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BC budget trimmed; second vote June 13

By Caroline Terenzini

A slimmed down Bethlehem Central School District proposed budget is slated to go before voters Wednesday, June 13. Meeting in special session Friday, the school board made cuts totaling \$308,000 in the \$16.78 million budget plan that was soundly defeated by voters in balloting May 9. In trimming the spending plan, the board stopped short of cuts in personnel, with the exception of the part-time post of computer coordinator at the high school.

Other positions on a list of optional deductions compiled by the district administration were retained by the board, including the post of assistant transportation supervisor, the summer driver education teacher, a replacement for a librarian on leave, an additional English teacher at the high school, a replacement for a part-time reading teacher who resigned, a currently vacant guidance position, and the part-time services of a psychologist.

The revised spending plan, if approved by voters June 13, would mean a tax rate increase of about 7.3 percent in the Town of Bethlehem, or \$10.97 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. For New Scotland residents of the district, the new budget plan would boost taxes about 6.8 percent, or \$17.05 per \$1,000. The vote May 9 was on a spending plan that would have raised taxes 10 percent in Bethlehem and 9½ percent in New Scotland; it was defeated by a vote of 2,584 to 1,428.

A two-page typed and photocopied explanation of the differences between the original budget proposal and the revised one will be sent to all district residents shortly, Supervisor Lawrence A. Zinn said Monday. He said the mailing will contain no statements urging

a vote either in favor of or opposed to the revised spending proposal.

The school board met last Wednesday and then again Friday in special session to act on what board members referred to as a mandate from voters to cut the spending proposal and schedule another vote. The board also could have adopted a contingency budget, which provides only for state-mandated programs and services, and then have submitted excluded items in separate propositions.

When the board wrapped up its budget deliberations Friday, once again board member John Clyne declined to give the proposed budget his support and predicted its defeat. This time around the issue for Clyne is not the size of the tax rate increase, but the district's Challenge program for gifted elementary pupils. With funds (about \$50,000 for salaries for two teachers) for Challenge in the budget, said Clyne, it will go down to defeat again.

The extra-classroom program, now in its second year, has been criticized as elitist and as unnecessary. It also has drawn fire for its selection procedure. Among board members, Clyne and board President Sheila Fuller oppose the program.

Other board members, however, disagreed strongly with Clyne Friday. "More than 2,500 people voted against the budget," said board member Jed Wolkenbreit. "To say they voted against one issue — Challenge — is irrational, it's bigoted, and it's ridiculous." This statement drew loud applause from among the more than 30 observers on hand.

Board member Marjory O'Brien told

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Raising the flag



Bethlehem's Memorial Park gets a new flag pole in time for Memorial Day. The new pole, erected Monday by town highway department workers (Rod Raynor is at the base), is only partially a patriotic exercise — the pole is also designed to make it harder for vandals to steal the flag. Bethlehem and Voorheesville both have parades Monday (see Pages 2 and 10 for details). Tom Howes

Teen drinking: Is 21 drinking age the 'answer'?

By Caroline Terenzini

Gov. Mario Cuomo's proposal to raise the legal drinking age to 21 has focused attention on young drunk drivers, but in fact they are only part of the story. Alcohol use among all young people has reached disturbing proportions, according to some professionals and concerned people. For example, a recent count from the Bethlehem police reports revealed teenagers were involved in 31 alcohol-related run-ins with the law in one month. "I have the impression that large numbers of teenagers drink," said Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt, "not necessarily that they drink to excess."

Lewis Krupka, executive director of Project Hope, a counseling program for teens administered by Hope House, a residential drug treatment program in Albany, said he has found "a tremendous amount of alcohol use" among the young, starting as early as the seventh grade. "It conjures up a lot of fears," he said. "I'm concerned about what I see." The average age of people he works with has dropped from 30 to 15 in the nearly two decades he has been working with people in trouble, Krupka said.

Krupka cited a recent survey by

Project Hope of 425 eighth graders from an area suburban school district which revealed that 75 percent had already had some involvement with alcohol. "I thought we'd done something wrong statistically!" Krupka said. But a look at national statistics bore him out. "It doesn't mean that all these people have problems with alcohol," he added, "but it does mean that all these children have access to alcohol." And, for most, the access to alcohol is through their homes.

Why did Project Hope find such a large number of 13-year-olds interested in alcohol? Krupka didn't hesitate: "Kids are not getting the message that their parents are concerned about what's going on with them," he said. "There are a lot of extraneous things going on." Such as television.

"What TV has done is it has taken the place of verbal interaction between parent and child, and then you don't have eye contact," Krupka said. "With 125 channels to choose from, when are families going to find time to talk?" Then, too, he has found a lot of stress among children today, particularly among those in one-parent families or those whose parents both work. Children are having trouble coping, Krupka said.

For teenagers under stress, one way they cope — as do some adults, is with alcohol. Other teens use alcohol simply because it's there. The easy availability of alcohol and the cues that children get about its use, both from television and from their parents, were cited by Robert DeSarbo, principal at the Ravena-Coeymans Selkirk junior high school, as important factors in the use of alcohol by teenagers. From Prohibition in the 1920s to the decriminalization of marijuana in the 1970s, the views of society have changed, DeSarbo pointed out.

The abuse of alcohol "is a cultural problem worldwide," said Richard Leach, health coordinator for the Voorheesville School District. "As a community, we have to deal with it on a continual basis." And, he added, "If you want to know what kids are doing, look at the adults."

"Get sad," said Lane Feldman, a teacher at Bethlehem Middle School who heads Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, "when I hear kids say they can't have a party without booze." She, like others interviewed, pointed to the influence of television, "Some kids don't develop other interests or hobbies — they're so anxious to get home to watch

the soap operas," she said. And what they see on TV is reinforcing the acceptability of alcohol and casual sex. "If parents could only be involved instead of sending their kids here and there, going their separate ways," Mrs. Feldman said. What BOU hopes to do is encourage families to do things together, developing hobbies and outside interests.

"I've been in the business 34 years and it's always been there," said Bethlehem High School Principal Charles Gunner, when asked about teenage alcohol abuse. "Kids like to experiment, they'll take things that are in the home..." But when teens have "alternatives to hanging out," they're less likely to be trying alcohol and drugs. With alternatives, too, other problems — such as vandalism — are alleviated, Gunner said. This is where local groups such as Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, Bethlehem Advocates for Youth and the Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council come in.

"Delmar is fine if your kid is an athlete or into the old-fashioned groupiness like Boy Scouts," said one mother, but other children need other kinds of things to do. Hence, Bethlehem Advocates for Youth

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□ Teen drinking

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is hoping to put together a self-supporting after-school program for young teens, starting next fall. Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited has obtained a \$400 grant from the county, as well as contributions from area corporations and professionals, to fund local initiatives in providing alternatives for teens. The group is "trying to get to the kids before the kids get into problems," in the words of Mrs. Feldman.

At RCS, with its 125 square miles making it geographically one of the largest school districts in the state, DeSarbo said the schools are necessarily the social focus for many young people, so after-school and evening activities are extensive. The community also recently formed Parents Against Chemical Abuse, which is aimed at uniting the schools and community in prevention efforts.

In the school curriculum, messages about drug and alcohol abuse go out early. Ray Sliter, who is supervisor of health education for the Bethlehem Central School district as well as physical education director, said the health program in kindergarten through second grade emphasizes taking care of one's self, and "not putting anything into your body that doesn't belong in it." In later grades, there are more specific messages about smoking and alcohol use.

"The whole philosophy (of health education) has changed," Sliter said. "There used to be scare tactics, but they found it wasn't working." So now health education has "started working on the other end. If a person is getting along with the family and peers, he won't need coping mechanisms."

The eighth grade health curriculum, a 13-week program, emphasizes person-

Parade steps off at 10:30

The Town of Bethlehem's Memorial Day Parade will again be sponsored by the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post of the American Legion.

The marchers will step off on Monday, May 28, at 10:30 a.m. and pause for a graveside service for the post's namesake at the Bethlehem Cemetery. At 10:45 marchers will be joined by the main body of the parade, which will continue west on Kenwood Ave., left on Adams Pl., right on Adams St. and right on Delaware Ave. toward Memorial Park, where a flag will be presented to the town and another memorial service held.

Michael Ulion, a World War 2 veteran and a member of the Bethlehem Central High School Class of 1934, will be the parade's Grand Marshall. Town Supervisor Thomas Corrigan will be the Honorary Grand Marshall.

ality development and getting along, Sliter said; in grade nine, sexuality and substance abuse are part of the health instruction. Eleventh graders have one semester of health education in which substance abuse is treated in greater depth — the dangers, the reasons, the alternatives — and family life, including marriage, is discussed. Both the RCS and

Voorheesville schools also have an "ombudsman" program for younger pupils aimed at preventing substance abuse by removing some of the reasons for it, such a low self-esteem and vulnerability to peer pressure.

But the schools can't do it all. Alcoholic beverage sales figures and the

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statistics on alcohol-related auto accidents are evidence that someone besides teenagers is drinking. As Voorheesville's Leach said, "If you want to know what kids are doing, look at the adults."

John Briggs, a Bethlehem Central senior, asks, How is social drinking by a teenager different from social drinking by someone who is 23 or 35 or 51? The stiff penalties for drunk driving and the information about alcohol use in school health and driver education classes have prompted him and his friends to assign the driving duties when in a group, he said, giving the driver the responsibility of staying sober. "Education and penalties are what work," he said.

At a Student Senate Forum in Albany last spring that brought 500 high school student leaders from across the state together, the drinking age engendered hot debate and a close vote, according to Julie Ann Sosa, also a Bethlehem Central senior. But none of the students, predictably, argued for a drinking age of 21 — the proposals were for a return to 18, on a regional or even national basis, or leaving the limit at 19 and watching the results.

There is the danger in the governor's campaign that some will view raising the drinking age as solving the problem of alcohol use among teenagers. In fact, increasing sophistication among children has meant that drinking patterns are being formed in the seventh and eighth grades, according to a survey by the American Automobile Association.

On another front, the long-awaited state driver's licenses with photos can be expected to diminish purchases of alcohol by underage youths using false identification, although the teenagers' network reportedly has identified retail outlets, chiefly in Albany, where identification isn't requested. The retail accessibility of alcohol to teenagers was the focus last spring of Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited and some 16 volunteers visited 40 retailers of alcoholic beverages in the Bethlehem area with the message that the group was interested in the problem of sales to underage drinkers. "We felt retailers were accepting of what we were trying to do," said Ray Sliter, who directed the low-key campaign. "They were, in fact, doing what we wanted them to do." In any case, the contact with retailers "was one small part of a total picture," Sliter said.

"It isn't a question of what message to give to children," said Krupka, "but what message to give to parents."

Feura Bush Inspection

Officials of the state Department of Transportation met last week with Feura Bush residents to look at the Rt. 32 bridge over the Conrail tracks — scheduled to be repaired or replaced by the state — and discuss drainage problems in the hamlet.

David Clement of the DOT's Region One said decision-making on the bridge is in its early stages. Depending on its condition, the state could decide to either rehabilitate it or build a new bridge,

which would require more study on location, size and design.

The residents, members of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association, said they would like to have a wider, shorter and "more attractive" bridge. They also told Clement they want closed drainage, sidewalks and better guard rails as part of the project. Clement said some of the drainage work may not be eligible for the same federal funds that will be used to rebuild or replace the bridge.

Spreading the Word In New Guinea

By Nina Barringer

"People have a terrible misconception about missionaries," observes Bethléhem Central High School junior and teen missionary Jennifer Rankin. "They think that we use force to convert people. We don't try to change their way of life, we work with them and merely expose them to the ways of Christianity."

Jennifer joined a group called Teen Missions International in 1981. TMI is an interdenominational organization that sends teams all over the world to work on evangelistic projects. The tasks of the teen missionaries entail teaching people about the Bible while working with and helping them.

In her first year with TMI, Jennifer went to Scotland. "My first year was more of an adventure than anything else. I wasn't as serious or committed then as I am now," Jennifer said in a recent interview.

In the summer of 1982, Jennifer and a group of 30 other teens and six adult leaders traveled to Yabanakor, a small village in Papua, New Guinea, an island north of Australia.

"I'm very intrigued by New Guinea, and because there is so much sickness and death. I feel that our services are desperately needed there," says Jennifer, who is returning there this summer despite her near brush with death during her two month stay last year.

In June, 1983, before going to Papua, the teen missions had two weeks of "boot camp" based on Merit Island, Florida. "It was very rigorous and primitive training, but it was good preparation," emphasized Jennifer.

The average climate in the jungle, where Kabanakor is situated, ranges from a humid 95 to 110 degrees.

"To me, the heat was the hardest thing to adjust to. I got a nice tan, though," she joked. "You'd be surprised, though, at how easy it was to survive without modern conveniences," added Jennifer, who lived in a tent.

"It was hard for me to adjust to the tarantulas. They were everywhere! I hate spiders," Jennifer shuddered. "At night, if we left our tents, we had to creep along the ground because flying foxes (animals resembling oversized rats with a wing span of six feet) swooped down on our tents."

Rain, which was the main source of water, seldom fell. "We were only able to bathe once a week in a river that was filthy."

The site at which they worked was a four-mile walk from their campsite. "We built five roads and started to build a bridge so that nurses and doctors could travel through the jungle more easily to care for the sick natives, or nationals, which they prefer to be called," said Jennifer.

The nationals, with whom Jennifer and the others worked closely, were "very receptive. They were curious more than wary of us. The average height of a national male is 5-3, so they looked upon us as giants," she commented.

There are 700 different languages on the island and most don't speak English, but according to Jennifer, some of the languages are phonetically understandable.

The weekly routine consisted of working during the day, setting up meetings and lectures on Christianity, and visiting churches in various villages and putting on presentations on Sundays. "Our goal, of course, is to convert the nationals to



Jennifer Rankin

Christianity because we believe that the Bible is infallible. Some choose to convert, others do not," stated Jennifer.

When Jennifer first arrived in Papua last summer, she fell extremely ill. It was an eight-hour drive to the nearest hospital. "The hospital was unclean and there were rats everywhere, but I was treated very well," Jennifer continued "although it was never positively diagnosed, they thought that I had either malaria or another similar tropical disease."

Was she homesick? "Not really, because I became so close with the other people there," she enthused.

"I truly believe that becoming a missionary is my calling in life, and I am very lucky to have my parents 100 percent behind me," Jennifer says. "I hope to become a missionary in Third World countries after proper schooling and Bible study. I just can't picture myself in any other field."

Her parents are Mr. and Mrs. John M. Rankin Jr. of Slingerlands.

Jennifer is very much looking forward to returning to Papua in early June. She will be staying with a German missionary family and is going to attend an all-girl Bible school. She will come home in late August after a short debriefing period.



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Legislature approves concerts

By Susan Guyett

Despite the concerns of two Albany County legislators, there will be concerts this summer at Heritage Park in Colonie.

Heritage Park is the home of the Albany-Colonie A's, a minor league baseball team. It is no longer just a ball field. Majority Leader Harold Joyce (D-Albany) now refers to the park as an "entertainment center."

As an entertainment center, the county will lease the park to Delmar-based Capital Entertainment, Inc. The company is planning between 10 and 12 musical events — but no rock and roll or hard rock happenings — between May 25 and Sept. 30.

Sandra Rose Temple, a Democrat who represents the Arbor Hill section of Albany, expressed concern that some of the entertainers scheduled to appear — namely Neil Sedaka and the Temptations — had violated the United National Cultural Ban and had entertained in racially segregated South Africa.

Mrs. Temple voted for the measure but told her colleagues she did not believe the county-owned field should be used to support entertainers who have violated the cultural ban. She also called on Capital Entertainment to employ some of the young, unemployed people from her district during the summer months since the firm will be hiring ticket sales, ushers and others for the concerts.

Henry Dennis of Colonie had other concerns. Dennis, a Democrat, said people in the Saddlewood section of the village of Colonie were concerned that having musical events would be too noisy in the neighborhood. Dennis votes against the measure.

Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. of Bethlehem noted that the concert promoters were going to limit the audiences to 10,000. Morris said he would welcome the added revenue the concerts would provide. Capital Entertainment is scheduled to pay the town and county \$5,000 for each rental.

In addition, the town and county, which co-own the field will get all parking lot proceeds and proportioned shares of the concession revenue.

In other business, the legislature awarded contracts for the 36-cell county jail expansion project. The county will pay \$235,500 to E.T. Ryan Iron Works, Inc., \$51,775 to Ryan Electrical Corporation for electrical work and \$41,978 for plumbing work to be done by Harrison Mechanical, Inc.

Another proposal that got the legislature's nod of approval was Robert Prentiss' "whistle blowers" bill. The resolution calls on the New York State Legislature to adopt a measure that would protect public employees from retaliatory action by their employers if the employee disclosed wrong-doing or

waste in government. Prentiss is a Colonie Republican.

Another Republican, James Ross of Bethlehem, didn't fare as well as Prentiss in getting his resolution through the Democrat-dominated legislature. Ross' resolution congratulating Pulitzer Prize winning author William Kennedy seemed innocuous enough at first glance but the Democrats obviously didn't like some sections. In one clause Ross mentions that the hero of Kennedy's book "Ironweed" returned to his home town of Albany and registered to vote 21 times and got \$5 for every registration. Even today, Democrats don't take that kind of talk lightly. The chairman referred the resolution to the Law Committee without comment.

Ross' other resolution did better. The legislature unanimously approved a resolution congratulating Bethlehem Central High School on its 50th anniversary. Morris and Robert Hoffmeister co-sponsored the resolution.

As part of National Youth week most of the legislators had high school students with them for the meeting. The two students representing Bethlehem Central High were Andrew Tomlinson, 17, of Glenmont and Thomas Denham, 17, of Delmar.

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Bike Day June 2

Bike Day, a perennially popular cycling extravaganza in the town, will be held rain or shine at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Saturday, June 2, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bicycles will be inspected and registered by the Bethlehem Police Department for 25 cents, and their owners will have riding skills judged in a Ghost Rider Rodeo competition. Everyone who participates in Bike Day will be eligible for lottery prizes that will include bicycles and their accessories.

In anticipation of Bike Day, youth officers will visit local elementary schools to teach children about safe bicycling and proper hand signals to use when stopping and turning. Bike Day is sponsored by the Bethlehem Police Department's Youth Bureau and the town parks and Recreation Department.

Car goes off the road

Rocco A. Losavio, 17, of Selkirk was taken to the Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad after the car he was driving went off Rt. 140 last Tuesday afternoon. A hospital spokesman said the youth was treated and released. Losavio told Bethlehem police the vehicle's steering mechanism failed, according to the police report.

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□ Budget revote

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Clyne his campaign against Challenge was an example of "a special interest, John — your special interest." And board member Bernard Harvith said, "The few people who make this a big issue shouldn't distort the judgement of the community."

Clyne didn't throw in the towel, however. He insisted that Challenge should be cut and argued, too, that the salaries of the three top administrators should be frozen this year. But no one else on the board agreed. Mrs. O'Brien said the three should not be treated differently from other employees of the district, and Harvith said, "I'm disturbed that you have one or two things out of 300 you don't agree with and all of a sudden the administrators are no good. They are widely respected individuals, and (the suggestion) is totally wrong." His statement also drew applause.

The meeting Wednesday also had its share of angry words, with much of the discussion, both among the board members and with the large and vocal audience, having to do with who was responsible for the budget defeat. The board did make one decision, to approve a contract with the eight-member principals' association with 6½, 6½ and 6 percent raises over three years. Money for the raise this year was provided for in the proposed budget, administrators said.

When the board members returned to the Educational Services Center in Delmar Friday they were clearly determined to make cuts. Armed with the administration's list of possible reductions, the board agreed on an \$83,000 reduction on the health insurance premium line, based on a recent bid from another carrier to provide the same coverage and subject to union approval. The board also took \$78,000 out of the capital improvements portion of the budget, including \$46,800 for smoke detectors in all buildings. While the state has mandated that school districts install the detectors, the legislature so far has failed to provide a financial incentive, which also is required in the law — even if it is only a nickel on the dollar, according to district Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer.

New stage drapes for Hamagrael Elementary School also fell victim, and

replacements for the 27-year-old chalkboards at Glenmont Elementary School almost did too. "Couldn't we paint the old ones?" Harvith asked. "We could, but we've already cut the paint," Mrs. Fuller responded. One early cut was \$12,000 that was to have paid for painting over the summer. Another casualty was the 5:15 p.m. bus run, chiefly used by students staying late for sports — a \$19,000 cut. The in-service teacher training program was reduced by \$10,000, the artist-in-residence program took a \$5,500 cut, and the part-time post of computer coordinator will not be filled, for another \$8,000 reduction.

The budget reductions will not be without effect. The computer coordinator's duties will be taken over by high school Assistant Principal Francis Rodgers, which will mean that about half his time will be taken from school administration duties. The dollars taken off the painting line mean fewer summer jobs for teens. Not filling the computer coordinator's post means that partial reimbursement for that outlay from the Board of Cooperative Educational Services will not be on the revenue side of next year's budget. With the \$19,000 for the late bus gone, the district will "lose" the state's 75 percent share of that cost from revenues next year, too.

On another issue, Zinn said the district has lost \$7,000 in interest as a result of the bankruptcy filing two weeks ago by Lion Capital Group in New York City. The district had \$390,000 invested with Lion, and that money will be tied up until the bankruptcy proceeding is resolved, although district officials have insisted that the funds are secured by Treasury notes in Bethlehem Central's name.

Bethlehem and 30 other school districts invested idle funds at high interest rates through National Money Market, a California firm that steered the money into Lion. The school districts may have received a boost last week when the state comptroller was quoted in the *New York Times* as saying his office should not have issued an opinion explicitly giving school districts and municipalities the green light to invest through National Money Market. The school districts maintain the state shares some liability for their problems, and are asking for interest-free loans until the bankruptcy case is settled.

What they cut

Here are the cuts approved by the Bethlehem Central School Board Friday.

- \$15,500, maintenance position.
- \$25,200, staff retirements (replacing teachers, transportation workers and maintenance workers who are retiring with new employees lower on pay scale).
- \$12,000, summer painting.
- \$8,000, one gang mower.
- \$800, rest room floors at Elsmere School.
- \$19,500, 5:15 p.m. buses.
- \$83,000, health insurance premium.
- \$78,240, capital improvements (includes smoke detectors at high school, pit drain for high school mechanical room).
- \$3,200, for negotiators' services no longer necessary.
- \$30,000 computer purchases (lower bid and elimination of peripheral equipment).
- \$9,800, cuts from inservice and curriculum development.
- \$5,500, cuts from artist-in-residence program.
- \$600, music room chairs at middle school.
- \$8,000, part-time computer coordinator.
- \$3,675, social security savings because of retirements.
- \$5,000, estimate of savings on as yet unannounced maternity leaves.

Larry Lane to run again

Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane, whose sprawling 102nd District covers the town of Bethlehem, has announced he will seek a 12th two-year term. His Democratic opponent apparently will be Michael Yusko Jr., the mayor of Hudson.

Lane, a Windham Republican whose district now covers all of Greene County and about half of Columbia County, will be considered a strong favorite to return to Albany for the 23rd year because of the overwhelmingly Republican registration in his district. But area Democrats, mindful that two years ago a newcomer to the district managed a surprisingly good showing against Lane, are hoping to make it a horserace this fall.

Bethlehem Democratic Committee Chairman Michael Breslin said Friday his committee scheduled to meet soon with Yusko, and he has no doubt that Bethlehem Democrats will support the 36-year-old mayor. Breslin said Lane is vulnerable in Albany County because he has spent very little time in that part of the district.

Lane had reportedly been wavering about another term, and his press release mentions "many hours of soul searching." He decided to run, he said, based "on the many unfinished projects throughout my district which, I feel, without my guidance may get lost in the shuffle." Among those projects is the Ravena overpass and an agreement between Columbia and Greene counties for a solid waste steam generating plant.

Speeding charged

Robert L. Baker, Jr., 18, of Selkirk was charged with speeding after the car he was driving hit one side of the Rt. 53 bridge over the Conrail Selkirk railroads yards and then slid into the other side of the span about 3:30 a.m. Sunday, Bethlehem police reported. Baker escaped injury in the accident, according to the report.

Scouts moving up

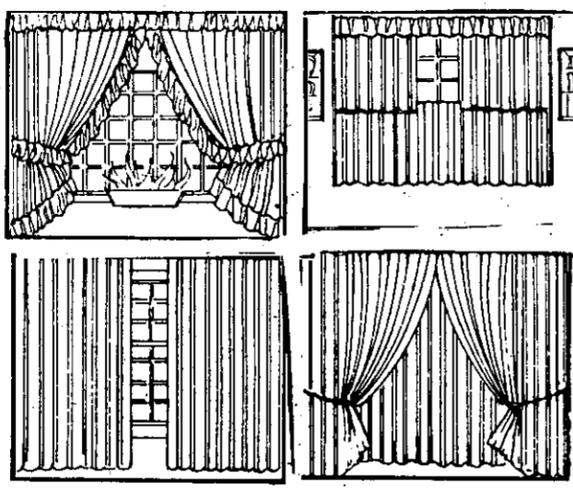
More than 60 third-graders will turn in their Brownie uniforms when they are promoted to Junior Girl Scouts at a Girl Scout Bridging Ceremony at Bethlehem Central High School on Thursday, May 24, at 7:30 p.m. The public ceremony will also see 20 Junior Girl Scout become Cadettes and a special Silver Awards presentation.

Five face DWI counts

Five motorists were charged during the past week with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor, according to Bethlehem police. In addition to the DWI count, a Schenectady man was charged with illegal possession of marijuana, resisting arrest and obstruction governmental administration. All five drivers were stopped between the hours of 11 p.m. and 5 a.m.

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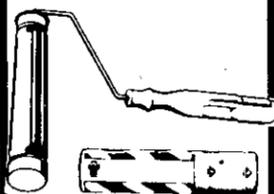
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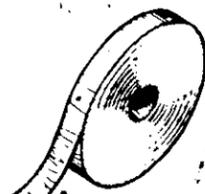
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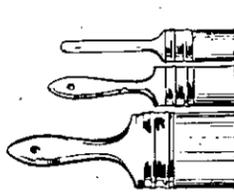
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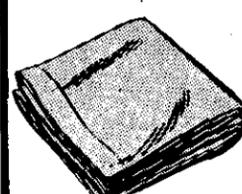
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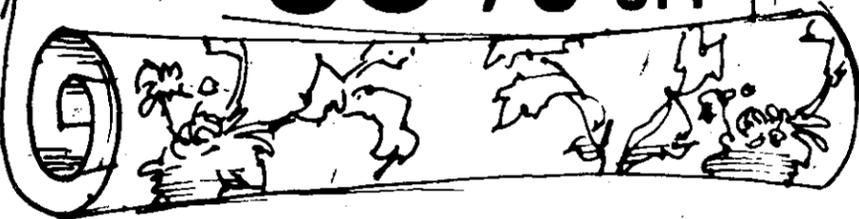
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Decision on Woodhill delayed by planners

By Vincent Potenza

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week extended the time limit for making a decision on the proposed 90-lot Woodhill subdivision off Feura Bush Rd. in Glenmont until June 19. The extension came at the request of developer Vincent Riemma after he learned the board had not finished reviewing the project's environmental impact statement and therefore could not make the required state environmental quality review assessment before the original time limit had expired.

Board Attorney Earl Jones recommended to the board that it deny the subdivision if Riemma didn't ask for the extension because it couldn't legally approve a subdivision until the environmental review was done. If the board took no action at all, Jones said, the project would automatically be approved according to state Town Law.

Jones also told the board that, in another matter, Riemma has lost his bid to overturn the board's ruling on his Bicentennial Woods resubdivision scheme. A state Supreme Court justice has upheld the board's denial of Riemma's plan to resubdivide lots in the development by combining them to form lots big enough to accommodate duplexes, Jones said. Residents of the area had complained to the board that they had bought homes in the development on the understanding that it would be a single-family neighborhood.

In other business, the board:

- Set a 7:30 p.m. June 5 public hearing date for the proposed Delwood Acres subdivision, 31 duplexes to be located off Rockefeller Rd. in Elsmere.

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- Informally heard plans for a one-lot subdivision from the lands of Gus and Frank Williams on Westphal Dr. off Feura Bush Rd. in Delmar.

- Informally heard a proposal for a six-lot subdivision from David Dembling for a site off McCormack Rd. in Slingerlands.

- Conditionally approved a proposal for a six-lot subdivision for Elizabeth Elliott and William McLaughlin on land located on Van Wies Pt. Rd.

- Approved a change in definition for section two of the Chadwick Square subdivision off Wemple Rd. in Glenmont that would allow the development of two-unit townhouses instead of the current minimum of three-unit buildings.

- Considered briefly and then tabled proposals to initiate fees for state environmental quality review assessment and use of town facilities for recreation for new developers.

- Received a proposal from David Siegal for proposed rezoning of land at the end of the Delmar bypass to a planned residence district called Juniper Fields that would consist largely of townhouses. Board members said they wanted time to read the studies prepared by Siegal's consultants before hearing his presentation, which they said could take place at the board's next meeting on June 5.



Music teacher Marc Green conducts the sixth grade chorus in a recent concert at the Bethlehem Middle School. *Tom Howes*

CHP Delmar office supported

Despite the continuing opposition of a small group of health professionals, the Capital Area Community Health Plan's proposal for a satellite center in Delmar has moved another step up the government review ladder.

The proposal received the endorsement of the review advisory group of the Health Systems Agency of Northeastern New York last week, and will go before the HSA's executive committee for final approval June 4 at 3 p.m. at the Americana Inn. If that decision is positive, the application goes to the state Health Department for final approval. The June 4 meeting is open to the public, according to an HSA spokesman.

The CHP is proposing to lease the old A & P building on Delaware Ave. and convert it to 14,000 square feet of office space that would initially house three

full-time physicians and related services. CHP is a health maintenance organization, which means that subscribers pay a set monthly fee, as they do with other forms of health insurance, and are covered for most doctor's visits, plus hospitalization costs and some other medical services.

Eight persons, five of them health care professionals, attended the HSA meeting last week and indicated opposition to the plan. Opponents have cited the large number of medical offices in the area now, and have questioned whether the new center would generate too much traffic on Delaware Ave. The agency has also received letters both for and against the proposal, the HSA spokesman said.

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Kindergarten move favored for Becker

By Lorin Pasqual

A plan to alleviate crowding at Becker Elementary School by transporting kindergarten children to Ravena apparently has gained the support of many Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District residents.

That consensus appeared at a special meeting last Monday when the school board and more than 75 RCS residents met at the high school auditorium to discuss alternatives for equalizing class sizes.

Superintendent of Schools Dr. Milton Chodack outlined five feasible plans and their estimated costs to taxpayers. If the community had enough money, he said, the most desirable option would be to move administrators out of the Board of Education building and renovate the space to accommodate kindergarten students. Construction and conversion costs would total approximately \$9,180 plus additional funds would be required to relocate the board offices.

Chodack said he recently met with Coeymans town and fire department officials to discuss the possibility of renting first-floor office space at the Coeymans Civic Center to house administrators. Since the group did not establish provisions for a lease, however, he did not have an accurate rental cost figure.

Aside from the expense to the community, the plan has another flaw, according to Chodack. If it were implemented at least one administrator

would have to stay at the board of education building, which could create administrative difficulties.

Chodack called the plan "innovative" and "very acceptable," adding that it would provide flexibility over the years by making six additional classrooms available in the district. He asked the audience for input, and, according to an informal show of hands, few people favored such a measure. Those who did expressed more concern over the quality of education than over costs.

Residents opposed other options as well, which included partial redistricting; moving fifth graders to Peter B. Coeymans School, which has three classrooms available, and busing some kindergartners to Ravena.

The majority of residents echoed Chodack's view that moving kindergartners would pose the fewest problems and mean less disruption for the children. Children that age can easily adapt to the change, said one mother, and the district has successfully implemented a similar plan in the past. Interestingly, however, few parents present had children slated to attend kindergarten in the fall.

The discussion followed nearly eight months of debate and controversy, and a series of public hearings on the issue. Susan Gottesman, who chairs the Committee to Equalize Class Sizes, began investigating alternatives last October and eventually recommended that the district purchase portable classrooms or redistrict by grade levels.



Ron Marcellus, of the Delmar post office, accepts two faded 48-star U.S. flags from Linda Watt, president of the Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, for the Bethlehem Elks ceremonial flag-burning scheduled for June 10. At right is Charles J. O'Hara, past commander of Blanchard Post, American Legion, which with the Bethlehem Memorial Post, VFW, is co-sponsoring a collection drive of discarded or mutilated flags with the Elks Lodge. J.W. Campbell

The board studied other options such as renovating the former Jericho school building, now used for storing supplies; utilizing the Board of Education building, and partial redistricting. After considerable investigation, board members referred the issue back to Gottesman's committee for review, and later chose to let the public decide which, if any, course of action to take.

Following periodic publicity campaigns and informational meetings in the district, the district held a special vote May 1. About 1,171 residents turned out and voted down both propositions — portable classrooms and redistricting.

The crowding dilemma remains, however, according to RCS school

officials. State census projections show an overall decrease in the district population, but with uneven distribution. For instance, Becker's first grade has an average of 28 students per class, compared with fewer than 20 at Ravena. Similar discrepancies exist in fifth grade classes, according to RCS officials.

At present, 44 kindergarten children have been registered to begin classes at Becker this fall, but Chodack expects this figure to increase because of late registrants. In addition, although current census figures show approximately 55 students in first grade next year, the number could increase, said Chodack, because of population changes during the summer.

District election draws 8

While other school districts are winding up their election process, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk heads into its, and already there are eight candidates for the three school board seats up this year.

Meanwhile, the school board is beginning its budget-making sessions, with a second informational meeting scheduled for Thursday. The board intends to adopt a budget by the first week in June and hold two public information meetings prior to the annual meeting June 19. The vote for the budget and the board seats is June 20.

Two of the school board challengers are Dowerskill Village residents who have kicked off their campaigns with press releases.

Challenging incumbent Prescott D. Archibald of Selkirk, who is currently

board president, is James Gleason, a past president of the Village Square Homeowner's Association. Gleason is an account executive at Sperry Computer Systems, has a teaching degree and three children in the district schools.

Incumbent Sara Hunter of Ravena is being challenged by Phil Smith, also of Dowerskill Village, who is employed at General Electric's Selkirk plant.

The seat held by Italo Frese of Ravena, who is also seeking another term, has drawn the largest crowd of challengers. Dr. Frank Filoppone, former RCS superintendent and now director of Hillside House of Coeymans, announced early. He has been joined by Howard B. Engel of Selkirk, who served on the board for 25 years before deciding not to run for reelection last year; and by Elaine Christopher of Coeymans.

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RCS reunion

Members of the RCS High School class of 1974 are interested in locating other class members as they begin plans for a 10th reunion. The reunion is scheduled for Aug. 25 at Crossgates banquet House, Washington Ave. Extension, Albany.

The committee is seeking addresses for Theresa Bruno, Donna Coon, Joseph Davis, Dirk Detlefson, Anthony DeVito, Deborah Eaves, Terri Erickson, Francis Fink, Stephanie Fisk, Kathleen Garry, Debbie Gifford, Debra Goodwin, Edward Henion, Robert Hoose, Frank Johnson, Chris Latino, Frank McDonald, Alan Mergendahl and Doug Nichols. Anyone having information on the graduates are asked to contact Josephine (Losavio) Hargis at 7 Patroon Pl., Glenmont, N.Y. 12077. Invitations will soon be mailed to all 1974 graduates.

elks barbecue deadline

There are only a few days left for anyone who still doesn't have a ticket for the Bethlehem Elks chicken barbecue to be held Sunday, June 3. Cutoff date for reservations is May 27. The fun begins at 1 p.m. at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk, with the barbecue at 5 p.m. The cook shed will remain open throughout the afternoon with beer, soda, clam chowder, hot dogs and hamburgers available at reduced prices. Tickets are \$5 and are available at the lodge.

Instrumentalists receive ratings

On Saturday, May 12, RCS students participated in the New York State School Music Association 1984 Spring Solo/Ensemble Evaluation Festival at Schalmont Central School, Schenectady. Auditions consisted of scales, sight reading and prepared solos. Adjudicators on hand from throughout the state evaluated performance.

Taking part in the festival were Meridith Bryant, violin (All State); Paul Caswell, piano; Myra Christopher, piano; Philip Christopher, trumpet; Mary Gleason, flute; Marilisa Ingraham, clarinet; Julianne Kelley, viola; Sharon Lalor, flute; Dana Pickett, trumpet, and Christine Turner, flute.

Many of these students will be lending their musical talents to upcoming spring concerts. The Senior High concert will be held Thursday, May 24, at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free and the public is invited.

Craft fair at Grange

Time is running out to make booth reservations for the Bethlehem Grange Christmas in July Craft Fair. There is still ample booth space to display homemade and hand-crafted specialties. The fair will be held July 14 at the Grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. To obtain booth space, contact any Grange member or call Mrs. Helen Raynor, 767-2770. There will be a \$10 charge for outside and \$15 charge for space within the building.

Teenagers of the Month named

Victor J. Carrk, principal of the RCS Senior High has announced the names of the Teenagers of the Month for the month of April. The program is sponsored by the Elks. Nominees are suggested by faculty, students or staff and are selected by the Principal's Advisory Committee.

Susan Gleason has been selected as the Teenage Girl of the Month. Susan is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James Gleason of Glenmont. She is a member of the Gossamer Thread, member of the Model Congress and Debate Society, and secretary of the Future Teachers Association. Susan was also an alternate on the Answers Please Team. She is active in church affairs and her interests include piano, aerobics and computers. She is interested in a career in medicine.

Thomas DiAcetis, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony DiAcetis of Ravena, has been chosen Teenage Boy of the Month for April. He is president of the Student Council and was recipient of the Boys State Award in 1983. He is a member of the Future Business Leaders of America and attended the Presidential Classroom Conference in Washington, D.C. representing RCS. Tom has been a member of the varsity football team, JV wrestling team and track team.

Senior citizens have a ball

The Sunshine Senior Citizens of Selkirk-South Bethlehem are planning to attend the annual Senior Citizens' Ball next Wednesday, May 30, at the Empire State Plaza in Albany. All seniors of the Capitol District are invited. An orchestra will provide music for dancing and listening pleasure from 7:30 to 11 p.m. Admission is \$1 and includes light refreshments. Tickets are available through Gus Traeger, 767-9279, or at the door.

Two deer hit cars

At almost the same moment last Wednesday, in separate incidents, two deer smashed into the sides of two cars on Delaware Ave. between Elsmere and Bedell avenues in Delmar. Seventeen-month-old Ian Brower of Feura Bush was showered with glass when the animal hit the vehicle he was in, according to Bethlehem police, and he was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad. The child was treated and released, the hospital reported. In the second incident, a deer was killed when it dashed into the side of a vehicle driven by a Ravena woman, who was unhurt.

Thieves hit trailer

Items valued at a total of \$609 were taken during the night last Tuesday from a trailer parked at the New Baltimore Truck Stop on Rt. 144 in Glenmont, according to Bethlehem police reports. The stolen goods included two tires and wheel rims, lug nuts and locks.

RCS honors are announced

The Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk Senior High School has announced the names of those students on the high honor roll for the third quarter marking period. They are:

Grade Nine

Rebecca Bull, Paul Caswell, Nancy Conrad, Raymond Denney, Christine Doyle, Colleen Farrell, Theodore Fink, Bruce Fourman, Joanne Goes, Scott Gottesman, Holly Kennedy, Tracy Kelin, Kenneth Koonz, Lisa Korzatkowski, Debra Kosowsky, Seth Kunz, Kristina Moak, Jacquelin Mulligan, Kenneth Newkirk, Wendy Nolan, Eveyln Ottaviano, Timothy Penk, Steven Rexford, Adam Zetterland.

Grade Ten

Rebecca Arrieta, Tina Boyere, David Brown, Edward Carras, Kimberly Daley, Ian Goodrich, Elizabeth Hunter, Debra Lawrence, Rhonda Newton, Tina Patterson, Sheila Seery, Brian Stumbaugh, Lynmarie Wass de Czege, Mary Wickware and Stefanie Zetterlund.

Grade Eleven

Lisa Allegretta, Sandra Barger, Joseph DeFlumer, John Dwyer, Susan Gleason, Andrew Guthrie, David Hamill, Ronald Hotaling, Darin Marsh, Stephen Oliver, Lynn Powell, Rebecca Ross, Patricia Sandgren, Cheryl Scalzo, Beth White and Garth Wright.

Grade Twelve

Paula Bartholomew, Janet Bourguignon, Daren Brown, Jennifer Bull, Jaime Camps, Richard Christoph, Stephanie Civill, Kristen Daley, Heather Frueh, Lisa Fullum, James Golding, Tracey Griffin, Kelly Halloran, Dianna Heere, Melissa Helo, Jacqueline Janicke, Maria Libertucci, Susan Libertucci, Joan Mahony, Declan O'Doherty, Christine Persico, Jill Raferty, Dawn Salin, Patricia Smith, Dawn Traver, Michele Wade, Yukiko Yoshida and Kyle Zolner.

Honor roll students are:

Grade Nine

Jerry Baranska, Joseph Caccello, Stephen DiAcetis, Jeffrey Distin, Sherri Freitas, Mary Gleason, Bart Gottesman, Patricia Guthrie, Kevin Hommel, Randy Hotaling, Amy Kane, Julianne

Kelley, Sherrie LaRose, Catherine Leclerc, Richard Losee, Russell McBride, Patrick McCormick and Tracey Morby.

Also, Clifford Nooney, Marisa Nunziato, Susan Penk, Frank Persico, Donna Phillips, Marvin Powell, James Ritter, Marie Setford, Shelly Snyder, Patricia Surrano, Michael Taylor, Gina Walker, Anthony Williams and Mark Williams.

Grade Ten

Wayne Anderson, Keith Berger, David Court, Patricia Downes, Ted Endreny, Kimberly Farrell, Bonnie Goyer, Caroline Heere, Cary Hester, Scott Houghtaling, James Hover, Gregory Irwin, Beth Jaenisch, Wendy Jones, Lisa Kane, Scott Keating, Brad Keeny, Margaret Lalor, Randy Lightbody and Michael Long.

Also Pauline Mayo, Cheryl McCormick, Mike Mógul, Divina Pannone, Kimberly Patterson, Christopher Patterson, Gail Phillips, Susan Raynor, Pamela Schwarz, James Smith, Wayne Smith, Robin Spooner, Stephen Thayer, Shirley Van Alstyne, Andrea VanBergen, James Wasem and Michelle Williams.

Grade Eleven

Jean Amsler, Meridith Bryant, Gary Carleton, Tina DeCastro, Cathleen Dillon, Robert Dorrance, Dawn Flint, Tom Golgosky, Loren Heffernan, Marjorie Kleinhans, Eric Mastrangelo, Loraine Mormile, Annette Motley, Judi Mulligan, Steven Palmer, Dale Patterson, Jill Penk, Dana Pickett, Jacqueline Pieringer, Carrie Selkirk, James Shear, Richard Smith, William Spooner, Susan Stahlman, Jeff Stangle, Diane Stewart, Michelle VanAlstyne, Michelle VanKempen, Steven Vasto and Sheila Wagner.

Grade Twelve

Larry Albertson, Jeff Bivona, Rhonda Bombard, Leslie Buirch, Ann Marie Costanza, Thomas DiAcetis, Mark Dockal, Patrick Farrell, John Frazzetta, Kristen Gagnon, Ken Goyea, Amy Hamill and Joanna Hunter.

Also, Marilisa Ingraham, Christine Jackson, Michael Kerrigan, Sharon Lalor, Judy Mahar, James Maxstadt, Brian Morse, Lisa Morse, Dawn Mueller, Kim Osborne, Jennifer Price, Martha Roach, James Ruiz, Kimberly Ruso, Thomas Siler, Laura Smith, Dinh Tran, Joseph Truttman, Michael VanApeldoorn, Christopher Williams and Vernetta Wylico.

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Roe is citizen of year

Voorheesville resident Tom Roe has been named the 1984 New Scotland Citizen of the Year by a committee representing community organizations in the Town of New Scotland.

Roe, a self-employed Air-Way salesman, lives on Maple Ave. with his wife, Joice. He has lived in the area for almost half a century, and during that time has made many contributions to church and community organizations. A past member of the New Scotland Presbyterian church, the Clarksville Grange and the Voorheesville Fire Department, Roe is presently active in the Voorheesville Ambulance Corps, and has served in many capacities at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, where he now is a trustee.

Most active in youth programs, the father of three helped organize the Voorheesville Youth Commission and has served on the board since 1967. Of the many activities Roe has taken part in the area where he has probably left his mark on the most is in the local scouting program. He served as a committee member of Cub Scout Pack 73 from

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1965-68, and with his son advanced to Boy Scouts in 1968, where he has remained ever since. Serving on the Committee for Boy Scout troop 73, Roe has been chairman for the past 13 years. He has spent 15 years on the annual work crews at Council camps and was honored for his efforts in 1974.

He has also been active in the troop's High Adventure program and received the American Legion Scouter of the Year Award.

Lyn Staff



Voorheesville's Tom Roe still has time to relax. Tom Howes

Village to stage parade, races

Everyone loves a parade and Voorheesville is no exception. The annual Memorial Day parade, sponsored by the Voorheesville American Legion, will be held this year on Memorial Day, Monday, May 28. The parade lead by New Scotland Citizen-of-the-Year Tom Roe, will step off from the elementary school at 10 a.m.

As in years past refreshments will be served behind the Legion Hall following the parade and the races for children and adults will follow. The ninth annual 15-kilometer and 3.2-kilometer races events are sponsored by the New Scotland Elks and Kiwanis, the Village of Voorheesville and the Legion. Registration for the children's races, which begin at 11 a.m., is free and open to children of all ages. Registration for the distance races will be held at the grade school between 10 a.m. and noon the day of the race.

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

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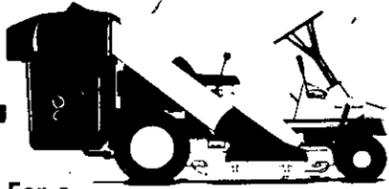
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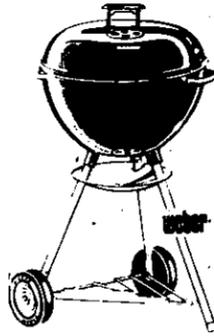


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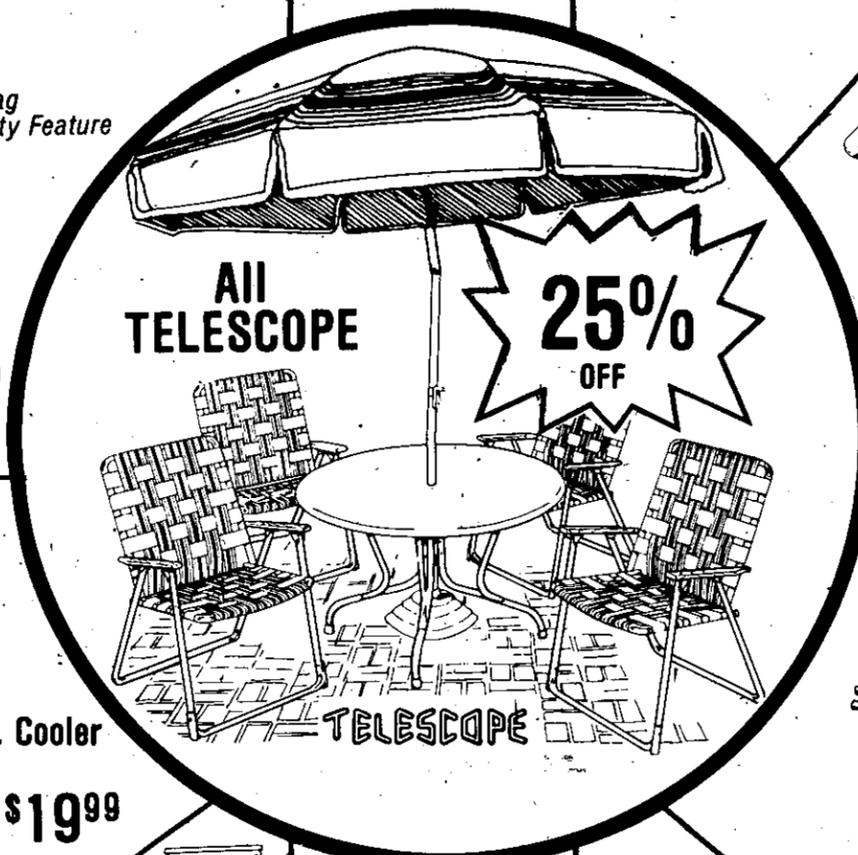


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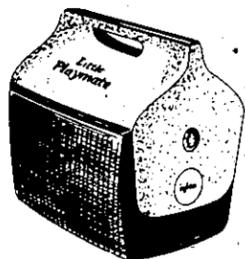
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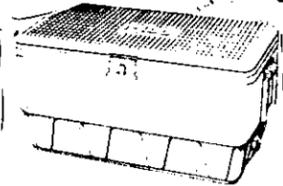
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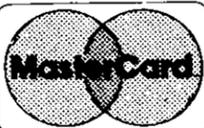


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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

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

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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

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THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

Delmar Progress Club, garden group trip to Landis Arboretum in Esperance, leaves Town Parking lot, (3:30 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, 7:30-9:30 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.

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

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 Duval 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, at the Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Job Club, support and guidance for unemployed, Mondays and Thursdays, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

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

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

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

Spring Concert, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, 8 p.m.

Girls Scouts Bridging Ceremony, Scout Awards presentation, Bethlehem Central High 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.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 26

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

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society, meet fourth Sunday at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

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 p.m.

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

Memorial Day Parade and Road Races, for adults and children, leaves from Voorheesville Elementary School, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

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

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 Tuesday at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

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

Grievance-Filing Advice, for property owners contesting property tax assessments, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant Selkirk.

THEATER

"One Flew Over the Cuckoo's Nest (Union College Montebanks), Nott Memorial, Schenectady, May 17-26, 8 p.m. except May 25, 7 p.m.

"Ten Little Indians" (Agatha Christie's mystery mounted by Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts), The Egg May 23-25, 10 a.m.; May 25 and 26, 8 p.m. Community Box or Egg box office, 473-3740.

"Camelot" (with Richard Harris as the Once and Future King), Proctor's Theater, May 22-27, 8 p.m., May 24 and 27, 2 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

"Annie" (It's a Hard Knock Life), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatam, May 25 through June 10, (Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 5 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday, 2 and 7 p.m.), Reservations, 392-9292.

"The Children of the Land are Poets" (Honolulu Theatre for Youth's contribution to the Imagination Celebration), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 30, 31 and June 1, 10 a.m. and noon; June 1 and 2, 8 p.m.; June 3, 2 p.m. Egg box office, 473-3750.

MUSIC

Mirinda (country music singer with C.J. Colt, the American Gentlemen and the Cross-Country Dancers), Convention Hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, May 28, 1 and 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Community Box Office.

John Lindsey, violin and Rebecca O'Connor, piano (Crane at Cohoes series), Cohoes Music Hall, May 27, 3 p.m. Reservations, 235-7969.

DANCE

Tokyo Ballet (kicks off Woodstock's Spring and Summer Dance Festival), Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 212 and 375, Woodstock, N.Y.; May 27 and 28, 7 p.m. Reservations, (914) 679-2436.

MUSIC

"Topper" (Cary Grant and Constance Bennett), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, May 28-31, 7:30 p.m.; May 31, 3 p.m.

CIRCUS

Ringling Brothers and Barnum & Bailey at the Glens Falls Civic Center, May 23-25, 4 and 8 p.m.; May 26, 11 a.m., 3 and 7:30 p.m.; May 27, 1 and 5 p.m.

ART

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

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

Susan Medyn (water colors) and David Formanek (sculpture), Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through June 10.

Print Club of Albany retrospective exhibition, Albany Institute of History and Art, through June 24.

Senior Invitational Show, Dietel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through June 9.

Paper as Art, handmade paper pieces by Susan Schmader, Sabra Richards, Alban Shields and others, Posters Plus Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany.

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

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- Frontline: Vietnam Memorial Monday, 8 p.m.
- Dance in America: Balachine Tribute, Part I Monday, 9 p.m.

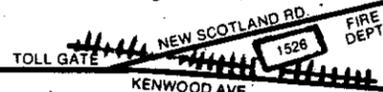
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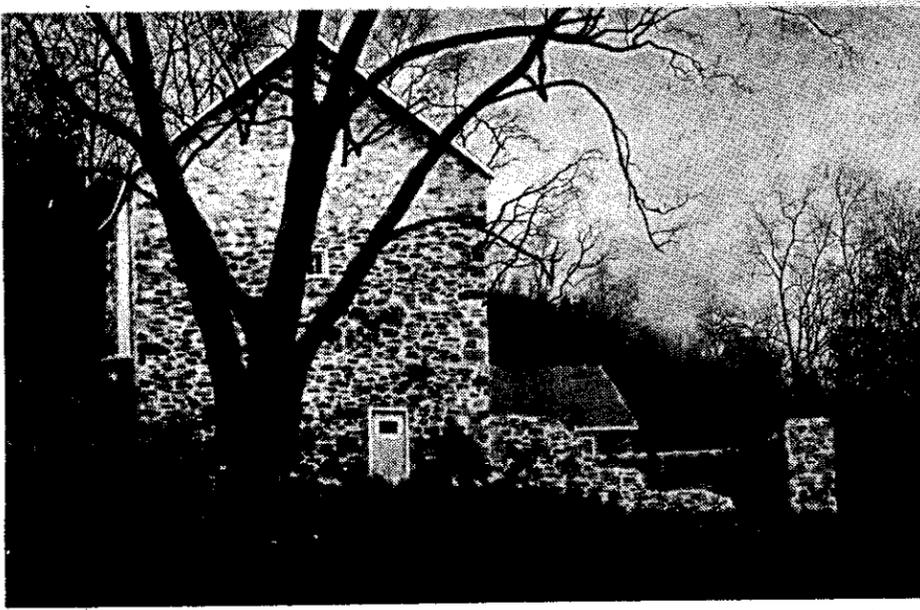
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THURSDAY MAY 31

Middle School PFO Meeting, Bethlehem Middle 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.

Sports Awards Dinner, Voorheesville High School, 6 p.m.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

Red Cross Bloodmobile, Voorheesville Methodist Church, noon-6 p.m. For appointments, 462-7461.

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

Senior Ball Marathon, "An Evening in Paris", Bethlehem Central High School, 9 p.m.-1 a.m.; after-ball activities and breakfast, Bethlehem Town Park, until 6 a.m.

Legal Clinic for Senior Citizens, Bethlehem Town Hall, 11 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Free; appointments, 439-4955 weekdays.

BTA "B" Tournament, men's singles, Bethlehem Middle School and Town Park courts, 5 p.m. \$6 and \$5 registration, 456-8480.

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Hamagrael Carnival, children's pony rides, face-painting and games, Hamagrael Elementary School, Delmar, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

Giant Paper Drive, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 71, drop-off at St. Thomas Church parking lot, 8-11:30 a.m. For pick-up, 439-7930, 439-6987 or 439-6683.

Grange Dinner, ham and strawberry shortcake, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.

Ham Dinner, sponsored by Methodist Men, Slingerlands Community Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m. Tickets, 439-1766 or at door.

BTA "B" Tournament, women's singles, 9 a.m., and doubles, noon; men's doubles, 2 p.m.; mixed doubles, 4:30 p.m., Bethlehem Middle School and Town Park courts. \$5 and \$6 registration, 456-8480.

MONDAY, JUNE 4

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

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

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

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

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

TUESDAY, JUNE 5

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

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

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6

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

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

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, annual chicken barbecue, at the Hynds home, Delmar, 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JUNE 7

Pops Concert, Bethlehem Middle School and Town Park courts, 5 p.m. \$6 and \$5 registration, 456-8480.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, MAY 23

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

Itella and Colitis Foundation, general meeting, Huyck Auditorium, Albany Medical Center, New Scotland Ave., 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, MAY 24

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.

Take Another Look: Art at the Empire State Plaza, public lecture, Albany Institute of History and Art, Washington Ave., noon. Free.

FRIDAY, MAY 25

Regional Chamber of Commerce Breakfast, with guest speaker Frank Russo, former Hartford Civic Center director, Quality Inn, Albany, 7:30 a.m. For \$7.50 reservations, 434-1214.

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

SATURDAY, MAY 26

Dedication of State Vietnam Living Memorial Park, ceremony, dignitaries veterans' groups, music, food clocks, ethnic booths and fireworks, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. (all-day).

Local Special Olympics, more than 300 mentally retarded children compete, Albany State campus, 9 a.m. opening ceremonies.

Niska Day, parade, games, booths, entertainment and fireworks for town's 175th birthday, Niskayuna High School, Schenectady, 10 a.m.-dark. Information, 372-7710.

Quality Miniature Show, weekend event benefits American Cancer Society, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, MAY 27

Chesterwood Antique Automobile Show, at the estate of the "Minute Man" sculptor, Stockbridge, Mass., 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

Baptist Congress Gospel Concert, church choirs from all over the state perform, Convention Hall, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7-11 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, MAY 29

The Man in the White Suit, Alec Guinness film, Albany Public Library, 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free.

Videotape of the Erastus Corning II Funeral, and WNYT-TV produced program on the late mayor, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

Empire State College Information Session, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m.

EBA Summer Dance Class Registration, at Chapter House Theater, Albany, 5-9 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

WEDNESDAY, MAY 30

EBA Summer Dance Class Registration, at Chapter House Theater, Albany, 5-9 p.m. Information, 465-9916.

Senior Citizens Ball, gala dancing to music by Johnny Costas Orchestra, Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-11:30 p.m. For \$1 tickets, call 465-3322 or visit any Senior Service Center.

Environmental Study Group, first meeting for environmentalists to discuss timely issues, Albany Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 869-1969.

Health Through Homeopathy, Dr. Jeffrey Migdow discusses "How to Assess Your Own Healing Energy and Practical Ways to Reduce Stress," Kripalu Yoga Center, Albany, 7 p.m. \$2.50 admission.

THURSDAY, MAY 31

Start Your Own High-Profit Business with Corporate Benefits, Job Outreach lecture, Human Resources Center, Albany. Free; information, 447-6723.

Jewish Community Center Biennial Board Dinner, with guest speaker Mayor Thomas Whalen, Colonie Country Club, Voorheesville, 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 438-8651.

The Fate and Transport of Toxic Substances in the Hudson River, two-day conference with field trips, Rensselaer Center of Applied Geology, Troy, 9:30 a.m. \$60 registration, 273-3247.

FRIDAY, JUNE 1

South Mall Towers Community Festival, senior citizens' apartment complex has craft fair, farmers' market, art exhibit and Skip Parson's Jazz Band, 101 So. Pearl St., Albany, noon-3 p.m.

SATURDAY, JUNE 2

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Calling all cyclists! Peter Douglas, a sixth grade teacher at the Voorheesville elementary school, has been named the chairman of the Cystic Fibrosis Bike-a-thon for Voorheesville. The event which consists of a six mile bike course is open to cyclists in grades five through adults and will be held on Sunday, June 3. The event which will run from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. will begin at the elementary school parking lot, with Key Club members assisting in the event.

Funds raised in the Bike-a-thon will go to support cystic fibrosis care, teaching and research centers. Instructions and pledge forms are available at both the elementary and high school offices. Those wanting more information contact Douglas at 765-3108.

Summer reading and math

Parents of children in grades 4-6 in the Voorheesville Central School District are invited to register their children in the district's summer math and reading programs. The program will be conducted this year by fifth grade teacher Leonard Griggs from July 5 to Aug. 8, with the reading portion of the day scheduled for 9 a.m. until 10:30 a.m. and the math section from 10:30 a.m. until noon. Children entering the program will be tested to determine their needs in reading and math, so the program may be geared to the individual. At the end of the period, parents will receive a detailed report of the student's progress.

District parents may register their children whether or not they attend the Voorheesville elementary school. For information or to register call the school at 765-2382 by June 1, registration deadline.

Summer courses offered

One district teacher who will be working this summer is Don Otterness, science coordinator and coordinator of

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451

the gifted and talented program at the Voorheesville school. Otterness will teach two courses this summer in the SUNYA Summer Experience for the Gifted and Talented.

The two courses, both in his field, are "Our Wildlife", which teaches children in grades K-3 about the necessity for wildlife and the different types of animals that inhabit New York State, and "How Birds Survive," also for grades K-3 which will stress how birds adapt to their habitat.

Anyone wanting information on the courses may contact Otterness at the elementary school, 765-2382.

Band at State University

Voorheesville High School concert band members, many who will soon attend their own commencement, got a look at things to come when the concert band performed at the commencement ceremony held at SUNYA on Sunday. The band under the direction of Frank McDermott presented a short pops concert before the ceremony, followed by the processional. The SUNYA alma mater concluded the event.

New Slate for Auxiliary

Voorheesville American Legion Auxiliary has installed new officers for the coming year. They are: president, Corrine Cossac; first vice president, Helen Bayly; second vice president, Shirley D'Arpino; secretary, Ester Schultz; treasurer, Agnes Tucker; historian, Marion Hatch, and chaplain, Linda Van Ravensway.

Bloodmobile is coming

With holidays coming up, the need for blood is more urgent than ever. To assist with this urgency the Red Cross Bloodmobile will be in Voorheesville on Friday, June 1, from noon until 6 p.m. those over 17 wishing to donate blood may come to the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville between those times or call Voorheesville Community Bloodmobile chairman, Diane Guyer, at 765-2529, to make a reservation.

Sports awards next week

Students and coaches who participated in sports programs at the high school will be honored at the annual awards program to be held at the high school on Thursday, May 31 at 6 p.m. Cost is under \$4. The awards ceremony, which is free, will include varsity letters, certificates and special awards. Dress is casual. Those interested in attending should contact director of physical education Dave Cady at the school, 765-3314.

Tennis league forming

Tennis anyone? The Voorheesville summer recreation program will feature a tennis league beginning June 26 and

running through Aug. 2. The league is open to adult players of all ability levels residing in the Voorheesville School District. Sign-up sheets are posted at tennis courts, the Voorheesville Public Library, Stewart's and the Voorheesville Pharmacy. Deadline for registration is May 31. For information call Edie Martin, 765-2960, or Jeannie Petrie, 765-4264.

Chinese teacher a guest

The village was honored recently to have Zhuo Teng, a professor at the Peking Normal College in Peking, spend a day in Voorheesville "observing an American high school in action." Spending a year in this country, Teng is an exchange professor at the State University at Albany, where she teaches in the Chinese studies program.

According to Vasiliki Volkwein, an English teacher at the school, Teng was especially interested in observing the English classes since she trains Chinese teachers who teach English.

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The Voorheesville school concert and stage bands performed recently in the well of the Legislative Office Building in Albany. The students were invited by Assemblyman Richard Conners, who is standing in rear at left with Frank McDermott, director for the groups.

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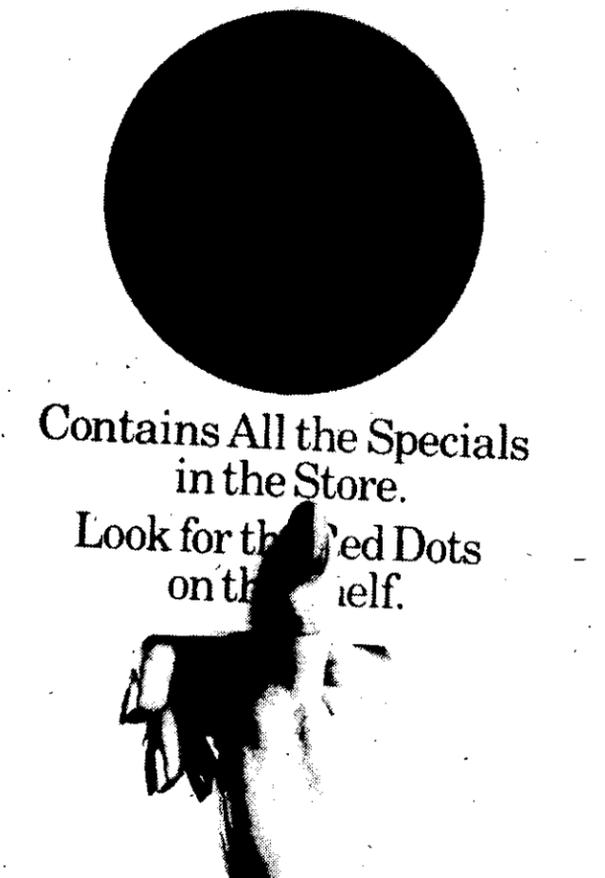
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Spring is life's reaffirmation of itself. It is a covenant of time to survive the cold and dark, to rise above the winter shackles of mothballs and tire chains. Spring is our glorious flag waving in triumph over hibernation, depression and gloom.

But spring also poses some trials and tribulations for more than a few of us. Ask anyone who has spent a sunny Saturday trying to start the lawnmower for the first mow of the season. Or someone who is deathly afraid of spiders who took the entire afternoon trying to gather up the garden hose from a dank corner of the basement. Or some poor gasping soul to whom spring means little more than wheezing, dripping, sneezing, and bronchial spasms from asthmatic distress.

In our particular region we witness the return of our migratory friends, the birds, as well as our migratory enemies, the carpenter ants. God only knows where they spend their winters, but I swear these "social" creatures come back larger than ever and bolder than the year before. I have springtime nightmares of the old horror movie "Them."

And I hate to wash windows, another spring custom of neighborhoods where the houses are no further than one lot apart. No matter what solution I use or the type of applicator or how hard I wipe, I just can't seem to avoid those streaks that can only be seen after you've climbed down the ladder and looked out the window from inside the house. Back up three, four times, and new streaks appear. Forget the second floor. Just get the inside. And nobody can see the third floor windows anyhow, so don't even bother.

Spring also plays havoc with the thermal controls of our sleeping bodies.

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



The nights of April and May can still dip below freezing and require turning on the heat in the house. Yet we have lifted the storm windows in favor of the screens, so the window panes in our bedrooms don't hold out the cold too well. My wife and I usually spend early spring nights performing periodic sit-ups in bed to turn the covers down to the foot of the bed, then to pull them back up, then down, and up, and so on until the morning alarm beckons the last sit-up before rising fully. We don't feel so rested during these days, but our stomachs are in great shape.

Spring is also a time for discovery. I love taking those first walks around the yards into the corners, behind the garage, along the fenceline. It is at those times my eyes come alive with excited expectation, because I know I am likely to find the nozzle to the watering can that was "misplaced" last fall, or the backdoor key my son dropped late one night in December, or the mate to my left glove.

The brightness of the spring sun exposes certain minor flaws in our life spaces that we could tolerate through the bleak winter, but now appears as glaring spots on our residential characters. The bubbles, cracks and chips of housepaint beg our attention. The bare spots on our lawns beseech our care until we realize that the entire lawn doesn't seem as green as it was, so we better weed and feed and water and pamper and frequent the local garden shop.

You had also better tend to the weakened porch steps and the cracked sidewalk. And it's the first winter the car emerged with rust spots on the rocker panels and around the doorlocks. And the front door screen has to be replaced after the family dog clawed it open trying to announce the arrival of the mailman. And the automatic starter on the gas grill isn't working anymore. And this is the year we said we'd fix the patio and enlarge the vegetable garden.

Yes, spring has sprung, and we have emerged from the winter doldrums with

new vigor and that seasonal rejuvenation to come outside into the glorious outdoors and to smell the fragrances, hear the songbirds, feel the touch of the sun on our cheeks — and work our bloomin' tails off.

Church women elect

Mrs. Charles Krantz is the new president of the women's group of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Delmar. Mrs. Mary Spargo is vice president; Mrs. Ethel Smith, secretary, and Mrs. C. Edmund Alford, treasurer.

Volunteers take a bow

The Northeastern Association of the Blind honored volunteers at a luncheon recently in Albany. Among them were Dr. Corrine Snow of Delmar, who has served as a tutor at the rehabilitation center for a number of years and is a member of the Volunteer Recruitment and Consulting Committee. She received the Volunteer of the Year Award in 1981. Also cited was Phyllis Wilcox of Selkirk, who has provided catering services and is a host for students in the rehabilitation center.



Among those congratulating Vivian Thorne, new president of the Delmar Progress Club, was May Blackmore of Delmar, new Albany County chairman of the Federation of Women's Clubs of America, of which the Delmar club is an affiliate. *Spotlight*

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Clemson University — Thomas A. Hyde, Delmar.

State University Upstate Medical Center — Kathleen M. Meister, Delmar, and Brian D. Woolford, Glenmont.

University of Michigan — David K. Narahara and Janet Lyn Strominger, both of Delmar.

Dinner at church

The Methodist Men from the Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church will sponsor a ham dinner on Saturday, June 2. They will serve the meal continuously from 5 to 7 p.m. Tickets, which are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children 6-12, can be obtained by calling 439-1766 and at the door.

Methodists install

United Methodist Women of the First United Methodist Church in Delmar recently installed new officers. They include Viva Klim as president; Jean Mann and Jane Bell, vice presidents; Barbara Logan, secretary, and Eleanor Cowing, treasurer.

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BIRTHS



St. Peter's Hospital

Boy, Ryan Joseph, to Patricia and William Nixon, Slingerlands, April 16.

Boy, George John, to Bonnie and John Griffin, Voorheesville, May 8.

Boy, Eric David, to Isabel and Joseph Herd, Delmar, May 10.

Girl, Victoria Ann, to Mary and Robert Mallery, Selkirk, May 11.

In Columbia, Md., a boy, Christopher William, to Joan and William J. Schoonmaker, 4th, on May 3. Paternal grandparents are Mr. and Mrs. William J. Schoonmaker of Delmar.

Workshop sets courses

The Heldeberg Workshop has announced two 2-week sessions, on July 16-27 and July 30-Aug. 10, featuring outdoor classes for all ages. This year's Adventure in Learning features a variety of classes in folk arts, science art, theater and high adventure.

Young naturalists can explore the Workshop land while learning about insects, rocks and animals. Budding artists may choose painting, photography, weaving, sculpture, pottery or calligraphy. Several theater courses are offered, and High Adventure will introduce students to woods and caves, streams and archery.

Applications are available in schools and libraries. For information, call Melody Nichols, 765-2777 or 456-5880.

Swim programs starting

There will be a special swim signup for three popular summer swim programs in Bethlehem: Learn to Swim and Stroke Improvement, Tiny Tot Swim and Springboard Diving.

The signup session will be held from 6:30 to 8 p.m., Wednesday, May 30, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. All three programs are open to residents of the town and school district. The programs will be held in three two-week sessions, June 25-July 6, July 9-20 and July 23-Aug. 3.

There is no fee for the Learn to Swim and Stroke Improvement Program; the

A time to remember

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In the event of rain, early-morning activities will be moved back to the high school, and Del Lanes will open its bowling alleys to seniors at no extra cost. The dance is free, but tickets will be sold for the after-the-ball partying.

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BUSINESS

Holiday closing

Government workers will take Memorial Day off on Monday, May 28. The Voorheesville Village Hall, New Scotland Town Hall and Bethlehem Town Hall and landfill will be closed for the federal holiday. Garbage collection will be postponed until Tuesday.

Businesses aid auction

Delmar businesses are among contributors to Channel 17's auction scheduled June 1 to 9. Local supporters include Brooks Pharmacy, Key Copysource, LeWanda Jewelers and Nautilus Total Fitness Center. Merchants not yet contacted by an auction "go-getter" can call Channel 17 at 356-1700.



The Picotte Real Estate office at 205 Delaware Ave., Delmar, was one of the winners in the 1984 Tulip Planting Contest as part of Albany's Tulip Festival.

Tom Howes

Arts festival in June

Bill Manu Wilson, professor of art at the State University at Albany, has been named chairman of the third annual Stuyvesant Invitational Arts Festival, scheduled June 16 and 17 at Stuyvesant Plaza. Marie Lousie McHugh, director of the Albany Gallery at the plaza, will be festival director again this year.

Jurors for the weekend exhibit and competition will be David Brickman, photographer and co-owner and director of the Hamm Brickman Gallery, Albany; Janis Keane Dorgan, serigrapher and art director for the gallery at the Albany Institute of History and Art; and Betty Warren, who is a portrait painter and director of the Malden Bridge School of Art. Regis Brodie, professor of art at Skidmore College, will be juror for the crafts entries.

The festival also will have entertainment and food booths, and many works will be for sale.

On filing a grievance

Michael Breslin, Delmar attorney and chairman of the Bethlehem Democratic Committee, will conduct two information sessions for property owners who want to contest their property tax assessments. The sessions are Wednesday, May 30, and Tuesday, June 12, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library. Breslin will discuss the procedures for gathering information and filing a grievance with the Assessment Board of Review.

Post at trust company

James Blendell of Delmar has been named a trust representative at Key Trust Co., Albany. He is a graduate of the State University College at Plattsburgh and of Albany Law School. Blendell previously had been a practicing attorney.

Carnival at school

There will be pony rides, face-painting and games for children plus baked goods, plants and books for their parents at a spring carnival on Saturday, June 2, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. at the Hamagrael Elementary School, Delmar. More than 50 prizes, including a bicycle and Cabbage Patch doll, will be given away in a raffle.

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Saluted at SUNYA

John Hartigan of Delmar, vice president for finance and business at the State University at Albany, was honored recently by the university's Office for Disabled Student Services. Hartigan was cited for his role in the purchase of a talking computer for visually impaired students and for establishing internships in his office for disabled students. He was among 11 persons honored for their contributions to disabled SUNYA students.

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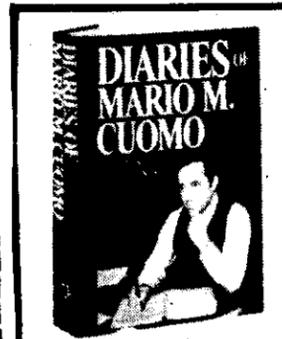
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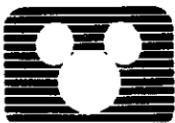
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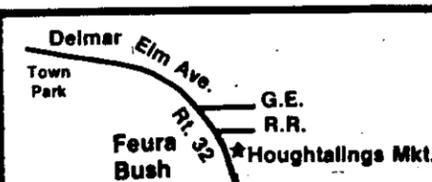
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Winners of the Delmar Rotary Club's 1984 essay contest each were given a \$10 prize and honored at the club's dinner last Tuesday at the Starlite Lounge, Glenmont. Posing with David Price, Rotary contest chairman, left rear, and Eugene Duffy, district supervisor of English for Bethlehem schools, were, from left, Randi Wolkenbreit, Jenny Grant, Rich Einhorn, Tammy Guarino, David Block, Scott McKenzie, Rena Kaminsky, Christina Manning and Dan Dunn.

Legal help offered

There will be a free legal clinic for senior citizens at the Bethlehem Town Hall on Friday, June 1, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. For consultation, make an appointment by calling the Town Hall at 439-4955 or attending a Thursday Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization meeting at the Town Hall from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

Mail theft investigated

Postal Service inspectors are investigating the reported theft last week of an \$836 U.S. Treasury check from a mailbox on Feura Bush Rd., according to Bethlehem police. Three youths, whose names were withheld because of their ages, are being questioned in the case, police said.

Golf course fire probed

Bethlehem police are investigating an incident Sunday in which a fire apparently was started in the office at the Colonial Acres golf course. Police said a shelf inside the building was apparently set afire and then taken outside, where it was left to burn.

Crash driver 'serious'

Charles D. Bates, 24, of Schenectady was in serious condition Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital with injuries suffered when the car he was driving went off Rt. 443 at its intersection with Rt. 85 in the Town of New Scotland early Sunday and hit a telephone pole. Two passengers in the car, Donald W. Shafer, 18, and Daniel McGuire, 17, both also of Schenectady, were treated at the hospital and released. The three were taken to the hospital by the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad. A sheriff's department deputy said the crash is under investigation.

V'ville girl crash victim

Susan Flynn, 19, of Voorheesville died Saturday as a result of injuries suffered in a collision on State Farm Rd. in Guilderland that also claimed the life of Randy Hunt, 19, of McKownville. The car Hunt was driving collided with a van about 8 p.m. just north of Nott Rd. Roger Ellis, 21, also of Voorheesville, the driver of the car, was listed as in critical condition Monday at Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Park passes ready

Bethlehem residents who use the pool complex at the Elm Ave. Park from June 9 through Labor Day must have 1984 photo ID passes. Passes are being issued at the park office from 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. weekdays and 11 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturdays.

Persons who obtained passes in previous years must bring passes for updating, and new residents plus those who have reached the age of 8 since last season must obtain a 1984 pass. Proof of residence is required. Persons who have lost their passes, must be photographed and will be charged a \$3 replacement fee.

Residents can opt for pay-as-you-go passes or for season passes, which allow unlimited access to the pool complex.

Admission to the park's parking lot will be by yellow resident sticker. Stickers are available at the town hall and park office and at the town Highway Department. There is no charge for the sticker, which also allows residents access to the town landfill on Rupert Rd. Resident stickers for vehicles with a commercial registration can be issued at the highway garage only, weekdays.

Cookout for club

Mr. and Mrs. Given Hynds of Delmar will host the Bethlehem Business Women's Club's annual chicken barbecue in their backyard on Wednesday, June 6, at 6:30 p.m.

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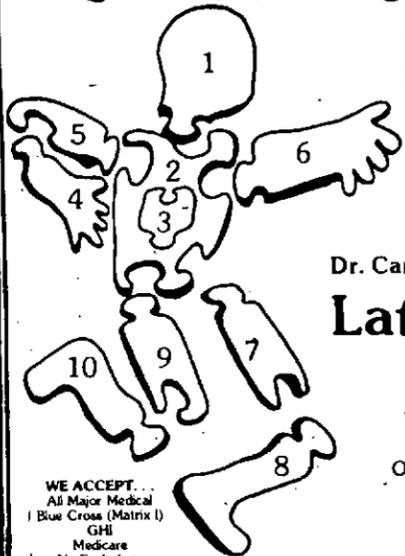
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Comeback bid falls short, RCS edges Voorheesville

By Mike Larabee

In the most exciting game of the season thus far, Voorheesville fought back from an early 9-run deficit only to lose, 10-9, in 10 innings to area rival Ravena. The game capped a disappointing week for the Blackbirds, who also lost twice to Albany Academy by large spreads. Voorheesville is now 3-10 and has virtually no chance of receiving a Sectional bid.

Ravena struck early, churning up four runs in the first inning and five in the second to build a seemingly insurmountable bulge. VCHS countered with three

runs in the fourth, five in the fifth and one in the sixth.

Tom Wight led off the fourth frame rally with a single. John Ryan walked and both scored on an error. Billy Kelly then knocked in Frank Baker.

In the fifth, Baker smashed an RBI triple to deep center and scored on a single by Joe Rissberger. Kelly drew a base on balls and Kevin Conley unloaded a towering homerun to clear the bases. The three-run shot was Voorheesville's first of the season.

The comeback was completed an inning later when Ryan singled home Wight to tie the score.

Voorheesville's comeback would not have been possible without a fine pitching performance turned in by junior Jerry McNamara. The lefthander entered the game in the third and worked 8 1/3 innings, allowing one earned run on three hits and five walks. "Jerry kept the ball low and mixed his pitches well," explained Blackbird coach Jerry Gordinier. "It was by far his best performance of the season."

It was a different story earlier in the week as VCHS dropped two games to Albany Academy, 22-5 and 9-1. In the first game the Blackbirds gave up 8 walks and committed 12 errors. In the second contest at home it was hard-throwing Dmitri Yavis and hot Cadet bats that felled the birds.

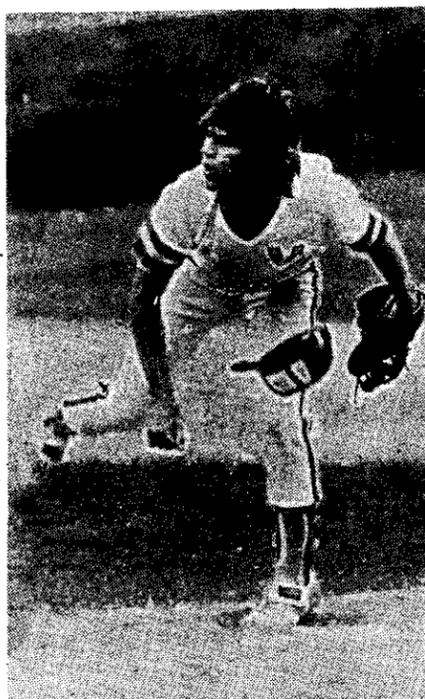
Voorheesville was scheduled to finish up this week by playing Lansingburgh Monday, Waterford Tuesday and Water-vliet today (Wednesday).

Umpires wanted

Bethlehem Tomboys softball league officials have issued a call for umpires. Umpires, who are paid by the league, must be 18 or older. The season runs through July 13. For information, call Kathy Conway, 439-6045.



Blackbird second-sacker Frank Baker takes a throw as a Ravena runner prepares to slide. Tom Howes



Voorheesville pitcher Kevin Conley loses a hat as he cuts loose a fastball against Ravena Friday. Tom Howes

Main Care, GE stage slugfest

In Tri-Village Little League play last week, Main care edged General Electric, 14-13 in an extra-inning slugfest that was called for darkness in the eighth inning. Hitting standouts for GE included Josh Rutnick, who had a single and double, John Emsing, Chris Bearup, and Ben Acquario, who walloped a homer. Stewart Newman hit two singles and Alex Hackman had two singles and a two-base hit for Main Care.

Hackman also had a good day against Price Greenleaf, on the mound and at the plate, striking out eight and hitting a double. His playing wasn't enough, however, to stop Price Greenleaf from winning, 3-1. Scott Fish pitched a two-hitter and whiffed nine for the victors.

Farm family continued its winning ways with an 8-2 victory over Spotlight. The team, last season's major league champs, won the game with a slew of singles. Mike Pratt, Jamie Dillon, Dan Roberts and Scott Hodge all had hits. Pat Doody, this year's outstanding pitcher, hurled a four-hitted and struck out 16. Kyle Snyder smashed a towering solo shot over the left field fence for his second round-tripper of the season.

Seth Graham

Eagles stay out of cellar

An even break in four home games sent Bethlehem Central's baseball team into the final week of the season out of the money (Sectionals) but comfortably removed from the basement they occupied last year.

The Eagles stood at 5-8 in the middle of the Gold Division of the Suburban Council, 6-9 overall, with two games on this week's schedule. Shaker was booked for a Monday game in Delmar, to be followed by a non-league windup at Albany Academy Tuesday.

Last week saw the Eagles lose to Mohonasen by 12-6 and Burnt Hills by 11-5 while posting victories over Albany Academy (non-league) 15-5, and Guild-erland, 9-8.

The Guilderland game Friday provided most of the excitement. The Eagles erupted for six runs in the second inning, only to see their lead melt away. The Dutchmen pulled even at 8-all with a run in the seventh, but BC came back to win on Rick Keefe's single.

Howard Thompson, relieving on the slab for the third day in a row, opened the final frame with a double and moved up on Jim Dering's single before Keefe broke up the game.

Kevin Roohan launched BC's big second inning with a two-base shot, and there were two on with two out when three walks, an error, a wild pitch and two singles set up a parade. Tom McTague, Mike Cronin and Roohan had two hits apiece in that one.

The other good news was the win over the Cadets, in which the rarity was a half-inning without at least one run. BC got off to a 7-4 lead after three, and then it was just more rat-a-tat-tat. Thompson knocked in three runs with a double and two singles, and McTague had three singles.

That leaves little space here for the two defeats, which is appropriate. The Mohonasen game got away before the Eagles had a chance to swing a bat — six enemy runs in the first inning. With Burnt Hills in town two days later, the dam broke in the second inning, starting with two Bethlehem bobbles. Two walks and a couple of hits let to a 7-run inning, and it was Katie-bar-the-door.

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Spotlight	2 2	Main Care	1 3

Intermediate League

W L		W L	
American	2 1	National	2 1
Main Care	2 1	Handy And.	1 1
Buenau's	2 2	Del. Ans.	1 1
Paper Mill	2 2	Stewart's	1 1
Sutter's	1 1	Gen. Elec.	1 3

Junior League

W L		W L	
McDonald's	4 0	Auto. Laun.	1 2
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St. Thomas II 12,	Delmar Reformed 9
Glenmont 11,	Beth. Community 0
Westerlo 6,	Methodist 1
Voorheesville 7,	New Scotland 0

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St. Tom II	3 0	New Scot.	1 2
Presby	3 0	Del. Reform	1 2
Wynan'kill	2 1	Methodist	0 3
Westerlo	2 1	Clarksville	0 3
St. Thomas	2 1	Bethany	0 3
Glenmont	2 1	Albany	0 3

BC netters get Sectional bid

By Julie Ann Sosa

It wasn't even close. Niskayuna (11-2) dismissed Bethlehem (10-3) last Wednesday, 8-1. Although the BC tennis team had to settle for being second best in the Suburban Council's Gold Division, it gallantly came back to secure an invitation to the Team Sectionals by defeating both Burnt Hills and third place Guilderland, 6-3. The Shenendehowa, Shaker and Nisky squads will also advance.

Freshman Stanley Lee was hot; he won his No. 5 singles match against Niskayuna handily, 6-0, 6-2. It was only 45 degrees out, and the rest of the team was just as cold. Andy Tomlinson hung on for a third set, which he lost 6-0, but his teammates were all beaten in two-set affairs. Niskayuna junior Mike Freedman, ranked second to Shenendehowa's Dave Marra, dispatched Andy Saidel in love sets.

Eric Sills, a junior who plays No. 1 singles for Guilderland, twice beat Mike Cole, his BC counterpart last year. Saidel returned the favors in 1984, winning 6-3, 6-4 on Monday. Sills postponed an early demise at 5-2, holding his serve and breaking Saidel's. Andy broke back to close out the set and match. Other Eagle victors were Jay Simard, Dave Cory, Lee, the No. 3 doubles team of Tyree-Cunningham and Mike Ellenbogen, a junior who filled in for an ailing Tomlinson at No. 6 singles.

As he promised, Saidel avenged his earlier three-set loss to Burnt Hills junior John Conine by winning in straight sets on Thursday 6-4, 6-2. Doug Cole, Simard, Lee and No. 1 doubles Grant Cluett also won in two, while Tomlinson took his match, 1-6, 7-6, 6-3.

The three-day Suburban Council tournament this weekend will see Bethlehem enter four singles and four doubles teams. Nos. 3 and 4 singles Cory and Simard will pair to improve their chances for success, and Saidel has a good chance of advancing to the final four that will go to the Sectional tournament. Saidel was a quarterfinalist as a sophomore.

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BTA spring tourney set

The Bethlehem Tennis Association's spring tournament will be played in two installments. The B events will be played over the June 1-3 weekend, and the more advanced A events will be held June 8-10. All finals will be played on Sunday, June 10, with a tournament party and awards presentation to follow. The Bethlehem Central Middle School and Elm Ave. Town Park courts will be the sites of action.

Entry fees are \$5 for BTA members and \$6 for the public. Entry blanks are available at the Bethlehem Public Library, the Bethlehem Town Hall, the town park office, Rogers Sports Shop and Southwood Tennis Club. The deadline for entries is Tuesday, May 29, for B players and Tuesday, June 5, for A players.

For information, call tournament chairmen Peter and Alice Tenbeau at 456-8480.

More adversity for Birds

By Peter Fisch

Hopes of a winning season in Colonial Council tennis for Voorheesville High School have vanished. With two league matches remaining on the agenda, the young Birds have managed only a 3-9 record, 4-9 overall.

Mechanicville was scheduled to travel to Voorheesville Monday of this week, and yesterday, the Birds were slated to finish an incomplete match against Watervliet at Albany Academy prior to the start of the Colonial Council tournament.

The tournament will determine the four singles players and doubles teams that will represent the league at the Sectionals. Senior Ed Volkwein played singles in the tournament for the first time in three years. As a freshman he

played singles but was moved to doubles for the past two tourneys. The two doubles squads for the tourney consisted of eighth graded John Meacham and sophomore Jim Volkwein, and the sophomore combination of Paul Nichols and Dean Solomos. At print time, coach Tom Kurkjian was undecided about his second singles entry.

Marred by unsportsmenlike weather, the past two weeks have brought nothing but defeat for the Blackbirds. Mechanicville (5-2), Albany Academy (7-0), Lansingburgh (4-3), and Cohoes each handed the local netters losses. Only the Lansingburgh match proved close as Ed Volkwein (6-1, 6-1), tallied a singles victory and the duo of Volkwein and Meacham (8-2) along with the combo of Jim Volkwein and Nichols (8-6) chipped in on the scoring.

Hammer, Montanus in Eddy meet

Pete Hammer and Paul Montanus have been the most consistent scorers for the Bethlehem Central boys track team, which has several fine performers but not enough quality or quantity to sport a winning record. Both qualified for the prestigious Eddy meet last weekend, Hammer in the 2-mile, Montanus in the 3,000-meter steeplechase.

Montanus won the mile at the Ravena Invitational and earned a fourth-place finish in the Niskayuna Co-ed meet. Hammer won the 2-mile in the Niskayuna meet and the Schenectady Invitational.

BC's 440-yard relay quartet of Matt

Dunmore, Matt Oschner, Brian McGaraghan and John McAllister won their specialty in several dual meets during the season, and expect to be strong contenders in the Sectionals this week. Other scorers have been Peter Nelson, Greg Doherty and Todd Smith in the middle distances, Damon Woo and Paul Mascari in the mile relay, and Paul Dickey in sprints.

In the field events, Jeff Meyers and Montanus have handled the pole vault, Mike Fish the shot and discus, McGaraghan the long jump and McAllister the triple jump. Freshman Bernie Colligan has been the team's best high jumper and has also done well in the triple jump.

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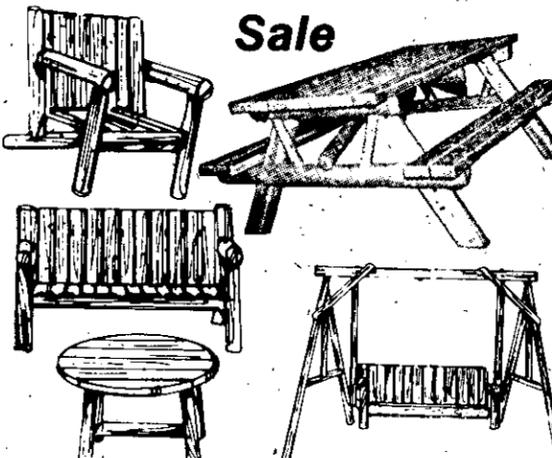
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Goalie Bob Hanks, a BC junior, defends the cage in an intramural lacrosse program. Tom Howes

Football clinic set

As part of a new effort to consolidate the community's football program, spearheaded by Bethlehem Pop Warner and Bethlehem Central High School, BCHS will host a football clinic on Sunday, June 3, from 1 to 3 p.m. Varsity Coach John Sodergren and his athletes will work with interested Pop Warner players on game strategy and skills.

What're those funny sticks for?

By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem Central's newest sport, intramural lacrosse, is off to a fine start this wet-spring season. Four teams captained by Tom Denham, Jim Derosia, Tim Belden and Phil Yourno compete two or three times a week against each other on the Bethlehem Central High School fields.

Lacrosse is one of the few sports in which Bethlehem has never had an organized team. Student interest prompted Bethlehem's athletic director, Ray Sliter, to organize the teams. Although Sliter is not coaching the teams, he supervises and officiates the games and coordinates the schedule.

Sliter feels that there are not enough funds or student interest to enter a lacrosse team in the Suburban Council, but he said that if enough student interest was generated by the intramural team, there is a possibility of entering competition next year with the six teams already playing a regular interscholastic schedule in the Council.

The teams' basic problem is that most of the athletes participating in lacrosse are also involved in other spring sports. Since the other sports are interscholastic, they receive priority over the intramural teams during practice and games. This factor could also cause a problem were the team to go interscholastic; creating a new sport would subtract athletes from the already small spring sports now offered at Bethlehem, reducing the chances of BC teams being able to compete on a high level.

The games the students at Bethlehem



Bethlehem Central's experimental lacrosse program features limited contact, hence no helmets, a spongier ball and 8-man teams instead of the standard 10. Four teams are playing an intramural schedule. Tom Howes

play are almost like those played in the Suburban Council; however, several aspects of the game have been modified for the size of the teams. For example, there are only eight players on the field per team instead of the regulation 10, and the teams are playing a limited-contact version. The 12-minute quarters remain unchanged, but the field, which is regularly the size of a soccer field, is smaller in Bethlehem intramural games than in those played in the Suburban Council.

The stick, which varies in length depending on the position of the person carrying it, is the same as those used in regulation games. The webbing on the lacrosse stick enables the player to scoop the ball, carry it and throw it unless a member of the opposing team knocks the ball loose with his own stick.

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Lacrosse has become a favorite topic of conversation at BCHS, whether the conversationalists are players, spectators or just interested students. Paul Montanus, a player on the team who has been wanting to start an intramural club for quite a while, summed up the majority's feelings when he said, "It's about time we got a lacrosse team around here!"

BC girls run in Sectionals

Bethlehem's girls varsity track wound up the dual-meet schedule with a record of three wins and six losses and this week are preparing for the Class A Sectionals Saturday.

The team's strength is the middle and long distance events. Christine Ainsworth has been steadily improving in the 3000-meter run, with the highlight a first-place finish in the Suburban Council championship meet. Tania Stasiuk has been a consistent scorer and is lowering her times in the 3000. Tricia Shultes has been scoring high in large meets in the 1500, and Jennifer Hammer and Dana Nuss have been scoring in dual meets. Jennifer Warren and Anne Carey have been leading the team in the 800, both qualifying for the exclusive Eddy Meet. Carey took sixth place and established a new Section 2 freshman record of 2:16.29. She has also established meet records at the Gloversville Invitational and the Niskayuna Co-ed meet in the 400-meter hurdles.

Helene Richardson and Cindy Ferrari have been the team's top sprinters. Ferrari has also been doing well in the high jump, with a best effort of 5-foot-1. Marisa Weaver, the team's only senior, does the long jump and the 100-meter dash, but is having troubles with injuries.

The JV team also has a 3-6 record and has much sprinting potential. Melissa Cocozza has been running both JV and varsity and has been improving. In the recent JV championships the Bethlehem 800 relay team took first with a team of Melissa Cocozza, Melissa Aloisi, Jen Angstrom and Sonja Bjurstrom.

Rogers, relays strong for Birds

By Frank Baker

What Voorheesville's boys track team has lacked in dual-meet victories in the Colonial Council (1-5), it has more than made up in the larger multi-school meets.

At last week's County Championships, freshman Chuck Rogers and three relay teams captured medals against mainly larger schools.

Rogers finished second overall in the mile with an excellent clocking of 4:32. The two-mile relay team of Adam Schiablé, Lenny Mertens, Ben Greenberg and Ed Donohue finished fifth, as did the mile relay team of Tim Godin, Lee Kraus, Schiablé and Rogers. Adam Clark, Craig Applegate, Mertens and Godin were sixth in the 400-meter final.

"Chuck and Adam have been our most consistent performers all year," said Coach Ken Kirik. "But Ed Donohue (sophomore—long jump), Bruce Kinisky (eighth grade, discus), and Tim Godin (junior—relays) have all been very pleasant surprises."

On Saturday, four Voorheesville runners, Rogers, Clark, Schiablé and Kraus, were invited to compete in the prestigious Eddy Meet in Schenectady. Rogers turned in a personal-best time of 4:30 in the mile, good enough for a second place in his group (the field was divided into three groups). He also came in seventh in the two-mile in another personal-best time of 10:07. Schiablé finished one place ahead of Rogers in the two-mile in his best time of 10:06. Clark and Kraus ran the 400-meter in 54.3 and 54.6 seconds respectively, good enough for third in each of their trial runs.

The full team travelled to the Colonial Council Championships at Cohoes yesterday and will head west to Gloversville on Friday to take part in the Section 2 championships.

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Take responsible look

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having just attended the last two (post-defeat) budget meetings of the Bethlehem Central Board of Education, I would like to share some thoughts.

First, let me say that I consider myself very active in the schools as a parent and I assumed that I was informed although unable to attend any prior board meetings. In light of what I learned at these two meetings, I now realize that I am a very typical community member who knows alarmingly little about budget details. Do voters realize that going with the original budget vs. a budget cut by \$300,000 amounts to a difference of only 2.6 percent on the tax rate?

So much of this budget is fixed by contracts and state mandates, that much of the "cutting" since the vote is penny wise and pound foolish. No one wants a large tax increase but the reality is that a significant increase is inevitable particularly if there is any adherence to program standards.

I sense a community protest in the defeat not only against tax increases, but also against perceived "fat" in the curriculum and against the prolonged teacher negotiations. This is a valuable message and one that the board has heard. It is now time for the voters to take a responsible look at the newly proposed budget and to fairly decide if they can support it. I strongly feel that further cuts will severely hamper our children's education and urge voters to vote YES on June 13.

Sheila Otto

Elsmere

Mrs. Otto is president of the Elsmere School Community Organization. Ed.

Delmar nurse cited

Patricia Jason of Delmar, a day charge-nurse at the Capital District Psychiatric Center in Albany, has been selected as CDPC's Employee of the Year for 1983. She has been a CDPC employee for three years.

A reception honoring her, together with 16 other CDPC employees who were nominated for the award.

One for the board

Editor, The Spotlight:

Many voters, perhaps a majority, seem to be calling for a revised reduced-spending plan from the school board, and the board is back at work on the budget. If and when we have a new budget to vote on, it will be good to keep in mind that the rejected budget is the one that the board, after months of hard study and work and input from staff and community members, saw as meeting the needs of the school district while keeping taxes as low as possible. In other words, it is going to be extremely difficult to come up with a realistic, acceptable new budget.

The choices seem to be (1) small cuts here and there that will result in only a little savings, but at least will be different from the rejected budget, or (2) large cuts, e.g. transportation, athletics, library services, administrators, that will make the jobs of our teachers and other staff more difficult and deprive students of some programs and services. Either choice may be acceptable, but I wonder if it will be to a majority of voters. I commend the board for their perseverance; it surely would be a temptation to simply go to an austerity budget.

I also would like to respond to "name submitted's" comments regarding Sheila Fuller. No, it is not Mrs. Fuller who was lucky she was re-elected, but the school district. She has gained another three years of hard work, criticism, and hours put in to equal a fulltime (paying) job. We have gained the continued service of a very thoughtful and principled woman who is concerned about quality education and does not equate quality with more, and more expensive, programs. Mrs. Fuller has been, and continues to be, closely involved with our schools, not only as board president, but also volunteering time to assist classroom teachers. And she has continually been receptive to — asked for — input from parents, teachers and other community members. She has my full support and respect.

Christine Deys

Delmar

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Victor Hansen

Clarksville

Kicking the cat

Editor, The Spotlight:

In reflecting upon the recent fray over the school budget, there is a dynamic at work which needs to be brought to the surface. That dynamic is the frustration and free floating anger which is a part of our society.

The vast majority of people today feel powerless to truly impact many things that affect their lives, such as the bureaucracies of government and business. Many are frequently frustrated in their jobs and feel squeezed in many areas of their life. All of this frustration builds into a great reservoir of anger which overflows in some arena in which people feel they can be heard.

One of the places that people still feel they can have an impact is in their local schools. It becomes quite apparent as one reads and listens to the comments regarding the budget that much pent up anger is being discharged by venting upon the school board. It is another version of "kicking the cat."

We need to be aware of this dynamic and remember that displaced anger is very costly. It under cuts the school board, damages the spirit of our community and in the final result hurts our children.

Let us get our head and our "gut" together and proceed with this in an intelligent and caring manner which is more in keeping with what this community is really about.

Larry A. Deys
Pastor

Delmar Presbyterian church

Delmar

Alternative needed

Editor, The Spotlight:

A CHP in Delmar? Of course! (Spotlight, May 9). It's about time to give the medical field some honest competition. It is true we have many qualified medical personnel in the area, but the price they charge is out of sight.

Medicare, Blue Cross, Blue Shield cost over \$500 annually. They cover none of what the elderly encounter — deteriorating vision, hearing and teeth. The elderly pay dearly for living this long! If unfortunate enough to have a serious physical problem we must rely on someone to get us to the doctor's office: no matter how ill, there will be no house calls. After a long wait (the waiting room is already jammed) and approximately five to 10 minutes with the doctor, you may be given a prescription that will cost \$10 to \$25. You realize your sight has not entirely failed when you read the large sign in every M.D.'s office: "Pay Before Leaving."

As for traffic congestion — how ridiculous! The A&P across the street from the grade school and next door to a pharmacy operated in this very location for years and we heard nothing of traffic congestion.

The CHP will not only have qualified physicians but also close cooperation with two area hospitals, Albany Medical Center and St. Peter's.

I am saying yes to the need for this facility, along with several others who cannot afford the exorbitant and escalating fees of the medical profession or should I say the medical business?

Name submitted

Delmar

Thanks for their benefit

Editor, The Spotlight:

Officers and members of the board of directors of the Capital District chapter of the American Diabetes Association express their appreciation to all who contributed to the success of our second annual Bike-A-Thon on May 6. The combined effort produced over \$24,000 in pledges and cash donations.

We thank one and all for making it possible for us to continue our professional, patient and public education programs as well as research to find a preventative and a cure for diabetes.

Gerrit Van Ravensway
Chairman of the Board

Delmar

Counterpoint

Editor, The Spotlight:

The response to my letter (Spotlight, May 2) was gratifying. The important thing is to get open public discussion on the question of the quality of our children's education.

I hope this dialogue will continue, not necessarily with me, but between members of our local community, parents as well as school officials. I am convinced that Delmar is no more magically immune to the current decline in our schools than anywhere else, wishful thinking notwithstanding.

Michael Murphy misses the point, the current negative attitude against population genetics doesn't alter the fact that the potential for all human qualities including intelligence, is inherited. It is particularly evident at the individual level and in small groups, the size of Delmar. In this example, nurture and nature go hand in hand in giving this school district a clear advantage. Because we currently lack good objective numerical measures of human intelligence doesn't mean we can't recognize it when we see it, or that some are not more intelligent than others. And in the human animal, just as in dogs, the capacity for it is under genetic control.

So, for my money, the much quoted national scores do not show the local standard to be significantly better than the rest of the country. With the decline in our national educational standards (compared with others against whom this nation needs to compete to survive), the inflation in the score values over the years means that just to stay "average" any school would now have to get scores that would be off the top of the present scale. In other words, the 95th percentile on the American scale is somewhere about the 50th percentile on the Japanese (and probably the Soviet, W. German and French) scales.

A word in reply to those who took the trouble to respond to my somewhat provocative letter. David Murphy makes a debating point (of dubious relevance) that I never went to PTA or school board meetings. He conveniently overlooks the fact that I did, in contrast, on three or four occasions, voluntarily go to his school and teach a practical science class. As a research scientist who still remembers the stimulation of such visits when I was a schoolboy in England, I wanted to do something active to further local education. My thanks to that far-sighted and gifted teacher, Mrs. Lutkus, who accepted my offer to do this (with Mr. Murphy's knowledge and permission). I am still gratified by the number of children from that class who remember my name when we meet. My similar offer to the middle school was not picked up.

During discussion over the years, with those who do go to board meetings, I have been reliably told that the public session is largely on trivial matters, and that the real meat of the discussion takes place behind closed doors and in secret, only after the public has been excluded. Perhaps, however, I should go to these meetings and find out for myself how open they really are.

From what I have seen of the local system, teachers work hard, but are extremely frustrated and to a large extent wasted in terms of basic education. They are compelled to endure the distracting chatter and disruptive antics of overindulged students who make up a portion of most classes. A large part of the teachers' energies are currently channeled into coping with these counterproductive distractions that were virtually absent from our schools a generation ago. In my view, the educational system needs to be put on a realistic down-to-earth footing, and drastically changed.

John Hotchin, M.D.

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The Case of the Elevator Duck, by Polly Berrien Berends, 54p., Random House, 1973.

As you may have guessed, this is a children's book, my 9-year-old daughter's answer to "What are you reading these days?" I got a pleasant surprise.

"I took it out of the library because I like case stories and a lot of kids in my class said it was good," my daughter told me. ("Case" to be read as "detective.")

I'm glad all those kids read it because it's a good book, a far cry from the Dick-and-Jane stuff I had to read when I was nine, where all the kids looked like you and lived in houses like yours and were all from suburban families where dad worked and mom was home all day.

Gilbert is Black, his mom works and his dad is a merchant marine and away from home a lot. The duck is not allowed in the building where they live and when Gilbert finds it in the elevator he is faced with a moral dilemma that's especially tough on kids — obeying the rules or doing what's right when the two don't seem to coincide.

Gilbert's solution is ingenious. I was so impressed with the book that I've taken to reading a lot of my girls' books so we can talk about them. This is a great book to talk about.

Senior standout cited

Edward Angelos Volkwein, a senior at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville, has received a \$1,000 national scholarship in competition with 15,000 students throughout the United States. Volkwein, son of Mr. and Mrs. J. Fredericks Volkwein, is one of 250 winners in the National Honor Society scholarship program.

Volkwein is valedictorian of the senior class, a National Merit finalist, winner of the Bausch & Lomb Science Medal, president of Voorheesville National Honor Society chapter, a member of the math team, recipient of the Rensselaer Medal for math and science, captain and most valuable player on both the tennis and volleyball teams, and winner of a state Regents scholarship. He plans to attend Harvard University to study physics.



John Catalfamo and Maribeth Shanley

Shanley - Catalfamo

Mr. and Mrs. James H. Shanley of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Maribeth, to John Joseph Catalfamo, the son of Mr. and Mrs. John J. Catalfamo of Guilderland.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Dutchess Community College. She is a dietetic technician at the Albany County Nursing Home. Her fiancé is a graduate of Guilderland Central High School and the State University College at Alfred. He is employed by Good Samaritan Nursing Home, Delmar.

A Sept. 16 wedding is planned.

Fitness course mapped

A one-mile fitness course is to be erected at Glenmont Elementary School on Rt. 9W on Saturday, June 2. Parents and staff members have volunteered to put up the exercise stations, which were bought with donations from the school Parent-Teacher Association, Farm Family Insurance Co., Travelers Insurance Co., Selkirk Fire Station No. 2 auxiliary, and PIA Management Co.

The 11 stations will be installed around the perimeter of the school grounds so use of the course will not interfere with playground and athletic activities. The exercise stations will have signs explaining their use and purpose. Each is intended to exercise a different part of the body, and they can be used by persons of any age.

Pancakes on the hill

The Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club will take to the kitchen for its annual pancake breakfast on Sunday, June 10, at the clubhouse on Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville. Breakfast will be served from 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tickets are \$3.75 for adults and \$2.50 for children.

Berry - Brandon

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 fiancé 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.

Phillips - Carroll

Capt. and Mrs. Bruce S. Phillips of Westport announce the engagement of their daughter, Lane Laveta, to Lawrence David Carroll, son of Dr. and Mrs. Robert E. Carroll of Delmar.

Miss Phillips graduated from Westport Central School and attended Tufts University and SUNY-Albany. She is employed by the Bessboro Shop in Westport. Her fiancé graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and from Hudson Valley Community College. He has an associate degree in automotive mechanics. He is an owner of the Westport Service Station and Westport Marina with his brother, James R. Carroll.

The wedding date is August 4.



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Van on the road

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All van rides are by appointment on a first come basis and appointments can be made by calling 439-5770 between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays. Donations are 25 cents within Bethlehem, \$1 for rides outside of town. All van drivers are volunteers and any persons in the Town of Bethlehem who would like to volunteer as telephone appointment-makers or drivers are urged to contact Karen Pelletier, at 439-4955 weekdays.

Dean joins board

Harvey Kahalas, dean of the School of Business at the State University at Albany and a resident of Delmar has been named to the board of directors of Blue Cross of Northeastern New York. Kahalas, who earned a doctorate in business administration from the University of Massachusetts, joined the faculty of the School of Business in 1977. He served as associate dean from 1979 until becoming dean in March, 1981.



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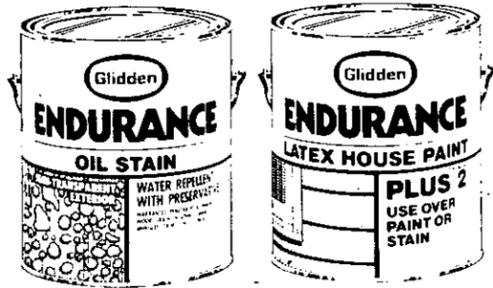
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