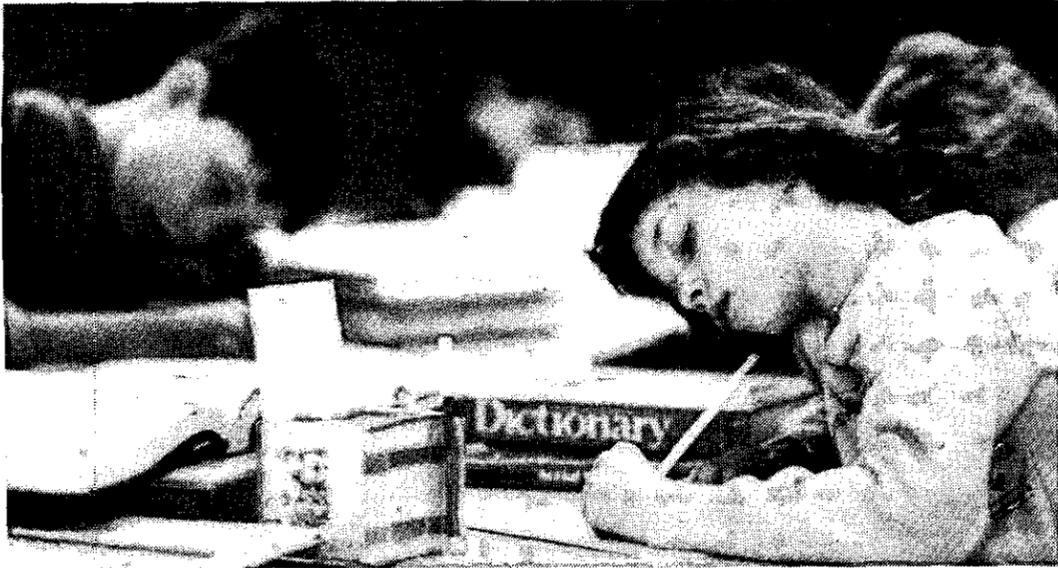


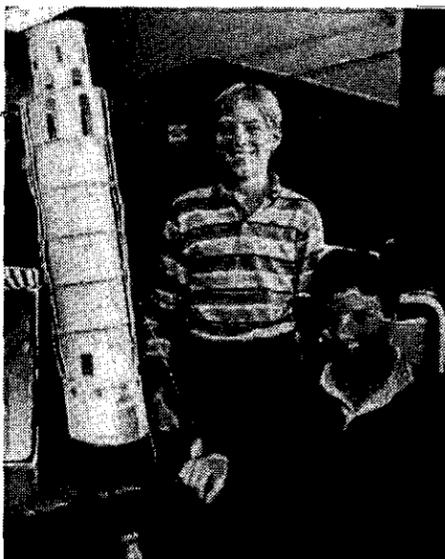
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Slingerlands school students Jennifer Metchick, above, wrote an essay, and Adam Bogdanowicz, left, wore special liberty fashions. Middle schoolers Scott Watkins and Andrew Nelson (below, from left) posed with an "International Awareness" project. On the cover: Slingerlands students demonstrate their love for liberty.
Tom Howes



A time for peace

The Bethlehem Central school district held its first Peace Day last Thursday. Students from kindergarten to seniors at the high school were involved with a variety of educational programs whose purpose was to enhance awareness of a broad spectrum of peace related themes. Activities ranged from the selling of friendship carnations which raised money for the Ronald McDonald House to assemblies and musical productions in all the schools.

Middle school students were treated to announcements of peace day activities in different languages, sent helium balloons with friendship letters and heard a peace choir of student vocalists who went also to the Hamagrael and Slingerlands elementary schools.

Children at the elementary schools were involved with many, diverse projects. One class of Glenmont students worked on themes from the anti-war song, "Last Night I had the Strangest Dream," and another group made peace posters. Slingerlands children collected moneys for the Statue of Liberty renovation project by contracting with their parents to do chores at home. They raised \$472.50. Third graders wrote letters to youngsters in other countries explaining the pledge of allegiance to them. Elsmere 5th graders watched a video tape on world peace.

Peace Day activities for high school students focused on classroom discussions, peace songs, films and international dressing and eating. There was an assembly at which Principal Charles Gunner spoke. Also appropriate musical selections were performed by students. Advance placement biology students saw a film depicting behavior in lower order animals, which in spite of territorialism and dominance patterns, do not usually kill their own species. According to the film, only humans kill their own kind.

Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent and the administrator responsible for peace day, said that the March 28 programs were the outgrowth of faculty concern about world situations and the need to encourage cooperation instead of competition. The Futures Symposia which offered open discussions on global matters and the Adele Faber workshop held in November, 1983, close to the airing of the ABC nuclear holocaust movie, *The Day After*. Faber expressed concern about the impact of that movie and the nuclear arms race on children.

McAndrews added that this year's peace day "was a trial balloon." He said that the faculty will be discussing whether to take a one day approach next year, or address the topic throughout the school year.

Linda Anne Burtis

Lennon leaving a rare legacy

Voorheesville Mayor Richard J. (Dick) Lennon will resign his village post in August to accept a job transfer — and a promotion — to Florida.

And he is leaving a legacy few, if any, heads of municipal governments bequeath their constituents — a tax-free year on property assessments.

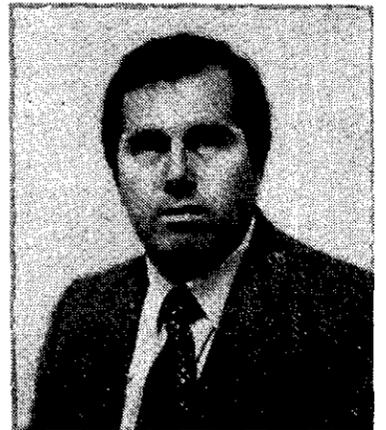
Lennon, a 42-year-old project manager for the General Electric Consulting Corp., has been named technical director of the company's Florida operations, based in Tampa. He will serve in his village post until "sometime near the end of August," at which time the four village trustees will appoint a successor to complete the term. Lennon's two-year term, his first as mayor after earlier stints as trustee, runs to March 30, 1986.

Lennon broke the news of his impending transfer privately to board members and close friends last Wednesday, and made the formal announcement Monday night when he and the trustees held their annual organization meeting for the fiscal year that began in April.

"It's been work, but it's been fun," Lennon told a reporter over the weekend. "I enjoy the job and I'm sorry to have to leave it. I only hope people don't think I'm letting them down."

If Voorheesville residents were happy about having their taxes cut by more than 50 percent a year ago, they could go into delirium this year. They won't have to pay any property taxes at all to the village for the next 12 months.

"We have the money for the services we provide, plus a small



Richard J. Lennon

cushion," Lennon said. But he was careful to say that the tax moratorium is valid only for the 1985-86 fiscal year, and that there is no commitment beyond that.

Last year the tax rate dropped from \$3.80 per \$1,000 to \$1.45 per \$1,000. The monies received from the real estate tax dropped from \$121,420 to \$44,713. This year revenues received from that tax will drop from \$44,173 to zero.

The proposed village budget for the 1985-86 year, beginning June 1, totals \$659,926. The current year's budget is \$483,638, and includes an estimated \$150,000 in revenue from sales tax. "We took in twice that," said Lennon. The surplus in the present budget will be rolled over to the next year as income.

The proposed 1985-86 budget includes \$100,000 for a new fire truck, \$65,000 for road repairs and \$40,000 for the replacement of a dump truck and salter.

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Awards for Spotlight

The *Spotlight* staff took home a first prize for best circulation promotion, a second for in-depth reporting and four honorable mentions at the annual convention of the New York Press Association last weekend at the Americana Inn.

The *Spotlight's* circulation promotion last spring offered more than \$1,500 in coupons at local merchants to new subscribers and current subscribers who extended subscriptions. The NYPA judges called the campaign "the most original and fully utilized idea for creating interest in a subscription to a paper."

Staff writer Theresa Bobear won the in-depth reporting award for her story on the "day care underground" — the conflict between baby sitters and the increasingly complex state rules for day care.

Honorable mentions went to *The Spotlight's* coverage of sports, education and the environment and to Norman Cohen for his weekly column, "Family Matters."

The *Spotlight* sports staff is directed by Nat Boynton and includes staff writer Dan Tidd, photographers Tom Howes and R.H. Davis and more than a dozen high school correspondents.

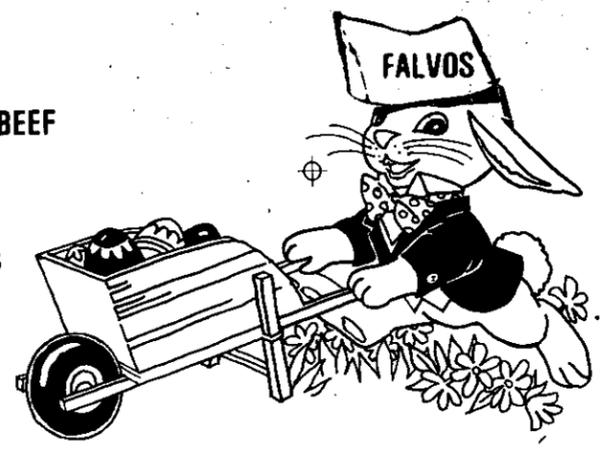
Entries for education coverage included stories by Caroline Terenzini, Tom Howes, Julie Ann Sosa and a survey conducted for *The Spotlight* by Evalumetrics Research of Delmar.

Writers who contributed to *The Spotlight's* environmental coverage last year included Linda Anne Burtis, Nat Boynton and Mary Pratt.

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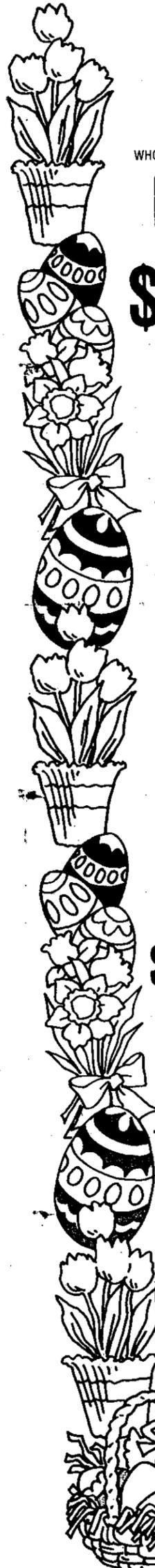
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BC budget critics wave white flag

By Caroline Terenzini

Only a handful of residents came out last Wednesday for their last chance to have a say about what is — and what isn't — in the Bethlehem Central School District's \$17.5-million spending plan that will go to voters on May 8.

Board President Sheila Fuller said she was disappointed by the small turnout. After a four-hour meeting the previous Saturday, board members had considered canceling the Wednesday session because there seemed to be nothing left to do, but they decided to stick to the schedule to allow the public time to speak.

Among the observers, Joseph A. Constantino of Elsmere may have gone a long way toward explaining why so few were on hand.

"The community is powerless to do certain things," Constantino said. "Do you feel how helpless we really are? The state mandates this, the state mandates that... The community, except to be a yea or nay person, is helpless." The district's bargaining units and the overseers at the state level "are the people who call the shots," he said.

On another tack, Constantino urged that the district publish more information about the budget as it is developed — "give it to us in spoonfuls we can digest."

Other concerns were raised by John E. Hotchin of Delmar, who declared, "I don't really basically understand why school is costing more and more." In response, Superintendent Lawrence A. Zinn noted that personnel costs make up about 75 percent of the budget and that pay increases hence have a major impact. For example, he said, negotiated 6-percent raises plus increments worth another 1 1/2 percent are due the district's 230 teachers next year.

When Hotchin insisted that increases in the tax base should cover increased costs, board member Bernard Harvith responded, "What you say would be true except that state aid (at about 21 percent of the district's total budget) doesn't keep up. And the town has not reassessed on a massive basis, which benefits long-term residents. That's fair to long-term residents (but) there's a subsidy to a lot of taxpayers from not reassessing."

"If state aid increased with inflation and if the town reassessed every year, it would probably work out," Harvith said.

Hotchin also complained about the accessibility of the budget document, prompting Ruslander, who is a candidate for re-election this year, to pledge that if he is re-elected, he will have a copy of next year's budget proposal made at his own expense for Hotchin. Copies of the budget draft are available to the public at the Educational Services Center, Adams Pl. in Delmar, during business hours. They also are available to the public at board business meetings and budget sessions.

During the budget sessions last month, the board decided to put the proposed spending of \$240,000 for new buses in a separate proposition, also to be voted on May 8. Approval would increase the tax rate 84 cents per \$1,000 this year, but the cost would drop to 9 cents per \$1,000 the following year. The board also decided to add three and a half teaching positions at the elementary level, to reflect increased enrollment levels, and one full-time person to coordinate substance abuse prevention efforts in the district.

In sum, the budget plan that was to be officially adopted Tuesday evening calls for a tax rate increase of 5.16 percent, or \$8.23 per \$1,000 assessed, in Bethlehem. In New Scotland the tax increase would be 4.17 percent, or \$11.14 per thousand. At this writing, the district was assuming the save harmless state aid provision would be continued, meaning that Bethlehem would receive the same operating aid from the state that it has for the past six years.

The budget plan also assumes a 2.7-percent increase in the district's tax base, the average of the past five years. The actual figure will not be known until August, a month after the district's fiscal year has begun. Last year, the increase in the tax base surprised everyone with a figure that dropped the projected tax rate increase several dollars.

The equipment lines in the budget add up to about 1.5 percent of the total, coming off a year when voters said no to any new equipment. The allocation for supplies is at the same level as last year, administrators said.

The operation and maintenance section of the budget contains money "to take care of our needs" until a capital bond issue proposal can be presented to voters, Zinn said.

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William E. Tinney

Ruslander has contest

Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District have their first contest for a seat on the school board this week and are certain to have another even more lively.

William E. Tinney of Delmar, a retired Thruway Authority executive and resident of the district for 23 years, announced on Monday he will oppose incumbent Robert Ruslander of Delmar in the May 8 election.

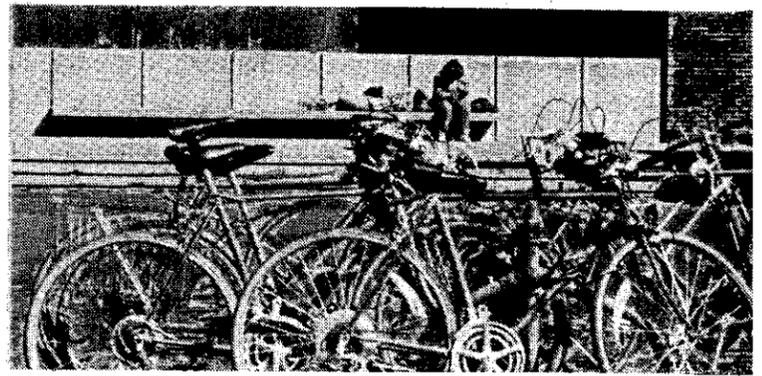
Ruslander, a member of an Albany law firm, filed on Monday for a second three-year term on the seven-member board. Tinney is expected to file his formal petition later this week.

Meanwhile several candidates for the seat of the late John H. Clyne reportedly have been circulating petitions. Cheryl Stees, clerk of the board, said 15 persons had picked up petitions for the vacant seat.

Petitions must have a minimum of 83 signatures of eligible voters to be valid. Filing deadline is 4 p.m. Monday.

Tinney said he feels he has "the background to make a strong contribution to the administrative management of the Bethlehem school system." He said he favors "a strong and efficient quality school system."

Tinney retired as assistant executive director of the Thruway Authority after 19 years in various administrative staff positions. He previously served seven years as personnel officer of the state



Linda Leery and Lisa Skultety, 10th graders at Bethlehem Central High School, enjoy the sunshine during our recent preview of summer.
Tom Howes

Absentee ballots to be available

Residents of the Bethlehem Central School District who will be away on May 8 when the district's proposed budget will be voted on may obtain applications for absentee ballots at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar. For ballots that will be mailed to absent voters, the deadline for the application to be submitted is May 1. If the absentee ballot will be picked up by the voter, the application deadline is May 7.

For information, district residents may call Cheryl Stees, district clerk, at 439-3650 mornings.

In addition to the budget the May 8 ballot will contain the names of candidates for two board seats, a proposition authorizing the purchase of five buses and a proposition that would authorize district transportation for all elementary pupils, eliminating walkers.

The two propositions are unrelated, district officials have emphasized. Transporting the approximately 185 pupils who now must walk to school because they live within a half mile would not require purchasing any additional buses, they said.

Department of Corrections. A native of Port Ewen, Ulster County, he graduated from Kingston high school, and was chairman of the three-member committee with Julian Tauss and the late Henry Blattner that recommended the present site at 700 Delaware Ave. and developed recommendations for the style and layout of the building.

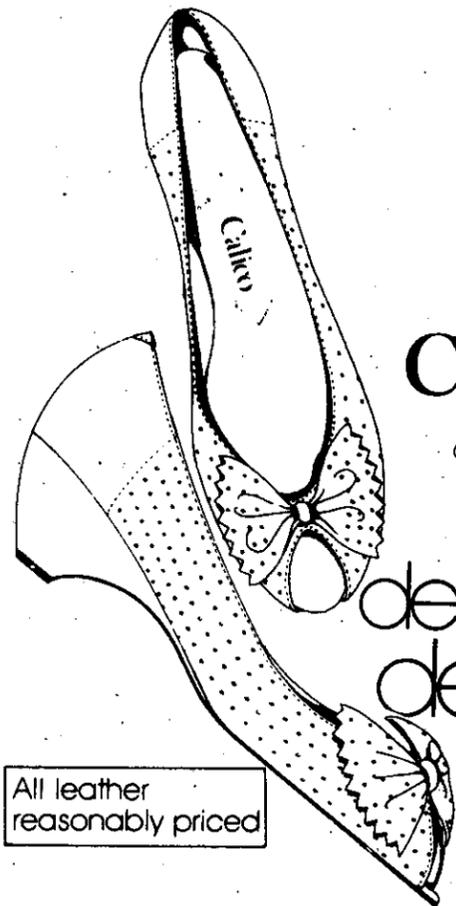
A well-known citizen, Tinney is a past president of Normanside Country Club and currently is president of the Normanside Corporation, the club's parent company. He is also president of the Senior Golfers Association of Eastern New York, past chairman of the Hudson Valley chapter of the Steamship Historical Association of America and secretary and past president of the St. Andrew's Society of Albany. He is a member of the board of trustees of the Bethlehem Historical Association.

In addition to his activities as a historian with the steamship and the Hudson River valley, Tinney is an active collector of swing and jazz recordings of the Thirties and Forties. He has three children and 12 grandchildren, and lives with his wife, Mary, at 65 The Crossway, Delmar.

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Halter Rd. plan approved

By Theresa Bobear

The town's commissioner of public works, Bruce Secor, was on call again last Wednesday night as the Bethlehem Town Board reviewed plans for water lines and gas lines that may be built in the town.

With town board authorization, Secor will proceed with the application for federal "Small Cities" funds to be used for the installation of municipal water mains in the Halter Rd. area.

At last week's public hearing for the project, Secor explained that an earlier application for funds for the installation of sewer and water lines in the area had been unsuccessful because federal officials "thought that the cost per capita was too high for the project we had submitted." The 1983 application included the proposed expenditure of approximately \$200,000 to provide sewage disposal for 18 homes.

The new proposal includes only \$300,000 for the installation of water mains that will serve about 50 homes.

Residents at the hearing expressed regret that sewers could not be included in the proposal.

Secor said the proposal must be submitted to the state comptroller for review because public funds are involved. "What we're hoping for is a part grant and a part low interest loan of some type to make this affordable," Secor said.

At an earlier meeting, the board had agreed to pay Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group a flat fee of \$7,500 for preparing the application.

In another matter, the board instructed Secor to negotiate with Tennessee Valley Gas Company after receiving the company's request for an additional 50 feet of right-of-way for installation of a new 30-inch high pressure gas main parallel to an existing main. As proposed, the main would run through the town-owned Waldenmaier Meat Packing Site on Rt. 32. "We still have plans for this site and expect that at some point we will have to use it as a transfer station (for solid waste disposal)," Secor said. He noted that the requested right-of-way would be within 22 feet of the building. Secor will consult with company officials to determine whether or not they could manage with a narrower right-of-way.

The board agreed to reconsider a request from developer Jeff Lino for the rezoning of a 20-acre parcel across from the Elm Ave. Park from AA-Residential to Planned Residence District. Lino said the zoning change would allow for the construction of attached houses that would give the area a much wider open space. A total of 64 dwelling units are planned for the area. Lino said each building would contain four to six owner-occupied units. The density of the proposed development would be 3.1 units per acre. Lino said he could conceivably have four units per acre with the present zoning.

Lino was denied a similar request last year. Noting the changes in design, the board voted to refer the proposal to the planning board for a recommendation.

The board denied a public hearing to David Musiker for an exception to permit an installed swimming pool to remain two feet from the property line of his lot in Slingerlands. The town's zoning ordinance requires that pools be installed 10 feet from the property line.

Musiker's attorney asked the board to help a man who "has been victimized" by the builder, Heritage Pools, which has since changed hands. He said it would cost approximately \$30,000 to move the \$12,000 pool.

"Where is the man who put in the pool?" asked councilman Sue Ann Ritchko. "It's a self-imposed hardship," said building inspector John Flanigan. "I really think it is between the person who put the pool in and the property owner; and, it's our responsibility to uphold the ordinance," said Ritchko.

Supervisor Robert Hendrick said the town board would be willing to meet with the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association to discuss specific changes being made as a result of the Delaware Ave. Task Force. Douglas Zeno, president of the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association, asked the board to review the uses proposed for several parcels reportedly being sold. Zeno mentioned Vet's Garage, New York Telephone, the Four Corners Luncheonette and Main Care. Voicing the association concern about what sort of businesses would move into the buildings, Zeno said, "We never really got a handle on what we're going to eliminate."

In other business, the board:

- Awarded a bid for the reconstruction of four tennis courts at the Elm Ave. park to Callanan Industries, Inc., the lowest of three bidders. The job will be completed for \$63,151.

- Appointed Roger Griffiths as Henry Hudson Park Ranger. Griffiths, an employee of the town building department, will not receive monetary compensation for his work but will be allowed to reside in the park's beach house.

- Announced that the spring clean-up will be conducted by the town's highway department from April 1 through April 30. During that period the town will collect small junk items and old tires that are placed out near the road. The town will not accept large, heavy items, such as refrigerators.

- Tabled a request to use the town park as the site for a one-ring circus to be sponsored by the Kiwanis Club in cooperation with *The Spotlight*.

- Accepted the resignation of Donald Gillespie as chairman of the town's council for conservation of the environment. The board appointed Francis Currey of South Bethlehem to the position of temporary chairman of council.

- Authorized the town justices to purchase a town court computer software package for \$1,000.

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What's a circus without elephants? The happy beasts have been booked for a Delmar appearance next month, along with other four-footed performers, clowns, daredevils and jugglers.

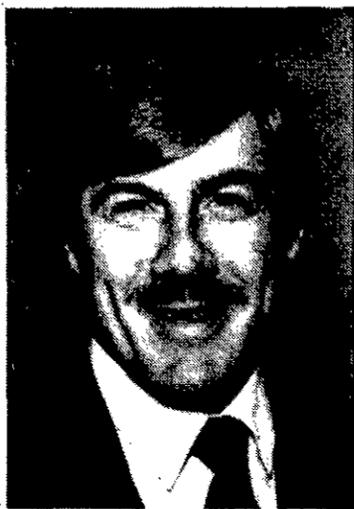
The circus is coming!

It may be a first for Delmar, so everyone will want to be there. The dates are Thursday and Friday, May 23 and 24, when Vidbels' "old-time, all-American" circus comes to town, complete with elephants and chimpanzees.

The town's Elm Ave. Park is expected to be site for the 1,250-seat tent that will see two shows daily, rain or shine. The Kiwanis Club of Delmar and *The Spotlight*, co-sponsors of the event, are seeking a special use permit from the town Board of Zoning Appeals to allow the circus to set up in the park.

The Vidbel circus will bring not only trained elephants and chimps, but also afghan dogs that perform a comedy routine. The featured act will be the Hernandez troupe, eight performers who use a teeterboard with a perch. The show also will feature a flamenco dancer on the low wire, and a trapeze and balancing act. Rounding out the excitement will be the circus band, unicyclists, jugglers and clowns.

Alfred and Joyce Vidbel also carry a petting zoo for children that includes a llama, baboons and a miniature donkey, and animal rides will be offered.



Gary L. Swan.

Swan to fill appeals seat

After accepting the resignation of Board of Appeals member Kathleen Becker, the Bethlehem Town Board last week appointed Gary Swan to the board.

Swan said after the meeting he views membership on the board of appeals as "one of the most fundamental and important means of public service since it involves government closest to the people." He said he believes that a proper mix of accurate information, tenacity, common sense and compassion is needed to best serve the collective interests of town residents.

Swan, who serves as director of management services for the Republicans in the State Assembly, and staff director for the Assembly Republican Steering Committee and all Assembly Minority Task Forces, has been a resident of Bethlehem for the past 14 years.

He graduated from Alfred Agricultural and Technical College and Cornell University, where he studied agricultural education and agricultural economics. Upon graduating from college, Swan became director of information for the State Farm Bureau.

A former president of the Kiwanis club of Delmar, Swan serves as public relations chairman for the 12 clubs of the Kiwanis Capital Division.

He is a deacon at the Delmar Presbyterian Church.

Swan resides with his wife, Maureen Thorp Swan, and his two daughters in Glenmont.

Water main cracks

A water leak caused by a 30-inch crack in the eight-inch water main on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville was discovered last Friday. Approximately 20 homes in the area went without water for 10 hours on Saturday as workers from the village department of public works repaired, chlorinated and flushed the main.

Break-in probed

A kerosene heater was reported stolen after a bus carrying construction materials was broken into sometime Saturday night in the Brookfield development in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police reports. The door of the bus was broken to gain entry, police said. The vehicle is owned by a Schenectady resident.



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A Voorheesville man was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor after he was stopped early Saturday on Rt. 155 at Rt. 85A in Voorheesville, according to a spokesman for the Albany County Sheriff's Department. The driver also was charged with failure to keep right, deputies said.

Diet open house

The Diet Workshop will host an open house on April 11 and April 18 at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave. and Poplar Dr., Delmar, beginning at 7:30 p.m. A well-balanced, low-calorie eating plan will be presented.

Button club resumes

The Half Moon Button Club of the Capital District will meet on Wednesday, April 10, at the Bethlehem Public Library. The program, "Hands on Buttons," will be presented by Mrs. William S. Crawford of Latham. Guests are invited to bring a sandwich and join members for lunch at noon. The club will provide beverages.

Selkirk car wash

Boy Scout Troop 81 will hold a car wash at the Selkirk Firehouse 3, Bridge St., South Bethlehem, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. on Saturday, April 6. The scouts will clean cars for \$2 each.

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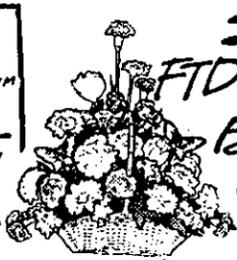


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RCS candidates emerging

Candidates are beginning to make themselves known for the May 8 election in which voters in the RCS School District will select five individuals to serve three-year terms and the two two-year terms.

Board president Anthony Williams said Monday he plans to run for another term. After some 27 years on the board, Robert Van Etten said he does not plan to file a petition for another term. Board member Ronald Selkirk said he may or may not seek reelection. Patricia Marsh, who was appointed last September to complete the first year of James

Gleason's term, has indicated she will seek a full term.

Frank Filippone, who submitted his resignation two weeks ago because of his time consuming duties as executive director of Hillside House, has decided to continue serving as a member of the board of education. He said he plans to file petition and run in the May election.

Board member Susan Gottesman had earlier announced she planned to resign. She has not submitted a letter of resignation.

Thus far, one petition has been filed at the district offices by

Martin Cross III of Selkirk. Petitions are available at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk, and must be submitted by April 8.

The three candidates who get the highest number of votes will serve three-year terms, and the next two get the two-year terms.

□ Lennon

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A data processing specialist in life and management systems, Lennon joined GE Consulting two years ago after 17 years with state agencies. The firm is a wholly-owned subsidiary of the General Electric Co.

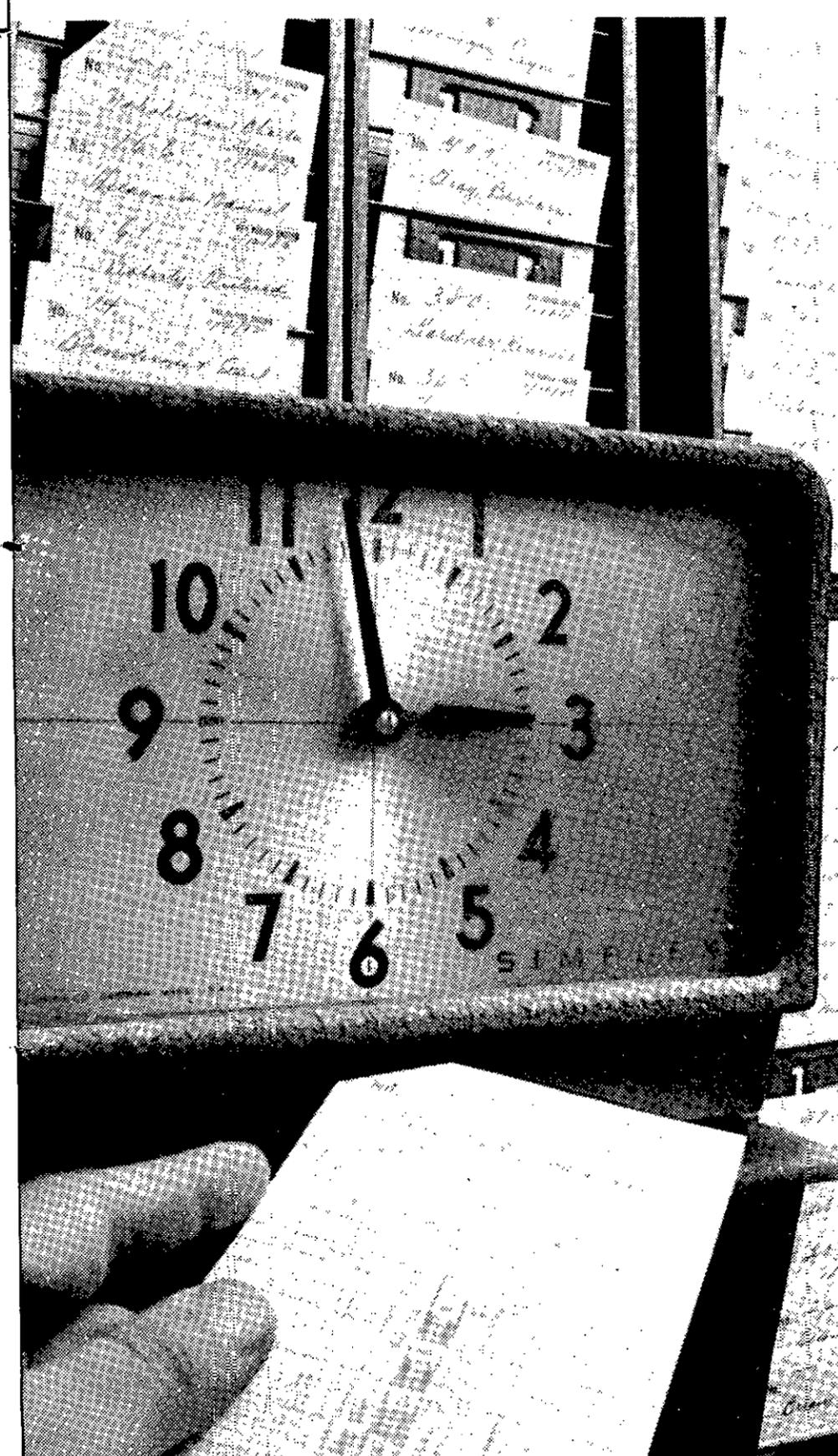
Lennon was born in Albany and graduated from Christian Brothers Academy and Siena College. He and his wife, the former Marjorie Pennock, lived in Delmar for three years and moved to Voorheesville 18 years ago. They have three children, Linda, a registered nurse at Albany Medical Center; Richard, a sophomore at Hofstra College majoring in biochemical management, and Melissa, a sixth grade pupil at home.

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Peace activist brings message to students

The "Star Wars" system would guarantee immediate and inevitable nuclear war," Dr. Robert M. Bowman, former director of the Air Force's Advanced Space Programs Development, told Bethlehem Central High School students last week. The Forum, a high school club, organized the event; in conjunction with the district's Peace Day activities.

Before a roomful of approximately 50 students, Bowman built a case for his position that "together we (the USA and the USSR) will end the arms race or together we will surely perish." Despite the fact that his rapid-fire delivery style was filled with technical terms and foreign-policy information, he clearly expected his young audience to keep pace with him, according to this much-decorated retired lieutenant colonel, the Forum club speech was an educational mission enabling the students "to understand enough about State Wars to make an informed decision."

As former director of Star Wars research, (from 1976 to 1978), how did Bowman come to his apparent switch of sides? He said that "it was not any change in my thinking, but came about because of a change in our national

policy." Bowman said that from his point of view, research on space weapons to defend against incoming missiles is justifiable because it gives us information without escalating the arms race. However, development and deployment of the Star Wars defense, which President Reagan announced in 1983 as an impenetrable shield against incoming missiles, is terrifying. Bowman said he considers the operational Star Wars defense a hair-trigger escalation of the arms race.

The former deputy director of Ballistic Systems for the Air Force points to costs as another argument against defensive space weapons. Bowman said that Star Wars would cost about \$5,000 for every man, woman and child in this country, but that \$5 trillion probably is closer to the truth.

The solution which this military-scientist offers to prevent Star Wars is that the "USA agree to a total ban on testing of weapons in space." Bowman offered the information that the USSR in 1983 agreed to a unilateral moratorium on these weapons and has not tested them since 1982. "The USA has twice tested space weapons," he said.

Linda Anne Burtis



Robert Bowman

Cross gets deputy

Gregg Sagendorph has been appointed deputy superintendent of highways by the Bethlehem Town Board. Supervisor Robert Hendrick said Sagendorph, a foreman in the department, will fill in for Highway Superintendent Martin Cross, who is recovering from an operation and is expected to be out for several months. Sagendorph's term as deputy runs through the end of the year, when Cross's current two year term expires.

Support group forms

A new supporting group for working mothers and women who are contemplating a return to the job market is being formed in the Delmar area. All are welcome to attend the group's monthly meeting at Bethlehem Public Library on Wednesday, April 17, from 7 to 8:30 p.m. For information call Marty Cornelius at 439-9953.

Bloodmobile set

The American Heart Association in cooperation with his American Red Cross will hold a bloodmobile at Bethlehem Town Hall on Tuesday, April 16, from 10 a.m. until 2 p.m. For information call 462-7461, ext. 315.



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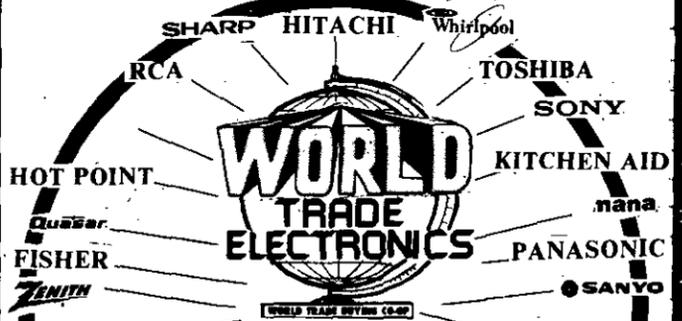
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Daniel G. Lantz of Slingerlands, chairman of the bingo committee of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post 1040, Delmar, presents replacement flags for the classrooms of St. Thomas the Apostle School to student council officers Regina Malone, left, Tonya Frangella and Timothy Gola.

Heldervale plan rejected

By Mary Pratt

The New Scotland Planning Board last week unanimously turned down Nicholas Iarossi's application to develop the 18-lot Heldervale-IV subdivision near Slingerlands. But the board left the door open for another try by indicating that the denial was without prejudice to his submitting another redesigned application.

New information presented at a lengthy Feb. 26 hearing apparently influenced the board's decision. The Albany County Health Department had given the septic systems proposed for Heldervale-IV conceptual approval in 1984. Prompted in part by concerns raised by neighbors residing in the existing Heldervale subdivision and along Mason Lane, the Albany County Health

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Department reviewed the plot plan and soils in Heldervale-IV. It concluded that the alternative "trans-vap" septic systems, to be built into fill laid atop the existing soils, would be unacceptable for seven of the lots because of the steeply sloping, slippage prone soils. In a letter to the Planning Board, Ronald Laberge Engineering had recommended that the developer post a five-year, \$65,000 bond to insure the town against failure of the subdivision's proposed storm drainage system. mark Franze, of the Soil Conservation Service in Voorheesville, in a Feb. 20 letter to the county Health Department had recom-

mended that an erosion control plan be developed for the subdivision.

Board Chairperson Richard Stickley explained in a telephone interview that the whole plot plan of 18 lots could not be approved. The board also felt that even the 11 remaining lots for which the health department could approve septic systems should be redesigned for a larger size. The board, Stickley said, was also concerned about the shallow pitch of the proposed drainage system.

Rex Ruthman, attorney for Iarossi who had presented the details of the subdivision at the Feb. 26 hearing, said the decision had not yet been communicated to him in writing. His "personal feeling" on it was that, given the manner in which the discovery of problems with the proposed septic systems evolved, a reconsideration of the design of roadways and the lay-out of lots is probably the wiser course. Although "somewhat disappointed" by the decision, he said, he personally accepted it as being in the best interest of present and future homeowners to have a more thorough evaluation, particularly with regard to sewage disposal.

Yet, he noted, Iarossi had complied with all the requirements of the town, had addressed all concerns that had been raised, and was prepared to go forward on the basis that approvals would be granted lot by lot. Since Ruthman and Iarossi had not yet conferred on the legal implications of the decision, "Ruthman could not yet comment on what course his client might take in the future."

Motorcyclist injured

An Albany man, 23, suffered minor injuries last Wednesday afternoon when his motorcycle went off Rt. 157 in New Scotland, a spokesman for the Albany County Sheriff's Department reported. The motorcyclist was treated at St. Peter's Hospital and released, the spokesman said. No charges were filed.

Faces DWI count

A Voorheesville man was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor after his car went off Rt. 443 in Unionville Sunday, according to state police in Selkirk. The driver is to appear April 18 in New Scotland Town Court, police said.

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Board discusses bus, equipment proposals

By Charles Casey

An audience of five persons showed up at a preliminary hearing last week on a Voorheesville school budget that could translate into a tax hike of more than 10 percent for New Scotland residents of the district.

Board president John McKenna said the bulk of the budget increase, about \$213,000, is in three areas directly related to instruction: teacher salaries, staff salaries and mandated employee benefits.

McKenna explained that because state aid to the district has not increased since 1982, "all the difference must be made up by local levy."

The total budget of \$6,170,347 represents an increase of \$299,251 — or 5.1 percent — over the current budget.

McKenna announced a proposition to be included in the May 15 budget vote that would enable the district to borrow up to \$88,000 for two new diesel-engine buses and a diesel fuel tank. He described the purchase of the two buses as a "first step in the transition to a diesel fleet." According to business manager Rodger Lewis, many bus manufacturers have discontinued their gasoline-burning buses in favor of diesels.

The purchase of the buses would not affect this year's budget. Superintendent Werner Berglas said the cost of the buses would appear on the 1986-87 budget, and state aid reimbursement to cover 85 percent of the expense would be received in 1987-88.

Members of the audience voiced their concerns over the reliability and maintenance costs of diesel buses. Lewis said he had been in

contact with Niskayuna and other schools presently using diesel vehicles and found that they had very few problems in the operation and maintenance of the buses. He emphasized that a proper blend of fuel is essential to trouble-free diesel transportation.

Voorheesville resident George Skala said he was concerned about the possible dangers associated with diesel exhaust fumes. Skala presented the board with a copy of a report that found diesel exhaust to contain 30 to 50 times the toxic particulates of gasoline exhaust. Board member Peter Ten Eyck said he thought the possible dangers of diesel exhaust should be investigated, especially before the district begins to replace the gasoline buses.

McKenna also announced the possibility of adding a second proposition to the May ballot, this one to approve the \$60,000 expenditure for a capital construction project that was originally coupled with the track proposal. When the track went down by a 2-to-1 margin last month, so did the improvements to the high school's boiler room and cafeteria. Berglas said the improvement plans include the replacement of the cafeteria ceiling and the re-insulation of pipes and valves in the boiler room.

According to an information packet mailed to district taxpayers, the school board terms of Ann Balk and Joseph Fernandez will expire this year. Balk will not run for election, but Fernandez will seek another five-year term.

The board has scheduled the annual meeting for May 14 at 7:30 p.m. and the budget vote for May 15 from 2-9:30 p.m. Both will take place at the high school.



The mood was festive at the New Scotland Republicans' annual dinner dance, as witnessed by smiles of Sue Rockmore, Anne Carson and State Supreme

Court Justice Harold Hughes chatting with Ken Connolly, left, new town GOP chairman.

Spotlight

Pleasant St. gets priority

By Theresa Bobear

Residents of the Pleasant St. area will meet with members of the village sewer advisory subcommittee to discuss recommendations for the area recently received from the Albany County Health Department, according to Voorheesville Village Trustee Edward Donohue.

Now that the village has almost completed its acquisition of the Salem Hills Sewerage Disposal plant, village officials are concentrating on the Pleasant St. problem. "We are going to find the solution that is most cost effective," said Mayor Richard Lennon. "We are not going to make a grandiose proposal out of trying to solve a problem for 20 houses."

At the meeting, members of the subcommittee will explain the nature of the problem and why action is necessary. Committee members and residents will look at possible solutions to the problem — installing a separate sewer system for the area, connecting

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Junior Carnival time

Spring is here, and for most children in Voorheesville that means the Junior Carnival. The annual day of games, rides and food will be held this year on Saturday, April 13, at the elementary school from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m.

The gala event, held rain or shine, also features balloons, a fun house and a white elephant sale. Planning the event along with other class members are president Paul Nichols and officers Gretchen Storm, Denise Condon and Justin Corcoran, plus advisors Dick Freyer and Richard Mele. All are welcome to join in the fun.

Kiwanis drive on

The New Scotland Kiwanis

Club has begun its two-week membership drive. The group is seeking men from the Town of New Scotland and the Village of Voorheesville who recognize the necessity of responsible service to the community. The 35-year-old club has a history of commitment to the safety and development of youth and senior citizens in the community. Kiwanis sponsors such programs as pee-wee wrestling, soccer, grasshopper baseball and softball, summer band, monthly blood pressure clinics and holiday food baskets for the needy.

Philip Joyce, a representative of the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, will speak at the club's membership dinner on

Thursday, April 11. The event will be held at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church Hall at 7 p.m. For information call Peter Douglas at 765-3108 or Skip Jackson at 861-7427.

Ditto men's club

Another group recruiting new members is the Men's Association at St. Matthew's Church. The group which now begins its second year has helped organize several parish dances and dinners, as well as oversee CYO basketball teams. Those interested in joining may contact Dan Schryver at 765-4630.

The group is also planning a communion breakfast to take place on Sunday, April 14, following the 8 a.m. mass. All members and non-members are invited to attend the mass and/or breakfast buffet to be held at the Albany Country Club. The cost is \$7 per person. Those interested may contact Frank Pierro at 765-4584, Ray McDermott at 765-4500, Mike Burns at 765-4390 or Jack Stevens at 765-4390 before April 12 to make reservations.

Easter in village churches

Students in the elementary CCD program at St. Matthew's Church will present a special version of the Stations of the Cross on Friday, April 5 at 3 p.m. at the church on Mountainview Rd. All are welcome.

Easter masses will be celebrated at the church on Saturday at 8 p.m. (Easter Vigil) and on Sunday at 8 a.m., 10 a.m. and 11:30 a.m. Services on Holy Thursday and Good Friday will be held at 7 p.m. each of those days.

At the Methodist Church Maundy Thursday service will be held at 7:30 p.m. on April 4, followed by a joint Good Friday observance at 8 p.m. on April 5 at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church.

Easter Sunrise service will be held at Thacher Park with worship services at 9:30 and 11 Easter morning.

Personal safety week

With spring here the great outdoors is a wide open wonderland for children, but it can also be a playground of peril as well. Well planned personal safety week will be held April 15-19 with many activities scheduled to take place at the grade school. To explain the program an informational meeting will be held on Tuesday, April



Stephen Pilatske, 6, heard the word go and went. A resident of Voorheesville, Stephen participated in the New Scotland Elks' annual Easter egg hunt at New Scotland Town Park on Saturday.

Tom Howes

9, at 7:30 p.m. in the elementary school cafeteria. Parents of grade school children are invited to attend. Working on the school's safety committee are Donna Grant, Betty Singer, Anne Lenno Mary Ann Gregor, Judy Douglas, Corinne Weeks, Susan Beemer and Andrea Gleason.

Task Force to meet weekly

The parents' support group of the New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force has begun holding weekly meetings at St. Matthew's Church every Thursday at 7:30 p.m. Stressing confidentiality the group gives parents a chance to discuss their fears and questions concerning the ever rising problem of substance abuse, as well as a chance to set up viable non-alcoholic alternatives to occupy the time of the area young people. Anyone is welcome to attend the sessions which include personnel from area prevention centers.

PTSA sponsoring events

Students last week had a great time clapping, stomping and singing along with music of George Ward, area folksinger, who introduced the enthusiastic students to several unique instruments as well as interesting tales of the surrounding area. Sponsored by PTSA, the day-long song fest saw individual grade levels participate in a song session especially designed for their age and

curriculum.

PTSA would also like to get a little fancy footwork going on the volleyball court. In hopes of bringing parents, students and teachers closer together, the group is scheduling a volleyball tournament Tuesday evening, April 16, at the high school gym in which teams of mixed players would compete against others. At present a co-ordinator of the event is being sought. Anyone interested in working on this project should contact Mary Van Ryn at 765-2736 as soon as possible.

Career Conference at JCA

Students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School may sign up to attend the second annual career conference, "Emerging Careers of the 80's" being held from 1 to 4 p.m. Thursday, April 11, at the Junior College of Albany.

Bloodmobile coming

A bloodmobile, sponsored by the New Scotland Kiwanis and the American Red Cross, will be held at the Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, from 9 to 11 a.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. on Tuesday, April 9. For information call 462-7461, ext. 315.

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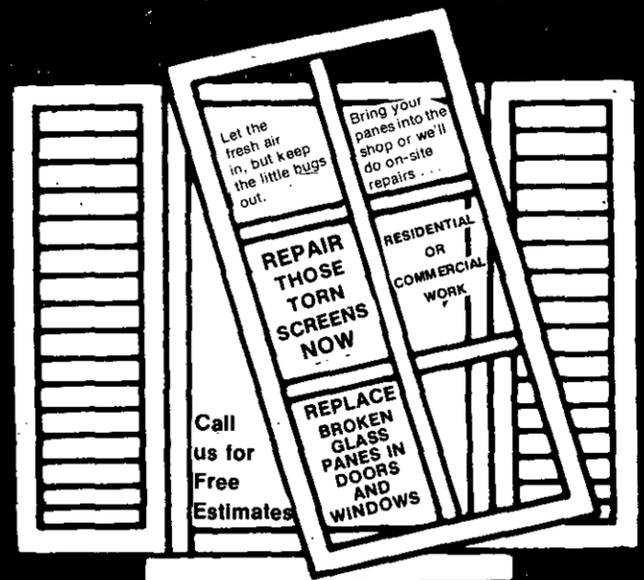
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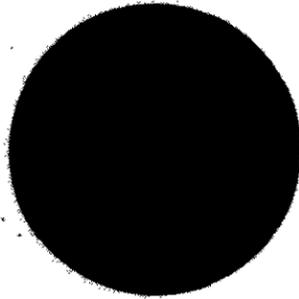
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Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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.

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.

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.

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 Landfill, open at 8 p.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.

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

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Kay Valentino at 439-9686.

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

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

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

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

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3

Bethlehem Lions Club meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant III, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, *Readings for the Visually Impaired*, 4 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Women's Club, business meeting, Chinese auction and nomination of officers, Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

United Methodist Women, meeting at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., S. Bethlehem, 8 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Lenten Bible Study, with discussion of 'The Exalted One,' by Rev. Allan Janssen of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Child care provided.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Maureen Mauro for special exception to permit fuel storage and motor fuel station at Rt. 9w, Glenmont, 8 p.m.; on application of Maureen Mauro for special exception to permit fuel storage and motor fuel station at Rt. 9w, Glenmont, 8 p.m.; on application of A.T. Zautner and Son, Inc., for variances to permit duplexes at 456 and 460 Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:30 and 8:45 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, evening group will meet at home of Barbara Ferrari, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Workshop, formatting and printing with Apple word processing program, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Kindergarten Registration, RCS School District, parents and children going to Ravena Elementary School, 12:50 p.m. and 2:05 p.m. Information, 765-2155, ext. 133 or 135.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Bethlehem Art Assn., opening reception for April exhibit at Bethlehem Public Library, with critique by Lillian Mulero of SUNYA, 7 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Communion Service, with performance by teenage mime group, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Child care provided; information, 439-4328.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, 'Tae Kwon Do,' Korean martial arts, 7 p.m.; 'Schoolhouse of History,' 8 p.m.

Maundy Thursday Service, Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., 7 p.m.

Income Tax Form Id, every Thursday, sponsored by Tri-Village AARP and Internal Revenue Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, noon-3 p.m. by appointment. Free; information, 439-4955.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

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.

Good Friday Tenebrae Service, of music and lights, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Child care available; information, 439-4328.

Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-9555.

Fish Fry, sponsored by Ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 4:30-7 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, *Real George's Back Room*, 7:30 p.m.; 'The Music of John Senior,' 8 p.m.

Good Friday Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Child care provided; information, 439-4328.

Concert, Hudson River Brass Quartet will perform music of J.S. Bach and Handel at South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Bethlehem Recreational Baseball League, registration, program open to residents of Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District, 16 years and older, Elm Ave. Park Office, 10 a.m.-noon.

Worship Service, with guitarist Jeff Green, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976.

Prayer Vigil for Peace, all welcome, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon.

Car Wash, sponsored by Boy Scout Troop 81 in cooperation with Selkirk Firehouse 3, Bridge St., South Bethlehem, \$2 per car, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Easter Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 8 a.m.-10:30 a.m. Child care provided; information, 439-4328.

Easter Services, ecumenical service, 1 Chapel La., 7 a.m.; Faith Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel La., 9 a.m.; Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., 11 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Hannakrois Chapter NSDAR, meeting at home of G. Houk, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, luncheon meeting and election of officers at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, noon.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, 'Creating Pottery,' with Liz Vigoda, 7 p.m.; *Conversations*, with Dr. Floyd Brewer of Bethlehem Archaeology Group, 8 p.m.

Certification Program, residents of Albany County 12 to 16 years invited to learn about tractor safety, care, operation and maintenance, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Information, 654-2327.

Slingerlands PTA, Slingerlands Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Play, 'Halfway There,' portrayal of tragic consequences of drug use, presented by Periwinkle Productions, Inc., Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

Registration Deadline, for April 10 Project WILD workshop, open to teachers and youth leaders, sponsored by state Dept. of Environmental Conservation, offered at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center. Information, 457-6092.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

Slingerlands Crafty Companions, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Information Meeting, for parents of Voorheesville Elementary School students to learn about personal safety week activities, Voorheesville Elementary School Cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2382.

Slingerlands Fire District, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Fire House, 8 p.m.

Personal Safety Week, meeting for parents of elementary school students, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Bloodmobile, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis and American Red Cross, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Information, 462-7461, ext. 315.

Clarksville PTA, Clarksville Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Glenmont PTA, Glenmont Elementary School, 7 p.m.

Shopping Trip, Bethlehem Senior Citizens will travel to Latham Circle Mall. Reservations, 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m., weekdays.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, Capital District Chapter, meeting with slide lecture on lace presented by Dr. Otto Thieme of University of Minnesota, Bethlehem Town Hall Minnesota, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, literature group will hear Suzanne Dumbleton review William Kennedy's *O Albany*, Bethlehem Public Library, noon.

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

"Master Harold... and the Boys," black surrogate father and white son in South Africa, Capital Repertory Company, Market Theatre, Albany, through April 7, (Tues.-Fri. 8 p.m.; Sat. 4:30 p.m. and 9 p.m.; Sun. 2:30 p.m.). Tickets, 462-4534.

"Oklahoma!" Rodgers and Hammerstein classic, Cohoes Music Hall, 58 Remsen St., Cohoes, April 5 through April 20, (Wed.-Sat., 8 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.). Tickets, 235-7969.

"Home Free!" workshop production of Lanford Wilson's play, Skidmore Theater Lodge, Saratoga Springs, April 4, 5 and 6, 8 p.m. Free; reservations, 584-5000, ext. 2347.

MUSIC

Monday Musical Club's Women's Chorus, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Wasington Ave., April 1, 8 p.m.

Organists Mary Bon and Neil Kenn, perform works of J.S. Bach following noon Lenten preaching series, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 5, information, 434-3502.

ART

True Tale of a Tinsmith, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, Inc., Albany, through April.

Alice Manzi, sculpture and drawings, Harmanus Bleecker Center, through April 5. Regional Photography Exhibition, Rensselaer County for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through April 6.

Museum Graphics Exhibition, Soave Gallery, Saratoga Springs, through April 30.

Mark Schaming and Corinna Ripps, prints and drawings, Diel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through April 13.

Maria A. Hall, sculpture and drawings, Schenectady Museum, through May 19.

"The Oakroom Artists," group exhibition, Historical Society of Saratoga Springs, Ann Grey Gallery, through April 13.

Ruthanne V. Cunningham, oils and watercolors, Learning Resource Center, Hudson Valley Community College, through April 30.

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WEDNESDAY, APRIL 10

Red Men, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.
New Scotland Democratic Social Club, all welcome, meets second Wednesdays at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.
Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.
New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.
Half Moon Button Club, with guest speaker Mrs. William S. Crawford of Latham, meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, noon.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, Readings for the Visually Impaired, 4 p.m.
The Village Stage, Inc., meeting at Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.
Second Milers, retired mens club of Tri-Village area will hear superintendent Lawrence Zinn present 'Bethlehem Central School Update,' Delmar United Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Reservations, 439-1054.

Dinner, with 'this and that sale,' sponsored by women's activities committee, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Selkirk, 4 p.m.
Bethlehem Senior Citizens, dinner at Brockley's Delmar Tavern. Reservations, 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m., weekdays.
Workshop, Project WILD, offered to teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, April 10-13, 3:30-6 p.m. Registration, 457-6092.

THURSDAY, APRIL 11

Energy Assistance Form Aid, for Heating Energy Assistance program, offered by Harold Maher of Bethlehem, Bethlehem Town Hall, Tuesdays by appointment, 1-4 p.m., Thursdays on walk-in basis, 1-4 p.m. Appointments, 439-4955, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.
New Scotland Kiwanis Club, with Phil Joyce of New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.
Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for information.
New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.
Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month, at the fire house, 8 p.m.
Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185 meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.
Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary meets second Tuesday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.
Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, 'Tae Kwon Do,' Korean martial arts, 7 p.m.; AARP, 7:30 p.m.; 'Schoolhouse of History,' 8 p.m.
New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force, parent support group meeting at St. Matthew's Church, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.
Helderview Garden Club, will consider herb gardens, Voorheesville Methodist Church, all welcome, 7 p.m.



Periwinkle Productions, Inc. will present *Halfway There*, a drama about adolescents' struggles against substance, on April 8 at Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., at 8 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, government council will meet at Bethlehem Public Library, all welcome, 7:30 p.m.
PFO Sports Night, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.
Card Party and Fashion Show, sponsored by Ladies Auxiliary of Bethlehem Lodge BPOE 2233, all welcome, \$2 admission, 7:30 p.m.
Lecture, 'Bring Back the Bluebird,' Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Open House, The Diet Workshop, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., and Poplar Dr., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 12

Pre-School Films, 'Remarkable Runaway Riderless Tricycle,' 'Madeline's Rescue' and 'Picture for Harold's Room,' Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.
Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, 'Real George's Back Room,' 7:30 p.m.; 'The Music of John Senior,' 8 p.m.
All County Music Festival, sponsored by Greene County music educators, Hunter-Tannersville School, 7:30 p.m.
Q.U.I.L.T., Quilters United In Learning Together will meet at Delmar United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

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NEWS FROM AROUND BETHLEHEM CENTRAL

Petitions to run for a seat on the Board of Education must be submitted by 4:30 p.m. Monday, April 8, 1985.

There will be no school on Friday, April 5 in observance of Good Friday.

Clarksville — The Clarksville PTA will meet Tuesday, April 9 at 7:00 p.m. . . . Second graders presented a musical play, "That's What Friends Are For" at a school-wide assembly. . . . Students sold popcorn yesterday in an effort to raise money for the Statue of Liberty Restoration Fund.

Elsmere — It's not too late to order an Elsmere T-shirt. Call the office by April 5 to order the shirts. . . . The Science Fair is coming. The school library and public library have special books set aside to help children choose their projects. Judy Languish is the parent who is coordinating the April 16 and 17 science fair.

Glenmont — Congratulations to the Glenmont pupils who contributed a total of \$182.51 for the restoration of the Statue of Liberty. . . . Glenmont School was represented at the regional competition of the Olympics of the Mind by Michelle Kanuk, Jessica Powell, Brian Winterhoff, Jon Fisher, John DiAnni, Carly Cushman, Michelle Curtis, Perry Fraiman, Danielle Wagner, Lisa Mariani and Matt Fisher.

Hamagrael — The Hamagrael Olympics of the Mind team was coached by Mr. James Turner and team members included Tim and Chris Wenger, Nick Turner, Matt Carotenuto, Todd Turner, Andy Hudacs, John Scholes and Aaron Spevack. . . . Hamagrael's science fair was a great success and all

participants received certificates. **Slingerlands** — Lovable Pooh and all of his friends in the Hundred Acre Wood are coming to Slingerlands. Sad Eeyore, bouncy Tigger, Roo and Kanga, Piglet, Rabbit and Owl will be in the fifth grade choir's presentation of "Winnie the Pooh." The musical will be presented on April 11 and 12 at 7:30 p.m.

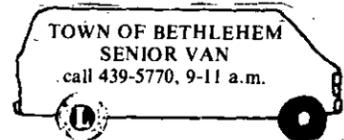
Middle School — March was Friendship Month at the Middle School and as part of that observance, 877 carnations were sold by health and math lab students. The profits from the sale were donated to Ronald McDonald House. . . . Students in Carol Van Duzer's and Bill Morrison's classes sent off helium filled balloons with friendship letters attached in the hopes of finding pen pals.

High School — "The Thinking Reed," the high school's literary magazine, was selected as a superior publication for the State of New York in the National Council of Teachers of English Program to Recognize Excellence in Student Literary Magazines. . . . Paula Mueller placed second state-wide in DECA's General Marketing competition and Tina Meizner placed third state-wide in the Travel and Tourism competition.



SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

- April 3 — Senior bowling, Del Lanes, 9:30 a.m.
- April 4 — Senior citizen business meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 12:30 p.m.
- April 8 — Senior van shopping trip to Delaware Plaza, call town hall for reservations.
- April 9 — Trip to Latham Circle Mall. Reservations required.
- April 10 — Senior citizens dinner at Brockley's Delmar Tavern, pick-ups start at 4:30 p.m. Reservations required.



Every Monday: Grocery shopping at Delaware Plaza for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
Every Thursday: Grocery shopping for residents of Glenmont, South Bethlehem, Selkirk area, 9:00-11:30 a.m.
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Widowed Persons of Capital District, self-help support group for newly widowed persons, meets first and third Wednesdays at St. Andrew's Episcopal Church, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Preaching Service, with Rev. William Robinson, fifth Bishop of Ottawa, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 1-4, 12:05 p.m.

Epilepsy Assoc., of Capital District, meeting with guest speaker Dr. Alayne Grand, rehabilitation psychologist, First Presbyterian Church, State and Willet Sts., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 4

Lecture, 'Women in the Work Force: Exploring the Myth,' with Ruth Jandreau, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

Workshop, 'Stress...What to Do About It,' conducted by Geoffrey Scott-Alexander, Albany Public Library, 161

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

Washington Ave., 7 p.m. Registration, 449-3380, ext. 200 or 223.

Dinner, in celebration of 850th anniversary of birth of Maimonides, scientist, philosopher and Talmudic codifier, Maimonides Hebrew Day School, 420 Whitehall Rd., Albany, 4-6 p.m. Reservations, 438-2941 or 489-6155.

Career Workshop, program entitled 'What Are the Careers for Liberal Arts Majors' presented at Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 5

Art at the Plaza Film, 'Helen Frankenthaler: Towards a New Climate,' 'John Martin' and 'My Financial Career' State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Good Friday Service, with choristers from St. Peter's Episcopal Church and First Church in Albany presenting J.S. Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, 1 p.m.

Good Friday Service, with Rev. Laman H. Bruner, Jr., St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, noon.

SATURDAY, APRIL 6

Lamaze Childbirth Classes, series of eight classes offered at Albany Medical Center Hospital. Registration, 456-0303.

Contra and Country Dancing, beginners welcome, sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Guilderland Community Center, 2211-B Western Ave., 8-11:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

Film, 'Atomic Cafe' looks at atomic propaganda generated by Cold War, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 1 p.m. and 3 p.m. Free.

SUNDAY, APRIL 7

Films, 'Helen Frankenthaler: Towards a New Climate,' 'John Martin' and 'My Financial Career,' presented at State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2 p.m. Free.

Lamaze Childbirth Classes, series of eight classes offered at St. Peter's Hospital. Registration, 456-0303.

Easter Service, with Rev. Laman H. Bruner preaching, St. Peter's Episcopal Church and First Church in Albany presenting J.S. Bach's St. Matthew's Passion, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, 1 p.m.



Phyllis Somerville will portray Connie in *The Wonderful Tower of Humbert Lavoignet*, running at Capital Rep's Market Theatre, Albany, from April 13 through May 12.

Easter Sunday Service, with Rev. Laman Bruner preaching, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, children's service, 10 a.m.; festival service, 10:30 a.m.

Greater Albany Professional Singles, will discuss resolution of family and neighborhood disputes through mediation, Towers of Colonie Clubhouse, 420 Sand Creek Rd., \$2 admission, 7 p.m. Information, 436-0602.

MONDAY, APRIL 8

Guilderland Chapter AARP, meeting at Western Turnpike Rescue Squad, Western Avenue, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

Hearing Screening, for senior citizens, sponsored by Senior Service Center of Albany Area, Inc., Louise Corning Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 9 a.m.-noon and 1:30-3:30 p.m. Transportation available; information, 465-3325.

TUESDAY, APRIL 9

Quilt and Coverlet Show, featuring weaving and quilting demonstrations, Ten Broeck Mansion, Ten Broeck St. and Livingston Ave., Albany, \$2 admission, April 9-13, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.; April 14, 1-4 p.m. Information, 436-9826.

Lecture and Slides, about 'The Miracle of Spring,' presented by Albert Bussewitz at SUNYA, lecture center 7, 8 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

Peace and Justice Week, program on Peace Corps will be presented at Siena College, Loudonville, 7:30 p.m.

Book Review, Studs Terkel's *The Good War* will be reviewed by Assemblyman Richard Conners, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., noon.

Pre-School Stories, Albany Public Library, 369 New Scotland Ave., 10:30 a.m.

Career Workshop, 'Nursing and Beyond,' presented at Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., 11:30 a.m.-1 p.m.

Forum, 'The Food and Agricultural Act of 1985: The Twisting Road to New Legislation,' Dr. Daniel Sissler will speak about proposed legislation and importance of interest groups, Quality Inn, Watervliet Ave., Albany, \$2 admission, noon. Information, 765-2331.

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

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Peace and Justice Week, Siena College, Loudonville, will celebrate with noon liturgy and film entitled 'Soldier Girls,' 7:30 p.m.

Lecture, sculptor James Rosati will speak at Empire State Plaza Cultural Center Museum, Albany, 12:10 p.m. Information, 473-7521.

Lecture, Erastus Corning III will speak about 'The Russian Ornamental Tradition,' Museum of the Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free; information, 462-1676.

Lecture, Virgil Benoit of University of Minnesota will profile historic and contemporary encounters among Franco-Americans and Metis, Colonie Town Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., 7:30 p.m. Information, 457-8584.

Dinner and Fashion Show, sponsored by Tawasentha Chapter NSDAR, Marketplace Cafe, Macy's, Colonie Center, 6 p.m. Reservations, 439-4142.

Graphics Arts Trade Show, featuring more than 65 exhibitors, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 11 a.m.-8 p.m. Free.

Lecture, 'Recent Discoveries About Bird Migration' will be presented by Kenneth Able of SUNYA, sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, Inc., Price Chopper Community Room, Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 8 p.m. Free.



Radio, lights stolen

A citizen's band radio and halogen fog lights were taken sometime between last Wednesday and Saturday from a vehicle parked on Bennett Terr. in Delmar, according to Bethlehem police reports. The items are valued at a total of \$100, the report said. The owner reported the car had been locked.

Gabrielle Foley of the Tri-Village Nursery School twirls to the tunes of guitarist Paul Strausman. Paul entertained the youngsters last week at the nursery school, located at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar.

Tom Howes

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

LET'S GO OUT

Bus fares go up

Fares on all Capital District Transportation Authority buses will increase by ten cents effective April 1, CDTA has announced.

The fare increase includes modification to the base and rural fares and discontinuation of the Sunday discount fare. The changes include:

- The base fare for all regular service will be increased from 50 to 60 cents.
- The fare for all rural bus service will be increased from 60 to 70 cents.
- The 25 cent discount currently offered on Sundays and holidays will be eliminated and regular fares will be charged on Sundays and holidays.

• A 5 percent discount will be provided to STAR users purchasing ten or more STAR fare tickets. STAR booklets will be available at selected banks, Empire State Plaza and Norstar Bank at the plaza.

Patrons can continue to use the existing CDTA token (50 cent value) after April 1 with a cash supplement to cover the cost of their trip. New tokens and commuter passes in the 60 cent denomination are available at the CDTA's three facilities in Albany, Troy or Schenectady or at a number of area banks.

The authority's half fare program for patrons who are disabled or are 65 or older remains intact. Half fare will still be offered to all eligible patrons on any bus in regular line service. This includes buses in operation on Sundays or holidays.

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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup 767-9225



All-County music festival

Students from the RCS Central Schools will be participating in the 1985 Greene County Music Educator's Association Spring All-County Festival. This year's festival begins with a pre-rehearsal at the Coxsackie-Athens Central School Wednesday, April 3. The festival will continue on Thursday and Friday, April 11 and 12, at the Hunter-Tannersville Central School in Tannersville.

Approximately 200 students from seven participating school districts were selected to All-County groups, including elementary band, senior band and senior chorus. All students had to submit applications and director recommendations to be considered for the selection process.

The festival will culminate with a concert on Friday, April 12, at 7:30 p.m. in the Hunter-Tannersville Central School. To assure a good seat, plan to arrive early.



RCS Senior High School music students were selected for membership in the GCMEA 1985 All-County Senior Band were, from left: front row, Joanne Cuzdey, Christine Turner, Carrie Selkirk,

Jacqueline Pieringer, Susan Stahlman and Benjamin Stillwell; second row, John Mohler, Dana Pickett, Paul Caswell and Stephen Oliver.

Turkey dinner at grange

A home-style turkey dinner is being sponsored by the Bethlehem Grange for Wednesday, April 10. Beginning at 4 p.m., and continuing until all are served, the dinner will be held at the grange hall, Rt. 396, in Beckers Corners. Due to Easter weekend, the dinner is being held on Wednesday evening this month. Advance reservations are not necessary.

Senior Citizens to elect

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens will meet at noon, April 8, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, for their regular monthly meeting. The meeting will begin with a covered-dish luncheon, followed by election of officers and a social hour. All seniors of the area are cordially invited to attend.

Honor Society inducts 19

Nineteen RCS Senior High School students were inducted into the National Honor Society at an impressive ceremony on March 20. Honor society advisor Bonnie Meyers explains that

eligibility is open to students in grades 10-12 and selections are based on a student's scholarship, service, leadership and character.

Dr. Frank Filippone, former member of the board of education was guest speaker.

Inducted were Rebecca Bull, Paul Caswell, Paul Curley, Ray Denney, Tricia Downes, Christine Doyle, Colleen Farrell, Mary Gleason, Scott Gottesman, Tracy Klein, Ken Koonz, Seth Kunz, Jacqueline Mulligan, Wendy Nolan, Tim Penk, James Ritter, Cheryl Scalzo, Michael Taylor and Lucy Tam (honorary member).

Last of the fish fries

This Friday will be the last of the fish fries being sponsored by the ladies of Selkirk Fire Co. No. 1, for Lenten season. The fish fry will be held at the firehouse, Maple Ave., Selkirk from 4:30 until 7 p.m. The meal, which can be enjoyed at the firehouse or as a takeout order, consists of fish, french fries, cole slaw and beverage. Provide your own containers for take out orders.

Fashions at Elks lodge

Fashions from the Clothes Circuit of Glenmont will be featured at this year's card party and fashion show of the ladies of Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233. Planned for April 11, the evening will begin 7:30 at the lodge, Rt. 144, Selkirk. Tickets are available at the door.

Slide show at museum

Mrs. Eugene C. Ogden, president of the Dana Natural History Society of Albany, will hold a spring guest day and tea at the Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, on April 2 at 2 p.m. Mrs. Erastus Corning II will present a slide show on South Africa.

Last chance for chowder

The clam chowder sale that has been sponsored by the Bethlehem Grange during Lent will come to an end this Friday, April 5. If you're one of the few that hasn't yet tried some of their homemade chowder, you can still do so this Friday from noon to 4:30 p.m. at the grange hall, Rt. 396 Beckers Corners. The cost is \$2.25 with your containers.

DAR to meet

Hannakrois NSDAR Chapter will meet at the home of Mrs. Gilbert Houk of Selkirk, Monday, April 8 at 7:30 p.m. The theme of this month will be "Meeting the Challenge of DAR Schools." The program will be presented by guest speaker Mrs. James P. Tobey, District III vice chairman of DAR schools from Wiltwick DAR chapter. Assisting as hostess will be Mrs. Lillian L. Grist and Mrs. Cecily M. Greeley.

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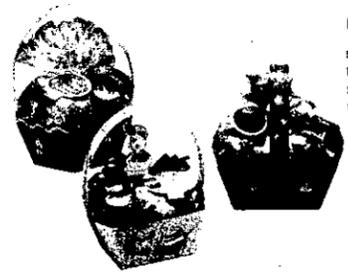
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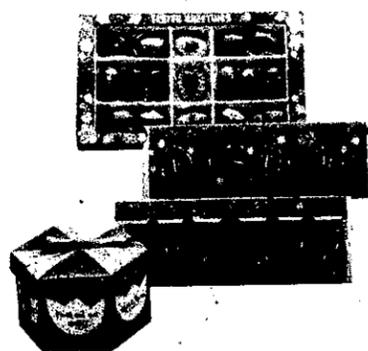
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Opinions divided on budget

By Theresa Bobear

Approximately 30 residents attended the public hearing to consider the draft 1985-86 budget for the RCS School District, and, as expected, residents differed in their reaction to the \$10,705,668 spending package.

While some residents praised the board for including funds for special programs, others asked the board to keep spending down for the sake of those on fixed incomes.

The proposed budget is 4.3 percent higher than last year; but tax rates are expected to increase by \$19.91 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Coeymans, \$14.76 in New Scotland, \$10.10 in Bethle-

hem and \$9.37 in New Baltimore.

"I'd like to talk about an exasperating process called the budget process," said Superintendent Milton Chodack as he presented the proposed spending plan to residents.

"The 4.3 percent is the second lowest budget increase we have had in the past 10 years," said Chodack. "The problem is not the budget, but the revenue."

The revenue for the district will be lower this year for the following reasons: the equalization rates for all four towns have been reduced, the interest income from money in the capital fund and general fund is expected to be

\$35,000 lower than last year, and the fund balance to be carried over is \$465,000 lower than last year.

An anticipated \$462,000 increase in state aid leaves the district with a revenue reduction of \$31,767.

The draft budget for next year includes an overall increase of \$441,431. The budget for central administration will increase by 9.42 percent or \$43,949 for a total of \$518,282. The budget includes an \$18,132 salary increase for district administrators, and increased spending for contract services and BOCES services.

The budget for the regular school program will increase by

4.16 percent or \$208,209 and will total \$5,208,504. An additional \$144,823 was set aside for teachers' salaries.

One resident at the hearing questioned the wisdom of going into contract negotiations with a budget proposal including a certain amount for salary increases. Board President Anthony Williams said the board was trying to be "up front and honest," noting that residents would have to pay any negotiated raises, regardless.

Another resident praised the board for including funds for advanced placement courses and new science texts.

The budget for the district's handicapped and remedial programs will increase by 11.23 percent or \$68,164 for a total of \$675,151.19.

The \$865,687 transportation budget, up 2.07 percent or \$17,608, includes \$20,000 for a school bus routing system. A resident asked for a guarantee that the system would save taxpayers' money. Williams said the computer system would "develop our routes in the most efficient manner" and would "save tax dollars further down the road."

At least two propositions will be presented on election day (May 8). The proposition for transportation includes \$226,400 for the replacement of four 60-passenger buses, one 30-passenger bus and two wagons. The buses would be paid for over a five-year period with interest totaling \$40,752.

Chodack said the district would receive state aid for 75 to 90 percent of the purchase, depending on how many students are carried. He estimated the final cost to residents would be between \$27,000 and \$67,000.

The new buses will not be equipped with seat belts. Residents disagreed about whether the safety restraints should be included.

The \$50,000 computer proposition received a mixed reaction from residents. The proposal includes \$10,910 for eight microcomputers with disk drives for the junior high and \$6,700 for a staff person to supervise students who are using the computer.

The proposal also included \$32,390 for a staff supervisor and 21 microcomputers with printers for the elementary schools.

One resident asked the board to present the computer proposals for the junior high building in a separate proposition. "I think they have their place but not in the elementary building," she said. Dominic Nunciforo, principal of Ravena Elementary School, said the computers are used at the elementary level to reinforce math and language skills.

Speaking in defense of the elementary computer program, one parent said, "My kid can add and subtract and he's only in kindergarten."

Petitions for other propositions must be submitted with 75 signatures to the board offices by 5 p.m. on April 8.

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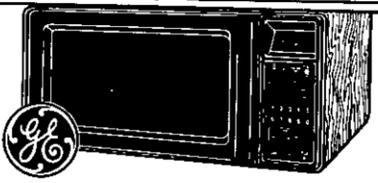
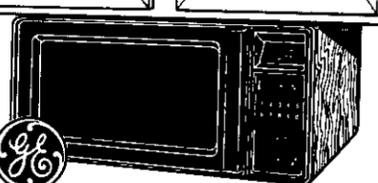
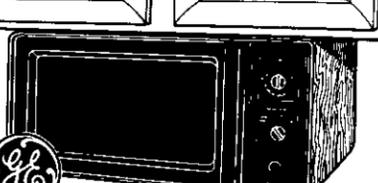
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Felony DWI charged

Glenn Hotaling of Delmar faces a felony charge of driving while intoxicated after he was stopped Sunday night on Adams Pl. at Oakwood Rd., according to Bethlehem police reports. He was sent to the Albany County Jail without bail after his arraignment, the report noted.

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FOCUS ON FAITH

By Rev. Robert A. Hess



The Delmar Reformed Church

My kids tell me that we are the family left in the Tri-Village area that has not already been to Disneyland. I'm told it never disappoints and always excites. I've even informed that there is a large sign at the entrance that announces "Disneyland — the happiest place on earth." Who knows? Maybe that's true. As most of us know, Sunday is Easter, and I'd like to think that is the happiest event that ever took place on earth.

That should excite us. We Americans certainly search for happiness, be it in a place or an event. We even wrote the pursuit of happiness into our constitutional rights! It's absolutely fascinating to track the number of philosophers, theologians and psychologists who have wrestled with the subject of happiness. Plato and Aristotle linked happiness to reason and intelligence, saying that one is happy when one understands life and physical gratification by the release of tension built up by instinct. The Israeli saw the basis of happiness in health. Kant spoke of happiness as a duty... whether one is happy or not! Longfellow wrote that to be strong is to be happy. Twentieth-century technological people are happy, we are told, when they consume things. The fantasy world of advertising uses every gadget and food to the promise of splendor, ecstasy and

happiness!

Let's come back to Easter Sunday, which I can still call the happiest event. I can't explain it, but I sure experience it.

It has something to do with what Jesus said: "Be happy, I have overcome the world." (John 16:33) Easter is the day life triumphed over death. It is the grand reversal of death to life. Believers no longer say, "Oh, look what the world is coming to." Instead they exclaim with delight, "Look what has come into the world. Jesus Christ is alive!" Believers see the effects of sin, but they rejoice in grace abounding.

The key to happiness becomes acceptance of life. Believers don't pray for the world to end; they pray for the world to become transformed. There is something in the resurrection of Jesus Christ from the dead that picks one up out of self-centeredness that merely consumes and releases one to give self to others.

Easter is the happiest day of the year because the resurrection event is its own commentary on happiness. The resurrection is God's bold announcement to the world that He is stronger than death and evil, that Christ is alive and not dead, and that we may never fear what the world can do to us for we have the spirit of God to reshape the world. With delight I extend to you my wish that you have a truly happy Easter day.



Dr. Peter Burkart

Hailed for service

Dr. Peter Burkart of Delmar, head of the division of hematology at Albany Medical College, was recently honored for two years of service as chairman of the Medical Advisory Committee to the Northeastern New York Regional Blood Services of the American Red Cross. During his years as chairman, the American Red Cross locally collected nearly 140,000 pints of blood.

Dr. Richard Propp, also of Delmar and a hematologist in Albany, is the new chairman of the advisory committee.

Benefit for the hungry

The Out Reach Group of First United Methodist Church of Delmar will sponsor a special benefit performance by the Delmar Community Orchestra on Monday, April 29, at 7:30 p.m. All are welcome to attend the free pops concert. Donations will be accepted to combat world hunger.

They're on stage again

Members of the Village Stage, Inc., Delmar's new community theatre group, will be well represented when the Drama Group of the Delmar Progress Club presents its annual entertainment, *Broadway, from Naughty Marietta to Cats*, at the Bethlehem Public Library Tuesday April 9, at 7:30 p.m.

The show, open to the public and free of charge, will feature songs and dances from Broadway hits, with performances by Progress Club and Village Stage members. Music and choreography will be under the direction of Judith Lamprecht and Muriel Welch, part of the production team for *The Fantasticks*, the Village Stage's first and highly successful offering last month.

Village Stage members who will perform in the review of show favorites include Christine Burke, Fran Coccozza, Pat DeCecco, Carol Hernandez, Dick McGrath, Michael Murphy, Tom Watthews and Muriel Welch.

Participation in the presentation is in keeping with the commitment of The Village Stage, Inc., to the enrichment of community life through entertainment and education, including the sponsorship of scholarships and workshops and the support of community events.

Garage sale set

The Ladies Auxiliary of the North Bethlehem Fire Department is organizing a neighbor-

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Exhibits on Maimonides' life and teachings will be presented at Albany Public library and the Empire State Plaza. The communal dinner will be held at the Maimonides Hebrew Day School, 420 Whitehall Rd., Albany, on April 4, beginning at 4 p.m.

For information call Rabbi Israel Rubin at 482-5781 or 458-9329. For dinner reservations call 489-6155.

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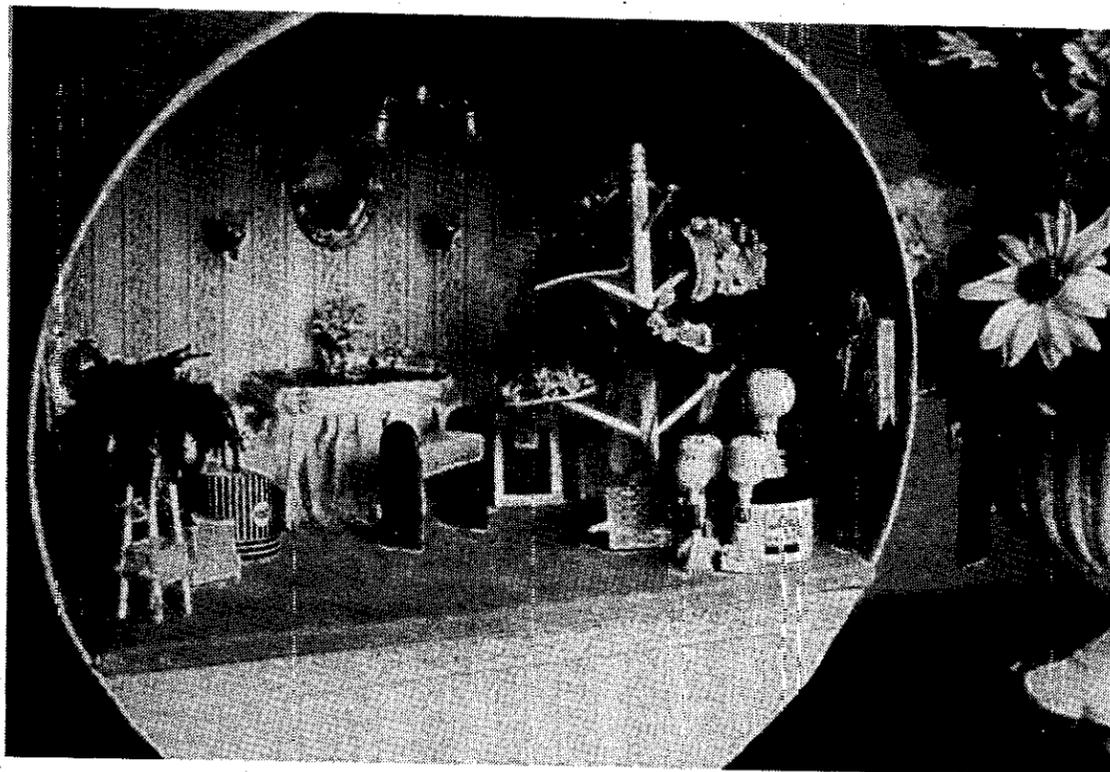
By Elizabeth Ellsworth

Hats are back in fashion in the miniature world as well as in the full scale one. That's good news for Suzanne Strickland of Delmar. Suzy is a multi-talented miniaturist who, at age 31, seems to have found her niche producing beautiful millinery creations in one-inch-to-one-foot scale.

"I've been making things with my hands to sell since I was a teenager," responds Suzy when asked how she got started making miniatures. Soon after finishing high school she became affiliated with a mail order firm producing calico flowers by the thousands. Within a few years she took over the firm, which is called Christopher Brooke Associates. The focus of her own creative endeavors changed when she was introduced to the miniature world by a local shopkeeper who encouraged her to make miniatures.

"I started making plants and accessories which sold almost as fast as I could make them," Suzy explains. "The in the fall of 1979 I went to the Saratoga Festival of Miniatures where I bought a hat for \$2.50 and a bag full of braided straw and silk ribbon — and before I knew it I was hooked on hats!"

Within a few months of pur-



These hats and dressing-room items may not look like miniatures — until you compare them to a small vase with flowers at the right. The creative talent comes from Suzy Strickland of Delmar.

Tom Howes

chasing that first hat Suzy was designing and making her own millinery creations, which were being sold at the most prestigious shows in the east. Suzy does not sell her work in person at shows, but she always makes a special effort to have something new for the dealer who represents her.

"Finding suitable materials is a big problem for me," she says.

Because she has spent her life in a wheelchair Suzy is unable to get out easily to shop and must depend on mail order sources for many of her supplies. "It took me more than a year to find the pure silk fabrics and narrow ribbons and trims that I like to use, and I'm still looking for sheer lightweight materials to use as veiling."

When Suzy begins to create a hat, she assembles an array of silk fabrics, feathers, ribbons, laces, straws and fine veiling materials for inspiration. She has a special

talent for seeing possibilities in the cast-offs from another era and delights in giving new life to beautiful old materials. "One of my favorite materials is a pale green pure silk dressing gown which I purchased in a second hand shop." She estimates that the silk and matching lace trim will be recycled to make at least 35 hats, each one slightly varied as her mood and inspiration change. Another favorite is a peach silk slip which she fashioned into a Spring bonnet trimmed with silk



roses. Many of her creations are embellished with flowers which Suzy makes by manipulating one-inch silk ribbon into rose-like shapes.

She finds ideas for new hats from many sources, by studying styles in books, fashion magazines, and on television. She fills her memory bank with ideas that seem to flow when the appropriate materials are available to make their execution possible. "The Lillie Langtry" series on TV was inspiration for several new hats in my line," says Suzy. "My latest hat was inspired by a hat worn by Mabel in the Broadway play *The Pirates of Penzance*.

Although at this time Suzy's focus is almost entirely on miniature millinery, she makes a few other special miniatures. To house her own collection of hats she is decorating an old hatbox as a millinery shop furnished to complete the decor. In her spare time she is also working on a "tree house" for a four-inch stuffed squirrel resembling a neighborhood squirrel named "Stumpy," tamed by the Stricklands.

In response to requests from friends who suggested that she make something for people who do not have doll houses, Suzy came up with the idea of mounting a miniature nosegay on a stick-pin corsage. These are especially popular with brides who order them as remembrance gifts for their attendants in the colors of their full scale bouquets.

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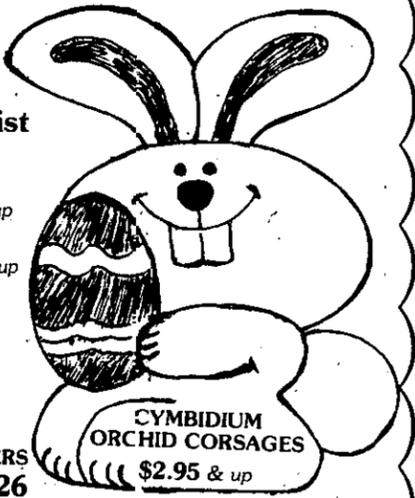
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For all of us who toil on weekly newspapers, so often overshadowed by our cousins on the big-city dailies and maligned by people who enjoy downgrading all local papers, it was a delight to get genuine recognition from the state's No. 1 subscriber, Governor Cuomo.

For the second year in a row, the governor came to the annual convention of the New York Press Association — the professional trade coalition of the state's more than 400 weeklies — and subjected himself to open questioning for an hour and 20 minutes last Friday. There was clout in many of the questions, from the volatile issues of Shoreham and Ilco by Long Island editors to toxic waste, prisons and street crimes, Adirondack environment and the like from upstate.

Cuomo, perhaps the most adroit master of press-conference dialogue and the supersalesman of his administrative entourage, punctuated his serious commentary with an occasional one-liner. The boys and girls ate them up.

The governor made it clear that he knew the function and impact of community newspapers and how they fit into the journalistic spectrum. He did it in a way untainted by political expediency.

"You'd be surprised how many weekly papers the governor reads pretty regularly," confided Steve Villano, a recent addition to the executive chamber's press staff in New York City. "You don't have to tell him they have a dedicated readership."

And an Albany TV newsman, covering the forum at the Americana, told Leah Dunaief, editor of the *Village Times* in East Setauket, L.I. and president of the association, that the governor "seemed more comfortable and gave more fully responsive answers" (at Friday's inquisition) than with the dailies or on TV.

That was after Cuomo had said that on TV "you get maybe 22 seconds, and then only when it makes a good picture."

A day later Geraldine Ferraro enhanced the Capital District economy along with addressing the association's awards dinner Saturday night. "I like to come to Albany because it's close to Cohoes," she said, divesting her coat to show a dinner dress purchased that afternoon.

Unlike metropolitan dailies and the electronic media, community journalism is a world of church suppers, Brownie troops, grade school concerts, zoning variances, soccer scores, school taxes, births, bake sales and dean's lists. It's strictly home-town stuff, the only place the neighbors can learn who made the honor roll. It's also the only place you can find the advertised specials of the friendly mom-and-pop merchants.

These are the neighborhood papers and advertisers that regularly support local fire departments, ambulance funds, Little leagues, high school plays and scout troops. K-Mart, CVS, Sears and other cold-blooded mercantile mastodons are busy taking money out of the community while putting zero back in.

"We may be small, but we're heavily involved in the community, and our editorial people aren't afraid to challenge the establishment when readers need a watchdog," said one editor at last week's convention. "And we don't have to win readers by making big headlines."

Media RARE
An occasional commentary on the world of newspapers, radio and television.
By Nat Boynton

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and businesses with their only vehicle to reach home-town customers at reasonable cost. Why should a merchant on Delaware Ave. pay for an ad that also runs in Latham and East Greenbush?

Mario Cuomo didn't say things like that to the weekly publishers and editors, but he is fully aware

of the same kind of commitment to "our people." When the governor, having rejected a new domed stadium for New York City that would cost \$300,000,000; learned that billionaire Donald Trump had offered to put up most of the money, he turned that down, too. Trump, he explained, wanted to

tie the project into a condominium complex, and give owners private suites in the stadium.

"That would be great for the plexiglas, cigars and Smirnoff crowd," said the governor. "But what about the people who drink New York State wine?"

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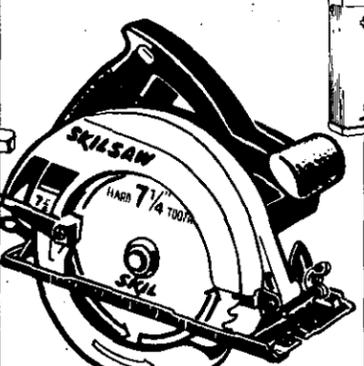
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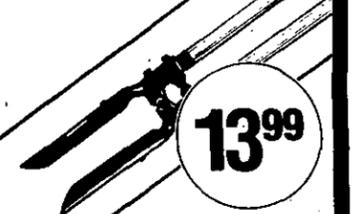
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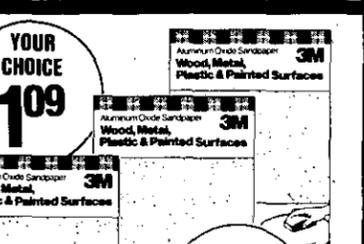
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A Four Corners landmark for a century in Delmar will disappear after the last tenant, Four Corners Luncheonette, moves to new quarters this month. Brockley's Tavern, at right in photo, will gain a new side entrance and an expanded parking lot. *Spotlight*

Building to come down, space open for Brockley's

A building that has stood at the Four Corners in Delmar for perhaps as long as a century is about to come down. Greg Brockley of Delmar, who operates Brockley's Delmar Tavern, says the building next door, owned by the family for the past 20 years, will be razed in late April, making room for 11 more parking spaces for the restaurant.

The land may eventually see expansion of the restaurant, but that decision is for the future, Brockley said. He added that he plans to construct a more attractive side entrance, which now opens onto a narrow side alley between the two buildings.

The building that will be torn

Ex-resident elected

Rosemary M. Lalime of Newport, Vt., a 1964 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been elected a director of Community National Bank and Community Bancorp in Derby, Vt.. The owner of All Seasons Realty in northern Vermont, Mrs. Lalime is a graduate of the University of Vermont and holds a master's degree from the University of Michigan. She is a member of the North Country Hospital auxiliary and is a director of the Orleans County Board of Realtors and the Greater Newport Area Chamber of Commerce.

Mrs. Lalime is the daughter of Col. and Mrs. James Marotta of Delmar.

PIP on the march

Postal Instant Press (PIP), the world's largest chain of instant printers, has announced its national fund raising campaign to benefit the March of Dimes Birth Defects Foundation.

Mary Scott, a resident of Delmar and owner of Postal Instant Press locations at 1524 Central Ave., Colonie, and 42 4th Street in downtown Troy, said the company will donate 10 cents of each invoice written between April 1 and June 15 to help in the fight against the nation's number one child health problem. All monies raised through the promotion will help the March of Dimes support national and local programs of research, medical services and education aimed at the prevention of birth defects.

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David Vigoda

Elected by society

David Vigoda of Delmar has been elected president of the Capital District Society of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners. A financial planner and investment counselor, he is president of Associated Investment Management, an independent Albany firm.

Vigoda, a graduate of University of Chicago, also is a candidate for the designation of chartered financial analyst and is a registered investment advisor.

Named branch manager

Robert J. Weber of Glenmont has been appointed branch manager of the Pitney Bowes Albany sales and service office, 430 New Karner Rd.

Weber joined Pitney Bowes' Albany sales force in 1976. He most recently served as branch manager in the company's Providence, R.I., office.

down now houses The Four Corners Luncheonette, which is scheduled shortly to move around the corner on Grove St. A barber-shop vacated the premises some months ago, and tenants in the two upstairs apartments, one of whom lived there 40 years, also have gone, Brockley said.

Brockley said his father, Frank, and uncle, James Brockley, took over the property in 1952, making Brockley's Delmar Tavern now one of the oldest family-run restaurants in town. Brockley, a graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, has been involved in the business since 1963. He said his grandfather, Leo Brockley, owned the Depot Grill in Albany and also at one time owned the old Adams House, the former Bethlehem town hall.

The restaurant, which is closed Sundays, serves both lunches and dinners. Tavern hours are 9 a.m. to 12:30 a.m. and later on Fridays.

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Coach Ken Hodge and Capt. Scott Bonanno of Bethlehem Central's varsity baseball team will be playing for keeps next week when the Suburban Council season opens — weather permitting. Tom Howes

Pitching thin Eagles strong up the middle

By Tania Stasiuk

Bethlehem baseball coach Ken Hodge is hoping the Eagles' strength "up the middle" and team speed will make up for the lack of an experienced pitcher.

Hodge believes veteran second baseman Tom Amell along with fast-developing shortstops Joel Keens and Jim Francis are shaping up to create a solid keystone. Capt. Scott Bonanno in center field and catcher Kevin Roohan, both veterans, complete the middle section.

Pitching may be one of the team's weaker points, but Hodge says that juniors Geoff Mackey and Tom Frazier are improving daily, and that Mackey, along

with senior veterans Ray Roohan and Steve Mendel, will be starting. The only other returning pitcher, Rich Keefe, is out indefinitely with shoulder tendonitis.

Other members of the team include juniors Matt Cronin and Paul Stracke, and seniors Keith Coccozza, Dan Fuller, Art Guarino, Chris Oberheim and Damon Woo. The first league game is scheduled at Scotia on Monday.

Hodge, moving up from a number of years as JV coach, this year is replacing Art Ritchko, the dean of Suburban Council baseball coaches until his retirement at the end of the 1984 season.

Sports at Middle School

Bethlehem Central Middle School students and their parents or guardians are invited to join in the school's annual sports night on April 11 at 7:30 p.m. Participants may enjoy swimming, badminton, volleyball, basketball, german baseball, crab soccer and pingpong. The event is sponsored by the Bethlehem Middle School Parent Faculty Organization. Students must be accompanied by an adult.

First aid course

The Town of Bethlehem will offer a standard First Aid course from 7 to 10 p.m. Wednesdays, from April 24 through May 29, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Classes will be limited to 10 students and there is no fee except a \$5 textbook charge. Pre-registration is required and can be made in person or by telephone at the Senior Services Office at Town Hall, 439-4955, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays.

Birds need their speed

By Mike Larabee

There's an air of optimism surrounding baseball at Voorheesville this season, a feeling of confidence and high spirit. Coach Jerry Gordinier and the team believe that the Blackbirds' yearly trip through baseball season may finally switch from struggle and disappointment to success.

Coming off a long 4-16 season, VCHS returns seven regulars (six are seniors) and three of four starting pitchers, which, when combined with several newcomers and underclassmen, make up one of their most talented squads in recent history.

Gordinier had this comment on the team's pre-season attitude: "They are very high and have a lot of confidence in themselves. Right now they believe that when they have a good day they can defeat anybody in the Colonial Council, and that's a nice way to enter a season."

However, Gordinier was quick to point out that the team's achilles heel in the past — a shabby, inconsistent defense — could surface again and dim the bright outlook. "There's no question about it because the pitching is there, the hitting is there, and the ability to move once on base is there; and that means it will go down to defense," he said Saturday after a practice game with Guilderland.

Where last year's team had six juniors and a sophomore starting they now return six seniors and a junior. Three seniors, leftfielder Brian Rubin, pitcher-shortstop Brett Hotaling and centerfielder Gerry McNamara, are in their third varsity season and Gordinier is counting on their experience to solidify the defense.

The starting lineup should go something like this: senior Ed Mitzen, back from a two-year layoff, catching; returning starters Joe Rissberger and Tom Wight playing first and second; Kevin Conley and Hotaling sharing short and junior Bill Kelly at third. In the outfield it will be Rubin at center, McNamara in left and junior Jamie Cohen the

BC is counting on Geoff Mackey, junior righthander, for pitching help. Tom Howes

Pop Warner elects

Kevin Klein has been reelected president of Bethlehem Pop Warner Football. Other officers reelected at an organizational meeting last month were Doug Pratt, head commissioner; Betty Pratt, vice president of cheerleading, and Bob Gola, treasurer. Judy Cox will serve as secretary.

The board set May 1 as the date

of registration for the 1985 season, and will hold the sign up at Bethlehem Town Hall from 7 to 9 p.m. for players and cheerleaders. Plans for the new season include expansion of the equipment and food service shed, and upgrading the playing fields at Hamagrael.

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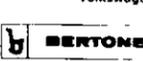
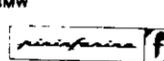
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Spotlight SPORTS

Indians are rebuilding

By Bart Gottesman

"We will be competitive with other teams," says first-year RCS baseball coach Gary VanDerzee, who is taking over after a successful season as JV coach.

The only two starting positions that have been decided are catcher and pitching rotation. Catching this year will be sophomore John Waddingham, and the pitchers will include sophomore Larry Rivers and seniors Matt Smith, Angelo Losavio and Doug Keyer. The infield seems to be the most crowded spots on the team, with three players trying out for each of the positions at first, second and third base. At first Smith, senior Bill Phillips and junior Chris Peterson are in the running for the

starting job. Competing for second base are junior Jim Rafferty and Bob Dorrance and Losavio, both seniors. Competing for third base are Keyer, Losavio and junior Brian Stumbaugh. Stumbaugh will also be the backup catcher.

Rivers and Dorrance are attempting to fill the shortstop spot. Four players are battling for outfield positions, sophomore Don Keyer and juniors Scott Houghtaling, Mike Sleeper and Chip Bolen.

The Indians had two practice games last week. VanDerzee hopes to have his starting lineup in place when the Indians open their season April 12.

Bridge winners

Judi Schulman, 101 Cherry Ave., Delmar, and Uresh Vahalie of Syracuse were among master point winners at the 1985 Spring North American Championships of the American Contract Bridge League in Montreal last week. They placed first in their section in a one-day regional championship in which 968 players competed. The contest was among seven North American championships and 50 others which drew some 4,500 players to 10 days of competition at the Hotel Queen Elizabeth and Regence Hyatt.

For the bluebirds

A lecture on conservation projects for the eastern bluebird will be presented at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Thursday, April 11, at 7:30 p.m. "Bring Back the Bluebird" will focus on local and statewide efforts to build nesting boxes. For information about the free program call 457-6092.

ading candidate for rightfield. The backups include seniors Pete Sch and Jeff Camiano and seniors Vinnie Foley, Alex Deino, Rick D'Errico, John Lao and Jimmy Hensel.

While still unsure about holding down opposition scoring, Gordiner is confident his team will produce runs, and he plans to run every opportunity. "We will be winning this year," he predicts. We will be challenging most of the catchers in this league right off the bat. Tom Wight led the team in stolen bases and on-base percentage last year, but Mitzen, Cohen and McNamara have all turned in better times."

Voorheesville could get big hits from Rubin, McNamara and Mitzen as deep threats, and Wight, Kissberger and Conley have shown they can hit for both power and average. Lefthanded-hitting Hotaling has the ability to hit to the opposite field, an important skill when playing at home where the outfield grass slopes sharply toward the foul line.

With three of four pitchers returning, the Blackbird rotation may prove to be the biggest strength. At 6-4 Hotaling returns as ace. Conley, who led the team in victories a year ago, relies on good speed and control. The only lefty, McNamara, looked good in the Guilderland workout. If McNamara is used in the bullpen, the Blackbirds will try Foley as a third starter. Foley, a control pitcher, was the JV's best last year. Fisch and Hensel are ready in relief.

Voorheesville is scheduled to open today (Wednesday) at home against Tamarac, and will travel to Ichabod Crane Saturday. The Blackbirds start league play next week versus area rival Ravena.

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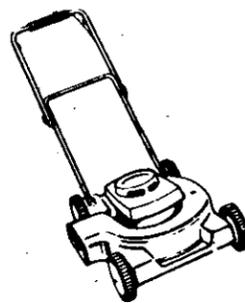
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BC squad slick afield, pitching a question

By Damon Woo

A new coach and a young squad will give Bethlehem Central's softball team the handicap of inexperience. Coach Kelly Keller, who succeeds Jesse Braverman who has moved to freshman baseball, will have only four returning varsity letter-winners.

Keller, a native of Glenmont, had an early start in softball. Beginning with the Bethlehem Tomboys, she continued to play throughout her college years and has also had experience in coaching, assisting a team in Agawam while still working for her teaching degree at Springfield college.

The 14-member team has only four seniors. The rest are juniors, with one exception, sophomore Wendy Vogel. Keller noted that while the team is short on experience, the players have experience in working together. "Most of them started last year on the JV and they have also played together on the traveling Tomboys team," she said.

Keller continued: "Our fielding is great, but if we have a problem this season it will be our pitching. We have no one who can consistently throw strikes."

Lisa Tomlinson and Kim Burkhardt are slated for much of the pitching chore. Another key

SOFTBALL

player is Julie Liddle, but the veteran catcher has a back problem that makes her questionable. Without Liddle, Keller hopes shortstop Peg Jeram and Vogel behind the plate will guide the infield.

The infield has yet to be set, but the picture in the outfield is a little clearer. Lori Karam and Leann Stokoe are sharing time at first base, as are Maureen Montanus and Katie Menzie at second. At third base, Cheryl Dunston alternates with Karen Burke, but Burke may be used as a pitcher. The outfield is covered by Sandi Blendell in left, Cindy Lovelace in center and Martha Gohlke in right.

Keller is trying something new for practice. On Saturdays, she has "a family fun day." She explains, "We invite fathers, older brothers and sisters and anyone else, including boyfriends, who would like to play against us. It's good practice and a lot of fun."

The Eagles' season begins next Monday with a home game against Niskayuna. They have a practice game with Ravena today (Wednesday), weather permitting.



Mary Ellen Burda

Wins swim letter

Former Bethlehem Central High School swimming standout Mary Ellen Burda has been awarded her varsity letter as a member of the 1984-85 University of Rochester women's swimming team.

Burda, a freshman Chemical Engineering major, competed in the backstroke event for the Yellowjackets, who compiled a 4-3-1 dual meet mark, won team titles at the UR Harvest Relays and Sprint Invationals, placed third at the New York State AIAW Championships and finished 17th out of 58 squads at the 1985 NCAA Division III National Championships.

Park fees the same

Last week's sunny weather prompted the town board to approve summer fees for the Elm Ave. Park. The fees will remain the same as last year.

Season passes for families will cost \$50 and passes for couples will cost \$40. Individual season passes will cost \$25 for adults and \$15 for children. Day passes will be sold for \$1 to adults and 50 cents to children. Parking will again require a residents' sticker or a \$1.50 fee.

Residents will be charged \$1.50 per hour and non-residents will be charged \$3 per hour for using the tennis courts after 8 p.m.

Wallet found

A woman's wallet found last Tuesday morning on Gardner Terr. in Delmar has been returned to its owner, Bethlehem police reported. A Gardner Terr. resident turned the wallet over to police, who contacted the owner.

Voorheesville runners still looking for a home

By Rick D'Errico

Overcoming obstacles seems to be a tradition in Voorheesville, and the tradition continues with the high school track team.

Four weeks ago Voorheesville district voters turned down a proposal for a new track, presumably because of the expense. On the "other side of the track" is the team, which for years has had to put up with a white chalk line on the field instead of a track, and now faces more of the same.

Coach Ken Kirik, who has produced a long succession of top-ranked cross country teams, says he is "very disappointed" about the rejection by voters, but says his young team is "willing to work

ever harder to prove they deserve a new track."

As for ingredients for a successful season, Kirik says "good distance running, hard work and dedication are at the top of the list." His team is perhaps the youngest in the Colonial Council, with half the squad in ninth grade or lower.

Chuck Rogers, Lenny Mertens, Adam Schiabe, Tim Godin, Doug Arthur and Ed Donohue are expected to be the mainstays of the team. Because Voorheesville has no facility, all meets must be scheduled away, starting next Tuesday at Chatham for the boys' team and Monday at Guilderland for the girls' team.

Masters slash 8 records

Master swimmers from Bethlehem and New Scotland set eight records as 85 masters competitors from age 21 to 65 from three states gathered for the first annual SUNYA Spring Frolic sponsored by the Adirondack District Masters Swimming Association at the Albany State pool over the weekend.

MaryLou Schulz of Delmar led the assault on record books with three new district marks. Jim Poole of Glenmont and Irving Bonawitz of Delmar broke two records each, and Eileen Daugherty of Voorheesville shattered another.

Schulz, swimming in the women's 45-49 age group, swept five first places, setting new standards in the 100 butterfly (1:33.85), 400 IM (7:07.64) and 200 IM (3:17.73). She also won the 100 and 500-yard freestyle events.

Bonawitz, who also served as meet director, set new district 60-65 records in the 1,650-yard freestyle (28:17.09) and 1,000 free (17:28.19). He also won the 200 free and was second in the 50 fly.

Poole won two events in age 30-34 in record time, the 400 IM in 5:04.88 and the 200 IM in 2:22.05. The former Hobart College captain also had a third place in the 100 fly.

Daugherty, swimming in the women's 20-24 age division, set a

new mark of 1:10.43 in the 100 free. She also placed second in the 100-yard breaststroke and 500 free, and was third in 50 breast and 100 IM.

Frank Otto of Delmar had three third places and a second in men's 35-39 events.

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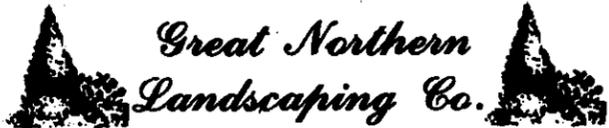
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Appeal for help

Editor, The Spotlight:

Tri-Village FISH has been in existence serving the residents of the Town of Bethlehem since 1971, but I believe that there are several misconceptions about FISH that need to be clarified.

We are above all a strictly volunteer organization. At this time we have a force of 42 volunteers, 20 who take calls from the answering service and 22 drivers. In 1984 FISH volunteers made over 835 transportation runs to doctors, hospitals, shopping, etc. On a given day a telephone volunteer might receive eight or nine calls and make the appropriate arrangements, whether it be providing transportation, meals, referrals, etc. A driver might pick up the first client at 8 a.m. and spend the day until 4 or 5 p.m. driving.

I feel at this time I must emphasize that we are totally non-profit and there is never a charge to our clients for any of our services. But what most people don't realize is that it costs FISH a considerable amount of money to operate.

FISH maintains a 24-hour, seven-day-a-week answering service. We pay a rental fee to New York Telephone for the phone they use. We carry insurance for our drivers over and above their

personal insurance. We incur postage and other costs.

FISH has been struggling for the last several years just trying to survive. Unfortunately our dwindling volunteer force and shrinking bank account may force us to close our doors in the near future, perhaps a matter of only a few months.

Through the years FISH has maintained a low profile, but I feel it is time for us to come out in the open and ask the residents of the Town of Bethlehem, whom we have served for 14 years, to come forth and help in the form of contributing some of their time or financial aid. If it is not forthcoming I am afraid Tri-Village FISH will meet the same fate as other chapters in the Tri-City area (we are the only remaining FISH group in the area) and be forced to discontinue our service.

Maureen M. Bartkus
President, Tri-Village FISH
Delmar

No belts, no buses

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am one of many parents in the Bethlehem school district who fully support Linda Burtis's opinion article published several weeks ago.

The statement that really hit home for my husband and me was: "Proponents also argue that it is hypocritical to teach children

to belt up in their cars while undoing a fine habit on school buses."

Both Jonathan and I were instructed in Driver's Education by BC's Mr. John Nyilis. He made a tremendous impression on us, when we dated in high school, the car never started until we were buckled in. Sixteen years later, the habit is even more vital in our family of five.

It is a pity that Marjory O'Brien's proposal to install seat belts in the new buses was defeated. I plan to send a postcard to Sheila Fuller, president of the school board, stating my intent to vote No for new buses unless they have seat belts. I hope this will result in another board meeting to reconsider the O'Brien proposal.

Furthermore, I invite other concerned parents to join me in this "post-card petitioning." I would hope that it will make a measurable and visible impression on the school board.

Chris Deily
Delmar

Saving a life

Editor, The Spotlight:

I want to sincerely thank the wonderful gentleman who was driving on or near Elsmere Ave. and East Fernbank Ave. on Thursday, March 21, around 10:30 or 11 a.m. and picked up my mother, who was experiencing a stroke at that very moment. She was sick and very confused, not even knowing her name or address. Thank you for taking her to the hospital. If it were not for you, she could be dead now, but is instead in the hospital and improving.

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Marilyn Picarazzi
Selkirk

Science fair set

A variety of scientific demonstrations, models, experiments, reports and exhibits will be presented at the Elsmere Elementary School science fair on April 16 at 7 p.m.



Andrew Friedman

A Merit finalist

Andrew J. Friedman of Slingerlands, a student at The Doane Stuart School, has been named a National Merit Scholarship finalist. The son of Dr. Robert C. Friedman of Slingerlands, Andrew has been accepted under early admission at Amherst College, Amherst, Mass.

Friedman and another local Doane Stuart student, Leonora Wengraf, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Wengraf of Delmar, are among this year's Regents Scholarship winners.

A faculty scholar

Eveyn Carey, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Carey of Glenmont, is a 1985 Faculty Scholar at Hartwick College. Miss Carey, a junior computer science and math major, was selected because of her academic excellence by both the computer science department and the math department. A Faculty Scholar is a nominee for the John Christopher Scholarship.

Named to board

Clayton Albright of Glenmont has been appointed to the board of trustees of Historic Cherry Hill, Albany. President of Albright hardware stores, he is a lifelong resident of the Albany area. He serves on the boards of the South End Improvement Corporation and the South End Historical Society, and is currently rehabilitating several buildings in the neighborhood.

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OBITUARIES

Sister Susanne Breckel

Sister Suzanne Breckel, R.S.M., 59, of Slingerlands, psychologist and director of the Consultation Center of the Albany Roman Catholic Church Diocese, died March 30 at her home.

Born in Rhode Island, she earned a doctor's degree in philosophy from Boston College.

A member of the Association for Humanistic Psychology, the Psychological Association of Northeastern New York and the American Psychological Association, she was past psychology department chairman and director of psychological services at Salve Regina College, Newport, R.I. She was former personnel director for the Sisters of Mercy in Rhode Island.

She is listed in *Who's Who in Religion* and was awarded honorary doctorates from Salve Regina College and Siena College.

Survivors include a sister, Susan McDermott of Ossining, and a brother, Carl Breckel of Danielson, Conn.

Arrangements were by Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Burial will be in Resurrection Cemetery, Cumberland, R.I.

Frances Morehouse

Frances MacLaughlin Morehouse, 89, of Selkirk died March 27 at Albany Medical Center.

Born in Catskill, she was the wife of the late Guy L. Morehouse.

She is survived by two grandsons, Barry F. Morehouse of Selkirk and George W. Morehouse, Jr. East Greenbush. She is also survived by two great-grandchildren.

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State residents 62 and older are eligible to obtain Golden Age passes that enable them to use state-operated recreation areas at reduced rates during non-holiday weekdays. Town of Bethlehem residents can obtain these passes at the Senior Services Office at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, between 9:30 a.m. and 3:30 p.m. weekdays. Proof of age and New York State residence are required.

Check for heartworm

With mosquito season coming, the Capital District Veterinary Society is urging dog owners to have their dogs checked for heartworm infection.

Heartworm disease is spread by at least three species of mosquitos that are common to this area. In a newly infected dog the heartworm larvae burrow under the skin and develop in the tissues for 90 to 120 days. The heartworms then penetrate the blood vessels and move to the heart where they mature and live in the heart and adjacent blood vessels. Adult heartworms are often 10 to 14 inches long. The adult female heartworm gives birth to a new crop of baby heartworms that circulate freely in the dog's bloodstream. A mosquito may then pass the disease from the infected dog to a healthy dog.

Veterinarians can prescribe daily medication to prevent a pet from developing heartworm disease.

Dog owners should not start using last year's preventive medication until after their dogs have been checked.

Neighbors get together

Members of the Upper Delaware Ave. Association of Delmar, Inc., recently heard Robert Verstandig of Verstandig's Florist speak about residential gardens. Anyone living in the area of Delaware Ave. between the old town hall and Cherry Ave. who is interested in joining the non-profit corporation dedicated to promoting a sense of community is urged to call Sandi Hackman at 439-0748.

Report on Miss Liberty

Mrs. Eunice Whittlesey, executive assistant to the State Legislative Commission of Public and Private Support, will present a program about the goals and objectives of those working on the Statue of Liberty at the April 11 meeting of the government council of the Delmar Progress Club. All are welcome to attend the 7:30 p.m. meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library.



Mr. and Mrs. Stephen P. Prisley

Couple bound for Alaska

Karen-Sue Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick C. Webster of Delmar, and Stephen Post Prisley, son of Capt. and Mrs. John P. Prisley of Harpers Ferry, W. Va., were married March 23 at St. Stephen's Church in Delmar.

Mrs. David Manix was matron of honor. The bride's attendants were Lori-Jean Webster, sister of the bride, and Mrs. Clark DeWitt. James Smith was best man, and ushers were Ronald Lemin and Richard H. Coupe.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Morrisville Agricultural and Technical College and West Virginia University, was a staff forester with WESTVACO of South Carolina.

The bridegroom, a graduate of Virginia Technical Institute, was a resource information manager with Continental Forest Industries of Savannah, Ga.

The couple will reside in Anchorage, Alaska.

Gala for Academy

On Saturday, April 13 Albany Academy for Girls will sponsor a "Hi-Tech Journey," a ball to benefit the expansion of the school's computer program, at the new headquarters of PacAmOr Bearings Inc. in Rensselaer Technology Park. The gala begins at 9 p.m. with champagne, dessert and dancing to Bittersweet.

Guests will begin the evening at dinner parties given by Girls Academy families, including Mr. and Mrs. Albert Hessberg, II, Slingerlands, Dr. and Mrs. E. Scott Macomber, Delmar, and Mr. and Mrs. William G. Scanlon, Glenmont.

The committee for the gala includes Karen Kermani of Delmar and Patricia Donovan of Glenmont.

Closings for holidays

New Scotland Town Hall will close at noon on Friday, April 5, because of the religious holiday. Voorheesville Village Hall, Bethlehem Town Hall and most area banks will be open for regular hours this week.

The Bethlehem Public Library will be closed on Easter Sunday (April 7).

Tools for quilters

Members of Quilters United in Learning Together (QUILT) will view a demonstration of tools and supplies that provide shortcuts for quilters at their April 12 meeting at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. The meeting will begin at 9:30 a.m.

Financial counseling

Charles Nott, former vice president of the Bank of New York, will present a program, entitled "Financial Counseling: What It Can Do For You and How," at the April 16 meeting of the Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter 1598 of the American Association of Retired Persons. Members of the group will gather at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar at 12:30 p.m.

Orchestra to play at Temple Beth Emeth

The Delmar Community Orchestra will present a program of classics and show tunes at Temple Beth Emeth in Albany on Monday, April 22, at 7:30 p.m. The orchestra will be conducted by Robert McGowan. Samuel Kauter, accompanied by the orchestra, will present a violin solo.

Time to tackle attic

During April, crews from the Town of Bethlehem's highway department will help with residents annual spring cleanup. Town residents who want to dispose of items should leave them at the edge of the street for pickup. Pickups will be made from April 1 through 30.

The crews will not pick up heavy items, such as water heaters or refrigerators, highway department superintendent Martin J. Cross, Jr. said. Residents who wish to dispose of such heavy items should make arrangements with private contractors.



The Town of Bethlehem's senior van will be used to transport Bethlehem senior citizens to Brockley's Delmar Tavern for dinner on Wednesday, April 10. Van pickups will begin at 4:30 p.m. For reservations call 439-5770 between 9 and 11 a.m. on weekdays.

Bethlehem's senior van will be used to transport senior citizens on an April 14 Sunday shopping trip. Town residents who are 60 years or older should call 439-5770 for van reservations between 9 and 11 a.m. weekdays.

Milers to hear Zinn

The Second Milers, a retired men's club of the Tri-Village area, will hear Lawrence Zinn, Bethlehem Central School superintendent, present an update on the school system on April 10 at the Delmar United Methodist Church. Members of the group will gather for lunch at 12:30 p.m. Visitors are welcome. For reservations call 439-1054.

Squares to dance

The Altamont Squares will hold a regular mainstream dance on Friday, April 12, at 8 p.m. in the Helderberg Reformed Church Rt. 146, Guilderland Center. All area dancers are invited to come and are asked to note the change in location for this night only.

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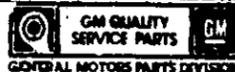
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