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He nurtures trees



Concord Tree Service's bucket truck lifts owner Doug Lee to strengthen the 90 foot red oak with cable. *Jeff Gonzales*

By Lorraine C. Smith

We pledge...through improving our knowledge and skills in using our resources to increase the quality of life and beauty and the protection of our environment.

The earth, air, water, sight and sound all depend on healthy trees and shrubs which we diligently care for.

From The Arborist Pledge

That Douglas R. Lee loves trees becomes evident from first encounter. Striding across the customer's yard, surveying the trees and shrubbery growing there, a tall, slender, youthful Lee smiles a smile that says, "I can educate you about your trees. I can give you information that will help you decide what is best for them, considering your own needs. And then I can provide that service for you."

Even during that first consultation, Lee is quietly teaching the homeowner about his trees: he identifies by name the red maple needing cabling because of structural weaknesses, or the white dogwood that needs pruning to allow sunlight on the patio, or the Norway spruce that requires a new location, so that it has room to mature.

Owner of Concord Tree Service in Feura Bush since 1979, Lee explained that his work involves anything to do with a tree. He will evaluate its health, diagnose its problems, plant, transplant, spray insecticide, fungicides or inject fertilizer into it. Arboriculture is his specialty — not just tree removal — and this is

something Lee readily explains to those who consult him for cutting trees down — especially when he suggests less expensive, less drastic measures such as pruning or cabling. "I'll ask them why they want to take it down and then talk them out of it. They'll be surprised that I'm turning down work, but my work is to take care of the tree. Not just take it down."

"We're just starting to learn about trees," Lee added, with the enthusiasm of a young boy wide eyed to the challenge of a lifetime of good climbing trees. "In the last ten years, a lot has changed. There's new equipment, new technology, new knowledge. If a problem exists, we find out what it is, then try to cure it."

In occasional situations when Lee cannot readily diagnose a problem, he consults his library: five years' accumulation of monthly editions from the Journal of Arboriculture, a technical magazine for original papers in the science and art of growing and maintaining trees, articles from the monthly newsletters of New York State and National Arborists Association, or Arbor Age, a six year old magazine serving the tree industry professional.

If then unable to determine the cause of the poor condition, Lee will send bark scrapings or diseased leaves to Cornell University plant pathologists. In the rare instances that the issue still remains a mystery, nevertheless, Lee appreciates the opportunity to observe the unusual. "I may get no compensation for it. It's more my own curiosity, because that's how I learn, too."

Sometimes an on-site review suggests that another area of maintenance be corrected before the tree can be treated. If a new sewer system has been installed, for example, and a tree's root system becomes exposed, then that has to be resolved before necessary nurturing measures can be provided for the tree. To what extent a homeowner will go to care for his trees, depends on how he values them. Everyone regards his trees differently.

Lee offered examples: "If a large tree is too close to a house, it means a lot of work — raking leaves in the fall, maybe again in the spring, heavy acorns. Not enough light. Patios get dirty. A lot of people just won't want a tree that close."

Then there's the case of the South Bethlehem old-timer who, for each of 30 years, faithfully fed his elm a bottle of turpentine. Although Lee can't find any scientific basis for this "witchcraft," the elm showed no sign of Dutch Elm Disease. The tree revealed 92 rings — indicating it was approximately 92 years old — when Lee removed it last fall, it had become too big, too close to the barn. How ironic that a victorious struggle for existence during the worldwide demise of the elm, succumbed to man's unyielding needs.

In other manmade ironies, tree owners' self-doctoring sometimes become destructive rather than curative. During the gypsy moth seasons, some property owners sprayed their trees with retail products intended for other uses, such as Raid. The spray killed

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Gardening challenges and rewards the family

By Anna D. Law

Starting with a feeling for growth, love of the land, something to create, to build, to care for, the gardener is a host — in a sense — planning bits of life with tenderness and then nurturing it to fruition.

A family may view the whole project as an adventure, not knowing all the joys and pitfalls, but feeling a common desire to plan and work together with a spirit of learning, cooperation, involvement and individual commitment.

Then there comes into play the enthusiasm, excitement, and expectation that are all part of the adventure.

In gardening this kind of ground work is necessary at the starting point. There will be some areas of serendipity, a sense of personal growth, good exercise, patience, some disappointment — and a real evaluation and appreciation of the weather.

Other results may be a sense of faith and trust in each other to carry through on responsibility and eventually sharing the good and unexpected outcomes

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When the choice is made of the kind of garden desired — the size, the crops to be grown, vegetables, flowers, etc. — then and only then does the serious and meaningful planning begin.

At this point one has to garner the understanding and knowledge of all the elements involved to have a garden

be a success and a worthwhile experience. This usually helps to develop in each prospective gardener a new found interest in seed catalogs, and how they succeed.

Now interest has matured enough to point of trips to the library and local garden centers to benefit from the experience and success available on a professional level. An amateur gardener will quickly realize that others experiences can be invaluable.

These are steps that may be helpful in progressing from this point:

1. Deciding upon the location.
2. The size of the space to be used.
3. Analysis of the kind and value of the soil.
4. The availability of the sun.
5. Protection from animal invasion. Fencing may be a necessary concern.

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The vegetables: Ten steps

To grow a healthy vegetable garden, one with few or no diseases, some general practices can be used. The following ten steps will maintain healthy plants and reduce the need for fungicides. You may be able to devise others which are especially suited to your garden.

1. Choose resistant or tolerant varieties:

The easiest and most important way to manage plant diseases is to choose resistant or tolerant varieties. The letter abbreviations used to describe the resistance of a variety (for example, VF=Verticillium and Fusarium wilt resistant, PM=powdery mildew resistant or tolerant) are listed in seed catalogs. Resistant varieties resist infection by a particular disease agent and show little or no disease. Tolerant varieties may show symptoms but still yield the same as resistant varieties or susceptible ones protected with pesticides. When available, choose varieties that are resistant or tolerant to a disease that previously has been a problem.

2. Choose seed treated with fungicides:

Seed may come pre-treated with a dusting of a fungicide or you may dust the seed with a fungicide such as captan or thiram. This coating will help prevent the seed from rotting in the soil prior to germination and can also help protect the newly emerging seedling from "damping off." If seed rot or damping-off have been problems in your garden, then treating the seed will prove helpful.

3. Purchase diseased-free seed, transplants, propagating material:

Begin with healthy plant material to help plants become quickly established in the garden. Plant materials which are unhealthy at the start will never yield as much as healthy ones or may die when still young. Reputable seed companies sell disease-free plant materials. Some seeds are hot water treated to remove infectious agents. When shopping for transplants or other propagating material, take time to thoroughly examine the plant stock to make sure it is vigorous and healthy. If you save your own seed, harvest it from healthy plants and dry it thoroughly. Store these in properly labeled air-tight containers in a cool, dry place.

4. Select a sunny, well-drained location:

A sunny area with well-drained soil is an ideal site for vigorous (Turn to page 8)



Howard Freed, Singlerlands, takes advantage of early spring conditions and plants peas in his MacCormack Road garden. New growth already visible are young onion and garlic sprouts. *Spotlight*

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Selecting the right plants for each window

Whether your windows face north, south, east or west, you can fill them with colorful flowering and foliage plants that will grow and thrive. The key to growing attractive houseplants is to select plants that will thrive in the amount of light you have available.

Most plants won't die the minute they are placed in a window that is too dark, but without the light they need to produce food they will literally starve to death. Such plants will slowly lose old leaves and produce smaller new ones, and as time goes on will become tall and spindly. If you match the plants you grow to the amount of light you have available at your windowsill, and observe a few basic cultural practices, you will be well on your way to a windowsill garden that will grow and thrive not only from month to month, but from year to year.

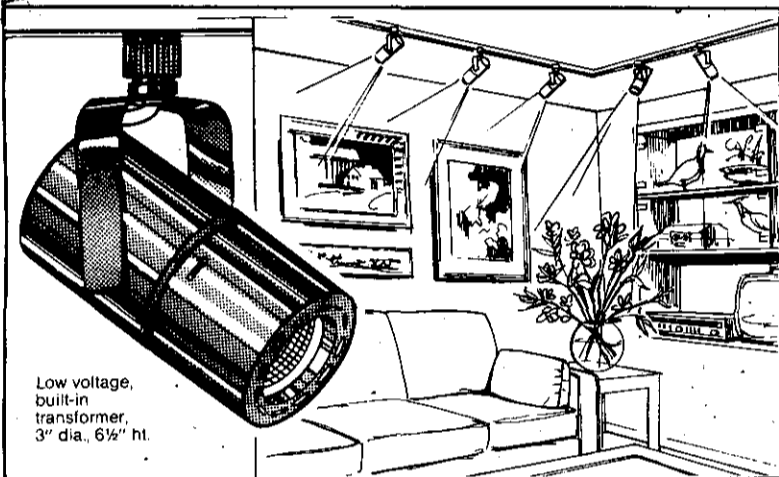
The first step in deciding how much light your windowsill garden receives is to determine which way the window faces. Use a compass if necessary. North-facing windows receive the least

amount of light, south the most. East and west windows receive roughly the same amount, although west windows tend to be hotter than east windows.

You must also consider how much actual light finds its way through your windows. The glass itself cuts down on light, even when the windows are sparkling clean. If your window is heavily shaded by trees, curtains, nearby buildings or a porch roof or awning, the amount of light will be reduced considerably. Curtains, even sheer ones, can effectively turn a west window into a "north" one.

If you have an unusually dark window, or a dark corner that cries for a plant, consider purchasing two identical plants recommended for a north window. Rotate the plants between the dark spot and a bright window on a weekly basis.

Supplemental lighting is another solution. Suspend a fluorescent fixture over the spot where you want the plant, and use one cool-white and one warm-white tube to provide a wide spectrum of light. Attach a timer so it will turn on



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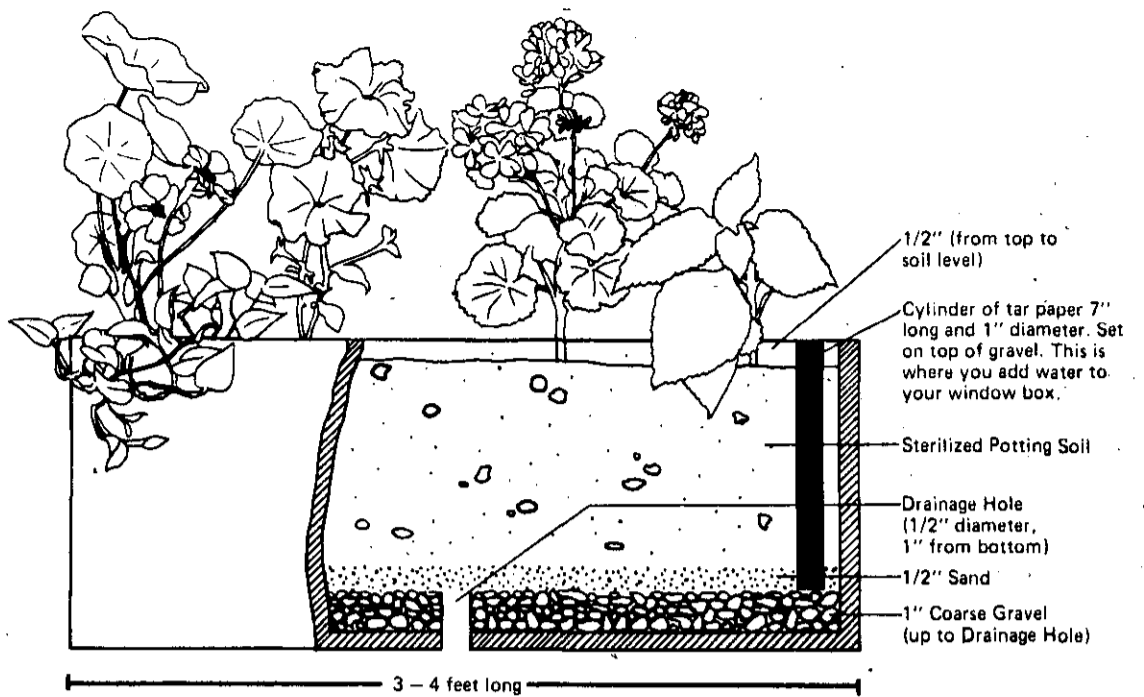
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and off automatically. Most plants will appreciate at least twelve to fourteen hours of supplemental light per day.

The amount of light available to a plant diminishes quite rapidly as you move away from a window. Place plants as close as possible to a window without touching it. If they need to be more than two feet from an east or west window, choose a species recommended for a northern exposure.

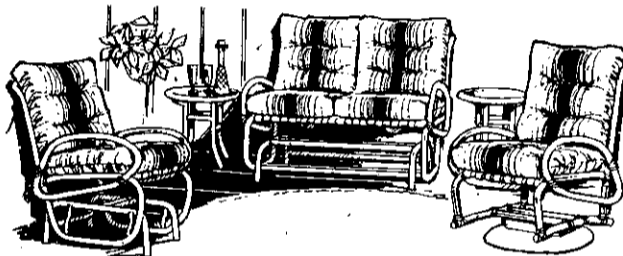
Avoid placing plants directly on top of radiators or heating ducts. Dust on leaves cuts down on the amount of light a plant receives. The misting used to raise humidity levels around a plant doesn't wash off much dust. A better solution is to regularly give your plants a brief shower. For large plants, tie a plastic bag around the pot, covering the soil as much as possible (so it doesn't wash away), and set the plant, pot and all, in

the shower under a gentle stream of tepid water for several minutes. Small plants can be rinsed in the sink. In the summer, plants can be moved outside and sprayed with a gentle stream from the hose.

Regular showers also help with insect control by washing away insects before an infestation gets started. Most can be washed away with a gentle rub. Use a soft brush for hairy-leaved plants. If you see evidence of an infestation, wash the leaves with a weak solution of white soap (one or two tablespoons to a gallon of water) with a soft sponge. Be sure to allow enough time for plants to dry off completely before nightfall, however, to avoid disease problems.

Select your plants according to the amount of light you have available, don't neglect the basics of good culture — proper watering, humidity levels, fertilizing (Turn to Page 5)

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□ The family garden

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The size should be limited in scope to accommodate those whose time will be given to carrying out the processes of weeding, watering and perhaps replanting with eventual harvesting. It can be very discouraging and wasteful to plant more than can be cared for and harvested.

We are now at a point where measurement and marking can take place. This is an exercise in

learning to cooperate and be patient with details and following directions on spacing, depth and labeling.

Awareness of the differences in crop growth before planting is necessary for good production. An example might be radishes being over run by zucchini squash if planted close to each other.

All growing things need food and Mother Earth needs help in

really producing, so fertilizing with the proper nutrients is the next task.

Once the ground has been properly prepared, planting can take place, and then the fulfillment of a promise begins to be anticipated. Each person involved is, in a sense, a part of this promise. As each realizes this, it can become a challenge, an expectation to be realized.

As growth takes place and maturity begins, there is a new appreciation of all that the process of gardening has involved: How important individual input has been, the effect of favorable weather, the unity of effort, and the acceptance of disappointment. Probably the greatest satisfaction of all is the feeling each may have of self-fulfillment, satisfaction with the results of the "family adventure" into a new realm, the realization of the silent promise made to each other and kept. These are all benefits over and beyond the good exercise, the daily trips through summer to gather fresh food, and a new view of the family.

As the days grow shorter and the temperatures lower there may even develop an attitude of protection for that which has been created. There is a dread to see the frosty nights and cold days take away the color, the beauty, the sustenance of the garden, and also perhaps the new-found way to family participation.

Anna D. Law of Delmar, has been a gardener for 40 years.

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□ Consider light of window

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and soil conditions — and you will be well on your way to houseplants you can enjoy for years to come.

Here are some examples of houseplants that prefer light from the:

NORTH

Asplenium nidus (bird's nest fern)
Maranta leuconeura (prayer plant)
Zebra pendula (wandering jew)
Dieffenbachia sp. (dumb cane)

EAST

Nephrolepis exaltata (Boston fern)
Oxalis (shamrock)
Cissus rhombifolia (grape ivy)
Clivia minnata (kaffir lily)

SOUTH

Pelargonium sp. (geranium)
Aloe barbadensis (medicinal aloe)
Crassula argentea (jade plant)
Brassaia arboricola (Hawaiian shefflera)

WEST

Ficus elastica (rubber plant)
Monstera deliciosa (cut-leaf philodendron)
Saintpaulia sp. (African violet)
Chamaedorea elegans (parlor palm)

This information was excerpted from an article by Barbara W. Ellis, Publications Director of the American Horticultural Society, and Editor of the American Horticulturist.

Flower show tips

A three-day course for horticulture exhibitors and judges will be presented on April 28, 29 and 30 by the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State and the Albany County Cooperative Extension at the William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

The course is open to anyone who is interested in landscape design. Brochures and information may be obtained by writing from Mrs. William Waldele, 12 Virginia Ave., Saugerties, N.Y. 12477.

Revelations of spring

As we walk through woodland pathways, amid broken leaves and snapping twigs, there is a pungent, almost fragrant aroma fairly bursting forth saying in a very quiet way that it is the time for Mother Earth to bring forth new life again.

A warm gentle breeze wafts its way through the barren branches of trees, and there follows the formation of buds soon to open into flowers.

The distant rumbling of thunder reminds Maiden Spring to awaken from her wintry slumbering and don her garments of green. The splashing droplets wash all to a refreshing newness, and we revel in the brightness, the beauty and the many revelations of April showers and springtime.

We are soon to see bits of the promise of life to come as daffodils and iris emerging from beneath their wintry blankets, push slender spikes of green into view, and the buds on the lilacs grow larger day by day. The bird life that took to wing so anxiously in months past, delight us as each returns to zealously dart about with singing; in their quest for familiar nesting places and safety.

It is a time to revel in the warmth of sunny days and the openness of the world about us; in exchange for the cold icy threatening season so recently past.

These are days of fulfillment, of promises made and kept. It is a joyous time for celebration singing and rejoicing in our land.

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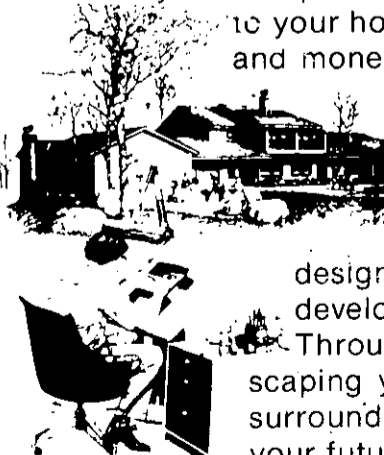
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the caterpillars but also killed the trees.

When consulted in these cases, Lee will recommend that people save their money trying to save the tree and buy a new one. When they protest that it will take too long for new trees to grow, Lee responds: "It'll take a lot longer if you don't start now."

Eighty per cent of Lee's business is residential, with most of that work coming from repeat or referred customers. Lee praised Delmar land owners for their high tree consciousness: most of his work is in this area, although he does have some clients in Catskill, Averill Park and Lake George. Even though the distance and time translates to higher charges, Lee said that some clients are so concerned, they request his services because "They want someone they can trust, and tell them truthfully about their trees.

These property owners realize the value of trees — the shade value, as well as the beauty and financial value it adds to their land. This pride frequently begins with the developer.



"The better builders are concerned about what's growing there. They'll mark the lot where the houses are to be built, explain what the grading will be and ask me to select the desirable species, to know what to save." Based on Lee's evaluation of damage expected from the grading, builders frequently will resituate the house in order for more trees to thrive.

Lee also acknowledged the existence of less reputable builders who sell a new house without

adhering to precautions for maintaining healthy trees. A few years later the trees will deteriorate. "It's really sad to me," said Lee, "that the owner bought this house on a wooded lot and then he loses the trees."

Concord Tree services eight to 10 properties a day and employs as many as 12 workers during the peak of the season. Two employees have attained five years each with the company, but then there are those who quit at the first rainfall: "You didn't tell me we work in the rain!" Although knowledge of the equipment such as bull rope, pole pruner and knuckle boom is a plus, Lee's main requirement of his workers is: "You've got to like trees!"

Secretary for Concord is 1979 Bethlehem Central High School graduate Tammy Keppler Lee. Tammy gained more than a regular employee's interest in the



Lee and two workers first make the work site safe by setting out traffic cones around the service trucks set beneath the tree. Before acquisition of the bucket truck which reduces this two-hour job to a 30-minute one, Lee's men would free-climb the tree with the use of climb lines but not spurs that would damage the live tree.

Jeff Gonzales

secretarial job she has had for seven years since marrying her boss in 1981.

Doug Lee proudly described his wife's ability to handle many of the requests for information. During the gypsy moth crisis, this meant as many as 70 to 80 calls in a single day. Although Tammy Lee has developed a good knowledge of the trade by taking arborist courses and training with the other workers, she is modest about her expertise: "The year we had a lot of apple scab, people would call and describe the same thing so I could recognize it after awhile. And people seem more willing to discuss a problem when they know I'm Doug's wife."

Mrs. Lee can also drive most of the 10 trucks in service that include a log hauler, stump grinder, chipper, an 85 foot crane, and tree spade used for transplanting large trees. And she often assists at the work site. She is not the only woman to have worked with Concord, however. In fact, Lee would prefer to employ more women in the trade. He has found that they make better climbers because of their sense of balance. They're also more agile, as well as being easier on the equipment.

Tammy Lee also makes all the consultation appointments, does the payroll, records down time for trucks, and handles "everything the accountant needs to see." In addition, she provides spray schedules according to neighborhood, as well as infestation patterns. In one spraying call for the past five years, this means six o'clock in the morning, in order

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In another case, scheduling jobs meant a wait of two years for one Selkirk resident before the conditions were right. "A big willow tree, with a girth of about 24 feet, was hanging over the yard, and as a safety factor, it had to come down. Without a really hard freeze we couldn't get our trucks and equipment in there. There might have been other ways to do the job, but economically, this was best. That really bitter cold week in February this year? We called the owner and told him that this was the time."

And that usually is the hardest part of Lee's work: working in terrible weather. When it becomes unsafe to do a job, his men perform maintenance chores for the trucks, review safety procedures, or receive additional training offered by the National Arborist Association.

A considerable amount of Lee's work is seasonal: each spring he services 500 houses with a foliar spray that controls 84 different insects including the birch leaf miner, mealy bugs, and tent caterpillars. The month of May offers about 15 days of good spraying days — warm days with no wind.

Fertilizing also comes during the spring, while pruning is

usually a summer or early fall order when the trees are in full dress. Late fall is the time to remove uprooted trees or dead limbs as a result of storm damage. Winter offers the opportunity to stay abreast of new knowledge at seminars, conventions and trade shows featuring equipment.

Then there's the tree removal to accommodate house additions, new pools, the pruning to facilitate housepainting or siding installations, and the occasional cat rescue request.

Lee's business operates within Occupational Safety and Health Administration (OSHA) guidelines, with the Department of Environmental Conservation regulating all spraying. Even though considered by insurance companies as a high risk category, Concord Tree Service has never filed a claim. Their only injuries to date have been wasp stings, some poison ivy: "Your typical outdoor hazards."

To obtain a reputable tree service, Lee suggests that the customer check with the local chamber of commerce, ask for references, and inquire about membership in the New York State or National Arborist Association. An association with stringent requirements, the NAA has admitted to its membership only 400 of the 20,000 tree services nationwide. Lee's company was admitted in 1984.

So what made Doug Lee fall in love with trees in the first place? Yes, he was a tree climber as a child. And then in high school his part time job for a tree service seemed more relevant to him than his academic work.

After his 74 BCHS graduation,

Lee worked for three different companies before starting his own at the age of 21 — with only one pickup truck. Now, at age 29, he still looks too young for his \$250,000 a year operation: customers ask how old he is, if it's his father's business.

What does he enjoy most of all? "Being in the trees. You're usually alone — but it's not being lonely. It's interesting to think that you're going where no one's been before. I love the views. On clear days, in certain areas, sometimes I can see for miles...I'm doing something to better the trees. Years later I can see how the tree has changed, how it's progressed."

Lee describes the arboretum he cultivates at his home. Sometime, he dreams aloud, he would like to expand into the nursery business, and he has already gathered 60 different plants and shrubs from all over the country. With the fervor of an art collector, he exclaims: "That's more trees than some people will see in their lifetime!"

His wife offers further insight: "Doug will wake up at 4:30 or 5 in the morning. It's his time to think through each job for that day, to take it step by step in his head. He's wide awake looking forward to each day. He loves his work. He really loves trees."

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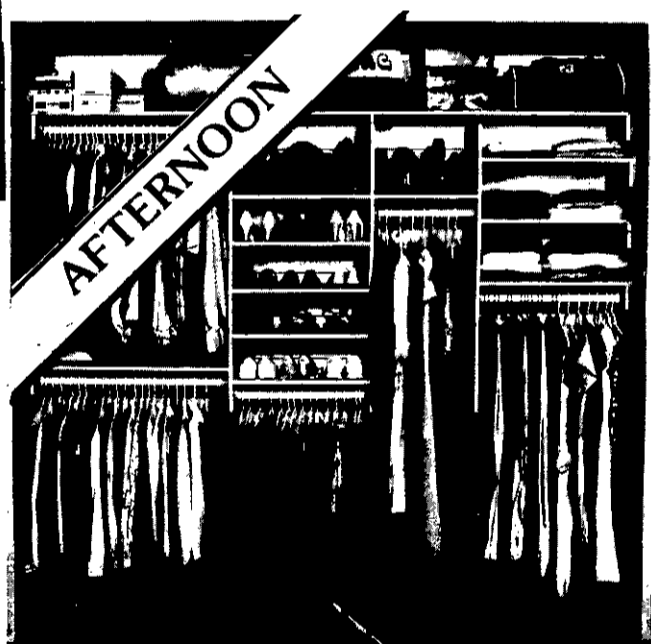


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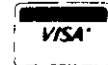
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□ Step by step to a thriving garden

(From Page 3)

growth of garden plants. Weak and spindly plants are easy targets for disease organisms. Even if such plants remain alive and free of infectious disease, they will not

yield as much as strong and burly plants.

5. Improve the soil environment:

When there is no other choice for a garden site but a heavy, wet soil, plant in raised beds or ridged

rows so the soil around the plants' roots will be drier. Heavy, wet soils discourage healthy root growth and encourage root rots. When a garden is established on sloped terrain, plant in terraced beds to reduce soil erosion over delicate, young plants and newly sown seed. Soils that are dry and sandy may be mulched with a variety of materials (straw, grass clippings, black plastic, etc.) to help retain moisture. A soil environment which is favorable to healthy root development will support the growth of healthy plants.

6. Water and feed plants:

Plants require one inch of rainfall per week to grow normally. If this is not supplied by nature, then water the garden to help maintain healthy growing plants. Try to avoid using overhead, sprinkler irrigation because it can promote the development and spread of leaf, flower, and fruit infections. Trickle irrigation is best because it does not wet the plants above ground nor disturb the soil. Garden plants which are fertilized

properly at planting time and as a sidedress will grow better and healthier. Always use a complete fertilizer or incorporate a well-rotted manure or rich compost into the soil. Avoid over-fertilization because this injures plant roots directly.

7. Space plants to allow air circulation:

High humidity and moisture favor the development of diseases on the tops of plants. Allowing enough room for plants to grow and space for air to circulate around mature plants reduces the humidity and promotes rapid drying of plant surfaces. This in turn helps reduce disease incidence.

8. Practice cleanliness in the garden:

Always remove from the garden area plant materials that show signs of disease and destroy them or discard them in the trash. Work in the garden when plants are dry because moisture on plants aids the spread of infectious diseases. Composting, unless the pile becomes very hot, does not eliminate diseases from plant refuse under New York climate conditions. For this reason, it is unwise to compost any diseased plant material. At the end of the

growing season, clean up all crop debris because disease agents will overwinter in this plant material and infect new plants the following season.

9. Plant a fall cover crop and plow it in the following spring:

After cleaning up the garden, sow a grass, like perennial rye, which will begin to grow that fall. This cover crop will protect the top soil from erosion during the winter months. The following spring plow in the rye grass to enrich the soil with fresh organic matter or "green manure." This practice also helps reduce the prevalence of certain soil-borne disease agents. Other, non-infectious, agents flourish on the green manure in the soil and tend to inhibit the infectious ones.

10. Rotate crops:

Successive planting of one crop family in the same area over many seasons promotes the build up of disease agents in the soil. Thus, disease becomes more severe over a period of time. Rotating plants in successive seasons to areas of the garden where they have not been grown can help reduce the losses due to soil-borne disease agents. Avoid successive planting within crop families or crop types such as crucifers (cabbage, broccoli, turnip, radish, etc.), cucurbits (melon, cucumber, squash, etc.), solanaceae (tomato, eggplant, potato, pepper), grasses (sweet corn, cover crops such as rye), legumes (bean, pea), and root crops (carrot, beet, onion, etc.).

When planning your vegetable garden, keep in mind these ten steps. Your garden will be healthier as a result.

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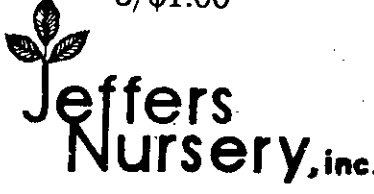


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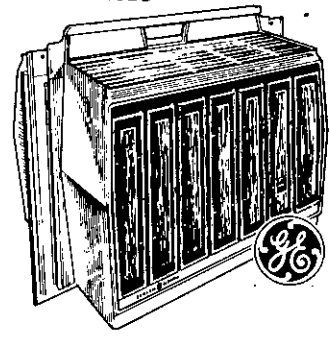
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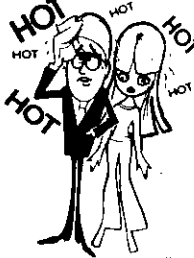
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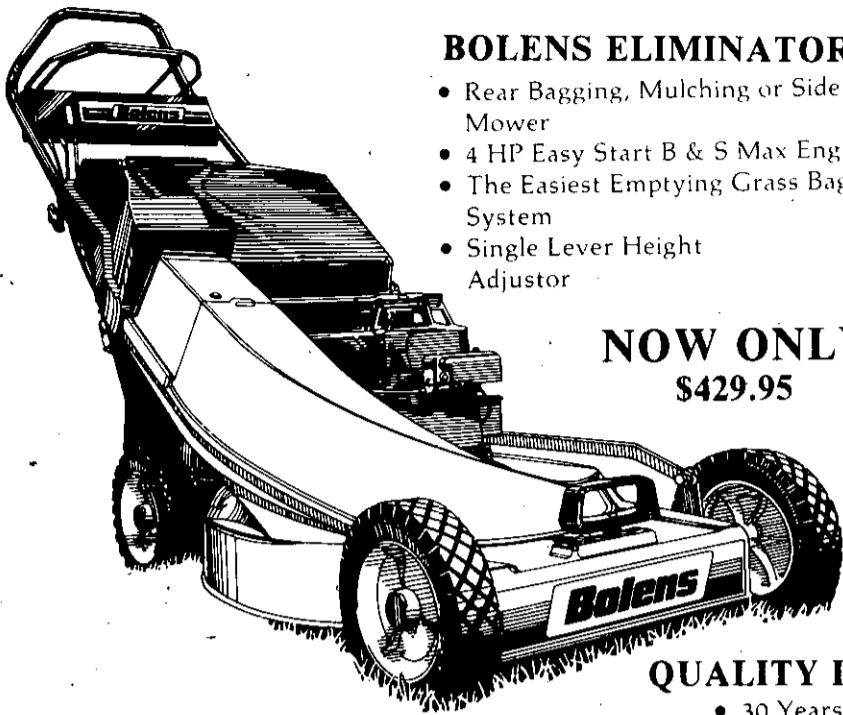
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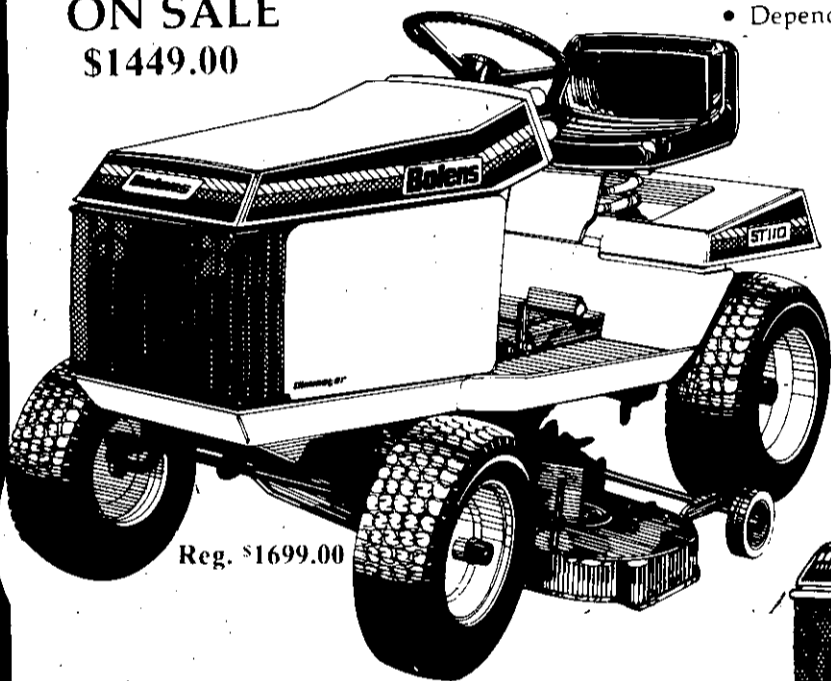
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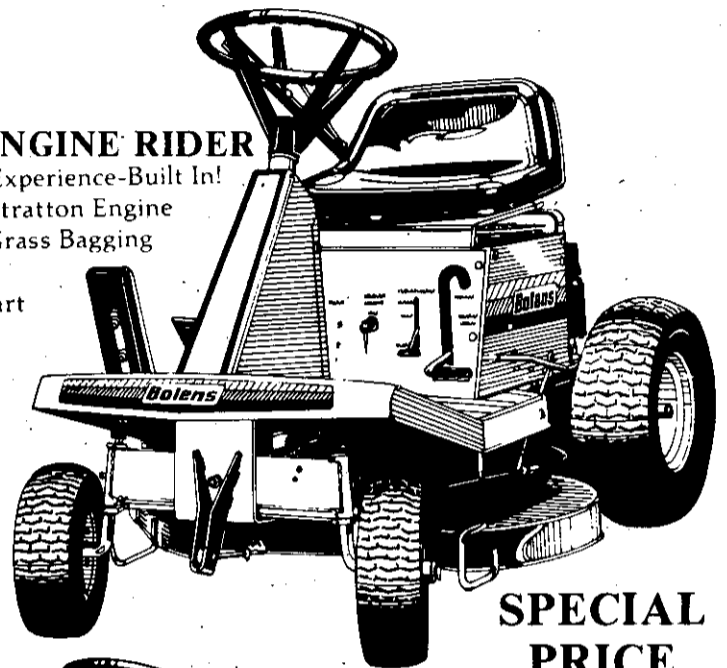
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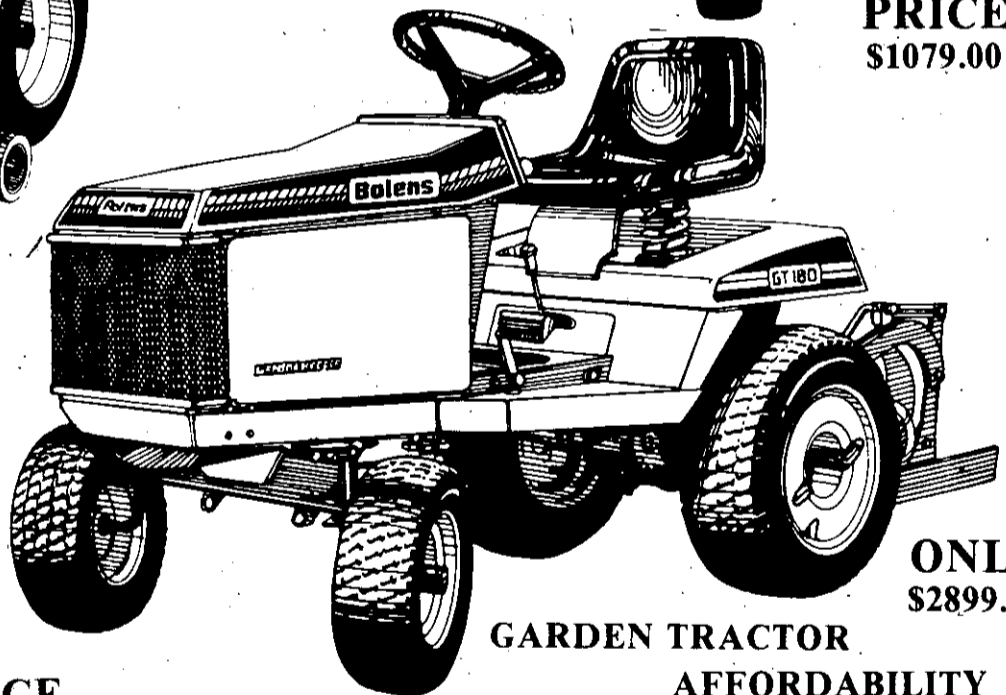
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VEGETABLES

Home gardeners in New York State need look no farther than their county Cooperative Extension agents when it comes to selecting vegetable varieties for the 1986 growing season.

In addition to existing resources and their own knowledge of vegetable crops, these agents have the 1986 "Selected List Of Vegetable Varieties For Home Garden Use In New York State."

Updated annually by Cornell University experts, the list includes more than 400 varieties of vegetables that have been proven in university test gardens.

Instead of browsing through the thousands of selections offered in commercial seed catalogs, a gardener, at a glance, can use the list to select varieties that have a good track record in New York State.

This year's list was compiled by Roger A. Kline, a Cornell

Cooperative Extension associate, and David Wolfe, an assistant professor of vegetable crops, both in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell.

"We've selected these varieties by testing them, usually two years or more, in Ithaca, and often in other areas of the state," Kline says. Information about varieties on the Cornell list was also collected from Cooperative Extension agents, commercial growers, and home gardeners.

This year, several varieties of Chinese cabbage have been added to the list, as well as varieties of bush bean, lettuce, peas, pumpkins and radishes, among others.

"By no means are we saying these are the only ones that will grow well, but they have proven themselves in the unpredictable, sometimes adverse conditions that New York has to offer," Kline explains. The varieties included on the list are chosen based on

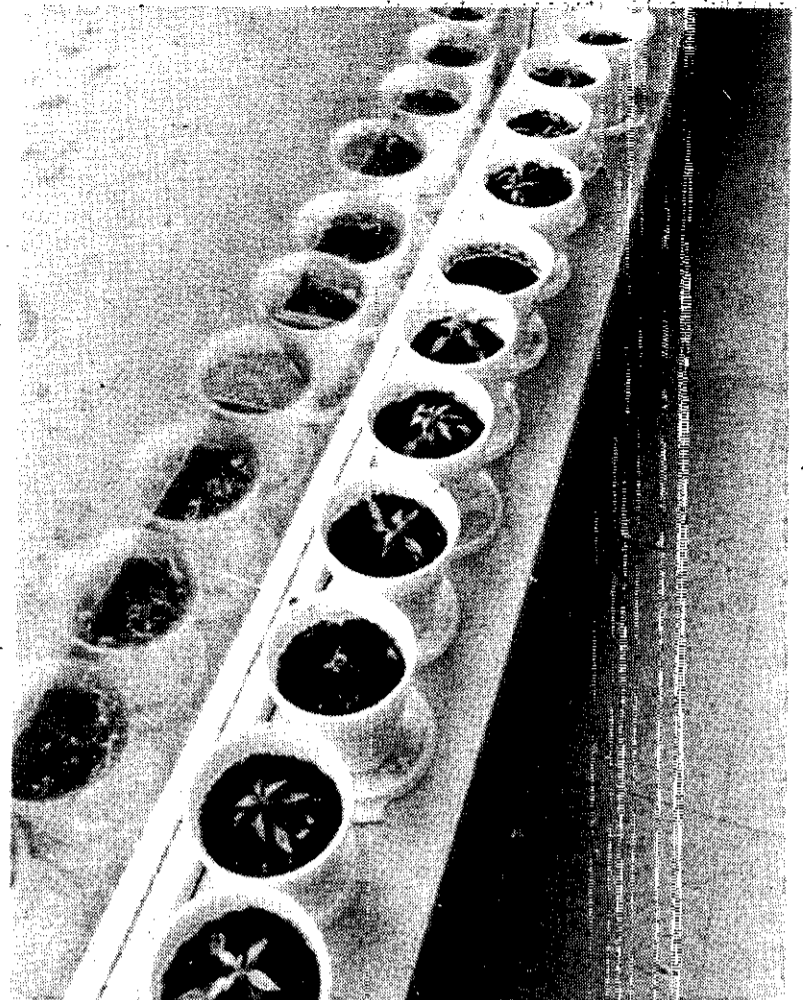
their yield, tolerance to disease and insects, quality of the crop, taste, and other factors essential for gardening success.

Crops included in the 1986 Cornell list range from common vegetables, such as summer squash, tomato, watermelon, and turnip to exotic vegetables such as chicory, kohlrabi, leek, kale and several types of hot peppers.

For a free copy of the 1986 Vegetable Variety List, call Albany County Cooperative Extension at 765-3510 or write Cooperative Extension of Albany County, Agriculture Program, Martin Road, Voorheesville, 12186.

ANNUALS

Longer daylight hours and the arrival of seed catalogs signal the coming of spring, and that boosts the desire to get out into the yard and garden again. Before you order those seeds this year, it's



The decorative hot pepper seedlings growing in the window of the Delmar Barber Shop were started from seed by a friend, according to owner Tom Spinoso. Each year Spinoso will place plants in the sunny location and share them with anyone who wants them. Besides being attractive, the hot peppers are crushed and used to repel insects. *Spotlight*



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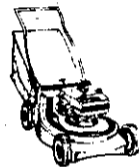
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Taller varieties and those which produce abundant foliage are useful for screening and backgrounds. You also may want to consider growing annuals that work well for dried arrangements.

Cornell Cooperative Extension has a handy guide to selecting annual flowers. "Annual Flowers for New York State" lists characteristics of more than 100 varieties. Included is information on plant height, available colors,

the blooming season, and recommended uses; among other facts. The list includes both botanical and common names.

"Annual Flowers for New York State" (IB-93) is available by mail at 50 cents per copy from the Cornell Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, NY 14850.

FRUIT TREES

For gardeners who are considering planting fruit trees, grapevines, or small fruits this spring, Cornell Cooperative Extension has an informative booklet on cultural practices. "The Home Fruit Planting" is a basic reference for beginners.

Before you order young fruit trees, grapevines, or other fruit plants, consult the publication to determine if you have adequate space and good growing conditions.

Written by John P. Tomkins and Gene H. Oberly, both professors of pomology in the

New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, the booklet discusses soil conditions, climactic requirements, planting and variety selection for the home gardener.

If you have older, mature fruit trees, an overgrown bramble patch, or neglected grapevines, the booklet has illustrated instructions for renewing them to encourage better yields.

In addition to recommendations for all fruit crops, the publication includes special sections devoted to training and pruning fruit trees, grape growing, and growing and pruning blackberries, raspberries, and blueberries.

Copies of "The Home Fruit Planting" are available from county offices of Cornell Cooperative Extension throughout New York State, or by mail from the Cornell Distribution Center, 7-HF Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y., 14850. A charge of \$2 payable to Cornell University covers mailing and handling costs.

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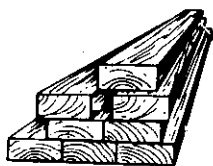
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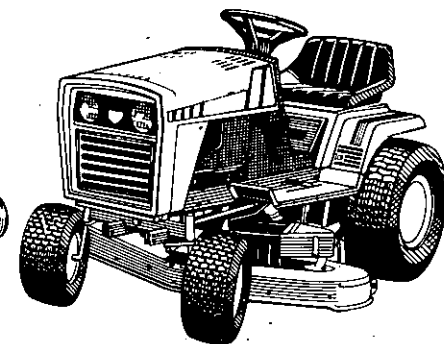
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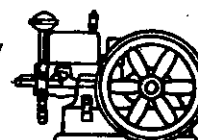
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Some perennials such as chrysanthemums, phlox, asters, beebalm, Chinese lantern, lythrum, athenis, and sedum develop rapidly and form matted clumps every year. They should be divided each year to keep the plants vigorous and in good condition to produce flowers abundantly.

Most other perennials need to be divided about every three years to avoid overcrowding and consequent weakened growth and poor flowering. These include such plants as iris, delphinium, daylilies, dianthus, shasta daisies, rudbeckia, veronica, yarrow, coreopsis, doricum, echinops and euphorbia, gaillardia, coral bells, hosta, lambs ear, evening

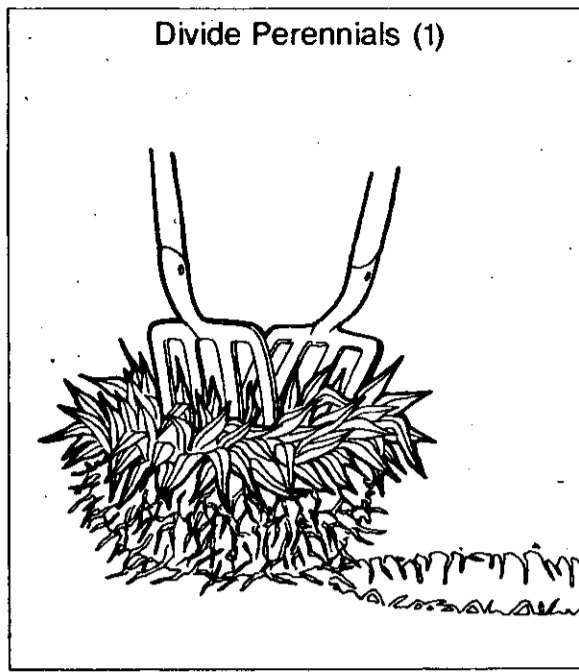
primrose, ornamental grasses and artemesia.

Since many perennials grow vigorously and form dense clumps of roots and shoots, these clumps may be cut or pulled apart to make several smaller plants, each complete with its own root structure.

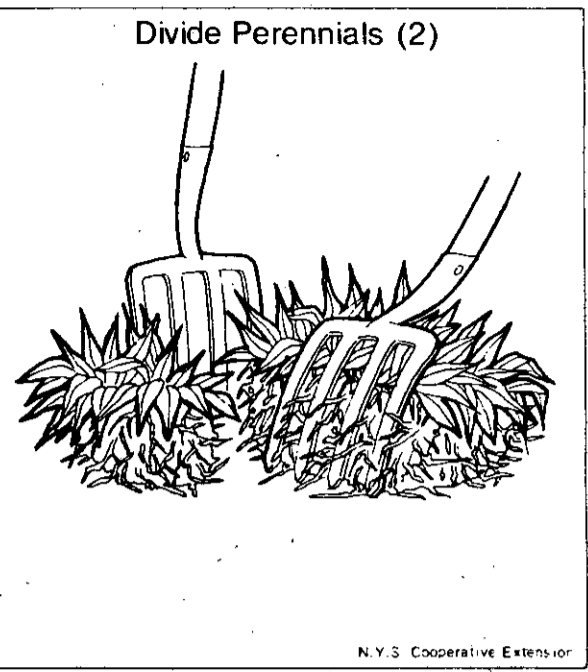
In dividing the clumps, select the outer parts of the clump. The center of the clump is usually dead or weakened and crowded and should be discarded in favor of the more vigorous outer sections.

If individual shoots are selected for replanting, pick out three to five vigorous shoots rather than planting single stems will result in a better flowering effect.

If you have a large garden, staggering this task of dividing plants over a three-year period, except for the very rapidly multiplying plants which require



Divide Perennials (1)



Divide Perennials (2)

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Approximately every three years, clumps of perennials should be pulled apart so that weakened stems can be discarded. The healthy shoots may be

replanted for a larger flowering area — to share with friends.

yearly treatment, will make the task less arduous in any one year, and will eliminate the need for digging up and replanting the entire garden in one year.

The perennial garden should be fertilized regularly during the growing season. In early spring, or at replanting time, a handful or small trowelfull of 5-10-5 fertilizer should be spread on a ring around each plant cluster. The fertilizer

should be applied after the soil is loosened around the plants or after the plants are divided and replanted. The fertilizer should be worked lightly into the top of the soil to avoid being washed away by heavy spring rains. A liquid or water-soluble fertilizer may be used in place of the granulated form. Fertilizer should be applied at one month intervals through July.

The water-soluble fertilizers that are dissolved in water eliminate the problem of fertilizer injury. Water-soluble fertilizer may be applied more frequently, at about two week intervals, through the entire growing season.

Finally, picking off the dead blossoms will prevent formation of seed, and will promote the growth of side shoots with more flower development.

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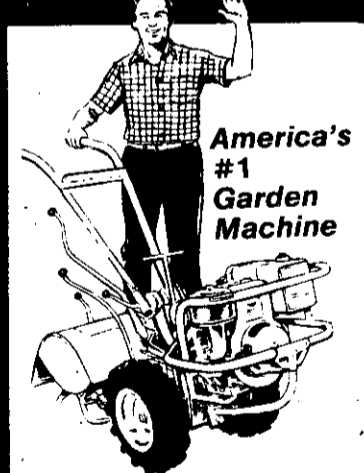
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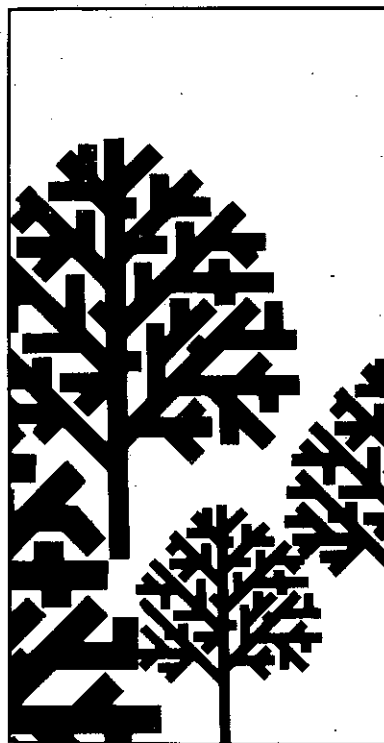
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And tree leaves which have fallen on the soil surface keep the ground from drying out. When they decay, their nutrients return to the soil.

Trees also have value as an economic crop. A well-managed acre of walnut trees can be more profitable in the long run than an acre of corn for the same period. Fruit and nut trees yield additional products. And many kinds of wood and fiber products for use in building furniture and other industries come from trees. Items as diverse as chewing gum, floor wax, shatterproof glass, plastic bread bags and nylon stockings are all made with tree by-products.



Salt injury

"Salt Injury to Roadside Plants," is a Cornell Cooperative Extension publication that helps identify de-icing salt injuries to trees and decide what to do about the problem.

The publication lists many kinds of plants and their tolerance levels to highway de-icing salt.

Written by George Hudler, an assistant professor of plant pathology in the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University, the publication discusses what de-icing salt is and how it injures plants.

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People are starting point for healthy trees

Insects and micro-organisms are not the real cause or starting point of many tree problems. These organisms are often secondary agents that attack weakened, wounded, improperly treated, neglected, and generally unhealthy trees. Poor tree health is a major worldwide problem. Fighting the secondary agents that are often very obvious, or the symptoms of poor health, will not solve the basic problem. We must start now to attack the real causes: the starting points of poor health. The major organisms responsible are people!

Once we recognize that we are often the problem, we can do much to solve it. Here are some brief guidelines for you, the homeowner, that will help you

keep your trees beautiful, safe and healthy.

Plant The Right Tree In The Right Place. Do not plant: pin oaks in alkaline soils, trees in old alkaline building rubble, willows in dry soils, pines in wet soils, birches in shade, dogwoods in unprotected open sites.

Plant Properly. Do not crowd trees in small holes with com-

pacted soil, over-amend the soil with humus or fertilize at planting time.

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Basic nutrients for your lawn

With all the brands and varieties of lawn fertilizers on the market, and all the free advice being given everywhere, it's no wonder landowners are a little confused about choosing the proper lawn fertilizer to use.

It doesn't have to be a puzzle. With some basic information you won't have any problems. Your lawn needs three nutrients to grow, develop and stay healthy — nitrogen, phosphorus and potassium.

- **Nitrogen (N)** is the first, and most important, element of a fertilizer analysis, such as the 28 in a 28-3-3 analysis. It promotes greening and blade development, as well as thicker turf.

- **Phosphorus (P)** is the second nutrient in the analysis. For mature or established grass plants, it's essential to the development of the root structure and rhizomes. For newly seeded areas, it promotes seedling growth and early maturity.

- **Potassium (K)**, the third element, contributes to the overall health, vigor and hardness of the grass plant, and also aids in protein production.

Now that you know what nutrients are in a lawn fertilizer, let's take a look at those numbers on each bag. What does 28-3-3 mean? What makes one formulation better than another?

Years ago, fertilizers were available only as unbranded simple mixes of common ingredients. In time, purchasers (mostly farmers) were helped when laws were passed that

required that the percentage of each element be posted on the bag. So today, if a bag contains 28 percent N, 3 percent P and 3 percent K, the posted analysis is 28-3-3.



However, not all fertilizers are alike, even though their analyses may be the same. The percentage of nitrogen, bag weight and area

coverage all influence the final application rate of nitrogen.

Cooperative Extension or your local lawn products retailer can help you find the answer to these questions and others — how many applications should you make each year, how safe is the fertilizer you choose, does the manufacturer back its product with a guarantee of satisfaction, etc. Armed with this information, you'll be more comfortable the next time you choose a lawn fertilizer.

Elizabeth A. Seme
Cooperative Extension Agent

Bloom sequence

"Sequence of Bloom of Perennials, Biennials and Bulbs" is a Cornell Cooperative Extension publication that explains what flowers bloom when and their color and size.

It is designed to help the gardener plan for season-long displays of blooms from early spring through autumn.

For instance, the Lenten rose is available in white and red. It will

Early grub detection

Spring is the time to begin checking and treating your lawn for white grub infestations. If left untreated, grubs, the larvae of beetles, can cause extensive damage to your lawn.

You can treat for potential grub problems *before* visual damage occurs by making some simple observations.

Although prevention is the best medicine, grubs may already be infesting your lawn. Often, the first sign of infestation is patches of wilted, brown or dead grass.

To determine if grubs are responsible, cut a square-foot section of sod out of your lawn with a shovel, and examine the roots and soil to a depth of three inches. Repeat this in other areas of your lawn. If more than five grubs per square foot are present, more than likely turf damage will result.

Severe infestations will make your lawn soft and spongy, so soft and spongy that you can actually roll the turf back with your fingers.

If your lawn has been tunneled or torn up in areas, it could be a sign that moles, skunks raccoons or other animals are feeding on grubs. Small holes, about dime-size, in your lawn could also be an indication that birds are feeding on grubs.

If any of these signs are obvious, apply a registered and recommended insecticide and always make sure you follow label instructions, paying close attention to application procedures specific for preventative and/or curative treatment.

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start blooming in March and will continue into May.

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How to combat grubs with insecticides

Subject	Insecticide	Active Ingredient (lb/A)	Comments
Japanese beetle grubs (not effective against other grubs)	Milky disease powder - 3 oz (apply 1 level tsp in spots at 5-ft intervals in rows 5 ft apart)		Noncompatible with insecticides. Presence of grubs and (warm (70° + F) moist soil required for effective disease development and spread. Use on low-value turf areas.
Grubs (Japanese beetle, European chafer, Asiatic garden beetle, oriental beetle, etc.)	diazinon (Diazinon)*	5.5-6	Treat annually during mid-July-Aug. to moist soil. Water in immediately, avoid puddling. For spring grub control, treat as soon as grubs near surface, normally in Apr., with diazinon or isofenphos. Spring treatment with diazinon requires retreatment in summer. First 5 insecticides have limited effectiveness. Trichlorfon penetrates thatch better than others. With isofenphos, only 1 treatment per season necessary at higher rate.
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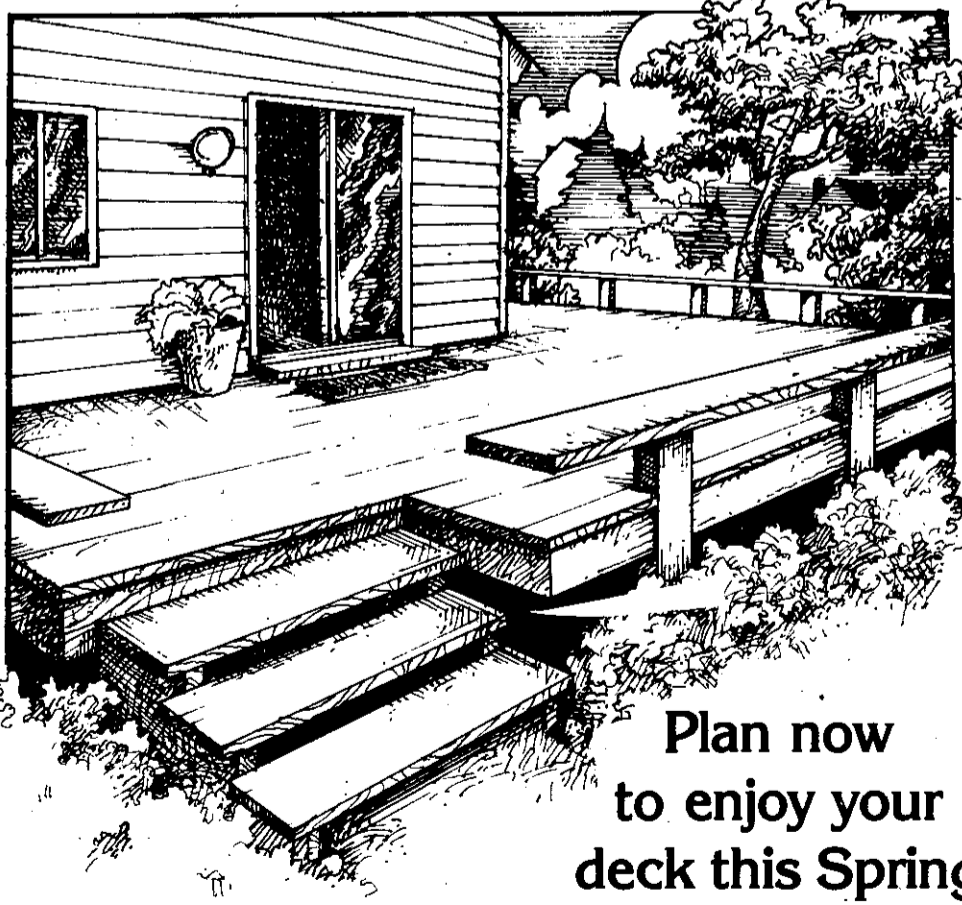
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Vegetable garden preparation

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Provided the soil is dry enough,

the first order of business is a soil pH test. Many gardeners automatically add lime to their gardens. This is a mistake. Unless the soil tests below 6.0, no lime should be added. Slightly acid soil between 6.0 and 7.0, on a scale of 1 to 14, is ideal for many vegetable crops (7.0 being neutral).

Rototilling or cultivating the soil should be accomplished to a

depth of five to six inches, missing in a good amount of organic matter. Grass clippings, compost, peat moss and dehydrated cow manure are a few of the items that will add to the water retention ability, looseness, and to a lesser extent, the nutrient value of the soil.

Elizabeth A. Seme
Cooperative Extension Agent

Controlling diseases

As seeds sprout and grow, and fruit set occurs, controlling diseases and insect pests becomes increasingly important, according to Cornell Cooperative Extension specialists at the state College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University.

The home orchard can fall prey to several debilitating diseases and insect pests during the growing season. Hence, nearly constant attention is required if the hobby fruit grower expects to harvest attractive, unblemished fruit. To help the grower fight pest problems, Cornell pomologists have compiled recommendations in a booklet, "Disease and Insect Control in the Home Orchard."

The publication includes color photos to help identify problems and offers guidance for use of sprays and other preventive control measures.

Vegetable gardeners can run into pest problems as soon as seeds begin to germinate. As the season progresses, diseases such as blights, mosaics, and yellows, and insect pests like beetles, mites, aphids, and leafhoppers may take their toll if left unattended.

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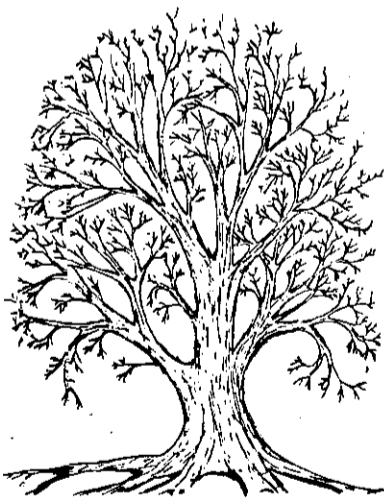
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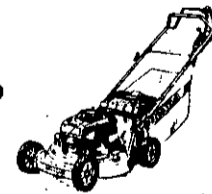
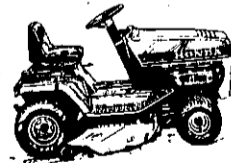


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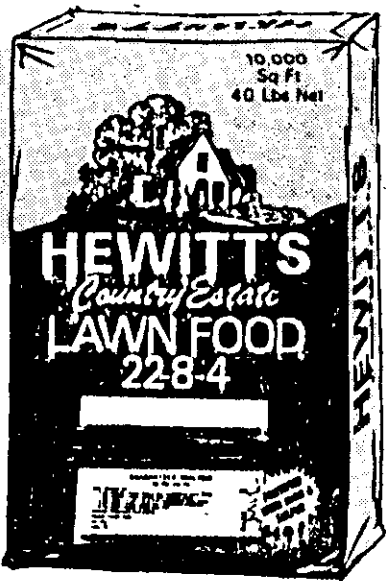
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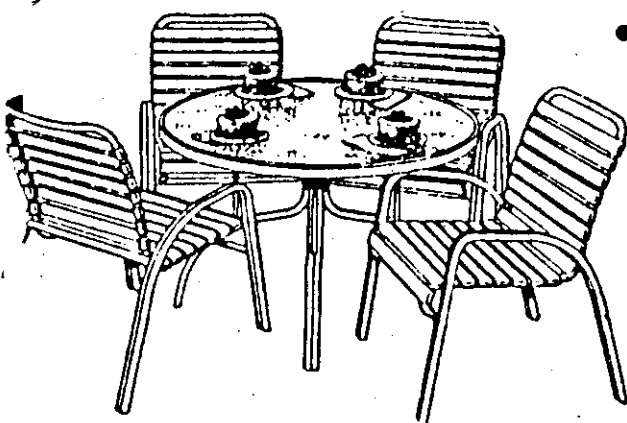
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Glenmont parents aren't convinced

Psychiatric hospital hearing draws 300

By Theresa Bobear

Concern about psychiatric patients "wandering" around the Glenmont area brought many residents, including parents of Glenmont Elementary School students, to speak against a proposed 96-bed private psychiatric hospital during a public hearing before the Bethlehem Planning Board last Tuesday night.

Despite reports of successful operation of similar facilities in other cities, an association with Albany Medical College, assurances of security measures at the facility and endorsements from the Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, the mayor of Albany and a number of prominent area physicians, representatives of the Hospital Group of America, a subsidiary of NuMed Inc., failed to convince area residents that the facility would not pose a threat to the safety of children in the Glenmont area.

The same rules of deinstitutionalization that protect the civil rights of mentally ill patients seemed to generate a fear for the safety of the Glenmont community.

The auditorium at town hall continued to fill during Tuesday night's hearing for the Meadows subdivision. When the hearing for the psychiatric hospital began at 9:12 p.m., more than 300 people filled the auditorium and surrounding hallways. A large number of the residents stayed until 11:05

p.m., when it was finally their turn to speak. The tone of the residents' protest was more urgent than usual.

"What you're doing tonight is really a risk assessment," said Henry Brattlie of Glenmont. "You're looking at a situation where the people are afraid."

"Personal experience has shown that where such a facility is situated, one can find atypical, confused and at times bizarre individuals — with resulting atypical, confused and bizarre behaviors," said Mrs. Gordon Morris in a letter to the planning board. Mrs. Morris, whose husband is a county legislator, said she was concerned about the possibility of a psychiatric facility being built near an elementary school.

Roger Eastlake, director of college guidance at Germantown Academy, Fort Washington, Pa., wrote to the planning board about his experience with the 146-bed Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, which is located across the street from the school and operated by the Hospital Group of America.

"There have been rare times when a patient has 'eloped' who could potentially be a danger to himself, but the actions of the hospital staff have been instantaneous. In short, there is no sense at the school that I have detected that we have a ticking

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Above, Nicole Osterhout, 2, of Glenmont examines a find at the after-Easter egg hunt held Saturday at the Slingerlands Fire Department. Getting right to the bottom of things, there was no clean-up crew required following Saturday's fun. On the cover: The waiting is the worst part. Danny Tripp, 3, of Slingerlands, left, Luke Haskins, 3, of Delmar, and Susan Aronowitz, 4, Luke's cousin, listen for the O.K. to start hunting for after-Easter treats.

Lora Ide

BC race heats up

By Caroline Terenzini

The opening shots in the battle for two seats on the seven-member Bethlehem Central school board were fired last Wednesday at a school district budget hearing as two candidates who are founding members of Bethlehem United Taxpayers (BUT) drew the battle lines for what promises to be a hard-fought campaign.

BUT founder Nathaniel Boynton of New Scotland, former editor and publisher of *The Spotlight*, is seeking to unseat seven-year board veteran Marjory O'Brien, while Sherwood Davies of Delmar is a contender for the seat held by Bernard Harvith, who has served on the board 14 years. Timothy Fitzgerald of Glenmont, who also is a candidate for Harvith's seat, was present at the board meeting and hearing, but did not speak publicly. Boynton and Davies, however, used the opportunity to take the board to task over its budgeting procedures, its spending policies and its receptiveness to public comment.

BUT established itself last spring as a citizen watchdog group with fiscal conservatism and better education as its stated goals. Backing Charles Reeves — who won — and William Tinney for election, BUT a year ago mounted an aggressive campaign in the advertising columns of *The Spotlight*.

Elaboration on the themes sounded at last Wednesday's board meeting can be expected at a candidate forum planned by the

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When suburb meets farm, something has to give

By Caroline Terenzini

First of Two Parts

From high ground in Bethlehem and New Scotland you can see the towers of downtown Albany. In between there are patches of land still under the plow. Most likely the towers will be there a while, but how much longer for the farmland?

There's no question that these are hard times for farmers. From the Midwest come tales of suicides and of farm families on food stamps, of farmers who got overextended and now are going under. Closer to home, despite having diversified their output and despite their nearness to their markets, New York farmers are caught in the same squeeze between costs and market prices.

So, notwithstanding a strong attachment to the land, some farmers are giving up. In



One of the last farms along the Normanskill — this one actually in Albany — has as its backdrop the city skyline. On the cover: farm and suburb overlap on Fisher Boulevard in Slingerlands. *Spotlight*

Bethlehem and New Scotland realtors' listings include land that has been owned by one family for generations. But history doesn't count if the farmland is in the right location — that is, on the fringe of suburban sprawl. Then the former fields will be snapped up by a

developer and soon will be sprouting houses.

The economics of farming today make the rows tougher than ever to hoe. The same cost increases that hit the suburban homeowner on his quarter-acre plot — the high interest rates of

recent years, grocery store price hikes, income and property tax increases, insurance costs, medical bills — hit the farmer. He also pays more every year for his seed and his equipment and his help. But, he doesn't necessarily get more for his grain or his corn.

"Farming's an excellent business to be in for a tax writeoff," joked a New Scotland dairyman.

"It's the only business I know of where you can't factor in a profit for yourself," said Charles Preska of Delmar, who grew vegetables on his 100 acres off VanDyke Rd. until the raccoons put him out of business. Lately, Preska has been selling hay off the land while he balances his budget by driving a bus for the Bethlehem school district.

Preska said he'd like to be able to farm fulltime, but "unless something changes radically, I don't see that I could make a living at it." Yet he's not interested in selling his land either. "I'm used to this space. We're not in anybody's back yard. And, knowing the amount of work I've done on this property, I get a sort of sick feeling

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For the information of BC School District Parents and Taxpayers Published by BETHLEHEM UNITED TAXPAYERS (BUT)

Restoring BC schools to the top: Are parents getting the full story?

By Sherwood Davies

Our superior and gifted student body in Bethlehem exceeds state and national norms. Although it has been the Bethlehem Central school board policy since 1976 to require annual comparison of our student performance against similar schools, the available information is not reported.

At a December, 1985 school board meeting to discuss student performance, audience participation was essentially cut off by emotional rhetoric from two board members in defense of the administration report. Why? Could it be that comparative figures researched from official data would be embarrassing?

If we look at some of the available study results, the reasons for not permitting comparisons may become more obvious. It also may become clear why some longtime residents are trying to persuade the school board to make a closer, more comprehensive examination of some school programs in order to take positive, corrective action where needed.

Bethlehem SAT scores not reported this year show a 10-year decline of 40 points in verbal and 33 points in math. The number of students scoring 500 or more has declined. Our math scores dropped below the Suburban Council average.

College Entrance Examination Board Achievement Tests (CEE-BAT) show that Bethlehem students comprised more than 32 percent of all Suburban Council students taking the CEEBAT biology tests in 1985, yet of the suburban school students taking the Math II test, only 3 percent were from Bethlehem. The supervisor of our science department indicated that the reason is that biology requires lower-level thinking skills and a minimal need for math skills in comparison to other science courses.

This leads to the question: are we finding the difference (biology versus math and physical science courses) due to the interest of our student body or the school policies in selection of students for accelerated math and science courses?

For Grades 1-8, a 1984 Bethlehem report on ability and



Sherwood Davies

Sherwood Davies served 40 years as an engineer with the New York State Department of Health, retiring as director of the Bureau of Radiological Health. He is a graduate of RPI and the University of Minnesota, and served in the U.S. Army Sanitary Corps during World War 2. He is a vice president of the Retired Public Employees Association, and is active in civic and professional organizations. He has spent the greater part of the past year researching data on scholastic achievement and fiscal operation of Suburban Council school districts. He and his wife live in Delmar. Their three children are graduates of Bethlehem Central High School.

achievement test results indicates a decline, particularly in above-average math students as they move from early grades into grades 6, 7 and 8. Reporting of this data, which classifies students of above-average, average and below-average abilities, was discontinued in Bethlehem in 1985-86, although at least one other Suburban Council school reports in this way, and the testing company validates the efficiency of the testing technique.

Can student performance be related to the cost of school programs? Interestingly, a 1984 report shows that seven of the eleven Suburban Council schools spend a higher percentage of their tax dollar (that is, in relation to total budget) in the regular day-school classroom than Bethlehem. At the same time Bethlehem

shows a much higher level of staffing when compared to the average Suburban school except at the elementary level.

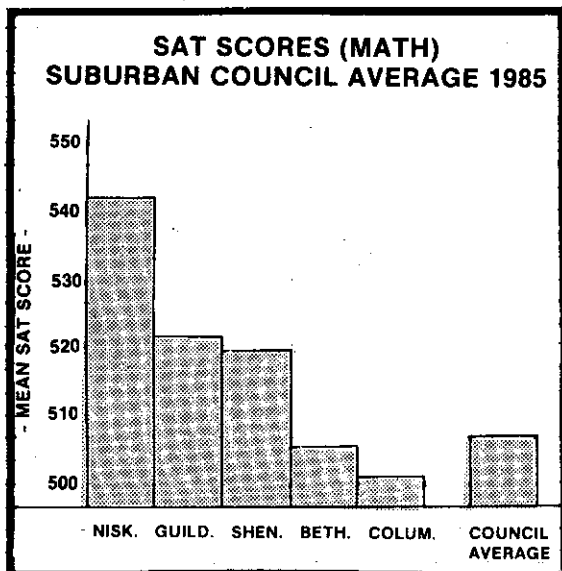
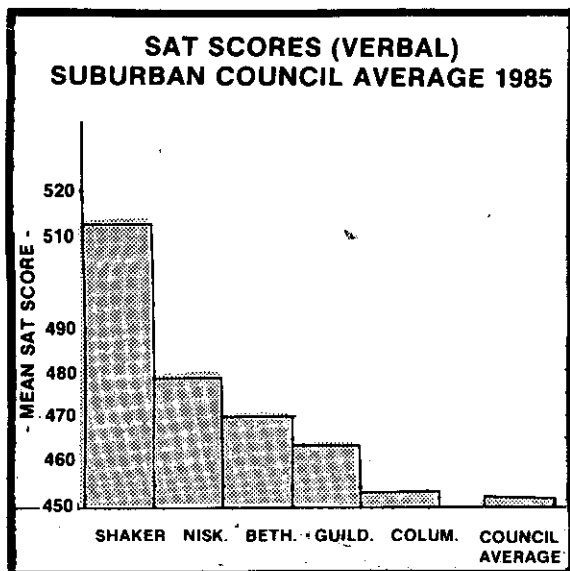
Parents and the community need to be provided meaningful information on student performance, curriculum and staffing to insure that our student body is as competitive academically as any Suburban Council school, rather than blindly accepting an inherent belief that BC is the best.

In the interim well-meaning citizens, who are sometimes branded as being negative and divisive, will continue a sincere, dedicated effort to identify program areas that need improvement, to communicate accurate information to parents who are not getting the full story, and to urge the school board to take steps to protect the excellence of our system.



Nathaniel A. Boynton

Nathaniel A. Boynton was editor-publisher of *The Spotlight* after a career as a newspaper reporter, legislative correspondent and political columnist for upstate dailies and the AP wire service. He also served 19 years as an audiovisual staff writer-consultant to the executive office of General Electric Co. A resident of the Bethlehem School District for 27 years, he was chairman of the school board's Citizens Budget Advisory Committee in 1964. Active in civic and youth sports organizations, he served two terms as a director of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce. He is a graduate of Princeton University. He and his wife live on Clipp Rd., New Scotland. Their three children attended Bethlehem schools.



The Great Budget Charade

Games School Boards Play

The basic responsibility of a school board is to oversee the administration of the school system. At the heart of this function is the annual school budget, which requires the support of the people who put up the money to run the system.

To keep the system running smoothly, budgets must pass in the spring elections. Defeats are regarded as detrimental to the system, although some defeats result in closer attention to school programs and improvements in classroom curriculum.

Here is a step-by-step chronicle of budget procedures as developed and practiced by the Bethlehem Board of Education.

Phase I—Budget Development

This phase begins in January and occupies 8 to 10 board sessions between mid-January and late March. Central administrators present new items, new numbers on old items, new problem areas and staff recommendations. Board members review the voluminous volume section by section, often line by line, as presented by the administration, far into the night.

Budget sessions are part of the regular business meetings of the board, plus a number of special meetings, all open to the public. To document the board's sincerity, budget meetings and topics are publicized to encourage "input" from residents.

Phase II—Protecting the Budget

Unlike other districts, the budget development process is time-consuming and wearying, hence it is important to keep moving along through page after page, sheet after sheet of changes and statistical data without interference from pedestrians, no matter how well-meaning. This is handled effectively by BC's unique way of structuring the agenda of board meetings so that public "input" and suggestions or comments must be made **before** a particular budget session, not during or after such. This permits the board to disregard any suggestion on any particular item that does not support the board's rubber stamp, and effectively shuts off even token public participation.

Budget discussions are orchestrated to last until the deadline for the board to adopt the budget (30 days before the May elections). In this way the actual bottom line, which reveals the size of the increase, does not have to be disclosed until it's too late for any "outside" suggestions or comments, usually the final March or first April meeting.

Now, with the budget locked in, it is safe to hold and publicize a Budget Hearing, secure in the knowledge that no matter how many or how loudly people protest, dissenters can be told that they've had many chances to speak out, but where were they? This technique has been successful in all but a few years, most recently in 1984. This year the hearing was April 16.

It has also proved effective to employ the time-tested Emotional Approach. This consists of board members, especially candidates running for reelection, to remind constituents, especially parents, that anyone who says the budget is too high is against children, against teachers, and favors huge cutbacks in the whole structure of Bethlehem schools.

Phase III—Disguising the Budget

This is the most important phase of all. At this stage the opponents are either anguished, resigned to the inevitable, feeling betrayed or loudly protesting. They must be calmed, hence several gambits can be employed:

- The Subtraction Ploy, moving the \$200,000 for Glenmont classroom additions out of the budget entirely, thus showing a total budget smaller than it actually is. (The proposition was successfully separated into a special election last month, attracting a small turnout.) Purchase of new buses has also been placed on a separate proposition May 7, hence is not in the budget total. Further, there is no need to tell voters that several hundred thousand dollars for building repairs and maintenance have been deleted from the budget because the voters have already given the board \$4,600,000 in revenue bonds for that purpose.
- Diversionary Ploy, publicize through the press and *Central Highlights*, that even though the budget is 10 percent higher than current anticipated expenditures, the tax rate will go up a mere 5 percent, or a negligible \$4.65 per thousand valuation. (It is also helpful in public relations to remind voters that state aid is up, and the town's assessment total is up, hence it's okay to spend an additional million and a half dollars.)

- Emotional Ploy, reminding all critics that "we're dealing here with children, not with a product," hence the precepts of sound business and fiscal management do not apply. (This tactic can also be used in Letters to the Editor and in Candidate Forums whenever budget questions get a little embarrassing or too close for comfort.)

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BC board race

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Albany County League of Women Voters for Sunday, April 27, at 7:30 p.m. at the town hall.

Last Wednesday's budget hearing provided an opportunity for Donald MacMillan, as a spokesman for BUT, to put the group on record as opposed to the \$18.9 million budget that will go before voters May 7. MacMillan read a statement that characterized the proposed budget as "excessive" and urged that it be voted down.

Boynton deplored the board's "betrayal of public confidence" in what he termed its refusal "to take any kind of restraining action on a spendthrift administration." While noting the size of the tax burden borne by Bethlehem and New Scotland property owners, Davies told the gathering that his written suggestions on budget matters in previous years had been ignored.

In response to a question from Harvith as to whether the two challengers, or BUT, had specific budget cuts to propose, Boynton said, "This is not the proper time or audience."

"This is a budget hearing," O'Brien replied. "This seems to be the appropriate time."

Alan Hilchie, also a BUT organizer, said, "Some of us are being subjugated economically by the cost of education," and he asked Harvith: "Are you saying the budget can't be cut?"

"I'm saying it shouldn't be cut," Harvith responded. "You have to ask what is the cost of the cut."

Boynton asked Harvith whether

the \$4.6 million capital improvement bond issue approved by voters in December was "a result of 10 years of deferment of needed maintenance," a statement that Harvith called "another over-generalization that's being circulated in the community."

MacMillan, asked by board member Robert Ruslander how many members BUT has, declined to answer, while Boynton said no list of supporters was maintained.

Reeves, who came to the board under BUT's banner last year and who alone among the seven board members voted against the proposed 1986-87 spending plan, repeated his objections to the board's budget process and to the increase in spending the proposed budget represents.

"This budget will in no way guarantee improvement in the educational output in this district," he declared.

Reeves also asked for an assessment before yearend of the district's progress toward the goals administrators, staff and board members had set at the beginning of the year. "I'd like a session set aside — or part of it — to get back to the fundamentals of running a school district," he said. The goals include assessments of quality and student achievement, and efforts toward "fiscal accountability and an image of cost effectiveness."

In other business, the board:

- Unanimously agreed to let School's Out, Inc., operate before-school programs at the Hamagrael, Elsmere and Glenmont elementary schools next year. In making the decision to allow School's Out free use of space, board members took note of the fact that the program was in the red this year and faces a tripling of its liability insurance costs next year.

- Accepted with appreciation donations totaling \$7,000 to establish the Jennifer Grierson Memorial Scholarship at the high school. A 1985 graduate of Bethlehem Central, Grierson and her sister, Laura, a 1979 BC graduate who was a graduate student at the University of Southern California at Los Angeles, died of injuries suffered in a Thruway accident last September.

- Scheduled its next meeting for Thursday, May 8, the day following the districtwide vote on the budget proposal, a proposition to purchase buses and the candidates for two board seats.



Town of Bethlehem senior citizens tripped the light fantastic last Thursday at Town Hall at a dance donated by Albany Musicians Local No. 14 and Roger DiNucci's Band. Dancers attended a

luncheon and a card party during the dance. Decorations were donated by brownie troop 29 of the Glenmont School second grade.

Patricia Mitchell

Candidates trade charges

Two candidates for the May 7 Bethlehem Central school board election are butting heads over a characterization of a "watchdog" group that is backing a slate in the campaign.

The incident took place last week at a monthly meeting of PTA presidents with BC Superintendent Lawrence Zinn in his office. Board member Bernard Harvith, who is running for reelection, attended the latter part of the session and discussed the campaign.

According to Nathaniel Boynton, one of two candidates for the board running under the Bethlehem United Taxpayers banner, Harvith used the occasion to "severely vilify" BUT, which is opposing passage of the 1986-87 district budget, and said that the watchdog organization and its candidates are "out to destroy our school system."

Boynton said the quote came from other participants in the meeting, whom he did not identify.

"I think more accurately what I said to them was that BUT's purpose is to cut the budget and destroy the quality of the school system," Harvith said Monday.

"Not only don't I have any regrets about telling them that; I think it's my duty to tell them that," Harvith added. He said he

felt it particularly important for PTA leaders to understand the choices in the election.

Zinn said Monday the monthly meetings with PTA leaders are a five-year tradition designed to keep lines of communications open. He said board members "are always invited," and often attend.

As to what precisely Harvith said at last week's meeting, Zinn

said, "I'm not going to get in the middle of that."

Boynton said he had no quarrel with the fact that Harvith used a meeting in Zinn's office to discuss the election. However, he said Harvith's remarks constituted "a personal attack" against himself and fellow BUT candidate Sherwood Davies and "comes close to slandering directors and supporters of the volunteer taxpayer group."

Candidates Forum

The five hopefuls for two seats on the Bethlehem Central school board are scheduled to square off at a candidate forum at 7:30 p.m. Sunday at the Bethlehem Town Hall. Voting will be Wednesday, May 7, and those elected will take office July 1 for three-year terms.

The candidates are: Marjory O'Brien and Nathaniel Boynton, for the seat O'Brien holds, and Bernard Harvith, Sherwood Davies and Timothy Fitzgerald, for Harvith's seat.

The Albany County League of Women Voters is sponsoring the forum, which will include time for questions from the audience.

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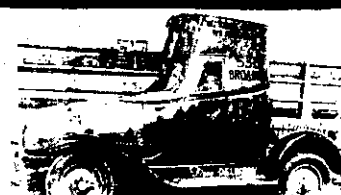
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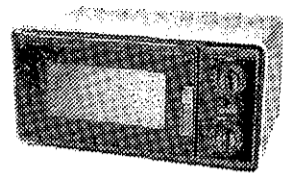
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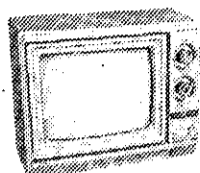
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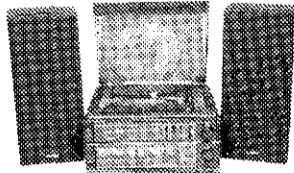
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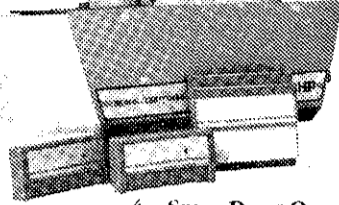
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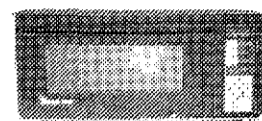
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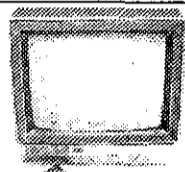
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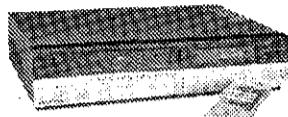
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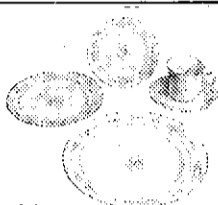
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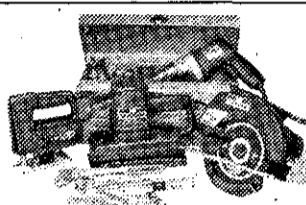
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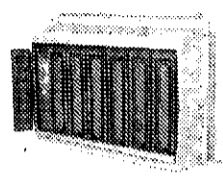
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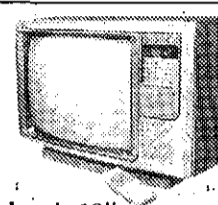
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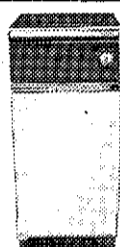
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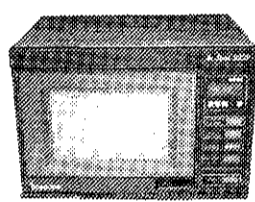
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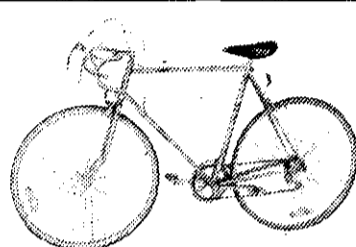
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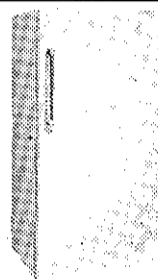
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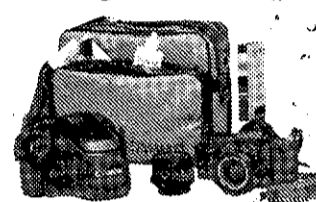
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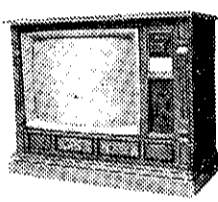
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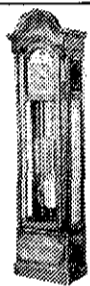
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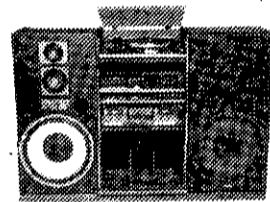
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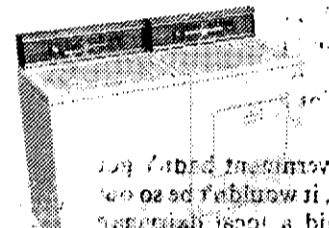
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thinking of rows of houses on it," he said.

It does worry him that his land is right in the path of the proposed extension of the Delmar Bypass. If the highway goes through to New Scotland Rd. some day, there goes the farm. And "once you pave it, you don't get it back," Preska said.

"I imagine development will come some day. But I don't know whether it'll be houses from the east or industry from the west."

Suburbia isn't the only threat to the farmer. Right now the dairy business is headed for a shakeout under a federal dairy herd buyout program devised to curb the milk surplus. Under the program, interested dairy farmers submitted bids for payment in exchange for a five-year commitment not to produce milk. (In Bethlehem and New Scotland, only one bid was accepted.) Those farmers remaining in milk production are helping to finance the buyout with an assessment of 40 cents per hundredweight on the milk they produce.

If the program succeeds in curbing overproduction, the dairy-men who stayed in the business should be all the stronger for it. But those who opt for the buyout may end up in another line of work, with For Sale signs out by the road.

"If the government hadn't got into farming, it wouldn't be so out of hand," said a local dairyman who asked not to be identified. "We have no control over the price of milk. The only control we have is over what it costs us to produce it — IF we can keep those costs down."

Washington's attempts to cope with surpluses and trade imbalances are trouble enough, local farmers say, but they also have to put up with raccoons in the sweet corn and deer in the tomatoes, unsteady hired help and the sensitivity of their neighbors, as Bethlehem Councilman John Geurtze found out when he tried to move his pig farm down the road. So it's not surprising when a farmer decides he's getting less out of the land than he's putting in.

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On farmland close to a city, the market price gets better as suburbia creeps nearer. In people's minds, if not in fact on the books, the land is valued as though it were a prime commercial site or had already been divided up into building lots. Then the land becomes too costly to farm.

Bethlehem Assessor John Thompson calls it a "mystic value." The value of any property, he pointed out, is created by the buyer and the seller. "Is there a difference between a piece of land adjacent to GE and a piece of land on Huntersfield Rd.?" he asked. "I let the market tell me."

Others are watching the market, too. "When the farm gets worth so much, it doesn't pay to farm it," said Thomas Newell of Glenmont, whose farm once included the land on which the Chadwick Square development sits. "You've got to think of the economics of it," Newell said. "You can make just so much off it farming."

"Bethlehem hasn't been an agricultural community for years," he added. "There are areas that have to develop and this is one of them."

Fifteen years ago, in an attempt to mitigate the impact of development on adjacent farmland, New York State put together legislation allowing creation of agricultural districts, with county and then state approval. The 1971 law puts certain restraints on development within an agricultural district and also allows farmers who have made the commitment to a district to apply for assessment of their land at its agricultural value.

However, not everybody wants to be in an agricultural district. In Bethlehem, only a small amount

of farmland west of Delmar on Delaware Ave. is under agricultural district protection. While more New Scotland farmers have cast their lot with Agricultural District 4, there is little financial incentive, according to Joseph Huth of the County Cooperative Extension Service, because the assessment in both towns generally is lower than the state-set agricultural value. In fact, the state Board of Equalization and Assessment's hike in the valuation of farmland this year stirred some 600 farmers across the state to protest. In response, the state froze 1986 agricultural use tax values at the previous year's levels. Farmers, however, say the valuation actually should have declined.

Economics aren't the only question as far as agricultural districts are concerned. For some farmers the protections accorded are not worth the fuss of applying or the burden of an eight-year commitment.

The value of an agricultural district is chiefly psychological, Huth said: "The farmers are saying, we intend to stay in farming, and the county says, we intend to let you."

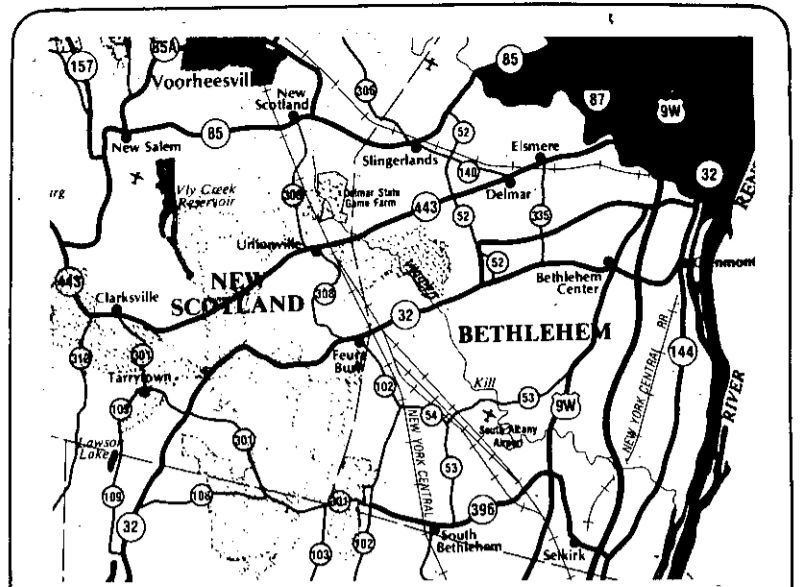
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Map shows agricultural districts in New Scotland and Bethlehem. Spotlight map

Protection for farmers

New York State has provided some protection for farmland near developed areas. In 1971, a law authorizing creation of agricultural districts went on the books in an effort to insulate farms from the impact of encroaching development.

The law allows owners of farmland to petition the county for creation of an agricultural district, which must encompass at least 500 acres. If the county and state approve the district, the farmers' protection includes: a ban on local ordinances that would restrict or regulate normal farm operations in that area (such as an ordinance that would prohibit operation of farm equipment at night); modification of the right of a public agency to take any of that land by eminent domain; and a curb on sewer and water tax levies within a district.

The law also allows commercial farmers annually to apply for a ceiling on their agricultural land assessment. This is intended to keep farmland assessed at its agricultural value rather than at its "highest and best use" value — that is, its value as house lots. When applying for the agricultural value assessment, however, the landowner must pledge that the land will remain in agricultural production for eight years. There are tax penalties for converting land in an agricultural district to nonagricultural use.

About 25,000 acres of land in Albany County are in agricultural districts, according to Joseph Huth of the county Cooperative Extension Office. Agricultural District 4 includes some land in Bethlehem, with the bulk of its 13,000 acres in New Scotland. Sixteen full-time farms and 28 part-time farms are included in this district.

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time bomb across the road," said Eastlake. "If the institution is similar in patient mix to Northwestern, I see no reason why school and hospital cannot coexist comfortably and securely in the same area."

In a newsletter to Glenmont Elementary School parents, Principal Donald Robillard said he had spoken with administrators of school and institutions within the area of the Capital District Psychiatric Center and Albany Medical College. "There were no instances reported of any threatening or dangerous behavior. There were instances reported where, once or twice a year or less, some of the area institutions had a patient wander onto the premises. They reported that the patients were curious, looking for something, such as a telephone, or were disoriented. Personnel from CDPC or Albany Med were contacted and the patient was returned," said Robillard. "I cannot find any evidence that the hospital location will substantially change the possibility of an incident occurring at Glenmont."

According to Marie Pincus, a vice president of the Hospital Group of America, the Rt. 9W location was chosen because it is centrally located in the nine-county area the facility will serve, is easily accessible from the Thruway and I-787, is located near the Albany Medical College, is appropriately zoned and is located in an active community.

Pincus said the facility will provide a badly needed service, offer community education to prevent psychiatric problems, provide tax revenue to the community, purchase goods and services from companies in the community and create some 200 professional, paraprofessional and support jobs.

Daniel Foro, president of the Neighbor's Association of Bicentennial Woods, presented statements of opposition to the project from the Neighbor's Association of Bicentennial Woods, the Central Delmar Neighborhood Association Inc., the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, the Elsmere School Community Organization-Parent Teacher Association, the Glenmont Parent

Teachers Association and the Upper Delaware Avenue Association of Delmar Inc.

Foro pointed out that "voluntary" patients may leave the facility at will. "The trade-off of tax dollars for our children's safety is simply not worth the cost," said Foro.

In New York State mentally ill patients admitted under "voluntary" status must be immediately released on request unless there is reason to believe the patient is in need of "involuntary" care, in which case the patient may be held for 72 hours while a court order authorizing involuntary retention is obtained. The patient is entitled to a hearing on the application.

The state's deinstitutionalization laws were the result of documented abuses of the rights of people who were correctly or incorrectly labeled as mentally ill.

Speaking only for himself, Bernard Harvith, a member Bethlehem Board of Education who is up for reelection next month, said he would be concerned about children waiting at bus stops if anyone escaped from the facility. "They could do a lot better on the security," said Harvith, noting that the town board has plenty of discretion to see that the applicants go beyond what they have been offering. Harvith recommended that any approval be carefully worded so that the applicants would have to come back to the town if they wanted to change the use of the facility.

Barbara Coons, another member of the Bethlehem Board of Education, asked the Hospital Group of America to select another location for the project.

At their April 1 meeting the Bethlehem Board of Education decided against taking a stand on the proposal.

The planning board will make a recommendation to the town board on building project approval for the proposed psychiatric

center at an upcoming meeting. The planners meet at 7:30 p.m. on first and third Tuesdays at Bethlehem Town Hall.

"The fact is that mental illness is a very common event," said Dr. Alan Kraft, chairman of the department of psychiatry at Albany Medical College, noting that one in 10 people will be hospitalized for mental health at some time in their life. "We are talking about neighbors, family, friends. We are talking about ourselves."

"The typical patient we have is depressed, withdrawn," said Kraft. "The purpose of our treatment is to help people deal with their illness."

"These people need our help not our fear," said Kraft.

According to spokesmen for the project, the facility will be locked. The spokesmen said pedophiles, the criminally insane and people with a primary diagnosis of drug abuse will not be accepted as patients.

The Albany County Planning Board stated no objection to the project provided an environmental impact statement is completed. Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant, said the proposal was an unlisted action and recommended that the town declare lead agency status in State Environmental Quality Review action. "That will be done by the town board," said John Williamson, planning board chairman.

"We are not against the facility. We just think that you should find another location. There is a lot of beautiful land in Bethlehem," said one resident.

George Kaufman, chairman of Concerned Citizens of Bethlehem, said a petition with the signature of 1,131 residents who are opposed to the project, was presented to the town.

Kaufman reviewed newspaper articles about crimes committed by people who were outpatients of the Capital District Psychiatric Center. "These aren't even people who were confined," said Kaufman.

Pincus said the facility will not be an outpatient clinic.

Glenmont-garage sale

The women's guild of the Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, will hold a garage sale on Friday and Saturday, May 2 and 3. Call Pat Lattimer at 434-4558 for information.

Subdivision plan heard

Preceding the hearing before the Bethlehem Planning Board on the psychiatric center last Tuesday night was a public hearing on the proposed Meadows subdivision of 104 acres at Bender Lane and the Delmar Bypass.

The applicants, Jerome and Joseph Rosen, propose 30 single-family houses and 79 six-unit apartment buildings for the AA-, A-, and AB-Residential zoned site.

The single-family houses would be constructed at the northern portion of the property near Linda Court. Two tennis courts and a pool will be built near the apartment buildings. Jerome Rosen said the apartment rents would be an estimated \$650 to \$750 per month plus utilities.

"I will try to be brief because I know there are other issues on the agenda tonight," said Charles Manning, vice president of Roger Creighton Associates, at the beginning of his traffic study presentation. According to information provided by Manning, the lowest level of service for motorists at peak hours would be rated C. The state Department of Transportation considers a D level of service the lowest that is acceptable. "It is a good project in terms of transportation," said Manning.

"Those roads down here are not built to handle something like this," said Francis Jeram of Glenmont, who asserted that two cars cannot cross the bridge on Bender Lane at the same time.

"I should think a development like this would have many accesses," said another resident.

At the request of the town, the developer will install a stub street to the property line at the southern portion of the site for an eventual connection to Feurand Bush Rd. The subdivision map does not include an connection to streets in the adjacent Colonial Acres development.

Theresa Bobear

DWI count filed

A Delmar man was charged with misdemeanor driving while intoxicated after he was stopped early Sunday on Delaware Ave. near the Albany city line, according to Bethlehem police reports.

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Demonstrating the lift on the Town of Bethlehem's second senior bus are, from left, Helen Tatarko of Delmar, Grace Oakly of Glenmont, Marie Anders of Glenmont and John Pendleton of Delmar. Slated to go on the road May 1, the bus will be available to take senior citizens to medical appointments, therapy, and grocery shopping within a 20 mile radius of town hall. The first van

used by the senior citizens has logged over 38,000 miles in more than 7,000 trips since 1984. The new bus is equipped with a hydraulic lift and two wheelchair lock downs. The bus cost \$28,617, with General Electric donating \$25,000, and the town and Sue's Luncheonette also making donations. The Delmar Kiwanis donated a wheelchair last month for use with the bus. *Patricia Mitchell*

Circus plans approved

By Theresa Bobear

Formal approval of a special exception permitting Vidbel's All-American Circus to perform at Bethlehem's Elm Avenue Park was handed down by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals to *The Spotlight* and the Delmar Kiwanis last Wednesday night.

The one-ring circus shows will begin at 2, 4 and 7 p.m. on Saturday, May 17, and at 3 and 5 p.m. on Sunday, May 18.

The board approved the temporary use with a list of conditions regarding noise, traffic control, insurance and clean-up.

Immediately following the public hearing, the board, informally granted a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit Glenn and Gigi Garver to construct an addition at 19 Greenleaf Dr., Elsmere.

In other business, the board scheduled a public hearing:

- At 8 p.m. on May 7 to consider the Mobil Oil Corporation's application for a special exception to permit changes at the gasoline station located at Rt. 9W and Feura Bush Rd., Glenmont. Changes include the installation of a new area canopy and lights.

- At 8:30 p.m. on May 7 to consider the Mobil Oil Corporation's application for a special exception to permit the installation of new tanks and a new canopy at the Delmar station, located at Delaware Ave. and Howard Pl.

Three steel tanks will be replaced by three larger fiberglass tanks.

- At 8 p.m. on May 21 to review Bruce and Laurie Hawley's request for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit an addition at 60 Fernbank Ave., Delmar.

- At 8:15 p.m. on May 21 to consider Donna and Gary Lar-rivee's request for a side yard variance to permit an addition at 74 Salisbury Rd., Delmar.

- At 8:30 p.m. on May 21 to consider an application from Lee and Rozanne Landers for permission to install a six-foot fence at 5 Herber Ave., Delmar.

- At 8:45 p.m. on May 21 to review Philip Kahn's request for a variance from the allowed percentage of lot occupancy to permit an addition at 210 Winne Rd., Delmar.

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals will meet again at 8 p.m. on May 7 at Bethlehem Town Hall.

PBA to appeal state ruling

Officer Marvin Koonz, president of the 27-member Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association (PBA), said Friday the association will appeal a ruling from the state ordering it to enter into a contract with the town.

"We haven't got much choice but to fight it," Koonz said.

In a ruling dated April 10, Robert J. Miller, an administrative law judge for the state Public Employment Relations Board, declared that the PBA had engaged in an improper practice during negotiations last December and ordered it to enter into a new contract based on the provisions in a Dec. 11 memorandum of agreement. Miller said the failure of the PBA's chief negotiator and then president, Det. John Cox, to support the accord submitted to the PBA membership for ratification Dec. 19 violated the state's Taylor Law, which governs bargaining by public employees. Miller stated that previous PERB decisions have held that negotiators have a "duty" to seek ratification of any agreement submitted for a vote.

"Even assuming Cox expressed no undertaking affirmatively to support ratification, it is clear that no contrary intent was divulged," Miller wrote.

Koonz, however, said Friday that Cox and the town's negotiator, Melvin Osterman,

"never came to an agreement. It was just another proposal, as far as we were concerned."

At the time of the December vote — which unanimously rejected any agreement — negotiations had been going on more than a year on an accord to replace the contract that expired Jan. 1, 1985.

Bethlehem supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Friday that a PBA appeal of the ruling could leave the negotiations unresolved for another three or four months — approaching the time when talks on a successor contract should begin.

Koonz said he expects the PBA will acquiesce in whatever decision is made by PERB on appeal,

possibly by June, and that the group probably will not pursue the dispute in court.

In his ruling, Miller singled out as unresolved issues the PBA's demand for an option for retirement at half pay after 20 years and a PBA proposal to substitute civil service disciplinary procedures for those in town law.

Burglary probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a report received Sunday of a burglary on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont. According to Bethlehem police reports, an undetermined number of antiques from the house at an unknown time. Dusty tabletops provided the first evidence the pieces were missing, the report noted.

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This circus serves the community twice

By Patricia Mitchell

When Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus comes to town next month, under the big top at the Elm Avenue Park will be residents of the community enjoying family entertainment and the Delmar Kiwanis donating their time to serve their community.

Sponsored by the Delmar Kiwanis and *The Spotlight* Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus will be performing in their one ring on May 17 and 18 at the Elm Avenue Park. This will be the second year that the event will be in town to benefit the Kiwanis community projects.

"The kids were really into the circus last year. It was great to watch the kids," said Steve Pardee, president of the Delmar Kiwanis for the 1985-86 year.

Last year, the Kiwanis netted about \$500 from the circus for their projects. With the money, Pardee said the group was able to send two needy area children to Kamp Kiwanis near Utica for two weeks. In March, they also donated a wheelchair to be used with the Town of Bethlehem's new senior bus.

"All of these funds that we

collect from the community have to go back to the community," Pardee said of the service fund for community projects. The Kiwanis are always looking for worthy community projects to help out with. "There is a whole array of things."

For example, Pardee listed Christmas parties the Kiwanis give at the Normanskill Church for needy children. They donate to the Bethlehem Festival fund for needy families, assist the Visiting Nurses Association, and hope to send a student from Ravena-Selkirk-Coeymans school district to attend the annual Hugh O'Brien Foundation conference and a Bethlehem Central student to study in Russia. Funds for a roof and boiler were also donated to the Normanskill Church by the Kiwanis.

A lot of their service to the community is also donated in time, Pardee said. Recently, the Kiwanis assisted the American Cancer Society in its daffodil sale.

"The time we put into it is really the big thing. The time is of much greater value," Pardee said.

A committee within the Kiwanis defines where community funds

will be directed. Pardee said the committee is happy to get help from the Bethlehem community to help identify areas of need.

"There are people that are in need — right in town. I have been to places that are pretty rough. It would be good to know where people fall through the cracks. Particularly for the kids," Pardee said.

A reward that the Kiwanis receive for their service is the dinner they give for sponsored children returning from Kamp Kiwanis and their families. The children give speeches on their experiences at the camp, and Pardee said it is amazing to listen to eight and 10 year olds describing their adventures.

This year, the Kiwanians hope their circus receipts to go higher than last year. Pardee said a few projects might include a toy library for needy families, sending more children to camp, and a donation to the Ronald McDonald House in Albany. Tickets to the circus will also be donated to Hope House and Good Samaritan Home.

"I think there is something we should do for a child," Pardee said. The traditional emphasis of the Kiwanis is on youth, and this year's theme of Kiwanis International is "Walk with a child."

Kiwanis members will promote the circus by helping sell advertising for it this year. It will



The Tri-Village Welcome Wagon is raffling off a queen-sized quilt they have made to benefit the Discovery Center, a new children's museum planned for downtown Albany. The quilt is in the grandmother fan pattern made of off-white, burgundy and blue pieces, and the group also made several matching pillows. The flag is on display at the Bethlehem Public Library through April 29, and the group will be selling raffle tickets at the Glenmont Family Night on April 29, Elsmere Spring Fair on May 2, and the Delaware Plaza Grand Union on May 3. Putting on last minute touches are, from left, Barbara Kelly, Sue Ellen Walsh, Loretta Jerome, Kathy Tomish, Mary Eminger, Pat Bush, Joanne Doyle and Laurie Hawley.

Patricia Mitchell

give them the opportunity to get out and see the community, and Pardee said it may help community input and interest into the service fund. About 10 locations will be set up throughout the community where advance sale tickets will be available, and Bethlehem Central and RCS Key Club members may be selling tickets at Delaware Plaza the weekend before the circus.

Key Club members will also help the Kiwanis with selling hamburgers, hot dogs and sodas at the circus, and new this year may be an ice cream concession.

The Delmar Kiwanis meet every Monday at 6:15 p.m. at the Starlite Restaurant in Glenmont, and Pardee said they are always looking for new people. Anyone

interested can phone Pardee at 439-4462, or membership director Ed Smith at 439-5760.

Pardee added that anyone interested in helping the Kiwanis at the circus or setting up a concession should also contact him.

Jail term meted out

Jack W. Sherman, 25, of Delaware Ave. in Delmar was sentenced Thursday in Albany County Court to 60 days in jail and five years on probation following his guilty plea on March 25 to a felony charge of third-degree grand larceny. A spokesman for the county district attorney's office said Sherman also was ordered to make restitution to the district attorney in the amount of \$420, the sum he admitted taking from a police informant in exchange for what Sherman had said was cocaine.

Sherman was originally charged with illegal sale of a controlled substance, but when what he sold as cocaine proved not to be, he was instead accused of taking the money under false pretenses.

Fair at Elsmere

A fair will be held at Elsmere Elementary School on Friday, May 2, from 5 to 8 p.m.

Sponsored by the Elsmere School Community Organization-Parent Teacher Association, the event will feature games, prizes and pony rides. A balloon will be launched at 6:30 p.m.

Proceeds of the event will be used for student enrichment programs.

Registration revoked

The dealer registration of David Cady of Feura Bush has been revoked following a hearing conducted by the state Department of Motor Vehicles, according to an announcement by the department.

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An Open Letter to the Bethlehem School District

It is regrettable that Mr. (Bernard) Harvith, a highly respected citizen and a man of considerable stature in the community, should suddenly and surprisingly step out of character and lower the present school board campaign to the level of the street fighter.

Last Thursday Mr. Harvith, who is seeking reelection to the Bethlehem Board of Education in a three-way contest, met with presidents and delegates of Bethlehem PTA organizations in the office of the school superintendent. It has been documented by those present that Mr. Harvith severely vilified the citizen organization opposing him, stating that BUT and its two candidates are (quote documented) "out to destroy our school system."

This is pretty strong language for a friendly community such as ours, and it changes the complexion of what had been, up to now, a conventional campaign featuring dignified, straightforward presentation of positions by both sides. It also marks the first time in recent memory that any Bethlehem school board candidate has ever made a personal attack against any other candidate.

Although Mr. Harvith has seen fit to degrade the integrity and intent of two sincere fellow citizens every inch as dedicated to a high-quality school system as he is, Mr. Davies and I will not stoop to that despicable a level.

We feel Mr. Harvith had every right to make a campaign pitch to the PTA leaders on school board property. That is one of the privileges of an incumbent. However, in what comes close to slandering directors and supporters of the volunteer taxpayer group, and in deliberately falsifying its mission, he has abused his privilege. He has thus defamed several hundred homeowners, business people, tenants, hardworking members of civic and charitable institutions, parents and grandparents whose children have attended Bethlehem schools. These are diligent people whose pride in community, and dismay at seeing other schools become the leaders we once were, have motivated them to support BUT's goals and objectives. Their resentment at being portrayed as a threat to our children is understandable.

By attempting to color the minds of PTA members in such a way, Mr. Harvith is depriving these same parents the opportunity to listen to meaningful, carefully researched factual information on our schools, information that identifies (with substantial teacher support) program areas that need revision and improvement.

Mr. Davies and I will continue to urge school board members to take a careful look at these areas and to take appropriate action to restore Bethlehem to the leadership role it enjoyed in the late Fifties and in the Sixties. We will continue to pursue BUT's goals — raising the quality of a Bethlehem education through positive action and more effective allocation of funds by the school board. Either or both of us will be happy to share this information with any parents or neighborhood group at any time during the day or evening between now and May 7: Just call us.

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Why civic center shouldn't pass

By Robert Hoffmeister,
R. Gordon Morris,
James Ross

Happy anniversary, Jim Coyne.

It will be 30 months next Sunday since you proposed the construction of a Civic Center. Unfortunately, we do not write to congratulate you on this anniversary. Instead, we want to chronicle some concerns before our colleagues in the County Legislature vote on this long-delayed proposition, a vote which will authorize the sale of bonds, a 30 year indebtedness for the citizens of the county.

You were certainly consistent in putting your best efforts forward to keep the County Legislature from authorizing this spending spree. To bypass the legislature, your fiscal friends at the foot of State Street suggested that industrial development bonds be used to finance this facility, but this private arrangement was prohibited by the pols at the top of the hill. Fortunately, the Senate Republicans knew it was right to have elected representatives vote on questions of substantial indebtedness to the county taxpayers, since the state constitution requires that state debt of this type be authorized by a public vote. Unfortunately, this is not a county requirement and our residents were denied a referendum by a straight party vote. Republicans for referendum, Democrats opposed.

The controversy on the site and size of the Civic Center would be comical if it weren't going to be of considerable cost to the taxpayers. Five sites were given serious consideration. A proposal to build the center at no cost to taxpayers and a proposition to substantial savings to the county were quickly rejected in favor of a center city location that is still the subject of controversy. Appeals to save historic buildings pale in comparison to the ownership of the other parcels. The city has the Civic Center without a commitment on parking, police or fire protection, all of which will ultimately be subsidized by tax-levy funds from county residents.

As confusing as the site selection has been, the real puzzle to most of our constituents is the Civic Center size. The size of most civic centers is usually determined after careful compilation of data. But in the rush to start construction, the size was quickly settled by Ned Harkness, who said that 15,000 seats were needed to attract a national franchise. Cost considerations were

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certainly secondary to size, and it is the cost of the Civic Center which is going to plague us in the years ahead.

The base tax will be the annual county appropriation of \$1.5 million to pay debt service and \$150,000 to provide parking for state employees. Over 30 years, these two outlays will total \$45 million and \$4.5 million, respectively.

The bed tax is the extra two percent levy on room rentals, which is estimated to pick the pockets of visitors for \$21 million over 30 years. The head tax is the dollar to be added to ticket charges for a projected 30-year total of \$39 million.

Collectively, the 30-year triple tax exceeds \$109 million for the Civic Center debt service. Add the Urban Development Corp. (UDC) loan of \$6.5 million and the state loan of \$6.5 million on the land — a \$13 million debt over and above everything else.

We conclude this chronicle with our major concern, the true cost of the Civic Center, which is currently estimated to be \$35 million. This, however, does not include the parking garage, which is an additional Civic Center cost, since its construction is mandated by the UDC loan. If the county constructs the garage, ante up another \$8 million. If the construction is left to private developers, they want the county to guarantee minimum parking or underwrite a percentage on the debt service.

Certainly, the parking subsidy will not be the only surprise. The most recent land transaction next to Union Station portends that the cost of land acquisition may be double the current estimate. If so, add another \$2 million to the cost. Furniture and equipment at \$750,000 is fiction at best. If the developers admit today that the construction cost needs refining, we don't have to wait to hear what they will say as construction nears completion.

True county cost for the Civic Center construction will exceed \$60 million. So we vote in the negative. Happy anniversary, Jim.

The writers are Republican members of the County Legislature from the Town of Bethlehem.

Imagine that!

Among items slated for the auction block at The Doane Stuart School's ImaginAuction '86 are a dinner with Ed Dague and Bob McNamara of Channel 13, a brunch and tour of radio station WPYX-FM with Bob Mason and Bill Sheehan, a dinner with Times Union restaurant reviewer Fred LeBrun and a dinner date with Art Ginsberg, Mr. Food from Channel 6.

The auction will be held on Saturday, April 26, to raise funds for Doane Stuart's academic and scholarship program.

More than 500 items, including a ranch mink coat, an automobile, a \$500 shopping spree in New York City and the use of beach condominiums in Bermuda and Florida will be auctioned.

Auction donors include New York Governor Mario Cuomo, First Lady Matilda Cuomo, Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen III, Vice President George Bush, William Kennedy, Lee Iaccoca and Anne Murray.

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Bicyclist hit

A 12-year-old Glenmont girl was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital last Wednesday after she was struck by a car about 5 p.m. on Rt. 32. Kristen Denkers, 12, was listed as in fair condition Monday, a hospital spokesman said.

According to Bethlehem police reports, the girl came out of Bender Lane on her bicycle and onto Rt. 32, where she was struck by a car being driven by a Delmar woman. No charges were filed, the report noted.

The girl was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad.

Students honored

The Bethlehem Business Women have announced that Colleen Carroll Emsing, Patricia Ann Appleby and Margaret Dayter, all students at Bethlehem Central High School, will be honored at the group's May 7 meeting at the Albany Motor Lodge. The dinner will begin at 6:30 p.m.

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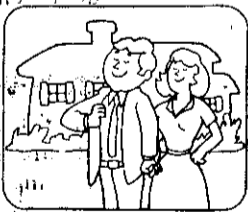
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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

costal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 439-4410.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Capital Chamber Artists: Muse of Italy," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

"Here Comes the Comet!" sponsored by Scotia-Glenville Children's Museum, 45-minute program for elementary and junior high children, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 26
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Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Astrology with Judith Longley," 11 a.m.; "Real George's Backroom," 7:30 p.m.; "Capital Chamber Artists: Muse of Italy," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

SUNDAY 27
APRIL

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Religious Service, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Pancake Breakfast, Elsmere Firehouse, Poplar Dr., \$3 and \$2 admission, 8 a.m.-noon.

Ticket Sales for Carnival, after 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses, St. Thomas the Apostle Church, information, 439-6704.

MONDAY 28
APRIL

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

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

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Horticulture Show, course for horticulturalists.

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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.

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

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.

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

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

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

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

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

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 offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 23
APRIL

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

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

Pen Pal Club, new members welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Water Main Flushing Day, in Bethlehem, discoloration of water will not affect purity, may cause some staining if used for laundry purposes.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Readings for the Visually Impaired," 4-7 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

THURSDAY 24
APRIL

Elsmere Fire Company, meets last Thursday of each month at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at 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 more information.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "John Burroughs' April," 7 p.m.; "Tae Kwon Do: Martial Arts the Korean Way," part 8: "Weapons Breaking, Sparring," 7:30 p.m.; "Focus Korea," 8 p.m. Information, 439-8111.

Square Dance Classes, mainstream class and plus level workshop, sponsored by Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, First United Methodist Church, 7-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

School's Out Film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Normanside Country Club Women's Organization, golf rally and business meeting, Normanside Country Club.

FRIDAY 25
APRIL

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pente-

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.

ART

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

"The Capitol in Albany: Photographs by William Clift, Stephen Shore, Judith Turner and Dan Weaks," Capitol Building, Albany, through May.

"A Present from Pontypool," exhibit of floral painting, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through September.

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of country-painted tinware, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, through June.

"Grace Woodworth (1872-1967): Photographer Outside the Common Lines," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through May 18.

"Women and Art: Twentieth Century Expressions," film series, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through April (Mon., 12:10 p.m.; Sat., 2 p.m.). Free; information, 473-7521.

Albany Tricentennial Show, presented by Albany Artists Group, Colonie Library, through April 24.

"The Recycled Image," show of works by Allen Grindle, Herb Parker and John Wineland, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through May 4.

"Musical Associations," exhibit of Shaker music, life and history by Jeffrey Studenroth, Rensselaerville Institute, through May 4.

"Kaiko Moti: Rare and Recent Works," exhibit of etchings, watercolors and paintings, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through May 10.

Lewis Creek Stones and Drawings," exhibit of sculpture by Paul Aschenbach, The Albany Academy Gallery, through May 16.

"PaperWaterColor," exhibit of works by Carol Luce, Monica Miller, Jeffrey Studenroth and Jim Zunk, Studio One Gallery, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, April 26 through May 31.

Masters show, exhibit of art works by College of Saint Rose graduate students, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, April 20.

"Visual Poems," exhibit of collages, watercolors and sculpture by Sabra Segal, Greene County Council on the Arts Catskill Gallery, 398 Main St., April 20 through June 14.

"Inside/Outside," exhibit of monotypes by Susan J. Rochow and sculptures by Al Frakes, Russell Sage College, through May 18.

Graduate student art showcase, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, through May 9.

"Medevac: Saving Lives in the Midst of Combat," New York State Vietnam Veterans Memorial, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

THEATER

"You've Gotta Have Heart," Maude Baum and Company Dance Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, April 25, 8 p.m. Reservations, 465-9916.

"My Three Angels," three-act comedy by Sam and Bella Spewak, presented by The Footlighters, Calvary United Methodist Church, Belle Avenue, Latham, April 25 and 26, 8:15 p.m. Tickets at door.

"The Phantom of the Opera," new adaptation of Gaston Leroux's classic Gothic horror tale, Capital Repertory Company, The Market Theatre, Albany, through May 18. Tickets, 462-4534.

"The Merry Widow," Connecticut Opera production, Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, April 25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 346-6204.

"Feiffer's People," presented by Junior College of Albany Second Act Players, Junior College of Albany, April 25, 26 8 p.m. April 27, 2 p.m. Tickets, 445-1725.

"The Pleasure of His Company," presented by Riverview Productions, St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, April 25-27 and May 2-4 (Fri.-Sat., 7 p.m.; Sun., 5 p.m.). Reservations, 463-2586.

"The Phrase in Air," works by American lyric poets, Woodstock Playhouse, April 25, 8 p.m. Reservations, 1-914-679-6000.

"Comet Capers," musical comedy, Meader Little Theatre, Russell Sage College, Troy, April 24-26 and May 1-3, 8 p.m. Tickets, 270-2340.

MUSIC

Noon concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon present organ music through the centuries, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, April 25.

Robin Flower, bluegrass group, April 23, 7:30 p.m.; Hans Theessink, blues singer and guitarist, April 27, 7:30 p.m.; Tom Mitchell, April 25 and 26, 8:30 p.m.; Paul Stausman, presents family concert, April 26, 2 p.m.; Caffe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs. Reservations, 583-0022.

Either Ore, concert of original jazz music, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 19 Dove St., Albany, April 26, 8 p.m. Reservations, 465-2044.

College of Saint Rose Masterworks Chorale, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Madison Ave. and Eagle St., Albany, April 27, 8 p.m. Tickets at door.

Instrumental ensemble concert, Bush Memorial Theater, Russell Sage College, Troy, April 23, 8 p.m. Free.

"Petite Messe Solennelle," presented by Capital Hill Choral Society, Schuttler Elementary School, North Lake Ave., Albany, April 25, 8 p.m. Community Box Office, 463-7022.

Dresden Chamber Orchestra, Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, April 25, 8 p.m. Tickets, 382-7890 or 372-3651.

Pavlina Dokovska, pianist, in concert, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, April 29, 8 p.m. Free.

Amy Fradon and Lyslie Ritter, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 362 State St., Albany, April 26, 8 p.m. Tickets, 434-1703.

Butch Thompson, Peter Ostroushko and Pop Wagner of Prairie Home Companion, St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Gunderland Center, April 29, 8 p.m. Reservations, 765-2815.

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Tractor Certification and Safety Program, open to Albany County youth 12 to 16 years, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 765-3540.

STEP/Teen Program, program designed to improve relationships between parents and teenagers, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7-9 p.m. \$27 and \$37 registration, 439-9252 or 439-2754.

Bethlehem Alumni Assn., all classes meeting to plan May and June activities, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY 29 APRIL

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

Magic Movement Circle, for ages 3-5, be lion, bird or dancer, Bethlehem Public Library, 1:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Horticulture Show, course for horticulture exhibitors and judges will be presented by Federated Garden Clubs of New York State and Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Sewing Machine Clinic, will cover basics of cleaning, oiling and adjusting sewing machine, conducted by Rowland Sinnamon of Sinnamon Sewing Machine Service and Knights Designer Fabrics, William F. Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m. \$5 registration, 765-3550.

Slide Illustrated Lecture, "Wildlife of the Equator: Poles Apart," will be presented by Wayne Trimm, art director for state Dept. of Environmental Conservation's *Conservationist* magazine, lecture center 7, SUNYA, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

NYS Job Service Registration, for people looking for employment or better job, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club Luncheon, guest speaker will be Senator Ronald B. Stafford of 44th Senate District, Normanside Country Club, noon. Reservations, 439-5102 or 439-6528.

Parenting Study Group, for parents of children pre-school through kindergarten, course focuses on effective parenting techniques, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7-9 p.m. \$30 and \$20 registration, 439-2754 or 439-9252.

Flower Sale Benefit, Bethlehem Central Middle School math students will sponsor sale of carnations, in assorted colors, to benefit local charities; middle school, \$1 each, April 29 through May 5.

WEDNESDAY 30 APRIL

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem.

Lecture, sponsored by adult religious education board of St. Thomas Church, Sr. Eileen Lescinski of Our Lady of Fatima will speak about "Jesus and the Gospel Women," St. Thomas School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9253 or 768-2832.

Horticulture Show, course for horticulture exhibitors and judges will be presented by Federated Garden Clubs of New York State and Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Feura Bush Neighborhood Assn., will hear Donald Prockup, president of RCS Teachers Association, speak

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about contract negotiations, 7:30 p.m.; Allison Bennett will present slides of historic homes in Bethlehem and New Scotland, 8 p.m., all welcome, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush.

Tri-Village Welcome Wagon, coffee for new residents and new mothers at home of Laurie Hawley, 60 Fernbank Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5058.

THURSDAY 1 MAY

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

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

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Square Dance Classes, mainstream class and plus level workshop, sponsored by Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, First United Methodist Church, 7-10:30 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

Bethlehem Art Association, Edna McCoy, retired art teacher, will critique paintings during meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-7039.

Assessment Roll Inspection, tentative assessment roll completed and available for inspection, until May 20.

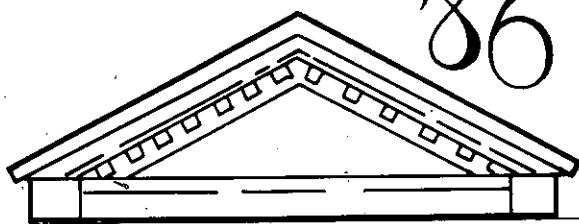
Sewing and Home Care Clinic, walk-in clinic, first Thursdays, Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 1-3 p.m.

Annual Meeting, Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees will discuss proposed budget with public, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

FRIDAY 2 MAY

Recovery, Inc., self-help for those with chronic nervous symptoms. First United Methodist, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Weekly at 12:30 p.m.

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Free Legal Clinic, for Bethlehem senior citizens, first Fridays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 11 a.m.-1 p.m. Appointment required, 439-4955.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Elsmere School Fair, featuring games, prizes, pony rides, balloon launch and more, proceeds will be used by ESCO-PTA enrichment programs, Elsmere Elementary School, 5-8 p.m.

Dinner Dance, in honor of Mike Michele, citizen of year, Voorheesville American Legion Hall, 7:30 p.m. \$12 reservations, 765-4613 or 439-5555, before April 28.

Pre-school Films, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

Garage Sale, organized by women's guild of Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, May 2 and 3. Information, 434-4558.

SATURDAY 3 MAY

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

Garage Sale, organized by women's guild of Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, May 2 and 3. Information, 434-4558.

Field Studies, "Bluffer's Guide to Birdwatching," 9:30 a.m.; "Spring Blossoms," 2 p.m., Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar. Information, 457-6092.

Garage Sale, sponsored by Panhellenic Association, to benefit group's scholarship fund, featuring collectibles, sporting goods, household articles, clothes, garden tools, furniture, automotive items, electrical appliances, books, plants and more, 39 Alden Court, Delmar, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

Craft and Flea Market, featuring household items, collectibles, bake sale and more, organized by Ladies Auxiliary of New Salem Fire Department, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner, and "this and that" sale, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Selkirk, \$3 and \$6 admission, 4 p.m.

SUNDAY 4 MAY

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult education, 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m. Information, 439-2983.

Religious Service, Sunday School and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Religious Service, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, van trip to see "The Pleasure of His Company," St. Andrew's Dinner Theatre, 5 p.m. Reservations, 439-5770, 9-11 a.m.

Parenting Workshop, led by Larry and Chris Deyss, First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., Voorheesville, 4 p.m. Registration, 765-2392.

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, evening walk in search of courting woodcock and local owls, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Delmar, 6:30 p.m.

MONDAY 5 MAY

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

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

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers will review book entitled *Help, I'm a Parent*, Monday at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Progress Club, business meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

TUESDAY 6 MAY

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

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

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Delmar Progress Club, legislative forum at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 10 a.m.

Dana Natural History Society, wildflower hunt, led by Dr. Eugene C. Ogden, Joralemon Memorial Park, noon.

Raffle, of quilt handcrafted by Tri-Village Welcome Wagon of Slingerlands, Delmar and Glenmont, noon.

Field Study, search for American woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

CPR Course, class in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, open to Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District residents, May 6, 13 and 20, 7-10 p.m. Registration, 439-4955, ext. 77.

WEDNESDAY 7 MAY

Soil Testing and Gardening Lecture, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, "Perennial and Bedding Plant Design," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

"Language and Liturgy", presented by Joan Lescinski, C.S.J., Ph.D., of College of Saint Rose, St. Thomas School, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9253.

Budget Vote, \$1.3 million budget for Bethlehem Public Library will be presented with school district ballot.



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Events in Nearby Areas

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Gallery Talk, Daniel Robbins, May I.C. Baker of Union College, will present "From Collections to Museums," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 6 p.m. Free; information, 463-4478.

"Spring Into the Museum," "First Great Paul Bunyan Storytelling Contest," Green Mountain Theater brings lumberjack tales to State Museum, Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Trade Show, sponsored by Society of Assn. Executives of Upstate New York, Empire State Plaza, noon. \$15 reservations, 463-1755.

Press Conference, with State Commerce Commissioner Ronald J. Moss, featuring unveiling of new commercial to promote travel in Upstate New York and Long Island, State Capitol, Albany, 10:30 a.m.

Intensive English Language Program, for beginning, intermediate and advanced level student, State University at Albany, classes begin June 9. Registration, 442-3870.

Registration, for summer recreation program at Kenwood Child Development Center, Doane Stuart Campus, Albany, program runs June 30-Aug. 29. Information, 465-0404.

Volunteer Recognition Reception, Albany Memorial Hospital, 600 Northern Blvd., Albany, 2-4 p.m.

Registration, for summer graduate and undergraduate courses at College of

Saint Rose, through May 19, 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. Information, 454-5144.

Registration, for fall pre-school program at Wildwood School, for neurologically impaired and learning disabled children. Information, 783-1644.

Registration, for summer art program at Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany. Information, 465-5222.

"Salute to Secretaries," breakfast sponsored by Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, Americana Inn, 660 Albany-Shaker Rd., 8:30 a.m. Reservations, 434-1214.

Registration, for parent aide training program at St. Catherine's Center, 30 North Main Avenue, Albany. Information, 4822-3331, ext. 202.

THURSDAY **24**
APRIL

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abuser, meets Thursdays, 1500 Western Ave., opposite Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

HEAR, Hearing Endeavor for the Albany Region, self-help group for hearing impaired, meets fourth Thursdays, second floor hearing rehabilitation center, Albany Medical Center, 7 p.m.



Malita Baron, left, and Yvette deBotton play Christine and La Giannina, two rival opera singers, in Capital Repertory Company's musical adaptation of *The Phantom of the Opera*, running through May 18 at the Market Theatre in Albany.

"Lunch With the Arts," with Fr. Thomas Phalen speaking about "The Hudson-Mohawk Gateway," College of Saint Rose, Picotte Gallery, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Free.

Slides and Lecture, "Hibernian Highlights: The Irish in Albany," presented by John McEneny, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free.

Slides and Lecture, "Beatrix Farrand: Formality and Informality in American Gardens," presented by Diana Balmori, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Free.

AIDS Discussion Group, for healthy individuals, second and fourth Thursdays, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany. Information, 434-4686.

Albany Colony National Society New England Women, Dutch treat luncheon at Tom Sawyer Motor Inn Restaurant, Western Ave., Albany, 11:30 a.m. Reservations, 286-3283.

Luncheon, with Patricia Morris, R.N., of St. Peter's Hospital speaking about "Symptoms, Prevention and Treatment of Cancer," Louise Corning Senior Service Center, 25 Delaware Ave., Albany, 12:15 p.m. Reservations, 465-3325.

Children's Cartoon, "The Point," narrated by Dustin Hoffman, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m. Free.

Front Page, film starring Adolph Menjou and Pat O'Brien, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

Mothers Without Custody, support group for mothers who do not reside full time with their children, monthly meeting at home of Ann Spratt, 22 Westchester Dr., Colonie, 7 p.m. Information, 449-5680.

Film, The Palestinian People Do Have Rights, produced by United Nations, Junior College of Albany, 7 p.m. Information, 434-4037.

FRIDAY **25**
APRIL

Gardening and Flower Arranging, demonstrated by Sheila McQueen, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$10 admission, 2 p.m. Reservations, 474-5842.

Sail and Pepper Actor's Theatre, presents "Journey Back to the Land and Tales of Africa," Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$1 and \$2.50 admission, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 1-758-6331.

Lecture, "Container Gardening and Topiary," presented by Jeanne Will and Courtney Daniels, BoScobel Restoration, Garrison-on-Hudson, 11 a.m. Information 1-914-265-3638.

Awareness Day, sponsored by Adirondack Chapter of Emergency Nurses Association, Northway Mall, Colonie, 9:30 a.m.-9:30 p.m.

Awards Dinner, in recognition of student achievements, Junior College of Albany, 6:30 p.m. Information, 445-1764.

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Conference, "Outreach Strategies for Cultural Organizations," sponsored by Federation of Historical Services and Lower Hudson Conference, Norrie Point Environmental Center, Staatsburg, April 25-26. Registration, 1-914-592-6726.

SATURDAY 26
APRIL

The Yellow Submarine, Beatles film, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. and 2 p.m.

Women's Animation Festival, part of Women and Art film series, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2 p.m. Free.

Miniature and Doll Show and Sale, to benefit American Cancer Society, meeting rooms 1-5, Empire State Plaza, Albany, \$5 and \$2.50 admission, April 26, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.; April 27, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 758-6331.

ImaginAuction, of more than 500 items, including mink coat, automobile, \$500 shopping spree, use of condominiums in Bermuda and more, to benefit The Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, 4:30 p.m. Reservations, 465-5222.

Voice Clinic, presented in cooperation with College of Saint Rose at Albany Medical Center, 8:30-11:30 a.m. Appointments, 454-5256.

Health Awareness Weekend, Northway Mall/The Off Price Center, April 26-27. Free.

Irish-American Perspectives, "Conference at College of Saint Rose," 8:30 a.m. Registration, 454-5171.

Poetry Reading, with John Ashberry, sponsored by Hudson Valley Writers Guild, to benefit Save Hudson's Only Waterfront, Columbia-Greene Community College, 8 p.m. Information, 799-2257.

Notre Dame Club, dinner at Mohawk Golf Club, Schenectady. Reservations, 765-4826.

Parents Without Partners, dinner dance and installation of officers, Americana Inn, 600 Albany-Shaker Rd., 6:30 p.m. Reservations, 462-7029 or 785-5696.

Speech and Hearing Seminar, with Dr. Joel Stark of Queens College, College of Saint Rose, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 454-5122.

YMCA Bodybuilding Championships, Albany YMCA, \$10 entry fee, 11 a.m. Registration, 449-7196.

Rotary Dinner, with Congressman Samuel Stratton, Thruway Motel, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-3474.

State Police Recruiters, will offer program at Albany Public Library, 1-5 p.m. Information, 783-3220.

Tour, of Newman's Brewery, Albany, sponsored by Professional Secretaries International, noon. Information, 382-2000, ext. 5660.

SUNDAY 27
APRIL

Field Trip, Ed Landing, geologist, will lead search for fossils in Helderbergs, sponsored by New York State Museum Associates. Information, 474-5842.

Black History Through Literature, reading and discussion led by Dr. Jerome Thornton of SUNYA, Troy Public Library, 100 Second St., Troy, 2:30 p.m. Information, 442-4237.

Rummage Sale, led by women's service league of Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Free.

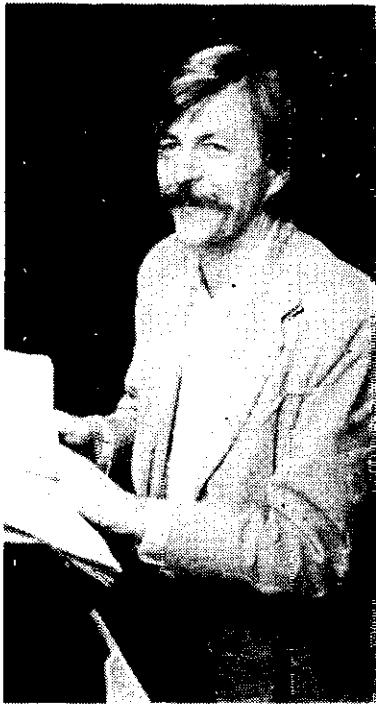
Scottish Country Dancing, social dancing to traditional Scottish music, Unitarian Church, Albany, 405 Washington Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 377-8792.

Black History Through Literature, "From Slavery to Civil Rights," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2:30 p.m.

MONDAY 28
APRIL

Hudson-Mohawk Bird Club, meeting, "Legend of Hawk Mountain" presented by Harry Goldman, Price Chopper community room, Eastern Parkway, Schenectady, 8 p.m.

Bed and Breakfast Seminar, review of technical aspects of business, forms of ownership, permits, sales tax, insurance,



Butch Thompson of the Prairie Home Companion will appear with Peter Ostroushko and Pop Wagner at St. Mark's Community Center, Guilderland Center, or Tuesday, April 29, at 8 p.m.

marketing and advertising, Ramada Inn, Western Ave., Albany. \$15 registration, 765-3520.

"Women and Art: 20th Century Expressions," film series, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon. Free.

Card Party and Fashion Show, St. James Institute, Summit Ave. and St. James Pl., Albany, \$2.50 admission, 8 p.m. Information, 449-5246.

Parent Education Network (PEN), meeting with Jennifer Birkmayer speaking about "Families in the Fast Lane," Ramada Inn, Albany, 4-8:15 p.m. Reservations, 489-1416.

Information Session, for Empire State College, SUNY, Schenectady County Community College, Tempo Building, 4 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

TUESDAY 29
APRIL

State Legislative Forum, discussion of medical malpractice, with Hon. Tarki Lombardi, Donald Fager, E. Stewart Jones and Mark Morris, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 449-3380.

Information Session, Empire State College, SUNY, Crandall Library,

Glens Falls, 7 p.m. Information, 587-2100.

Preparatory Course, for upcoming civil service exams, offered by NYS School of Industrial and Labor Relations at Cornell University, 112 State St., Albany, 6 p.m. \$9 registration, 473-1931.

Manufacturer's Expo, sponsored by area chambers of commerce, Saratoga Springs City Center, April 29-30, 2-8 p.m.

Albany Artists Group, lecture and demonstration by Betty Warren, West End Presbyterian Church, Albany, \$2 admission, 7:30 p.m.

Exhibition, of office products and mailing equipment, Italian American Community Center, Washington Ave. Ext., Albany, noon-7 p.m. Information, 452-2300.

Legal Issues in Divorce, seminar presented by law firm of Tippins and Phelan, Hudson Valley Community College, April 29-30, 6 p.m. Information, 283-1100.

WEDNESDAY 30
APRIL

Alumni Homecoming, celebration of 40th anniversary of Culinary Institute of America, April 30-May 4. Information, 1-914-452-9600.

XI Gamma Psi, Founder's Day celebration at Century House, Latham.

Asthma and Allergies Seminar American Lung Association, 8 Mountain View Ave., Colonie, 8:30 a.m.-12:15 p.m. Registration, 459-4197.

Open House, to offer information about graduate and continuing education programs at College of Saint Rose, 6:30 p.m. Free; information, 454-5144.

Luncheon and Fashion Show, sponsored by Albany Academy Mother's Association, Albany Academy Fieldhouse, Hackett Blvd., Albany. \$12.50 reservations, 371-8484.

Press Conference, to announce "Live at the Lakehouse" season schedule, Washington Park Lakehouse, 11 a.m. Reservations, 434-2032.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross, regional blood center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Appointment, 462-7461, ext. 312.

Lecture, Jared Diamond, physiologist and ecologist, will discuss role of human activity on extinction of animals in exotic environments, State University at Albany, Performing Arts Center, 1400 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

Speech-Language and Hearing Assn., of Capital District, meeting with Bette Civitello, audiologist, speaking about "Brainstem Auditory Evoked Potential Testing," St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, 7:30 p.m.

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Susan Reilly of Voorheesville, mother of nine, was named "Mother of the Year" by the New Scotland Elks Lodge last Saturday at the lodge's annual installation dinner-dance, held at the Guilderland Lodge on Carmen Rd. The wife of Councilman Herbert Reilly, she has assisted in the family funeral business after returning to college several years ago to earn a degree in the mortuary science.

Councilman Reilly beamed with pride as his wife was totally surprised by presentation of the award by Chester Boehlke, lodge official.

Active in the school and community, Mrs. Reilly has served as a school room mother for her children, who range in age from 10 to 27. She also has participated in Girl Scout and cub scout programs, and is member of St. Matthew's Church, where she has served in several capacities.

And install officers

The New Scotland Elks Lodge installed officers for 1986-87 annual dinner-dance recently. They are: Raymond LaRose, exalted ruler; Robert Van Alstine, leading knight; Robert Daley, loyal knight; Kenneth Connolly, esquire; Mike Magrum, innerguard; Anselmo Lisboa, organist; William Perrault, tiler; Edward Blackmer, chaplain; Steve Basinait, secre-

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tary, and George Koch, Edward Donohue, Steve Galusha, Dave Gaul and Edward Smith, trustees.

Diamond action due

"Playball!" will echo throughout the hills of Voorheesville next week when the New Scotland Kiwanis Club begins a new season of Grasshopper baseball and softball. Registration for the three-division league was held last month, resulting in six teams in the minor division, for boys and girls in grades 2-5; four teams in the softball section, for girls in grades 5 through 8, and three teams in the major division, boys in grades 5 through 7.

Teams will play two evenings a week on school fields, with the season ending June 14 with a play off game followed by a family picnic for all members.

Senior Center open house

The New Scotland Senior Citizens, who celebrated their 25th anniversary with a dinner at the Bavarian Chalet last week, would like to share their milestone with the community and so have issued an invitation for all to attend an open house at the Senior Citizen



Sue Reilly holds the plaque naming her New Scotland mother of the year presented by the New Scotland Elks Lodge 2611. With her are family members, from left, Richard, David, Margaret,

John, Peter, Cathy and Herbert Reilly. Bert Reilly was in Italy and Jim Reilly was in Maryland. Lyn Stapf

Center on Sunday, April 27. The silver tea will be from 2 to 5 p.m. at the center in New Salem. Refreshments will be served, and all are welcome to attend.

On Wednesday, April 30, the group will have its monthly meeting and a visit from area Brownies. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m., which will be the meeting time until fall.

All residents of New Scotland age 55 or older are invited to join the group. Call President Martha Navilia at 439-4039 for more information.

First stop in Boston

The Voorheesville PTSA has planned a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, May 31, for area residents who would like to take in the sights in the historic city without the hassle of driving there. The bus is scheduled to leave the elementary school at 7 a.m. and return at midnight, and the cost, \$15 a person. Interested persons should contact Michelle Krajewski at 765-4199, Joanne St. Denis at 765-4748 or Lyn

DiDomenico at 765-2428 to make reservations.

Reservation deadline

Those planning to attend the New Scotland Citizen of the Year dinner on Friday, May 2, to honor Voorheesville resident Mike Michele have only a few days left to make reservations. Tickets for the roast beef dinner at the American Legion Hall, to be followed by dancing, are \$12 a person and may be obtained by calling Jack Halligan at 765-4613 or Paul Jeffers at 439-5555. Reservation deadline is Monday, April 28.

College application how-to

A reminder to parents of high school juniors that a special meeting will be conducted by the high school guidance department on Wednesday, April 30 at 7:30 p.m. at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School. A film, "Playing the Selective College Admissions Game," will be shown, and information on college applications and financial aid will be presented. For information

contact the guidance department at 765-3314.

Leadership is topic

Fifteen students from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School recently attended a Colonial leadership conference at the Americana Inn in Albany. Activities included speakers and workshops on fundraising, motivation and involvement, and organizing for success.

Providing an opportunity to share concerns, exchange ideas and work cooperatively, the leadership conference sent its participants home with both long-term and short-term goals for the next year.

Attending the conference were seniors James Vokwein, Paul Nichols, Vin Foley and Sharon Lloyd. Underclassmen who attended were Joe Colburn, Jason Graziano, Donna Hawkins, Patrick Ryan, Paige Hotaling, Meredith Messina, Heather Brenner, Ben Greenberg, Kevin Kelly, Tina Ricci and Kevin Tyrrell.

Task force meets

The New Scotland Substance Abuse Task Force will meet at 7:30 p.m. on Monday, April 28, at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School in Voorheesville.

Members of the group will review evaluation received during a recent community dialogue and make final plans for an after-the-prom party, which will be held at the Voorheesville Firehouse. The group will also set goals and objectives for the 1986-87 year.

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Board refuses library bond

By Lyn Stapf

The Voorheesville School Board refused last week to approve a bond issue for a new library building following a 90-minute debate on the merits of the Prospect St. site proposed by the library board.

The refusal leaves the \$800,000 project in legal limbo, since the school board is required to back the application to the state Education Department on the bond issue for the library.

While agreeing that there was "a significant need for a new library" school board members voiced their reservations on the final Prospect Street site chosen by the library board after 18 months of research and deliberation.

What followed was a verbal tennis match, with various members of the school board serving ideas on alternate sites and the library board, led by President Hugh McDonald, volleying back the problems and pitfalls the board encountered with each.

The discussion began with the popular Voorheesville Ave. salt site, which according to the library board was rejected due to the difficulty in relocating the salt and the subsequent discovery that the salt-saturated soil may prove detrimental to the footings and landscaping, and ending with a long discussion on the Grand Union Building, which began as the top choice but was put aside due to a number of logistical problems. Also discussed were the Salem Hills site, rejected due to opposition by residents of the

subdivision; the St. Matthew's land, which according to the church's parish council was not for sale; the 20-acre Jablonski property, which was for sale only in its entirety for \$175,000; and a wooded lot on Rt. 85A across from the grade school which was found to be "at a congested area and costly to clear as well."

Talk even turned to the idea of restoring the present site, which according to McDonald would not be cost effective and would not solve the present parking problem.

Still not convinced, school board members said they had been approached by many residents with concerns about the site ranging from its "out-of-the-way location" to the safety of those, especially children, who would be walking to the facility.

Ed Donohue, who serves on both the library board and the village board, answered that such concerns stemmed from the fact that most people "were ignorant of the exact location of the site — referring to it as on Depot Rd. or across from Atlas Copco." He said the site should be thought of as "one-quarter mile from Ricci's or one-half mile from the present library." Ironically, it is the same distance to the salt site, but McDonald pointed out that to travel there one has to cross two sets of railroad tracks on Voorheesville Ave. which has become a heavily traveled truck route through the village. The library board viewed this to be a more dangerous situation than the Prospect Street site.

McDonald added that although consideration was given to those who walk to the library a poll last fall determined that over 80 percent of library users arrive by car.

In an effort to come to terms with the decision school board President Jack McKenna suggested that the library board, the school board and the village board get together for "one last rehash" of the site situation.

McDonald stood firm, however, saying that the library board had thoroughly researched each possibility and believed the only thing that could be accomplished by such a move would be to delay the upcoming referendum.

School board members responded that such a delay might be beneficial since statistics show that more spring-summer bond issues go down in defeat than those offered in fall or winter.

McKenna added that few are willing to spend "\$1.98 on something that comes for a public vote" — let alone the anticipated \$800,000 to be voted upon in the library bond issue. Although school board members Mary Van Ryn, Joe Fernandez, Steve Schreiber, John Zongrone, Peter Ten Eyck and Dave Teuten vowed to support the issue they urged the board to formulate a contingency plan in case the proposal "does not fly." Added to this was the warning that "such a proposal may get only one chance to go by the voters."

Southbound now Huntington Station

"Southbound" is gone.

But fear not, music lovers, Voorheesville's sound of the south will rise again under the name "Huntington Station."

After a six-month search for a new name for Voorheesville's progressive country quintet, the group and Warner Brothers have finally agreed on a new name to grace the label of the group's first nationwide single, due to be released this spring.

Selected from 25 names submitted to Warner Brothers in December, many of which were gathered from contests run by local radio shows, "Huntington Station" will replace the name used by the group since it began almost three years ago. Although the name "Southbound" well suited the group, it was discovered by Warner Brothers last fall that a southern band, "Southbound Glory," has exclusive national rights to the name.

According to Dave Burnham, lead singer and spokesman for the group, the title of the single is not yet known but will be released when the group returns from Muscle Shoals, Ala., where they will spend this week recording. Their southern sojourn will also include a stop in Nashville, where they will meet with executives of Warner Brothers to discuss promotional plans for their first nationwide release.

The album "All The Way," released independently by the group, was distributed in the Northeast only, but fared quite well, selling over 5,000 copies.

DWI a felony

Kenneth A. Wall of Albany faces a felony charge of driving while intoxicated after he was stopped about 2:30 a.m. last Tuesday, April 15, on Rt. 32, according to a spokesman for the state police in Selkirk. Police said the charge is a felony because Wall had a previous conviction on an alcohol-related charge. In addition, Wall's license to drive was suspended immediately, police said, because he refused to submit

to a chemical test.

Bethlehem Town Justice Peter Wenger remanded Wall to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$1,000 bail.

New Salem market

A variety of crafts, household items, collectibles and baked goods will be offered by the Ladies Auxiliary of the New Salem Fire Company during a craft and flea market at the firehouse on May 3, from 9 a.m. until 4 p.m.

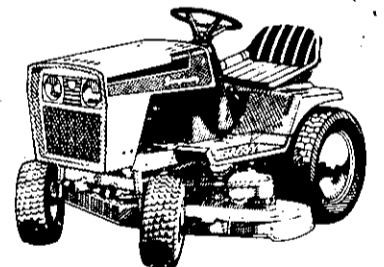
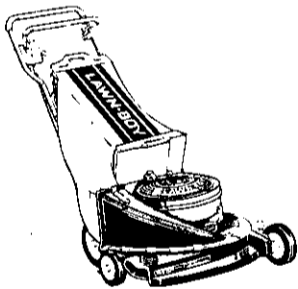
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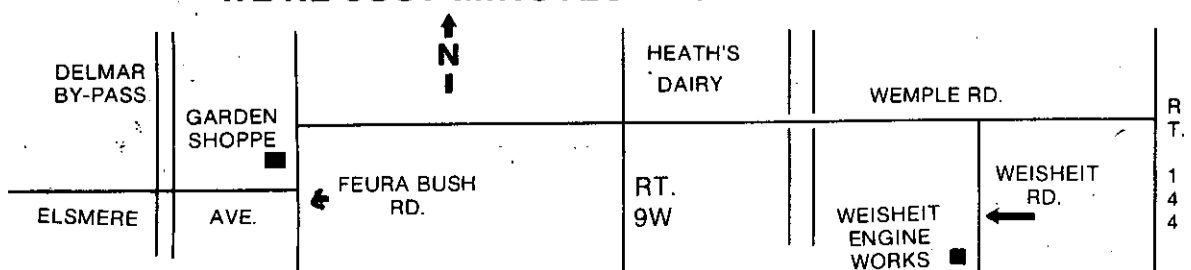
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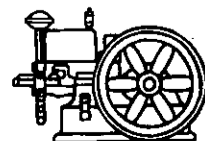
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Students may lose under Regents plan

By Patricia Mitchell

Voorheesville Central Schools administrators said they are concerned over students who may fall behind because of the tougher requirements of the Regents Action Plan.

"A lot of our kids just are not ready for learning," said O. Peter Griffen, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School principal, in a midterm evaluation at the April 14 Board of Education meeting.

Board member Peter Ten Eyck said he was concerned that many students won't graduate from high school and elementary students may fall behind under the Regents plan.

"I wonder what we are going to do with these kids. I think (the problem) is going to become more apparent," Ten Eyck said.

Middle to upper scoring students will be challenged more, Griffen said, but the bottom 30 percent may be lost.

In cases with complex problems due to learning styles or family problems, elementary school principal Betty Singer said, she would like to work the the district social worker to identify problems. The district will be hiring a social worker under the 1986-87 proposed budget.

"We can not afford to have them fall behind," said Superintendent, Werner Berglas.

The district may use remediation, but due to full schedules, students may have to be pulled from other classes.

Most changes in the Regents Action Plan are occurring at the junior high level, Griffen said. For example, new foreign language requirements have the present eighth grade completing one unit by their ninth grade, and the present fourth grade will need to complete two units by ninth grade.

There is not a severe impact at the elementary level, and Singer said most need course revisions. Math courses were due to be revised, but instead the state education Department reprinted the curriculum. A microcomputers course will be available this fall, and testing for third and sixth grade levels is required but Singer said she is not sure when.

The reading curriculum is under development, social studies still using the 1980 syllabus, the new art curriculum will be available in September, music will be revised in June, and new

Sale of miniatures

A show and sale of miniatures and dolls to benefit the Albany Cancer Society will be held in meeting room 1 through 5 of the Empire State Plaza, Albany, on April 26, from 10 a.m. to 5 p.m., and on April 27, from 11 a.m. to 5 p.m.

Art group meets

Edna McCoy, a retired school art teacher, will critique paintings at the May 1 Bethlehem Art Association meeting at Bethlehem Public Library, beginning at 7 p.m.

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physical education and health school year.

In other business, Berglas told the board that under the new federal Fair Labor Standards Act that went into effect last week, the district will have to pay employees overtime at time and a half for any work over 40 hours instead of offering compensatory time.

The district will also have to determine that coaches will be paid at least minimum wage for all hours that are worked. Before the act, coaches were paid on an index based on approximate time involved compared to coaching pressures and salary of other staff.

"We are going to be in trouble. We are going to have to investigate that. We know coaching is one of the greatest bargains we get," Berglas said. The district will have to look at coaches' hours and determine that they are under 40 hours. If time is excessive, Berglas said, the district will have to set guidelines.

The board also:

- Were told Regents scholarship winners now stand at 15.5 percent of the senior class.

- Learned that four students were involved in three incidents over a four day period in March. Griffen said two incidents involved illegal drug use and one involved an apparent intoxication. Parental involvement after the incidents were extensive.

- Were informed that the district brought home the trophy two weeks ago after the Colonial Competition in math. The Voorheesville team was over 50 points ahead of the second place team.

- Were told that a recent high school dance marathon to benefit cystic fibrosis netted \$2,000. School groups also donated \$100 for Easter Seals.

The annual meeting the Voorheesville Board of Education is slated for 7:30 p.m. Tuesday May 6 at the high school. The budget is to go before the voters from 2 to 9 p.m. Wednesday, May 7.



Douglas DeDe

DeDe heads commission

Douglas DeDe has been appointed chairman of Voorheesville's planning commission.

He succeeds J. August Berger in the position. Berger died Feb. 22 in Ventura, Calif.

DeDe has been on the planning commission for about two years. He was elected village trustee in 1980 and 1982, and served as deputy mayor.

"I have had an interest in civic affairs for a long time," DeDe said.

A 15-year resident of Voorheesville, DeDe has been involved in several community organizations. In 1976, DeDe was co-president of the Voorheesville P.T.A., and co-chaired the fund drive to expand St. Matthew's Church facilities and the church's fund drive. He also has directed variety shows in the village with his wife, Lucia, for two years.

DeDe is the district manager for appliance sales in the northeast region with Sears. He has been with the company for 23 years. He was also a junior high school teacher on Long Island for one year.

A 1961 graduate of Mount St. Mary's College in Maryland, DeDe has a bachelor of science degree in liberal arts.

Carnations for sale

Students of Bethlehem Central Middle School, under the direction of Barbara Talmadge, a middle school math teacher, will sell carnations to raise funds for a local charity from April 29 through May 5. The flowers, which will be available for \$1 each, will be delivered on May 9.

For information call 439-3650.

Village appointment no guessing game

Voorheesville village administration will hold no surprises this year.

Appointed at the April 7 organizational meeting, the newly elected mayor will start his four-year term with the same core of employees that worked for him when he was appointed just under a year ago.

Mayor Edward Clark, trustees Daniel Reh and Susan Rockmore, and village justice Kenneth Connolly all took their seats after being voted in on the March 18 village election. They all ran unopposed. This was the first election that the mayor, trustees and the village justice were voted for four-year terms.

Clark was appointed mayor in May 1985 after Richard Lennon resigned and moved to Florida. Clark has served on the village planning commission.

This is Connolly's first term as village justice. He has served as chair of New Scotland's Republican Committee, town justice, and a village trustee.

Trustee Richard Langford was appointed deputy mayor for one year.

Trustee Edward Donohue was appointed liaison to the sewer commission, the dog warden and the ambulance squad.

Langford was appointed liaison to the recreation committee and the village historian.

Reh was appointed liaison to the building department, the fire department, the planning com-

mission and the conservation advisory council.

And Rockmore was appointed liaison to the zoning board of appeals and the community service/senior citizens council.

Clark and Connolly will each receive a salary of \$4,000 for their services. Each of the trustees will receive \$2,000.

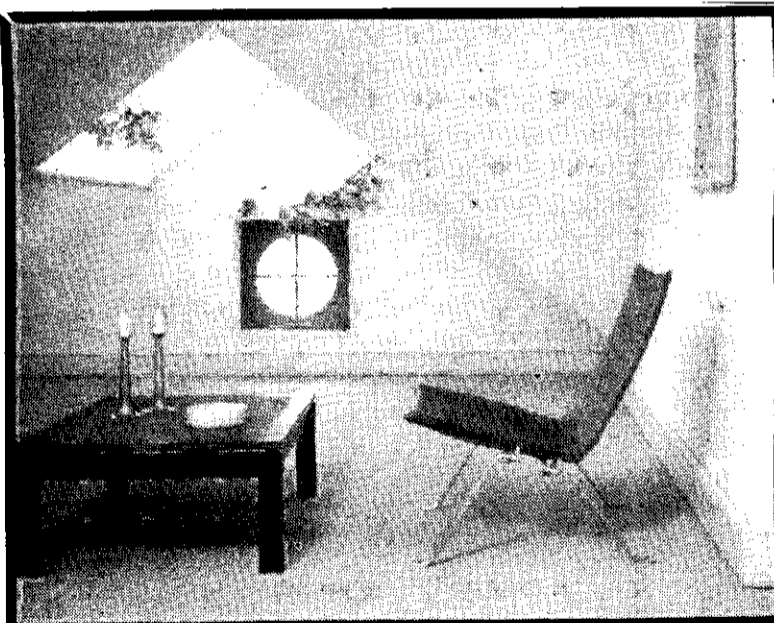
William Hotaling was appointed superintendent of public works by the board, John Elmendorf was appointed first assistant, William Smith second assistant and Darrell Duncan third assistant. They will all serve for one year.

Blanche Monaghan was appointed treasurer and Judi Gray was appointed clerk of the village for four years each.

Donald Meacham was appointed village attorney, Charles Carson was appointed acting village justice, and John Halligan was appointed parking enforcement officer. Each will serve for one year.

Codes enforcement officer will be Gerald Gordinier, dog warden will be Chester Boehlke and village historian will be Bill Gray. They will also serve for one year.

The board of trustees also took care of some regular housekeeping at the organizational meeting. The monthly meeting of the board will continue to be on the fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m. and the *Altamont Enterprise* will continue as the official newspaper. Key Bank, NA will also continue as the village's bank.



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Grange continues observance

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Now through Saturday, April 26, from 10 a.m. until 5 p.m. many of the organizations in the Glenmont, Selkirk, South Bethlehem and Feura Bush areas have on display exhibits pertaining to the activities and functions of their groups, with representatives available to provide information to the public.

On Thursday, April 24, at 7:30 p.m., Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick will give an update on happenings in the town, followed by a question-and-answer period.

Saturday evening's activities will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will include a meeting of the granges in Albany County. RCS senior Rhonda Newton, recently named a finalist in the 1985 National Merit Scholarship program and recipient of the DAR Good Citizenship Award, will speak on "Liberty and the Flag."

Wanted: tailgate sale dealers
Dealers in quality merchandise are being sought to participate in the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association's annual tailgate sale, on Saturday, May 17. The sale is scheduled for 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. on the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum grounds, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk. Dealers who would like to take part in the event are invited to call 439-4526 for information or to reserve display space.

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The United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem United

NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup



Methodist Church plan a traveling bake sale this Saturday, April 26. The sale will begin at 10 a.m. in the South Bethlehem Post Office parking lot, on Rt. 396. A variety of freshly made homebaked items will be available to customers at that site before the sale takes to the streets of South Bethlehem.

Anyone who would like to bake for the sale is invited to contact co-chairmen Ada Court or Austa Cole.

RCS team takes 2nd

Nine members of the RCS Junior High Art Club recently attended the final competition of the Olympics of the Visual Arts. Students from all over the state attended the final event at the New York State Museum. More than 30 regional finalists were entered in eight categories: drawing, painting, sculpture, advertising, architecture, performing arts, art history and media arts.

The RCS junior high school students prepared a media arts presentation entitled "Transcendence" and won second place in the division. Students on the team were: Jerry Siquenza, Jeff Manilenko, Jennie Schwartz, Joy Donnelly, Heidi Kuhn, Anthony Cardin, Cherie Stalker, Tamie Stalker and John Blackmore.

Miss Vatalaro, art teacher, expressed her appreciation to all the parents who helped through the various stages of the project and who supported the students by attending the regional and state events.

Elks honor students
The Principal's Advisory Com-

mittee of the RCS Senior High School has selected the Students of the Month for March. They are Wendy Nolan and James Wasem.

Mother's Day contest

My Mother's Vanity, 427B Kenwood Ave., Delmar, is sponsoring a Mother's Day contest.

Essays describing in 35 words or less why your mother should be named 1986 mother of the years may be dropped in the ballot box at My Mother's Vanity no later than Thursday, May 8.

The mother named in the winning essay will receive lingerie from My Mother's Vanity, a corsage from Verstandig's Florist and a dinner for two at the Heavenly Inn.

For information call 439-0161.

Academy luncheon

The Albany Academy Mothers Association will hold their Spring luncheon and fashion show at the Albany Academy Fieldhouse, Hackett Blvd., Albany, on Wednesday, April 30.

The event will feature fashions by Filene's, lunch by The Unlimited Feast, a bake sale, boutique, plant sale, raffle and door prizes.

All are welcome to make \$12.50 reservations by calling Mrs. Rodney Sluyter at 371-8484.

Sewing machine clinic

A sewing machine clinic will be conducted by Rowland Sinnamon of the Sinnamon Sewing Machine Service and Knights Designer Fabrics on Tuesday, April 29, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m., at the William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.



New officers of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge Ladies Auxiliary are, from left, Judy Sumner, president; Patti Warnker, vice president, and Dianne Allen, treasurer.

Feura Bush meeting

Donald Prockup, president of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Teachers Association, will speak about contract negotiation during the April 30 meeting of the Feura Bush Neighborhood Association at the Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Following Prockup's presentation, *Spotlight* columnist Allison Bennett will present slides of historic homes in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

All are welcome.

Assessments readied

A tentative assessment roll should be completed and ready for inspection at Bethlehem Town Hall by Thursday, May 1. The tax roll will be available for review until the Board of Assessment Review meets for grievance day on May 20.

The final assessment roll will be completed by July 1. For information call 439-4955.

Break-in probed

Bethlehem police are investigating a break-in Friday night on Thorndale Rd. in Slingerlands. Alerted by an alarm, police found a garage door and an interior door at the residence forced open. A rear porch door had splintered when an attempt was made to pry it open, and a window in another door was broken to gain entry, according to the police report. Muddy footprints were found on porch steps and inside the house, the report noted.

A strongbox containing personal papers was taken, as well as bank books and a charge card, police said. Alarm boxes inside and outside the home had been removed, they noted.

Camera club winners

Winners of the Delmar Camera Club's March competition were Sheila Schlawin, Sally Whitcomb, Fredericka Florant, Amelia Andersen, Abbott Little, Yolanda Lindroth, Florence Becker and Gerald Miller.

Lox box for mom

The Minna Breuer Group of the Albany Chapter Hadassah will be offering a lox box for a Mother's Day treat.

The lox box will contain a half dozen Mt. Pleasant bagels, quarter-pound of Nova lox, three ounces of cream cheese, assorted cakes, pastries, muffins, a flower and a personal message. They will be delivered by 10 a.m. Mother's Day, May 11.

Only 100 boxes are available and orders must be received by Tuesday, May 6.

Boxes are available for check at \$10 each (tax deductible) made payable to Hadassah, and sent to Marlene Pressman, Box 432, Slingerlands, N.Y. 12151. Proceeds will go to support the Hadassah Hospital in Israel.

BOCES referendum

Voters in all 25 districts of Albany-Schoharie-Schenectady Counties Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) will be presented with a referendum Sept. 17 for the purchase of Maywood School from the South Colonie School District.

The Maywood School has been operated by BOCES since 1978 under a rental agreement with South Colonie. The BOCES program currently operating Maywood provides extensive services for more than 100 handicapped students from the area.

PUBLIC NOTICE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND

Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program

Effective immediately, the Town of Bethlehem announces the availability of a rental assistance payments program for elderly, handicapped, and other low income families in the Towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland. At the present time, rental assistance payments can be made to a total of 15 families that fall into the following family size and income brackets:

Family Size	Maximum Income
1	\$ 9,950
2	\$11,350
3	\$12,800
4	\$14,200
5	\$15,350
6	\$16,450
7	\$17,600
8 or more	\$18,750

Payments are provided to families residing in privately-owned rental housing, including units already occupied by eligible families. Families wishing to participate must apply for this specific program since it will have a waiting list separate from any other housing program. No family that applies for this program will lose its place on another housing program waiting list.

Owners of rental property located within the Town of Bethlehem and Town of New Scotland are encouraged to participate in the program, and to call the program office to learn of the benefits of participating in the Section 8 Program.

Owners and renters who want to apply for the program should call Joseph M. Mastrianni, Inc., consultant to the Town for the program at 372-4739 for more information.



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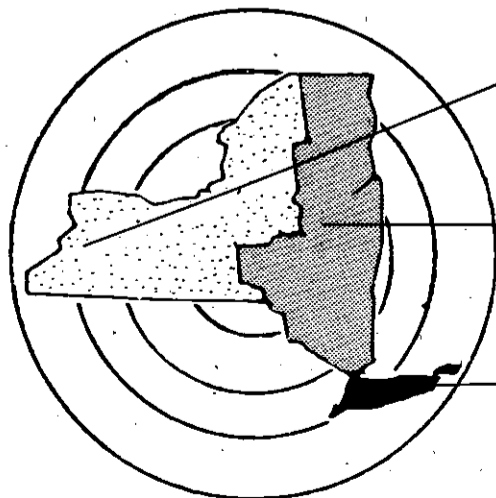
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Library budget up 10 percent

The Bethlehem Public Library Board of Trustees will put their proposed 1986-87 \$1.3 million budget before voters with the school district ballot on May 7.

The budget holds a tax increase of 7.9 percent in Bethlehem and a 7.5 percent increase in New Scotland. The budget has an increase of 10.5 percent over last year, or \$130,232.

A liability insurance increase of 100 percent is a factor in the budget increase, according to a board statement. Others cost increases are for library materials, supplies and staff salaries. Three

additional part-time positions have been recommended in the reference department, the media department and the custodial department.

Also on the ballot is Florence Harris running for a full, five year term as a member on the Board of Trustees. She was appointed to the board after Ethel Birchenough died in January. A long-time resident of Slingerlands, Harris is active in civic affairs and is the widow of Dr. Albert Harris. She has graduated from the St. Agnes School and Sarah Lawrence College.

Circulation of the library has continued to grow, and is now over 360,000 items a year. The number of library card holders has increased by 19 percent, bringing the total to over 21,000 with about 5,000 persons a week using the library. The number of reference questions answered during 1985 was over 43,000, an increase of 13.4 percent. The Bethlehem Public Library serves a population of 25,000.

The board will hold its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. Thursday, May 1 at the library. For more information, phone 439-9314.



Bob Oliver of the Bethlehem Lions Club, left, presents complimentary tickets to the recent barbershop quartet concert to Wilson Fisher, Frank Gilliland and Emma Smith, officers of the Good Samaritan Home resident council, as Bethlehem Lion Tom Collins, rear, looks on. The concert benefited the Epilepsy Association. *Spotlight*

Rental subsidy now available

Fifteen rental assistance units are now available in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland for lower income families. The units have been made available through the federal Section 8 Housing Assistance Payments Program, which provides for partial payments toward the total rent of privately owned rental units occupied by eligible families.

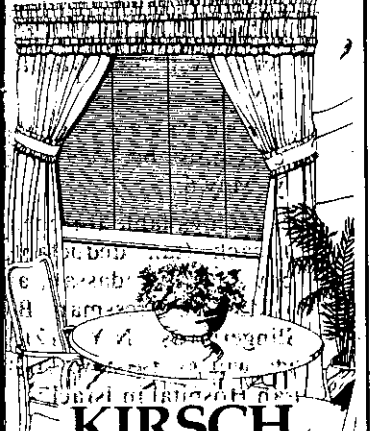
New units available include six units in the town of Bethlehem and nine units in the town of New Scotland.

The second phase of the Middle States Evaluation Program was completed April 8-11 at Bethlehem Central High School.

Nineteen educators from outside the school district visited the school to validate BC's staff evaluations of its programs, conducted as the first phase of the Middle States program.

The self and outside evaluations of the high school programming takes place about every 10 years. The goal is the Middle States accreditation that verifies that the school meets certain high standards. Besides the changes or reinforcements of the high school programming prompted by the evaluation process, accreditation is helpful to colleges in choosing high school students for admissions.

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units for elderly families needing one bedroom, six units for families needing two bedrooms, and three units for families needing three bedrooms. All funds for the partial payments and administration of the program are being provided by the U.S. Department of Housing and Urban Development.

The Town of Bethlehem applied for the Section 8 units on behalf of its residents and residents of the Town of New Scotland with assistance from Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc., a city planning and development firm in Schenectady.

To be eligible for the program, total annual income for a one-person household cannot exceed \$9,950; two-person household, \$11,350; three-person household, \$12,800; four-person household, \$14,200; five-person household, \$15,350; six-person household, \$16,450; seven-person household, \$17,600, and for eight or more in a household, \$18,750.

Families seeking to apply for the program need to complete a

preliminary application to determine eligibility.

The program make partial rent payments on behalf of the family directly to the owner as long as the family occupies the unit as provided in the lease.

Families interested in participating in the program, and rental property owners should call Joseph E. Mastrianni, Inc. in Schenectady.

For exhibitors

A three-day course for horticulture exhibitors and judges will be presented by the Federated Garden Clubs of New York State at the Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville on April 28, 29 and 30.

A founder's day

The Xi Gamma Psi Chapter of Beta Sigma Phi will celebrate Founder's Day on April 30 at the Century House in Latham.

Shirley Bone of Delmar has been elected vice president of the group for 1986-87.

Two deer hit

Two car-deer accidents were reported this week to Bethlehem police. A Voorheesville woman struck a deer shortly before 10 a.m. Saturday on Kenwood Ave. near Cherry Ave. and a Slingerlands man reported a deer ran into his car shortly before 9 a.m. last Tuesday on Delaware Ave. near the city line.

Home entered

A resident on Front Ave. in North Bethlehem returned home Saturday evening to find a cellar window open and front and rear

doors on the residence unlocked. According to Bethlehem police reports, it was not immediately known what, if anything, was missing.

Bikes found

Two bicycles were found this week in Bethlehem. A black, 10-speed boy's bike was found Sunday, and another boy's bike, also black, was found last Monday on a trail off Evelyn Dr. Both bikes, not registered with the town, are being held at police headquarters for the owners to claim.

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Pitching keeps RCS in field

By Bart Gottesman

After three games and a 2-1 record, Ravena baseball coach Gary VanDerzee feels that his team is playing "decently," but is "still tentative" in its play.

The team opened the week with a 14-7 loss at the hands of powerful Maple Hill, but rebounded strongly to win an exciting game with Lansingburgh, last season's Colonial Council runnerups, by a 4-3 score. Wednesday's game with Cossackie-Athens was postponed due to rain.

Don Keyer took the mound for the first time this year and the

hard throwing junior couldn't find the right combination, as he lasted only one inning against Maple Hill. Russ McBride relieved in the second inning and gave way to Rich Losee in the seventh.

In the first inning the Indians stormed out to a 5-0 lead, and moved to 6-1 before Maple Hill bats came alive with a nine-run second inning. John Waddingham led Ravena's offense as he went 2-3, scored two runs, and hit a double. Andy Casale also scored twice, while Larry Rivers and Brian Stumbaugh each added a hit and combined for three RBI's.

After barely missing a victory in his first outing, Rivers came back with another solid performance, this time picking up a one-run win over Lansingburgh. Although Rivers pitched an excellent game, everyone will remember Waddingham's titanic clout over the home run marker in the bottom of the seventh with the score tied, giving the Indians the 4-3 victory. On the day, Waddingham went 3-for-4. Rivers finished his second complete game, giving up three runs on four

hits and striking out seven.

Through the early goings of the season, VanDerzee feels that his pitching has kept the team in the games. "If the pitching stays as good as it has been, we will be in a lot of close, one-run games," he observed.

This week the Indians resume their 13-game stretch with Council teams. On Monday the Indians were scheduled to host Voorheesville. Today (Wednesday) and Friday Ravena travels to Waterford and Albany Academy respectively. Both games start at 4 p.m. The Indians stand at 2-1 overall and 1-0 in the Council.

Blackbirds net 3-1

By Rick Leach

It was a 1-1 week for the Voorheesville tennis team as they easily defeated Watervliet, but fell to second-place Cohoes. They also had a match rained out on Wednesday, leaving them 2-2 in the league and 3-2 overall. This is good enough for a tie for third place in the Colonial Council with Schalmont.

On Monday of last week victories by Jim Volkwein, Paul Nichols, Dean Solomoa, Chris Stevens and Tom Kurkjian in singles, and Tim Curran and Dave McCabe in doubles, devastated Watervliet. It was the latter two's first varsity match and they performed admirably.

On Friday at Cohoes the Blackbirds suffered a 4-2 loss in a match that was much closer than the score indicated. "We got a couple of bad breaks in the close

matches, otherwise it could have gone either way," said Coach Tom Kurkjian. Volkwein lost his first singles match to one of the top players in the area, his first defeat of the season. Nichols lost in straight sets, but No. 3 Kurkjian rallied for a 7-5, 2-6, 7-5 victory. Stevens evened the match with a 6-2, 6-2 win to remain undefeated. The Birds lost the next two matches, and the second doubles was not played due to darkness, ending the match at 4-2. "I think our second doubles team could have beaten theirs and we have very good chance next time," Kurkjian said.

The Birds had a match on tap this week at home against Lansingburgh on Monday. They challenge league-leading Albany Academy today (Wednesday). Academy has not lost a league match in five years and the Birds were looking to change that.

Eagles suffer first losses

By John Bellizzi III

The Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team entered the second week of the season undefeated at 1-0 and came out with a 2-2 record.

In their first league game last Monday they hosted Scotia and won, 3-1. Doug Pratt, the Eagles' starting pitcher, held the opposition hitless for five innings. Between Pratt, who also had a single, double and an RBI, and his relief pitcher, Geoff Mackey, Scotia was held to only three hits.

At Niskayuna Wednesday, in their first away game. Mike

Hodge and Ed Perry made their pitching debuts, but suffered BC's first loss, 7-0. On Friday the Eagles were defeated again, this time on home turf, where they bowed to Columbia, 10-2. BC only managed five hits, but pitcher Paul Evangelista and Hodge were hit hard.

The Eagles' next game is at home this Friday, at 1 p.m. against Burnt Hills. On Saturday they travel to Bleecker Stadium to take on Bishop Maginn at 11 a.m. The following Monday they are at Mohonasen, one of their Gold Division arch rivals.

Local swimmers top field

MaryLou Schulz of Delmar took four first places and a second at the fifth annual New York State Masters swimming championships in Syracuse last weekend. The two-day meet attracted 340 swimmers from three states between the ages of 20 and 86.

Schulz, competing in the women's 45-49 age category, won the 200 freestyle in 2:44.03, the 500 in 7:27.14, 50 butterfly in 39.98 seconds, and the 200 backstroke in 3:20.87. Her clocking of 3:23.90 was good for second place in the 200 IM.

Eileen Daugherty of Voorheesville placed fifth in the 100-yard IM for women 25-29. She also

swam the 100 and 500 freestyle events.

Two former Delmar residents also earned places in the top six in individual age-group events. Steve Bonawitz, who will graduate next month from the Upstate Medical Center, Syracuse, competing in men's 25-29, won the 200 backstroke in 2:14.15. He also was second in the 50 and 100 backstroke events and the 50 fly, and sixth in the 100 IM. His father, Irving Bonawitz, now living in the Virgin Islands, was third in the 50 free and fourth in the 50 butterfly.

All times by the local foursome were within qualifying limits for the summer Empire State Games.

Spotlight SPORTS

BC tramps Saratoga

By Charles Henrikson

Bethlehem Central's varsity tennis team coasted through a easy pre-vacation week of play last week.

The team crushed Saratoga, 1, in its lone match of the week. Eric Lee destroyed his opponent 6-2, 6-0, while his brother Steve was being hard-pressed to win 5-7, 6-2, 6-0. Neil Breslin and Brian Salens both lost their first set, but came back to win the respective matches. Mark Woodruff easily handled his opponent.

The three doubles contests were no contest, with BC winning each in straight sets. The winning teams were Dave Cory and Sam Erns, Jeff Ellenbogen and Dave Cunningham, and Scott Reed and Alex Hall.

This win boosted the team record to 2-1 after their second week of play. BC was scheduled to host Scotia last Wednesday, but this match was postponed until May 16 because of rain. The match against Burnt Hills, which has been partially completed, will be finished sometime after vacation, although no definite date has been set.

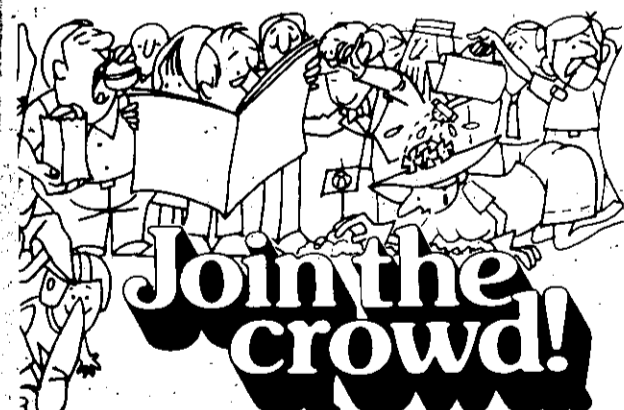
The team has no matches this week, only practice, because of spring break. The week following vacation looks to be quite a challenge for the team. On Tuesday, the first day back, the team goes up against a strong Shaker team, which has beaten the defending Sectional champion. On Thursday the team has a breather against Mohonasen, traditionally weak teams before taking on powerful Niskayuna on Friday. The Niskies won the Sectional last year.

Golf courses open

The two golf courses at Saratoga Spa State Park will open on Monday, April 29. Both the championship 18-hole course and the par 29 course will be open seven days a week, starting at 7 a.m. on weekdays and 7 a.m. on weekends.

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Indian Kris Ernst swings for a base hit Friday during a game forfeited by Voorheesville because it did not have enough players. Starting off the year at

6-1, RCS Coach Bruce Stott feels the team needs more power hitting to contend for the title.

Patricia Mitchell

Indians start year at 6-1

By Tim Penk
The RCS girls softball team has started the year with a successful record of 6-1. The team has defeated many strong opponents to prove their power in the Colonial Council.

At the heart of the team are the juniors who have returned from last year. Terry Baker is the pitcher for the Indians, and Jackie Mulligan is the shortstop with four years of varsity experience. Frances Losee is in center field.

and Amy Kane is the catcher. The team also has juniors Marie Setford, Tracy Klein, Holly Kennedy, Karen O'Brien and Gina Walker, and sophomores Lisa Holsapple, Tracy Tucker, Lori Rivers and Natalie Fitzgerald.

The coach is Bruce Stott, who sees the team as a strong defensive team based on good pitching. "We will win a lot of close games," said Stott, stressing the team's lack of power hitting. Stott feels the key to how well the team does is how

quickly the sophomores adapt to the varsity team. The Indians must limit errors and walks.

The Indians are favored with Schalmont and Watervliet to take the league. RCS received its first loss from Schalmont by 7-3. However, the Indians have beaten Bethlehem Central, Cocksackie Athens, Ichabod Crane, Waterford (by 27-9), Lansingburgh (by 9-5) and Voorheesville (by forfeit).

This week the Indians face Watervliet and Holy Names.

Lost games leave Birds flapping

By Dave Larabee
It was another long week for Voorheesville's varsity softball team, with the squad losing all three of their scheduled games.

The Ladybirds opened the week in Maple Hill with hopes of avenging their season opening defeat. These hopes vanished quickly as the home team jumped to an early lead which they never relinquished.

In trouncing the Ladybirds 25-2, Maple Hill roughed up an overworked Jeannette Kiegle. Since pitcher Colleen Taylor's early season injury, Kiegle has assumed all of the team's pitching responsibilities. "Colleen will be back after vacation, and we're looking forward to that," commented Coach Peg Squazzo.

Two days later the Ladybirds played host to the Lansingburgh Knights. Again the pitching burden fell on Kiegle's shoulders.

early in the second inning, Kiegle suffered a torn ligament in her left ankle. Despite this injury, she went on to pitch a respectable game in defeat. Throughout the year the Birds have had troubles in run production, and this game was no exception. The Ladybirds fell to the Knights, 12-5.

On Friday the team was scheduled to play at Ravena. Due

to family commitments, several players were unable to make the game and Voorheesville had to forfeit.

As a result of spring vacation, the team has no scheduled games this week. Next Monday the squad hosts Holy Names, followed by a Wednesday game at Mechanicville. The Birds will close out the week at Schalmont.

Eagles soar over Colonie, Niskayuna, record at 2-1

Strong bats and flashes of good pitching have boosted Bethlehem Central's softball team to a 2-1 record in early Suburban Council skirmishing.

After dropping the opener to perennial power Mohonasen, 10-4, the Eagles clobbered Niskayuna, 13-1, and came from far behind to edge Colonie, 10-9.

Two non-league workouts were on tap for the spring break this week, a Monday date at Middleburgh that was threatened by rain at presstime, and a Thursday morning appointment with Bishop Maginn that will serve as the home debut (10 a.m.).

The first full week of play featured some hefty slugging by Julie Francis, Nancy Frattura and Wendy Vogel, and a sparkling pitching performance by Kristi Burkart, the sophomore side of a sister combo that has handled the mound chores so far.

The younger Burkart spun a glossy four-hitter at Niskayuna, walking four and fanning four. The Eagles were leading by 1-0 until they unloaded a four-run barrage in the fourth. Vogel clouted a home run and single, Frattura had three singles, and Burkart chipped in with a double.

At Colonie the Eagles outthit their hostesses by 13-8, but gave out 13 free passes and made three errors. Bethlehem was trailing by 8-1 after four frames, but a seven-run outburst in the fifth knotted the score. The Eagles rallied for two more in the sixth and held on for a narrow victory.

Caroline Brooks, Katie Menzie, Amy Koski and Vogel had two

hits apiece in that one, Francis a double and single, and Frattura a three-bagger.

Two home runs by Francis were wasted in the opener at Rotterdam. Bethlehem had the lead twice, at 2-0 in the first and 4-3 in the top of the fourth, but the Mohons got three in the bottom half and went on to an easy win. Menzie had two hits and Frattura a double, but nine walks and nine errors were too much to overcome.

Next week BC returns to league action with home games Monday and Wednesday against Burnt Hills and Columbia before a road trip to Guilderland.

A letter man

Jay Henehan of Delmar, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has earned four letters on the mens swimming and diving team at Kenyon College in Gambier, Ohio.



Bowling honors for the week of April 18, 1986 at Del Lanes, Elmere go to:

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC MEETING
VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
Annual School District Meeting

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the qualified voters of Voorheesville Central School District, County of Albany, State of New York will be held in the auditorium of the Clayton A. Bouton High School in said District on Tuesday, May 6, 1986 at 7:30 p.m. Eastern Daylight Saving Time for the purpose of announcing and presenting candidates for the Board of Education and for the consideration of a budget for the school year 1986-1987 and for the transaction of such other business as is authorized by the Education Law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 6, 1986 the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 1986, at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

- To elect 1 member of the Board of Education for a 5 year term to fill

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the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of David Teuten.

2. To Vote on the Annual School Budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize the levy of taxes for this purpose.

And notice is also given that a copy of the statement of the amount of money which will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes, exclusive of public money, may be obtained by any taxpayer in the district during the seven days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturday, Sunday or holiday; at the following schoolhouse in which school is maintained during the hours designated:

Clayton A. Bouton High School; 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.

And notice is also given that petitions nominating candidates for the office of member of the Board of Education must be filed with the clerk of the district not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the district, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidate and must describe the specific vacancy

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for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

Dated: February 24, 1986 Peter G. Ten Eyck, II, District Clerk
And notice is also given that at the Annual School District Meeting the Public Library budget for the year 1986-1987 will be considered and such other business transacted by law.

And notice is also given that at the conclusion of the transaction of business on May 6, 1986, the Annual Meeting will be adjourned until 2:00 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7, 1986 at which time the meeting will be reconvened at the Clayton A. Bouton High School and the polls will be open and voting will proceed until 9:30 p.m. on the following:

- To elect a member of the Library Board for a 5 year term to fill the vacancy created by the expiration of the term of Jane Blessing.

- To vote on the Public Library budget and the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimate of expenditures, and to authorize

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the levy of taxes for this purpose.

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And notice is also given that the petitions nominating candidates for the office of the Library Board must be filed with the clerk of the Library Board not later than the 30th day preceding the school meeting. Each petition must be directed to the clerk of the Library Board, must be signed by at least twenty-five qualified voters of the district, must state the name and residence of the candidates and must describe the specific vacancy for which the candidate is nominated including at least the length of the term of office and the name of the last incumbent.

Dated: February 24, 1986
JANE SALVATORE, CLERK
(April 23, 1986)

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NOTICE TO BIDDERS

The Board of Education, Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville, New York, will receive sealed proposals for:

The installation of new cafeteria at the Jr.-Sr. High School, Voorheesville, New York.

Proposals shall be addressed to the "Clerk" Board of Education, Voorheesville Central School District, Voorheesville, New York 12186. Proposals will be received until 2:00 p.m., May 1, 1986 at the Superintendent's office, Voorheesville Jr.-Sr. High School, at which time, the bids will be publicly opened and read aloud.

The information for Bidders, Forms for Proposals, General Conditions of the Contract, Supplementary General Conditions of the Contract, Specifications and Drawings for a new cafeteria ceiling at the Jr.-Sr. High School may be examined on or after April 1, 1986 at the office of Hartheimer, Bender & Estey, Architects and Engineers, One Becker Terrace, Delmar, New York. Complete sets of plans and specifications will be available to prospective bidders and copies thereof may be obtained at the Architect's office upon deposit of \$25.00 for each set of Plans and Specifications will be refunded his

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deposit.

For the convenience of prospective bidders, subcontractors, and material suppliers, Drawings and Specifications will be on file at Dodge Reports, 4 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205 and Eastern Contractors Association, Inc., 6 Airline Drive, Albany, New York 12205.

Each bidder must deposit with his bid, security in the amount of not less than five percent (5%) of his total bid in the form and subject to the conditions provided in the "Information for Bidders."

Attention of Bidders is called particularly to the requirements as to conditions of employment to be observed and minimum wage rates to be paid under any contract to be awarded in connection with this project.

No bidder may withdraw his bid within forty-five (45) days after the actual time of the formal opening of bids, but may withdraw it any time prior.

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School District Clerk
VOORHEESVILLE CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT
(April 23, 1986)

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34 LONGWOOD DR., Delmar, Saturday, April 26th, 8:30-12:00; bikes, children's items.

35 MAPLE AVE., Slingerlands (off By-pass), Saturday, April 26 9 a.m. 4 p.m., household items, tools & all.

ELM ESTATES April 25 & 26th, 23 & 27 King Court, Friday 9:30-2:00; 19, 23, 27 & 31 King Court, Saturday 9-3, baby & children's items, household, mini blinds, furniture.

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61 MAPLE AVE., Selkirk, Barn Sale, April 26 & 27, 9-5, country collectibles.

117 BROCKLEY DR., Delmar, off Orchard St., Saturday, April 26, 9 to 3 p.m., household, misc.

46 DELMAR PLACE, Delmar, Saturday, April 26, 8-2. Baby equipment, children's toys and clothes, maple kitchen table.

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Obituaries

Cecil Huntley

Cecil R. Huntley, 84, of Delmar died April 14 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

A resident of Delmar for the past 25 years, he worked in the publications department at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar for the past 10 years. Earlier in his career, he was a service manager for General Motors in Albany. He worked at Marsh Hallman Chevrolet, Albany, before retiring.

He was a communicant of Our Savior's Lutheran Church in Delmar.

He leaves his wife, Mary C. Alsdorf-Huntley, a daughter, Patricia H. Hoyt of Castleton; a son, Alan Huntley of Northwood, England; a stepson, John E. Leary of Ballwin, Mo.; a sister, Ruth Greenleaf of North Syracuse, and a brother, Harold D. Huntley of Troy. He is also survived by eight grandchildren and one great-granddaughter.

Arrangements were by the Farley and Son Funeral Home, Slingerland. Burial was in St. John's Lutheran Cemetery, Delmar.

William Schwindeman

William H. Schwindeman, 86, a longtime resident of Glenmont, died April 14 at the Guilderland Center Nursing Home.

Born in Jersey City, N.J., he retired from the sales department of Mobil Oil Company, Albany, in 1958.

He was a member of the Evangelical Protestant Church in Albany.

He leaves his wife, Marion J. Hauser Schwindeman; a son, W. Richard Schwindeman of Westport, Conn., four grandchildren and a nephew.

Arrangements were by Edmund J.C. Dascher Sons Funeral Home, Troy. Burial was in Graceland Cemetery, Albany.

That's mine, all right

An Albany resident who dumped some trash near Wheeler Rd. in Glenmont got to go out and pick it up over the weekend, according to Bethlehem police reports. The debris, which included discarded furniture, contained envelopes bearing the owner's Albany address, so when police received the complaint, they were able to find the culprit immediately.

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Delmar Postmaster Henry Betke points out that while almost all packages and envelopes handled by the U.S. Postal Service reach their destination without incident, insurance is a safe and economical way to assure reimbursement in the event of accidental damage or loss of merchandise or valued objects.

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Betke recommends that all irreplaceable articles, regardless of value, and all items worth more than \$500 be sent by registered mail.

Betke cautions that payment for a lost item is limited to the actual value less depreciation. Betke also said the insurance does not cover sentimental value or the spoilage of perishable items.

Claim forms for loss or damage of insured, registered, COD or express mail are available at the Delmar Post Office.

Instead of sending cash through the mail, Betke recommends the purchase of domestic money orders. "If your money order is lost or stolen, present your customer receipt and it can be replaced," said Betke.



FIRE FIGHTERS CORNER

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Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
April 10	8:50 a.m.	Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Personal accident
April 10	9:45 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
April 10	11:45 a.m.	Slingerland Fire Dept.	Brush fire
April 10	4:16 p.m.	Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Medical emergency
April 10	4:32 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart attack
April 10	4:40 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad for Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Personal accident
April 10	6:42 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire Dept.	Chimney fire
April 10	6:42 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
April 11	8:53 a.m.	New Salem Fire Dept.	Brush fire
April 11	6:35 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
April 11	6:35 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
April 12	5:16 a.m.	Selkirk Fire Dept.	Car fire
April 12	8:20 a.m.	Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Medical emergency
April 12	9:41 a.m.	Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Personal accident
April 12	11:37 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal accident
April 12	2:36 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal accident
April 14	4:36 a.m.	Bethlehem Vol. Amb.	Medical emergency
April 15	10:23 a.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Open Fire
April 15	10:30 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Fire stand by
April 15	11:37 a.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Wash Down
April 15	5:04 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal accident
April 15	7:50 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Vehicle accident
April 16	5:42 p.m.	Voorheesville Vol. Amb.	Personal accident
April 16	9:51 p.m.	Voorheesville Vol. Amb.	Medical emergency

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Field studies set

Two free field studies of birds and wildflowers will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, May 3.

At 9:30 a.m. "The Buffer's

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Reeves reports

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the widespread support the community gave me in the Bethlehem Central school board election a year ago, I would like to submit the following report on the frustrations I have encountered as well as the modest and occasional successes I have achieved in the first year of my term on the board.

My opposition to the proposed school budget and the reasons therefore have been well reported in the media, so there is no need to reiterate, other than to say there is excessive spending that does not add one iota toward our goal of quality education.

I do want to say, however, that the budget process itself is an enigma, a massive dose of futility with no logical related tax-base parameters until the final session or two. We sift through a Christmas-like wish-list, and line-by-line we go through the matting-ritual of pruning, or more accurately, adding. Ten or so time-consuming sessions later, at the expense of other important business that gets pushed forward like a rattle in a rug, at long last brings us to a startling conclusion — a 9-percent increase in the budget is only a 3-percent increase in the tax rate (not counting the

Glenmont classroom additions, of course).

Also, symptomatic of our malaise, is "the cost after state aid is only X percent," or "we have very little control over the budget, what with state mandates." Pure fiction, but there are people who swallow this. Who tells us how much staff we need?

The budget increase of \$1.5 million over this year's anticipated level of spending is an increase of 8.9 percent, which does not include the Glenmont "relocatables," taking the increase to over 10 percent. While the majority on the board (the votes are invariably 6 to 1) is comfortable with this increase, I'm not. I'm not comfortable with an early retirement incentive program that will not only replace all 20-plus experienced professionals and 10-plus non-instructional employees, but will add, with board approval, five-plus teaching positions and at least three non-instructional positions with a near-negligible rise in enrollment. An example of flagrant fiscal mismanagement.

The majority on the board has also managed, in a climate of 3.4-percent increase in the Consumer Price Index (cost of living) and 5-percent raises for SUNY and state government employees, to agree to a contract to give teachers

a 27-percent pay raise, compounded, over three years. And now the door has been opened to a new taxpayer-financed enhanced life insurance coverage for 10 principals and assistant principals, at taxpayer expense. (Another 6-1 vote!)

Meanwhile the quest continues for the elusive definition of quality in our educational program. It remains undefined, unqualified, unquantified. We continue to measure ourselves against state and national norms, and refuse to make comparisons with similar Suburban Council schools (except in the area of professional compensation). And we console and convince ourselves by the numbers of Regents scholarships that we are the best, despite evidence that suggests several other suburban schools are ahead of us. At the same time serious challenges to our academic achievement are either ignored by the administration or go unanswered in the public arena.

While it is frustrating to be in the minority on our school board, it is also a healthy challenge. I hope that all conscientious citizens who value quality education and fiscal integrity, especially parents of school children who have so much at stake, will cast thoughtful votes on May 7. For my own part, I can also hope to get a little more help on the board.

Delmar

Charles W. Reeves was elected to the Bethlehem Board of Education last year with the support of the Bethlehem United Taxpayers, which is running two candidates in this May's school board election.

Timing unacceptable

Editor, The Spotlight:

Last Tuesday parents and residents finally had the opportunity to address their concerns regarding the location of the proposed Northeast Psychiatric Hospital near the Glenmont Elementary School.

Unfortunately, Planning Board Chairman John Williamson, knowing the controversial nature of the psychiatric hospital issue, scheduled two public hearings on the same evening. A lengthy presentation on the Meadows development caused the hearing for the psychiatric hospital to be delayed almost an hour and a half. Another lengthy presentation by hospital proponents further delayed public comment. As a result, many parents who had hired babysitters in order to attend and voice their concerns, had to leave before they had the opportunity to speak. Members of the press who intended to cover the public hearing also had to leave to prepare for their 11 p.m. news programs. Despite these circumstances, many of us were able to remain until the end of the hearing and left Town Hall at 1:30 a.m.

I am writing to Chairman Williamson and Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick to ask them to take appropriate measures to insure that this situation does not occur again. Scheduling of a public hearing which results in excessive inconvenience to the public is unacceptable.

Hospital proponents, anticipating the concerns of parents, offered to train school playground monitors in dealing with psychiatric patients. I doubt that monitors, who supervise our children on school playgrounds, are looking forward to such encounters. Hospital proponents are missing the point. We don't want the

situation which would require such training to exist.

The real issue is that none of us, despite our desire to see psychiatric patients receive quality care and appropriate treatment, are willing to accept the increased risk that the facility's proposed location would bring to our children. The potential for unauthorized patient departure, considering an eight-foot fence and other possible security deficiencies, coupled with the fact that voluntary psychiatric patients are usually released from a facility if they so desire, is cause for concern.

Despite claims of some in the psychiatric field, serious incidents have occurred and will continue to occur. Many of these incidents have been documented. To deny that they occur or attempt to minimize their potential effect, does not lessen the concerns of those who live in the real world.

George M. Kaufman

Glenmont

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Editor, The Spotlight:

We believe there is a clear need for residential facilities to treat psychiatric patients. However, there is no reason to put the building anywhere near a school when there is available land in other areas of Bethlehem.

As voters and as parents, we urge all involved to reconsider the location. We go on record as supporting the Glenmont PTA stand in opposition to construction near their school.

*The Executive Board
Elsmere School PTA
Rita Altman, President
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Short-sighted gain

Editor, The Spotlight:

The following letter has been sent to Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick:

Well, after waiting over one month for a public hearing with the planning board, the residents of Glenmont finally had their turn to confront the issues concerning the proposed psychiatric center. Unfortunately, the wait did not end until after 11 p.m.

Not until after a one and one-half hour discussion concerning the Bender Lane development, and a two-hour highly redundant presentation by Hospital Group of New York, was the door finally opened for the public to speak.

The "uneducated, highly emotional" folks of Glenmont represented themselves wonderfully. Time and time again opponents of the psychiatric center expressed doubts concerning, among other things, security, and the categories in which the hospital's patients would lie.

Hopefully, the board was not lulled into a false sense of security by Albany Med's Dr. Kraft. Who better to masterfully quell one's fears than a psychiatrist himself! But indeed, those fears do remain in the minds of the members of our community, which I do believe the board will acknowledge as justifiable.

From a strictly financial standpoint, I ask the board to also question the possibility that a psychiatric center would narrow the prospects of developing the adjacent land located on Rt. 9W. The types of suburban construction which would enhance our community perhaps would view a facility of this type, albeit an aesthetically appealing one, as an undesirable neighbor.

The board must consider these

implications while attempting to expand our current tax base.

Indeed, a short-sighted gain may prove to be a long-term albatross.

Jane E. Gavi

Glenmont

Musical afternoon

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Thursday, April 17, the Bethlehem Senior Citizens and guests enjoyed the music of Roger DiNucci and his band for an afternoon filled with "Big Band" music and fun.

We would like to thank the band members, especially Roger DiNucci, for his work in arranging the performance, and Brownie Troop 290 from Glenmont School for their hours of work in providing decorations for each table and the auditorium walls. Their "labor of love" certainly made the afternoon festive and bright.

It was an afternoon to remember!

*Karen Pelletier
Coordinator*

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Girl, Stephanie Marie, to Donna M. and Wayne A. Wright, Delmar, March 14.

Girl, Sarah, to Tammy Smith and Francis Harper, Voorheesville, March 16.

Girl, Kaitlyn Elizabeth, to Theresa and Patrick Arico Jr., Voorheesville, March 19.

Girl, Genya, to Gay Petri and Victor Shimkin, Delmar, March 25.

Girl, Jessie Ann, to Pat and Gordy Hamilton, South Bethlehem, March 27.

Boy, Richard, to Gretchen and Richard Burton, Glenmont, March 30.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Sarah Nellie, to Kathleen and David Disonell, Selkirk, March 11.

Boy, Patrick Brian, to Dr. and Mrs. Brian Bush, Voorheesville, March 13.

Girl, Brittany Marie, to Rod and David Worgan, Delmar, March 14.

Boy, Charles Wellington, to Sukie and Richard Olinger, Glenmont, March 19.

Boy, David Charles, to Deborah and Robert Ward, Selkirk, March 20.

Boy, Scott Ray, to Amy and Stan Solomon, Delmar, March 24.

Kettering Memorial Hospital, Ohio

Girl, Emily Anne, to Eileen and Frederick Craig Lotz, Ohio, March 2. Paternal grandparents are Joanne Lotz of Delmar and Walter B. Lotz Jr. of Gunderland. Frederick Lotz, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Bryant College, Rhode Island, is a product manager for NCR Corp. in Dayton, Ohio.

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An Oct 4 wedding is planned.

New Salem man wed

Kathleen Denman-Snyder, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Stephen A. Denman of Basking Ridge, N.J., and John W. Baker II, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter J. Baker of New Salem, were married Feb. 22 in Summit, N.J., by Rev. Richard Woodman.

Diane Lassi, sister of the bride, was matron of honor. David R. Baker, brother of the bridegroom, was best man. Frank S. Baker, brother of the bridegroom, served as usher.

After a wedding trip to St. Maarten, the couple settled in Morristown, N.J.

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The Bethlehem Channel (Cable Channel 7) is presenting "a beginner's course in astrology with Judith Longley and her student, Don Edmans.

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Susan McGarrahan wed

Susan Mary McGarrahan, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John McGarrahan of Delmar, and David Dominic Gonino, son of Arlene Gonino of Schenectady and Joseph Gonino of Cardiff, Calif., were married March 8 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, with Rev. Geoffrey Burke officiating.

Ellen McGarrahan, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Patti Weinstein, Vicki Wellington and Lisa Thorndike Breitmayer served as bridesmaids. Douglas Hamlin was best man, and ushers were Joseph Gonino, brother of the

groom, Joseph Rose and Arthur Banks.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh, is employed by First Albany Corporation. The bridegroom, a graduate of the State University at Albany, is employed in the treasurer's office at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple has settled in East Greenbush.

Fashion show set

The annual St. Thomas Church fashion show and dessert party will be held on Friday, May 9, at St. Thomas the Apostle School, beginning at 7:30 p.m.

Womens fashions from Talbots on Wolf Road, childrens fashions from Gingersnips Ltd. of Delmar and shoes from Laura Taylor Ltd. of Delmar will be featured.

Models in the show are Barbara Sumner, Cindy Conti, Joan Link, Marie Myer, Melody Scimone, Robyn Reeves, Chris Reeves, Joan Isbister, Jonatha Carroll, Tricia O'Donnell, Ann Jeram, Kim Jeram, Barbara Hodom, Kathy Eodom, Cathy Capobianco, Donna McAndrews, Kate Sumner, Kelly Link, Joshua Myer and David Scimone.

Tickets will be sold on April 20 and April 27, after the 9 and 10:30 a.m. Masses at St. Thomas the Apostle Church. For information call Nancy Appleby at 439-6704.



The Bethlehem senior citizens will meet at Bethlehem Town Hall on Thursday, April 24, for crafts with Lillian Weiler. The class will be held in room 116 at 1 p.m.

A senior van shopping trip to Delaware Plaza for residents of Delmar, Elsmere, Slingerlands and North Bethlehem will be held on Monday, April 28, from 8:30 to 11:30 a.m. A van trip to the Glenmont Plaza for senior citizens from Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem will be held on Thursday, May 1, from 9 to 11 a.m.

On Sunday, May 4, a senior bus will travel to St Andrew's Dinner Theatre to see "The Pleasure of His Company," a comedy by Cornelia Otis Skinner. The bus will leave the municipal lot at 4 p.m. The show begins at 5 p.m. Call 439-5770, between 9 and 11 a.m., for reservations.

Time Out for parents

Help, I'm a Parent is the name of the book to be discussed at the May 5 meeting of Mother's Time Out, a Christian support group for mothers of pre-school children.

The meeting will be held from 10 to 11:30 a.m. at the Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar. Child care will be provided. For information call Mary Ann Wierks at 439-9929.

Abele-Suciu

Mr. and Mrs. Christian N. Abele of Glenmont have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathy Sue, to James Nicholas Suciu, son of Dr. and Mrs. S.N. Suciu of Palm Harbor, Fla.

The bride-to-be, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson University, is a sales and application engineer for the General Electric Company in Schenectady.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Niskayuna High School and Purdue University, is employed by General Electric as a sales manager for the North America marketing operations.

A Sept. 6 wedding is planned.

Changes at CDCPC

The Citizens Advisory Network at the Capital District Psychiatric Center is seeking volunteers to help improve and enhance the atmosphere and environment at the center in Albany.

The citizens group, led by Jeanne Shaw Berman of Glenmont, plans to redecorate and refurbish the center and convert the former art gallery into a family resource center.

Jerry Jonas, president of the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont, will supervise the landscaping.

For information call 439-1565.



Community Corner

School Fair

All are welcome to enjoy games, prizes, pony rides, a balloon launch and more at the Elsmere Elementary School fair. All proceeds will be used to fund enrichment programs sponsored by the Elsmere School Community Organization-Parent Teacher Association. Join the fun and enjoy the fair.



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