senior Andy Tomlinson won the hard way, pulling out his No. 6 singles match 7-5, 6-7, 7-6 in the second tie-breaker. Freshmen Tim Cluett and Jeff Grant also won their No. 1 doubles match in three sets, 6-3, 3-6, 6-4.

Although down 4-5 in the first set, No. 1 singles Andy Saidel was holding his own until superstar Mark Cavalier came

from 40-5 to break Saidel's serve and stride, winning the game and set. Mentally down, Saidel let the second set get away, 6-1. Junior Doug Cole's luck also ran out; he lost a close No. 2 singles match 6-3, 1-6, 6-4.

Burnt Hills nearly surprised Bethlehem at home the next day. They ultimately lost, 5-4, but John Connine managed to upset Saidel, 3-6, 6-2, 6-2. Needless to say, Saidel is looking forward to Thursday, when an on-the-road rematch is scheduled. Cole won easily, 2-6, 7-5, 6-1 and Cluett-Grant, 6-1, 6-1. The late-finishing No. 3 doubles match again proved to be the pivotal one. BC's David Tyree and David Cunningham won, 6-4, 7-5.

In other incidental action, Bethlehem thrashed winless Mohonasen, 9-0, and Scotia in a two-day rain-delayed match. Short on players, Mohonasen had to default two matches.

Next week will see BC on the road against Guilderland on Monday and Niskayuna on Tuesday.

Clark advances

Voorheesville's Olympic hopeful, Jeff Clark, advanced one step closer to his goal this past weekend when the high school wrestler placed sixth in his weight class at the National Greco-Roman Tournament held at Albany State. Due to a recurring ankle injury, Clark did not place higher in the meet, but did qualify to go on to the Olympic trials to be held June 7-9 at the University of Minnesota.

The Adirondack Three-Style Wrestling Association to which Clark belongs won its first team title with one member, Frank Famiano of Rotterdam taking first place in his weight class and three other members including former Voorheesville wrestler Shawn Sheldon gaining second places.

Athlete on tour

Evelyn Carey, a former Bethlehem Central track star now at Hartwick College, is one of two Hartwick runners invited to compete in two international track and field meets in New Zealand next month.

Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carey of Glenmont, and Hartwick teammate Karen Cassidy of Hicksville, L.I., were among 60 athletes chosen from Division III track and field teams around the nation based on regional competitions held in March. The two runners will compete in 6-kilometer races at Manurewa on June 9 and Whangerei on June 16. The tour starts June 5.

The Hartwick team is coached by Dave Herrington, former Bethlehem Central track coach.

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In making the presentation, Keegan and Andrew Carnell, president of the board of directors of the county mediation program, pointed out that "her many hours of volunteer work have helped to make the Albany County Dispute Mediation Program a success." Their citation also stated that "by helping people arrive at their own solution to

interpersonal conflicts, Mrs. Rosenberg helps insure that the mediation process provides a long-lasting resolution to the problems." The citation continued: "The program exists solely as a result of the many dedicated people who donate so much of their time to help resolve human conflicts. Mrs. Rosenberg exemplifies the ideal volunteer, giving selflessly of her own time to help maintain a better way of life in Albany County."

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Dr. Peter Zaas

Speaking at Ohav Sholom

Dr. Peter Zaas will be the scholar-in-residence for the Robert S. Ainspan Memorial Kallah (conference) to be held May 18 and 19 at Congregation Ohav Sholom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany. The public is welcome.

The theme for the weekend of study is

"Root and Branch?" alluding to the metaphor of the relation between Judaism and Christianity developed in the Gospels. On Friday night following 8 p.m. worship, Dr. Zaas will address "Birth Pangs: The Origins of Judaism and Christianity." Saturday at 11 a.m. his topic will be "A Jewish Perspective on Christianity."

Walk for hunger

The Capital Area Council of Churches, the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany and the Albany County Emergency Food Task Force will use their feet to feed the hungry in their fourth annual cropwalk Sunday, May 20. The Food Pantry fundraiser leaves from the First Church of Albany at 56 Orange Street at 1 p.m.

Last year's cropwalk raised \$15,000. Anyone interested in walking should call 489-8441 for a sponsor sheet and information.

3 DWI counts filed

Three motorists were charged with misdemeanor counts of driving while intoxicated last week by Bethlehem police. Two of the three men were nabbed in the early hours Friday.

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Delaware Ave. forum: what didn't happen

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the May 9 public forum on Delaware Ave., few definitive statements were made by the task force as to what would be recommended to the Town Board. Most of what I heard were "referrals for further study." And, with due respect to Charlie Redmond, who did a beautiful job that night, maybe that's the intent of this effort.

The Spotlight coverage of the subject has been excellent. The ideas of the Neighborhood Associations were presented in "Neighbors speak" and those of the business community in "Chamber's position." Anyone reading that April 25 issue took pride in how well informed and committed the residents of Bethlehem are to preservation and growth. There were clear, concise recommendations for more being better if . . . oh so important that . . .

The Chamber's position was about as helpful in problem solving as Mr. Faulkner's Vox Pop letter of last week. Dazzle 'em with footwork; big words, policy statements, tales of he-said-that-you-said-that-I-said and their very own coffee mug.

Some people say the Liebich property caused the Delaware Ave. controversy. For me, not so. It is the result of years of poor land management. Today, that avenue is the most prominent eyesore. Tomorrow, it will be another part of town. The establishment of six neighbor associations is not because of a primary concern for Delaware Ave. Full houses for the Creighton, Coon and Marr presentations and the Task Force Public Forum are not due to its hodgepodge development. People are fed up with special permits, special exceptions, special interests and, oh yes, "referrals for further study."

It is hoped then that next meeting the task force will deal with specific recommendations for Delaware Ave. keeping the needs of the residents of the area in mind.

The recent appointment of Bob Wiggand, well known for his interests in the Town Squire Shopping Center and other construction, and Neal Moylan, recognized for his abilities in commerce and banking both nice people to the Zoning Board of Appeals and Planning Board also do not inspire confidence. It is for these reasons and for *what did not happen* at the Task Force Public Forum that the neighborhood associations will continue their vigilance, action and close relationship to one another.

Tim O'Brien

Delmar

Elated with 'new blood'

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem voters gave a very strong message to our Board of Education last Wednesday. I, as a parent and taxpayer, have not been happy with the way they have conducted business this past year and voted no on the budget, voted against Jed Wolkenbreit, and wished there had been a no lever for Sheila Fuller. Sheila should consider her self lucky because she didn't have opposition. Analyzing the vote, 68 percent of the voters cast a ballot for Sheila while 85.8 percent voted on the Scudiere-Coon seat and 84.2 percent on the Cousins-Wolkenbreit seat.

I'm elated that we have new blood on the board and hope that the future will be brighter with Barbara Coon and Velma Cousins presenting new diversity. I wish them well in undertaking this thankless task.

Name submitted

Glenmont

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Opinions on the budget defeat

How to cut the budget

Editor, The Spotlight:

The state mandates busing for children in kindergarten through grade 8 who live two miles or more from their school and for students in grades 9 through 12 who live three miles or more from school. The Bethlehem Central School District currently buses all kindergartners, first through fifth graders who live ½ mile from school, pupils in grades 6 through 8 who live a mile or more from school and high school students who live 1½ miles from school. I have observed our district school buses transporting only 8 to 10 kids. Superintendent Lawrence Zinn claims that the School Board is bound by a vote of the community in 1956 with regard to busing as mentioned. I can't believe that the present taxpayers of this school district are bound by what residents, many of whom no longer reside here, voted almost 30 years ago. Why can't parents of kindergartners drive their kids to school? Why can't the older kids (with the exception of those who live more than three miles from school) walk or use public transportation?

By following State guidelines with respect to busing, the taxpayers would save a substantial amount of money in salaries, social security, unemployment insurance, health insurance, etc. This matter should be reassessed and corrected if what Dr. Zinn says is true.

Why is it necessary to have an assistant superintendent? Why not eliminate that position?

Why is it necessary to have two assistant principals in the high school? Why not eliminate one of those positions?

Why do we need a business manager for the school board? Why not engage the services of a top notch accounting firm to prepare financial reports so that the taxpayers would be in a better position to know how financial matters are being handled.

Why do we have to hire census takers every two years? What's wrong with sending out questionnaires?

Why is it necessary to have a full time school librarian at the high school? Why is it necessary to have a part-time librarian at the middle school? Why can't the school libraries be coordinated with the Bethlehem Public Library?

I am sure there are other items in the budget that will not affect the so-called "quality education" of our youngsters such as the "challenge program." I doubt if half the taxpayers in this district know what it is, let alone what it costs.

Isn't it about time that the school board eliminated frills from the budget, such as providing computers for kindergartners to play tic tac toe?

The statistics in the B.C. Highlights attempting to justify an increased budget reminds me of the statement Mark Twain once made: "There are liars; there are damn liars and then there are statistics."

S. Sies

Delmar

The reader can judge the merits of the budget cuts suggested, but a few facts should be kept in mind. Bethlehem Central gets reimbursed by the state for approximately 75 percent of its transportation expenses, so cutting back on busing would save less than it would appear from a first reading of the budget. The business manager handles payrolls, bookkeeping, accounting, budgeting, banking and investing among other responsibilities, and supervises the equivalent of 5½ fulltime employees. Ed.

Slingerlands group meets

New officers will be elected to the Slingerlands Homeowners Association at its meeting on Wednesday, May 30, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

More suggestions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Speculation! Why was the Bethlehem Central school budget defeated? My personal objections to the budget and the state-local school system follows:

A double-digit increase in one year, the Challenge program, selective budget communication by the school board to parents only, classification of BC as a "wealthy" district thus no increase in state aid and the "passive" acceptance by the school board of "mandated" state programs.

Some comments and questions: Isn't the Challenge program for the top 10-20 percent of students who will then get college credits for high school courses? What program do we have to better motivate the average student? What other programs do we have similar to the Challenge program that could be cut?

The \$1,334,575 increased revenue from property taxes represents an 11.82 percent increase over 1983-84. The property tax revenue increases from 73.5 percent to 75.7 percent in 1984-85. This is a 2.2 percent increase whereas state aid under the basic formula declines by 1.7 percent. Doubling of school taxes in less than a decade appears likely.

Some suggestions: Reduce the budget and cut the Challenge program and any other unneeded programs. The school board and administration should keep the BC taxpayer better informed of actions by the state which are detrimental to the BC school system such as classification as a "wealthy" school district. Did the school board appeal this classification or make its views known?

The school board and administration should take an aggressive approach and resist any new mandated state programs unless the state pays the full "shot."

Develop a five-year enrollment and budget projection.

Consider indexing the additional tax increases based upon increases in the taxpayer's income. Retirees or individuals on a fixed income would pay a proportionally smaller amount of any tax increase. The present school tax benefit is based on a taxpayer approaching a poverty income level. Let's provide some relief before that happens.

Provide absentee ballots for school elections. At present individuals are denied the right to vote if they are physically disabled and cannot travel, out of town, etc.

Hopefully, we can continue to provide for an adequate transportation, interscholastic sports, etc., and a quality education without a double-digit tax increase in one year. Could we learn anything from New Hampshire where scholastic achievement is comparable to New York State yet per pupil costs are significantly lower?

Sherwood Davies

Delmar

Again, a few facts: The classification of Bethlehem central as a "wealthy district" was made by the state Education Department based on its calculations of the amount of property valuation behind each pupil in the district. No one has challenged the SED's figures, although there is disagreement over the formula, which must be approved by the state legislature.

The Challenge program is aimed at about 10 percent of the district's elementary students. No college credit is given. Ed.

The final dance

The Tri-Village Squares will take the summer off, but only after their square dance finale on Saturday, May 19, at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The dance, which will be called by Duane Silver, begins at 7:30 p.m. "Do It Yourself" ice cream sundaes will be the special refreshment.

Call 439-8983 for information.

Informed vote?

Editor, The Spotlight:

After last week's disappointing school budget vote totals were announced I was disturbed to note the discrepancy between the number of those voting on the budget, and the highest vote total in one of the school board races. Almost 600 people voted solely on the budget, neglecting any of the races for school board. I would have to assume that, although plenty of information was available on all the candidates, those 600 didn't care enough to help choose the individuals who make up the budget.

In turn that leaves me wondering how many other voters based their decision on the budget solely on anger and frustration without thoroughly being aware of the facts. How many voters took the time to read the budget issue of the Bethlehem Central *Highlights* and realize that a very large part of the budget cannot be cut due to fixed and mandated expenditures?

As citizens we are guaranteed the right to vote. As participants in the voting process, it is our responsibility to be informed on the issues.

Debbly Cole

Delmar

'Message' from voter

Editor, The Spotlight:

Finally! Two thousand, five hundred eighty-four of us — what is it we're called? the silent majority? — have gotten the attention of the board of education and central administration! Good for us! But! We have, perhaps, gotten their attention; are we certain that we have conveyed our message?

Board members and administrators have commented that budgets are defeated by those citizens who:

- have no children in the system,
- are unaware of the system's excellence,
- are opposed to any tax increase.

I don't want them to labor under false illusions as they slash away at the budget, so it is important that they understand my message.

As the parent of a child in the system, I am dissatisfied. I am dissatisfied with the return of investment of my tax dollar. I am tired of the lack of interest that school administrators demonstrate in response to parents' concerns and input; I am tired of the ivory tower attitude of central administration, and I am tired of a board of education that claims to listen but doesn't seem to hear — or heed.

The message behind my no vote was: "No. No, I'm sorry, but I have no confidence in your methods or your objectives. I must protect my investment. You don't seem to hear my words; I'll now have to speak in dollar signs." And I pulled the lever eagerly, willingly and cheerfully.

I must caution the board and the administration that their attempts to play on my emotions and "threaten" me with budget cuts that affect transportation, athletic activities, library books and equipment won't scare me. There are too many other places to cut first. Try looking at the cost to produce *Highlights*, the Challenge program, and parenting workshops. Look at printing and mailing costs, the cost of paper clips, and of computers to route buses. When you've looked long and hard at everything then I'll be willing to listen to you again.

Two thousand, five hundred eighty-four of us! We weren't silent, and we are a majority! Right on!

Nancy Relyea

Slingerlands

In Elmsmere The Spotlight is sold at Paper Mill, Grand Union, CVS, Johnson's and Brooks Drugs.

Back to business

Editor, The Spotlight:

The recent school board election produced three successful candidates who should serve the Bethlehem School District very well. For my part in the election, I wish to express my sincere appreciation to the 1,383 residents of this district who cast their vote in support of my candidacy.

This year's campaign for the school board was conducted in an atmosphere of tension and discord in the district. Emotions have run high on such issues as the teacher's contract, the budget, and the legal right of the school board to spend tax dollars to advocate passage of the budget. The large turnout on election day was an indication of the impact these issues have had on the community.

However, the passion and enthusiasm which produced broad participation must not overshadow the real purpose of this district, budget, and board. Education is our one and only business. Let's get back to it.

Paul J. Scudiere

Delmar

Welcome, CHP

Editor, The Spotlight:

In the May 9 issue of *The Spotlight*, Dr. "Name Submitted" offers two reasons for objecting to the presence of a Community Health Plan facility in the building formerly occupied by the A&P at the corner of Delaware Ave. and Elsmere Ave.

First, the letter writer contends, there is no need for the facility because of the large number of medical practitioners and medical facilities already found in our area. Did the writer make the same objection to the last bank or real estate agent that opened an office on Delaware Ave.?

Second, the letter continues, the CHP facility would create excessive traffic congestion. Would it create any more traffic than the A&P it replaces, or another retail establishment that would move into the building?

What exactly is "the price the community will pay" for the CHP facility. I see no price for the community, only additional tax revenues and, for the "small minority" of town residents enrolled in CHP (no smaller a minority than the local patrons of many other establishments on Delaware Ave.), yes, a great convenience.

CHP, welcome to Bethlehem. Bethlehem welcome to the age of health care alternatives.

George D. Sussman

Delmar

Hard work hailed

Editor, The Spotlight:

All of the committee workers would like to thank Ed and Judy Languish, chairpeople of the 50th anniversary reunion party held at the Bethlehem Central High School on May 5, for their hard work and untiring efforts, which produced a good time that was enjoyed by all who attended.

50th Anniversary Committee
Town of Bethlehem

Fraud scheme charged

Gerald M. Jackson, 32, of Schenectady has been charged by Bethlehem police with scheming to defraud in the first degree; forgery, second degree; criminal impersonation, second degree, and issuing a bad check. The charges allege that Jackson opened a checking account at Empire of America in Elsmere using false identification and then issued checks drawn on the account, which had insufficient funds. According to the police report, Jackson allegedly has issued more than \$3,000 in bad checks in the Capital District.

He was charged by Bethlehem police last Tuesday at the Schenectady County Jail, where he was being held without bail to await County Court action on other charges.



Mrs. James C. Roosa

Sarah Putney marries

Sarah Browning Putney, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Freeman T. Putney, Jr. of Cedar Hill, was married on May 5 to James King Roosa, son of Robert E. Roosa of Dayton, Ohio, and Mrs. Mary D. Roosa of Sarasota, Fla. The Rev. Dr. Peter B. Ives performed the ceremony at Center Church On-The-Green in New Haven, Conn.

Anne Putney Swire and Melinda Scott Putney were their sister's matron and maid of honor. James Pickering was the best man. The groom's brothers, Mark, Steven and Thomas Roosa, served as ushers.

The bride has been a legal assistant at Davis, Polk & Wardwell in New York. She graduated from Albany Academy for Girls and cum laude from Yale College. She will attend The Russian School at Middlebury College this summer. Her father is senior vice president and trust officer at State Bank of Albany.

The bridegroom will be entering Case Western Reserve University Law School in September. He has been a legal assistant at Kornstein, Meister & Veisz, New York. He graduated from Oakwood High School, Dayton, Ohio, and from Oberlin College. He has a master's degree in music from Yale University.

The couple will reside in Cleveland, Ohio.

Consider the bicycles

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Delaware Ave. Task Force has given no indication that it has examined the impact of any proposed changes on bicycle safety. Yet a widening of the present commercial zone and the increased traffic it would inevitably bring will have an adverse effect on cyclists.

On March 15 the Town of Bethlehem Bicycle Safety Council asked authorities "to survey existing hazardous conditions along Delaware Avenue . . . and take steps to reduce the risk of accidents and injuries." Paradoxically, the youngest and most cautious cyclists who try to ride on the sidewalk have been put into the greatest risk in recent years as more and more high curbs force them to veer into the road abruptly. But accident statistics show that the street is becoming more dangerous for all cyclists, and unless this problem is addressed it can only get worse.

The bicycle is the only means of independent transportation for thousands of town residents, and Delaware Avenue's attractions guarantee that it will be used. With no parallel route available for most of the street it is not possible to imagine that cyclists will stay away if we continue to ignore their needs.

In the sad aftermath of many car-bicycle accidents drivers have claimed that they "didn't see" their victim until it was too late. Let us be sure that the Task Force has its eyes open to the needs of cyclists and asks the Department of Transportation to survey the situation and propose solutions.

Donald S. Birn

Delmar



Mr. and Mrs. Mark J. Osborne

Delmar man weds

Mary Helen Rotchford, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Rotchford of Schenectady, and Mark J. Osborne, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas D. Osborne of Delmar, were married April 14 in St. Peter's Church, Saratoga Springs. Rev. Alan Jupin and Rev. Brian O'Shaughnessy officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Notre Dame High School, Schenectady, and the College of Saint Rose. She received her MA from SUNY at Albany and is presently senior probation officer for the

Warren County Probation Department. Her husband, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and State University College at Brockport, is undertaking a master's program at SUNY-Albany. He is employed as a substance abuse counselor in Saratoga Springs.

After returning from a European wedding trip, the couple are residing in Saratoga Springs.

Berry - Porandon

Mr. and Mrs. Edwin J. Berry of Brownville, Maine, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Jo-Ann Marie, to Christopher David Brandon, son of Mr. and Mrs. D. David Brandon, Salisbury Rd., Delmar.

Miss Berry is a graduate of Boston University and is a customer service representative for Boston-Buffalo Express. Her fiance is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Worcester Polytechnic Institute, Mass. He is employed as a transportation engineer for Vanasse-Hangen Associates in Boston.


A Sept. 8 wedding date has been set.

Strawberries galore

A strawberry platter will be the chef's choice at the Jerusalem Reformed Church's annual strawberry supper on Saturday, May 26. Servings will be at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. For reservations at the Feura Bush church, call 767-3143.

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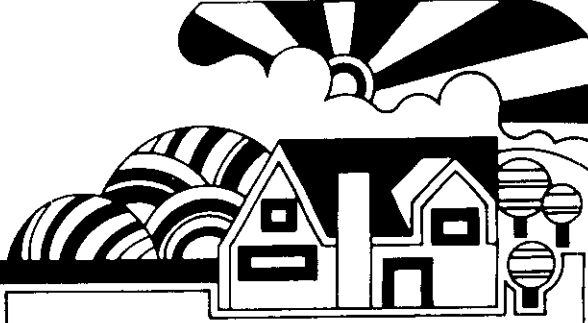
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The Delaware Ave. Task Force held its public forum Wednesday, and a large crowd turned out to debate the issue of expanding commercial uses into current residential zones. In the end, the residents had a surprising victory.

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