

# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Psychiatric hospital said a good neighbor

### But Glenmont visitors not convinced

By Theresa Bobear

"They come from home. They come from this community. They receive treatment here, and they go back home."

Nancy Jennings was describing in simple terms the patient population at Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, in White Marsh, Pa., where she is director of social services. "A lot of the people come from the community or nearby," said Jennings. "These are people who are paying. They're not wandering. They have homes. They have resources."

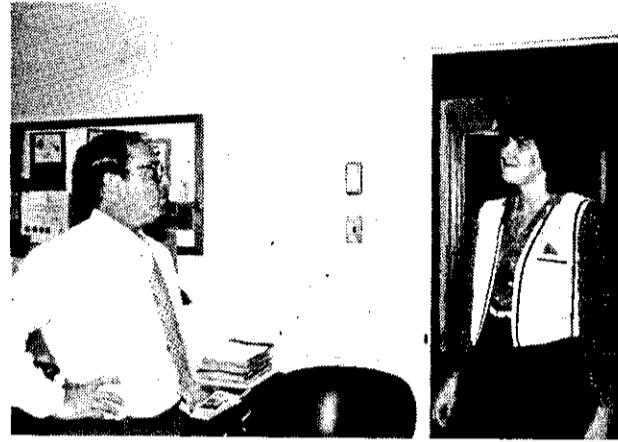
Her audience was a group of Bethlehem residents and town officials on a visit last Thursday to look at a private psychiatric facility, similar to the proposed Northeastern Psychiatric Hospital, a private 96-bed facility planned for construction by the Hospital Group of New York, in cooperation with Albany Medical College, on Rt. 9W in Glenmont. The parent company for both the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry and the proposed Glenmont hospital is NuMed, a fast-growing California-based health services corporation.

The visit followed a lengthy and emotional public hearing before the Bethlehem Planning Board, during which Glenmont residents expressed concern about locating a psychiatric hospital near the Glenmont Elementary School. While the proximity of the school remained an issue for some of the tour participants, the opportunity to see a private psychiatric hospital in operation — and hear about its philosophy of operation — apparently answered some questions.

The visitors were William Johnston Jr., a member of the Bethlehem Planning Board; Colleen Foro, a Glenmont PTA executive board member; Sue Ann Ritchko, a Bethlehem Town Board member; Sue Belemjian, president of the Glenmont PTA; John Flanigan, Bethlehem's building and fire inspector; Amber Jones, vice president for planning at Albany Medical College, and this reporter. NuMed paid all travel expenses except for Flanigan, Ritchko and Johnston, whose expenses were paid by the town.

At Northwestern the visitors had an opportunity to speak with hospital officials and an official from the nearby school about various aspects of mental health treatment and its place in the community.

Anthony Santore, president of NuMed's psychiatric division, began the day by reviewing the history of mental health care from the days when people with mental illness were institutionalized "out on the fringe" through to the present system of offering "good humane care" to the mentally ill without moving the patients further out of the mainstream. "We wanted to put the hospital back into the community," said Santore, who has been with the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry since 1966, when the institution was a public facility located eight miles from its present location. The administrator said moving the hospital back into the community was more humane and better for the patients because it allowed them to be closer to their families. "We felt we wanted to be closer to the community," said Santore. "The neighborhood, I can tell you, has remained stable."



Roger Eastlake, a guidance counselor at the Germantown Academy and a former board member of Northwestern, and Sue Belemjian, president of the Glenmont PTA, discuss the hospital's impact on the school. *Spotlight*

"I felt the locked door syndrome was anti-therapeutic," said Santore. "I worked against that kind of system."

"The idea was that people should not be warehoused away but should be actively treated and integrated back into the community," said Jennings.

Santore said there is a stigma surrounding the treatment of the mentally ill. "It's going to take a long

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Last Thursday was not a good day for Mrs. William Luck Sr., the owner of this Selkirk home. The weeping willow crashed to the ground, damaging the porch and car. Rob Fournier, above, and Jim Haslam of the Haslam Tree Service sawed through most of Saturday morning to remove the tree piece by piece. *Lora Ide*

## Line forms at rear for Lane seat

By Tom McPheeters

Assemblyman C.D. "Larry" Lane's decision to call it quits after 24 years has apparently opened a floodgate of pent up Republican political aspirations.

The Town of Bethlehem alone could have three strong candidates for the Republican nomination for the 102nd District seat, and maneuvering for Albany County support will be intense in the weeks to come. But that appears to be the least of the hurdles facing any local candidate — both Greene County and Columbia County Republicans, for different reasons, lay claim to ownership of the seat.

### POLITICS

Add to that the fact that the Democrats already have their candidate, Columbia County District Attorney Eugene Keeler, and that he is already campaigning. While Republicans outnumber Democrats in the sprawling district, Lane's margin of victory has steadily declined, and two years ago he carried Bethlehem by only 1,160 votes.

One local Republican estimated last week that a winning effort in the primary will cost \$30,000, and that the general election will cost

between \$55,000 and \$60,000.

Despite the fact that Lane was reportedly close to quitting two years ago — a fact he confirmed last week — his announcement caught many Republicans by surprise. The Windham Republican said he wanted to "move on to other challenges," noting that his hotel business has grown to three times what it was 10 years ago.

Last week, Bethlehem Republican Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz became the first Albany County Republican to formally declare his candidacy. Kaplowitz said he has been discussing his candidacy

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## Grand Union building may reopen

By Patricia Mitchell

The vacant Grand Union building in Voorheesville may be hearing the ring of a cash register soon.

The Crown Group Development Corp., a New York City-based firm, has subleased the building from Grand Union and is presently trying to find tenants, said James J. Quinn of the corporation.

A food chain and a pharmacy are interested in renting half of the 20,000-square foot building and Quinn said he is also negotiating with two other businesses.

### VOORHEESVILLE

"We will have tenants for the other half," Quinn said. "It is kind of difficult to get tenants in Voorheesville. We are working very diligently."

Quinn said he has contacted clothing stores and shoe chains to rent the other half of the building, but he said he would be interested in leasing to any type of store, such as a dry cleaner or fabric store.

"What ever the village would

permit. We will do everything the village tells us to do. I have been working with the mayor and the building inspector," Quinn said.

The building's air conditioner has to be repaired and the divisions for the stores have to be constructed before the potential July or August opening date. Quinn said the building will open whether or not it is all leased.

"Safely, I would say August," Quinn said.

The Crown Group Development Corp. bought the 25-year

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## □ Lane

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with Albany County political leaders, but as yet has no commitments.

"Following Larry Lane in the Assembly is certainly a difficult task," he said. "However, I firmly believe my extensive experience in public affairs, my prior experience as a legislator, and my contributions to my community qualify me." Kaplowitz served two terms in the Albany County Legislature and has been chairman of the town Republican Committee since 1977 and Bethlehem town attorney since 1978.

Kaplowitz's strength would be in the Albany County portion of the district — the towns of Bethlehem and Coeymans — but two other Bethlehem Republicans with somewhat broader connections in the district are also considering the race. Gary Swan, director of management services for the Assembly Republicans, and Regina Dubois, Lane's special assistant, both said last week they are seeking support.

Swan, a Delmar resident and member of the Bethlehem Board of Appeals whose background is in agriculture, said he will make a decision "within a very few days."

Dubois, a Glenmont resident who has been on Lane's staff for 11 years and his campaign manager since 1978, said she has been talking to people in all three counties to assess her chances.

The Albany County portion of the 102nd District has the second

largest Republican registration in the district, after Greene County but ahead of the western portion of Columbia County. However, political leaders in both of the other counties apparently have strong feelings about who should represent the district.

Greene County leaders have been quoted as saying that since their county is wholly in the district, the Republican candidate should continue to come from Greene County. County legislator Nils Backlund, an automobile dealer from New Baltimore, is reportedly the front runner as the Greene County standard bearer.

Columbia County Republicans feel that the seat is theirs as the result of an agreement made when the Columbia and Greene county districts were combined years ago. Lane won a primary to represent the new district, but after the 1980

census Columbia County was split up so that only a portion is now in the 102nd District. Names mentioned as Columbia County candidates are John Fasso, the Kinderhook town chairman, and John and George Sharpe, brothers who are, respectively, the county chairman and the chairman of the county board of supervisors.

The chances that the counties could get together to avoid a primary are, as one Bethlehem Republican said, "slim."

### Garage sale

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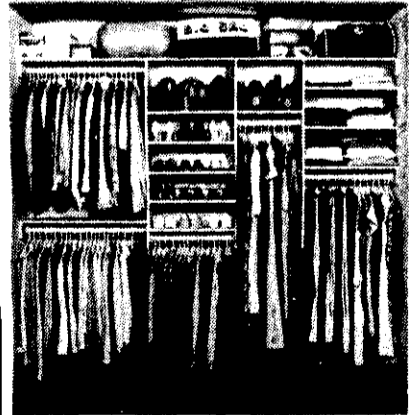
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## Voting today in BC

Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 9 p.m. today (Wednesday) at the Bethlehem Central Middle school for voting on an \$18.9 million budget proposal for the district and on candidates for two seats on the school board.

Candidates are Sherwood Davies of Delmar, Timothy Fitzgerald of Selkirk and Bernard Harvith, also of Delmar, for the seat Harvith now holds, and Nathaniel Boynton of New Scotland and Marjory O'Brien of Delmar, for the seat O'Brien holds. Terms are for three years.

Also on the ballot is a proposition to authorize five-year financing in the amount of \$326,000 to purchase eight buses and a station wagon for the district.

All U.S. citizens 18 or older who have resided in the district at least 30 days are eligible to vote. Pre-registration is not required. The school is located at 332 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

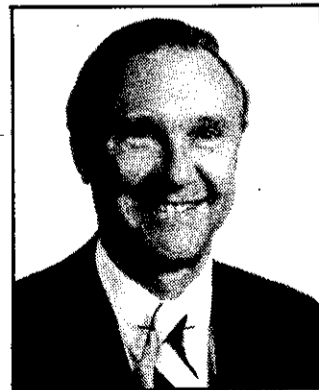
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# Party line all the way in Civic Center voting

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County will have a civic center, funded by a \$35 million bond issue and a \$6.5 million state loan, but the garage to go with it, adding about \$7 million more to the total cost, will be financed by a private developer.

The bond issue was authorized, 26-10, on a party line vote by the Democrat-controlled legislature after one and a half hours of discussion in a special session last week. Minority leader W. Gordon Morris of Delmar and fellow Republicans Michael Ricci of Voorheesville and David Mueller of Guelderland were absent.

The bond decision marked the official go-ahead for the construction project, which will put a 15,000-seat center for sports and entertainment events and conventions in Downtown Albany. Initiated by County Executive James J. Coyne Jr. in 1982, the center concept has been a controversial item for nearly three years.

With two thirds of its member voting yes, the 39-member legislature exactly met the approval count needed for the bond authorization. Since there are only 13 Republican legislators, resolutions are assured passage with an affirmative majority party vote, but there had been speculation that this time voting would cross party lines. Individual members were on record against a center that would be too costly, too big, or take too long to become self-supporting.

To overcome opposition to the most factor, the bond resolution was tailored to provide for private financing and construction of the parking garage. Following the recommendation of the legislature's Civic Center Committee, the resolution contains a provision stating that the bonding "is expressly conditioned upon there being a commitment for the private financing and construction of a parking facility having a minimum of 900 parking spaces, or utilization in connection with the civic center."

The committee has yet to choose the garage builder but is negotiating through County Attorney William J. Conboy II.

Because of the garage provision, Majority Leader Harold L. Joyce, who also heads the Civic Center Committee, had looked for Republican votes to give the bond issue a wider victory margin. He told reporters that some minority

members of the committee had indicated they would vote affirmatively but "apparently somebody convinced them otherwise."

One reason why Joyce may have hoped for Republican votes is that Albany Democrat Richard Meyers is part owner of a parcel of land on Eagle St., adjacent to the civic center site, and his vote had been challenged by the Republicans. At the meeting, Meyers read a statement saying he had been assured by Conboy that there was no legal restriction on his voting.

Morris, who returned from a previously scheduled vacation trip Monday, said it does not appear that there is a legal basis for challenging Meyer's vote in court. "There is no question in anybody's mind that morally he had no right to vote," he said, but the state law is "vague" and there appear to be no precedents that cover the situation. Morris added that he is glad that no Republicans voted for the bonding resolution.

"For the next 10 years we'll be able to point to that building and say, 'we had no part of that — the Democrats did it,'" Morris said.

During its history of proposal, progress, and set-backs, the center project has frequently been debated by the legislators. Recently, they approved contracts involving design, management and financial counsel and earlier had authorized studies and consultant fees.

Always vocal on the subject, the opposition continued its barrage of criticism right down to the final vote last week.

"I am pleased to vote in the opposition," Republican James C. Ross of Delmar declared. He said that he could not vote for "a civic center that costs that amount of money, is of that size, is beyond practical use, and removes historical buildings that should be preserved."

Ross also criticized Joyce for "focusing on personality and party instead of facts and finance" after Joyce said he "had a little bit of trouble hearing members of the minority say they will vote against the center because of a lack of information."

Republican Robert W. Hoffmeister, also of Delmar, pointed out that he has consistently opposed the center because "the price is simply too big."

Colonic Republican Robert G. Prentiss dramatically ended a tirade of opposition by dumping

on his desk a paper bag full of what he said were protests against the project gathered in an informal poll he had conducted among his constituents.

Prentiss termed the project "Coyne's castle to be built on quicksand" and said "the people of Albany County will sink in the hole."

His lengthy remarks were interrupted by the legislature's chairman, Charles E. Cahill, pounding his gavel and urging Prentiss to "get on with the resolution."

Kenneth S. McCaffer Jr., Republican from Menands, urged his colleagues to realize that the resolution requires that money be paid back on the state loan.

The project, he said, "is a raid on the public treasury to put us in business so some people can make money... this monster on Pearl Street (the proposed site) is draining every dollar we have," he shouted to the applause of onlookers in the back of the legislative chamber.

Paul E. Scaringe, Loudonville, Edward Buhrmeister, Latham, and Margaret M. Schwarz, Colonie, all minority members of the civic center committee, each had different reasons for the negative votes. Scaringe pointed out that the bond expenditure did not take into account "five and half million spent last year and a million and a half spent this year" on center-related contracts.

Buhrmeister said the center was being built on the wrong site and Schwarz claimed the bond issue and its attendant resolutions had been too hastily prepared.

Democrats, speaking for the bond issue, stressed civic pride and economic benefits.

"I firmly believe we are going to have a civic center that will upgrade the quality of life in Albany and its environs. Thousands of working people will be put on the payroll. It will be a boon to our economy and to the entire citizenry," said Paul M. Collins of Albany.

Albanyans Sanford Tanksley and Sandra Rose Temple also pointed to the economic advantage, with Tanksley declaring that the legislative support showed "a combination of courage and pride."

Anthony Diacetus of Ravena

claimed that opponents who protested that the center was ill-conceived "haven't done their homework and are insulting to the people who have put time into this project."

Joyce said Coyne "has assured us we won't have a real property tax increase because of the civic center" and urged all the members to "pitch in and become part of the team to help build an affordable civic center we can be proud of."

The legislature last week also approved, 22-13, a resolution authorizing the county executive to work out an agreement with the City of Albany for extra security around the center. Coyne and Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen have been negotiating an agreement under which the county would reimburse the city for additional fire and police costs related to the center's operation. Another resolution, approved 32-4, authorizes the Civic Center Committee to begin land acquisition of the center site, using the power of eminent domain.

Two other resolutions, approved by voice votes, authorized the Urban Development loan agreement, and referred to committee a proposal to waive the county's right to retain a percentage administration fee from the hotel occupancy tax.

## Captain's farewell

A retirement party is planned June 6 for Capt. LeRoy J. Cooke, who has served with the Bethlehem Police Department for 33 years. The event will be at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion post in Elsmere.

## Cyclist injured

A motorcyclist was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital Sunday night after he was struck by a car on Rt. 32 in Feura Bush, according to state police at the Selkirk substation.

Authorities said Robert Downen, 27, of Clifton Park was injured when a vehicle being driven by a Cairo woman veered into the northbound lane on Rt. 32 and struck his motorcycle. Two other cyclists with Downen escaped injury, according to police.

The woman, who told police she was blinded by the headlights of the three motorcycles, was ticketed for failure to keep right, police said.

Downen was taken to the hospital by the Onesquethaw Rescue Squad. A hospital spokesman Monday was unable to provide a report on his condition.

## Accident on Rt. 144

A Watervliet man was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital and released after an accident Friday morning on Rt. 144 at Glenmont Rd.

According to Bethlehem police reports, Joseph M. Garrett, 21, of Watervliet was southbound on Rt. 144 when a northbound vehicle turned in front of him. The two vehicles collided and then the northbound vehicle struck a second car that was stopped at a stop sign on Glenmont Rd.

Garrett was taken to the hospital by the Delmar Fire Department Rescue Squad after the 8 a.m. accident.

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# School proximity, NuMed main issues for visitors

By Theresa Bobear

Not surprisingly, the issue of whether a private psychiatric hospital and a school can coexist remained the major issue following Thursday's visit to the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, White Marsh, Pa. The other issue on the minds of the visitors is NuMed, the parent company of Hospital Group of New York, which would build the Glenmont hospital.

"I think it was a good visit, and I learned a lot about the psychiatric institution that I didn't know before," said William Johnston Jr., a member of the Bethlehem Planning Board.

"I think it's a good installation, and it's needed, and it would be an asset to the Town of Bethlehem," said Johnston. "I haven't made up my mind whether this is the correct location for this."

"I would like to have a facility like that in Glenmont, but not

1,200 feet from the school," said Colleen Foro, a Glenmont PTA executive board member who visited Northwestern. "There is that potential risk that an incident could occur. The mind is a difficult thing to predict."

Foro said the Germantown Academy and Glenmont Elementary School were not comparable. "The people who send their children to Germantown Academy make that choice," said Foro. "I do not have that choice unless I change to a private school." She noted that the Germantown Academy has security and a staff-to-student ratio of 1 to 10.

Foro also mentioned the fact that Roger Eastlake, the spokesman for the Germantown Academy, was a former board member of Northwestern. "Obviously, he was prepped and primed before his discussion with us," said Foro.

"One of the things I'm concerned about is that they have

no track record," said Foro. "First of all I was angry because I was led to believe I was going to see an institution that the parent company has been running for the past 12 years." NuMed acquired Northwestern in September, 1985.

Foro commended Sue Ann Ritchko, a Bethlehem Town Board member, for asking for time out from the formal presentation in order to obtain answers to key questions. "I thought that was good insight on her part," said Foro.

"I can understand why the people have the concern about the school," said Ritchko. "I thought that the relationship between Northwestern and the Germantown Academy was an interesting one because they seemed to be good neighbors."

Ritchko said she had three concerns about the proposal for Glenmont. First, Ritchko brought up the alleged bribery charge involving NuMed in New York City. (See story on Page 6). Ritchko said, "I think that before we as a community approve this facility, we have to be informed as to the seriousness of the business ethics of NuMed."

"The second question that we must clarify is the zoning issue," said Ritchko, noting that the planning board must clarify the zoning ordinance before approving or disapproving the project. The project site is zoned Planned Commercial District. The proposed use is not specifically included or



Gathered for a round table discussion on Thursday were, from left: Anthony Santore, president of NuMed's psychiatric division; Nancy Hollyoux, executive director of the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry; Sue Belemjian, president of the Glenmont PTA; Colleen Foro, an executive board member of the Glenmont PTA; John Flanigan, Bethlehem's building and fire inspector; Sue Ann Ritchko, a Bethlehem Town Board member; William Johnston, a Bethlehem Planning Board member; Amber Jones, vice president of planning for Albany Medical College, and Gene Langan, a board member of Hospital Group of America and Maxim and an owner of the proposed Hospital Group of New York.

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excluded in that zone in the town's ordinance.

John Flanigan, Bethlehem's building inspector, said a hospital is a permitted use in a Planned Commercial District.

Ritchko said her third concern is whether or not the facility is going to be licensed as an outpatient clinic. "That is the concern of the neighborhood. The community should know what that facility is going to be licensed for," said Ritchko.

"I don't think the patients would cause me concern," said Johnston, noting that each patient at Northwestern was kept on the level of security that was needed. "The patients didn't seem to leave

the grounds. As Mr. Eastlake said, they did not have any problems with that."

"I was impressed with the facilities. They seemed to have things well under control," said Sue Belemjian, president of the Glenmont PTA. A registered nurse, Belemjian said she still had concerns about locating a similar facility near the Glenmont Elementary School. "You are increasing the odds just having the hospital in the neighborhood," said Belemjian. The PTA representative said she was also concerned about the possibility of the institution, changing to a different type of facility, if the beds do not fill. "I would still like to see it somewhere else," said Belemjian.

"I didn't see very many patients," Belemjian also observed. "I don't know where they all were."

"I definitely think money speaks a lot better than a state facility," Belemjian concluded. "From a medical standpoint, I think it was very well-run."

"I'm glad I went," said Flanigan. "I think it's run very well, and that is a facility that is more open than the one that is going to be here."

"I don't think you'd even know it was there. In Glenmont there's going to be nothing around for 12 to 15 hundred feet. That one was in the middle of everything and it worked out fine."

"I don't see there would be any problem here, but that's just my opinion and I don't vote," said Flanigan.

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# Neighbors give hospital good marks

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time before that is eradicated," he added.

"I think it's partly ignorance of what mental illness is," said Jennings. "I understand how people are fearful if they haven't had experience with it." Jennings said people lose that fear by seeing that the patients are actually people and by understanding the difference between a person who is violent or criminally insane and a person who is mentally ill.

"They come from home. They come from this community. They receive treatment here, and they go back home," said Jennings.

"What we are working on is 'where are you going from here?' For the most part people do go home and they do go back to the person who was giving them outpatient care," said Nancy Hollyoux, executive director. "We see ourselves as just handling the crisis stage of someone's life... part of a continuum." According to the hospital's director of admissions, approximately five percent of the patients at Northwestern are indigent. Hollyoux said the hospital does not admit people who are criminally insane or have a history of violence.

Located in a residential area, Northwestern is directly across the street from the Germantown Academy and next to lands of the Fort Washington State Park. The interior of the building is more residential than institutional in character. Except for a group of patients playing basketball in the gymnasium, the patients who were visible during the tour were quietly sitting or walking.

Northwestern and other hospitals in Pennsylvania must follow discharge regulations similar to those in New York State. When a voluntary patient wishes to be discharged, the hospital must discharge the patient or obtain a court order changing the patient's status within 72 hours. In Pennsylvania, a patient must be dangerous to himself or others to be classified as involuntary.

The average length of stay at Northwestern is 22 days. While Northwestern does not have a formal outpatient program, a patient may visit their private



The rear yard of the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, White Marsh, Pa., where patients may socialize, is not fenced. On the cover: The private psychiatric hospital as seen from the grounds of the Germantown Academy. *Spotlight*

psychiatrist at the facility following his discharge. According to Polly Castella, director of nursing, the hospital connects the patient with support agencies in the community upon discharge. "We refer people to existing halfway houses or outpatient programs, usually back in their own community," said Jennings.

"We follow up with the agency and sometimes with the patient and family if necessary," said Castella. "Usually the attending (physician) is somehow in contact."

"I'm sure that there are some patients that fall through the cracks and those patients generally find their way back to us via another route," said Castella,

noting that the referral usually comes from the patient's family or psychiatrist.

Hollyoux said most of the patients are there because they are a danger to themselves, their judgement is poor or they are depressed.

Northwestern has a separate unit for patients with a primary diagnosis of alcohol or substance abuse and a secondary diagnosis of mental illness. "Some of them are definitely on the road to recovery. Some of them won't make it," said Jennings.

Jennings said some of the patients on the substance abuse unit are referred by their employers.

Castella said all newly admitted patients are checked every 15 minutes. According to the director of nursing, every patient is placed on one of three levels of precautions depending on his or her ability to function. Patients with the highest level of privileges and a permission card from their physician may be taken outside of the hospital by a staff member for activities such as bowling and

shopping. A minimum ratio of one staff member for every five patients is maintained outside of the facility.

With a pass from his physician, a patient may also leave the hospital for a specified period of time with a family member or significant other, according to Castella.

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# Neighbors give good marks

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Castella said a protocol, which includes immediate notification of the police and family, is followed when an involuntary patient leaves. "Generally, the nursing staff members are in hot pursuit and will detain the patient," said Castella, noting that if the patient is voluntary the contact will be verbal only.

During a phone interview, Richard Zolko, police chief for the Township of White Marsh, said the department does have to deal with an occasional "elopement." Zolko explained that if the patient is court committed, the officers do pick up and return the patient to the facility.

Zolko said he only recalls two incidents related to the facility worth mentioning. The first involved a patient who broke into a house. Zolko said the patient was apprehended having a sandwich at the kitchen table. The second incident, according to Zolko, occurred when the facility first opened. Zolko said a patient escaped, stole a car and drove to Philadelphia. The police chief said the patient was found and returned to the hospital.

In his presentation, Santore said the facility was understaffed and had a different patient population when it first opened as a public facility in White Marsh.

"I remember when this was first proposed there was a lot of opposition to it," said Zolko. "Now, the community has accepted it because there hasn't been a problem."

"You're always going to have your minor problems, but you

## Nextweek: How a private psychiatric hospital in New York State operates.

haven't had anything major," said Zolko. "I can honestly say we haven't had any numerous or major incidents resulting from the hospital."

"There is a school across the street and I understand they have had no problems at all," said Zolko.

Thursday's tour included a stop in Roger Eastlake's office at the Germantown Academy, a private school for kindergarten through 12th grade that is located directly across the street from Northwestern. Eastlake, a guidance counselor at the academy, is a former board member of the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry.

Eastlake said his time as a board member of Northwestern helped him to gain an insight into what kind of institution Northwestern was and to gain a respect for the work that was being done at the hospital.

"There are not people in the hospital that I should be afraid of," said Eastlake. "They're not in that type of facility."

Eastlake said the Germantown Academy takes security precautions because of an incident involving a student and an insider who was not associated with Northwestern.

"We are aware of security just because there are a lot of little people here. We try to keep our eyes open," said Eastlake. "There were no changes in the day-to-day running of the school as a result of the hospital being here."

"I haven't heard anybody express any concern about the hospital, and we have our share of people who express their concerns about everything else," said Eastlake. "I think there would be a concern if it was Haverford State Hospital (a facility near Philadelphia where the criminally insane are referred by the courts)."

"Our kids go to Northwestern at Christmas and sing," said Eastlake.

The school official said some children from the area skate at the pond on the hospital grounds. "Sometimes patients will come out and talk to them, which is fine," said Eastlake.

"I like to think the people in our community look at the people at Northwestern with not just pity but a little bit of understanding," said Eastlake.

"For my experience, I'd rather live next to Northwestern than to a shopping center that's open 'til 10 with traffic and all kinds of people," said Eastlake. "I don't

# State probing NYC indictment

The state Office of Mental Health, which has licensing authority over the proposed Northeastern Psychiatric Hospital in Glenmont, is investigating a bribery indictment in New York City involving NuMed, the parent corporation of the company planning to build the Glenmont hospital.

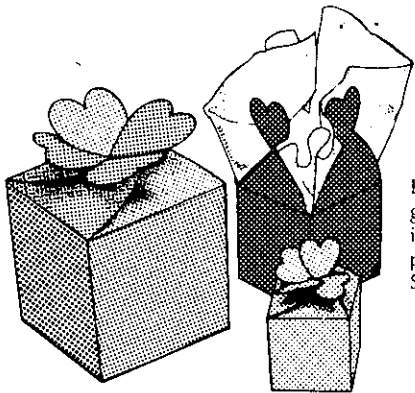
According to an article appearing in the April 3 edition of the *New York Times*, John J. McLaughlin, a former president of New York City's Health and Hospitals Corporation, was indicted by a Manhattan grand jury and charged with taking a \$150,000 bribe of discounted stock in return for obtaining a \$1 million consultant's contract for NuMed Inc., Encino, Calif., a medical management company. No other indictments were handed up, according to the news report, and McLaughlin has pleaded innocent to the charge.

The *New York Times* article stated that the contract to upgrade the management of the Harlem Hospital was awarded to NuMed without competitive bidding. The article states that NuMed was hired after the management at the Harlem Hospital received a poor rating in a state inspection.

In a public statement NuMed officials said, "NuMed has not been charged with, and categorically denies any wrongdoing, and specifically denies offering or paying a bribe to Mr. McLaughlin or any other city official."

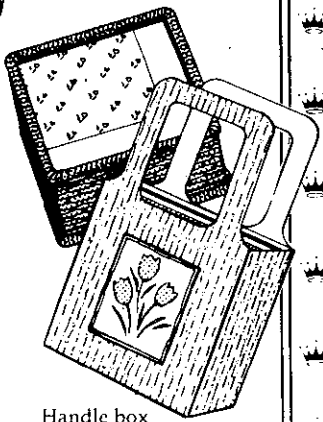
The state Office of Mental Health has issued a Part I approval for the Glenmont facility that is to be built by Hospital Group of New York, a subsidiary of Hospital Group of America, which is in turn a subsidiary of NuMed. Robert Spoor, a spokesman for OMH, said Monday that an investigation is under way "to determine if there is any tie-in." He said the state agency has requested information from the Manhattan District Attorney and NuMed on the indictment.

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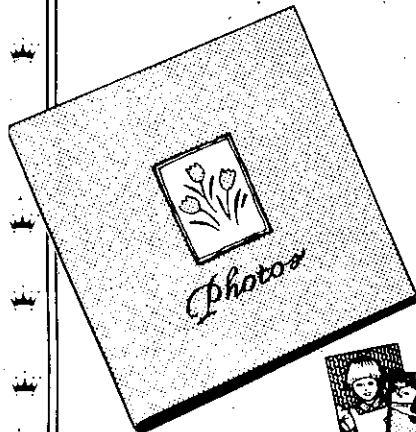
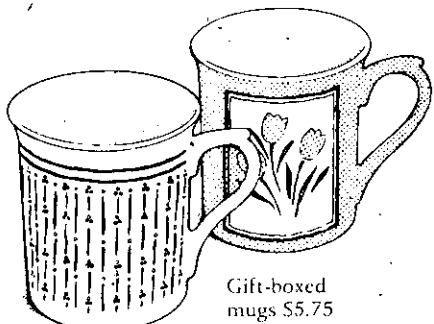


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"I think Bethlehem needs a shopping center," said Colleen Foro, a member of the Glenmont PTA's executive board. "Glenmont is growing and we need the services."

"There are more crimes associated with malls," said Eastlake. "Aesthetically, I'd rather look at a hospital than a mall."

Asserting that the hospital would change the quality of life in the community, Foro said, "I don't think I should have the burden of this added worry."

"Assuming the hospital is being well managed, it's going to be a rare instance where anybody is off the property," said Eastlake.

## Bike Day Saturday

The 10th annual Town of Bethlehem Bicycle Rodeo, Bike Day will be held 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., Saturday at the parking lot at town hall.

The Bicycle Rodeo features bicycle safety inspections, town bicycle registration, and the Bicycle Rodeo Skills Course. The skills course is designed to allow each rider to perform certain bicycle driver functions and to be judged on individual ability.

The skills course is divided into three age groups. Riders eight years and under will participate on a smaller course and ages nine to adult will be on a similar but enlarged course. The skills course is not a contest among participants, and will not influence the prizes awarded at the end of the day.

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# How NuMed changed, grew

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The Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry is part of Maxim, a subsidiary of NuMed. NuMed purchased Maxim in September of 1985 and the Hospital Group of America in October of 1985. Gene Langan and Edmond Bujalski sit on the boards of Maxim and the Hospital Group of America.

Because a private hospital in New York State cannot be owned by a corporation, Langan and Bujalski will appear on paper as the owners of the proposed Northeastern Psychiatric Hospital in Glenmont.

According to Langan, the board seats of the Hospital Group of New York will be filled by Bujalski, Langan, Dr. Robert Friedlander of Delmar, president and dean of Albany Medical College, and Douglas Johnson, senior vice president of Albany Medical College. Langan said Earl Linegan, former chairman of the board of Hospital Group of America, was proposed as another board member.

According to Langan, the Hospital Group of New York will be a stand-alone corporation that will run the business side of the proposed hospital. Langan said Albany Medical College will provide clinical management. Albany Medical College will own and lease the land for 20 years with an option for another 10 years, according to Amber Jones, vice president for planning at Albany Medical College.

NuMed was originally a company called Hyatt Medical Enterprises, according to Carol Schardt, vice president of investor

relations and corporate administration for NuMed. Schardt said Hyatt Medical Enterprises, which owned hospitals and medical office buildings, was sold to American Medical International, based in Beverly Hills, Calif., in 1980.

According to Schardt, the senior management that started the company in 1969 bought Hyatt Medical back in 1982 and merged it with NuMed Systems, which was in the business of recovering lost charges for hospitals. Schardt said the company was already public at that point. Schardt said the name of the firm was changed to NuMed Inc. "The main business of the company is to own hospitals," said Schardt. When American Medical International sold Hyatt in 1982, the corporation kept all of the owned hospitals. "We had to

start over," said Schardt.

Since 1982 NuMed Inc. has been involved in an aggressive acquisition program. According to the corporation's annual report, for the fiscal year ending April 30, 1985, seven acute care hospitals, two medical office buildings, three home health care agencies, a clinic, an ambulance service and other assets were acquired last year. In fiscal 1983 the company acquired five hospitals and six medical office buildings, according to the report. The Hospital Group of America was acquired in October of 1985 and Maxim, which includes the Northwestern Institute of Psychiatry, was bought out in September of 1985.

Net earnings have increased from \$586,000 to \$7,474,000 between April of 1983 and April of 1985. In March of 1985 the

company completed a \$60 million offering of 13.5 percent senior subordinated sinking fund debentures, due in 2005, for acquisitions and working capital, according to the report. *Theresa Bobear*

## Gets six months

Francisco Rivera, 26, of Albany was sentenced last Wednesday in County Court to six months in the Albany County Jail and five years on probation following his guilty plea to a felony charge of second degree criminal possession of marijuana, according to a spokesman for the district attorney's office.

Rivera was arrested in January after the car he was in went off Rt. 144 in Selkirk. Bethlehem police, investigating the accident, discovered some four pounds of marijuana in the vehicle, authorities said.

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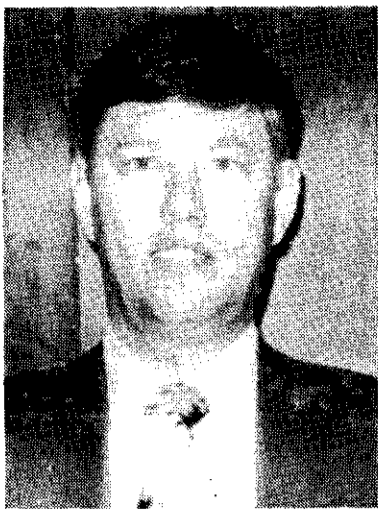
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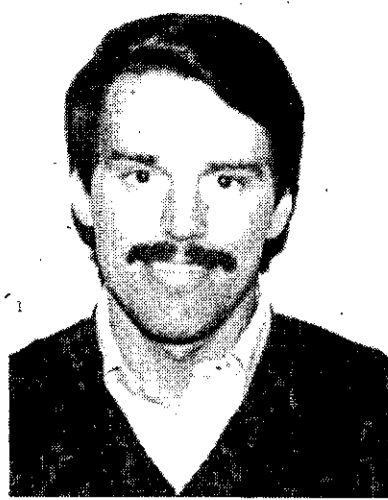
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# RCS candidates take stands on budget, teachers

By Theresa Bobear

Five candidates, only one an incumbent, are running at-large for the three available seats on the

Ravena-Coymans-Selkirk Board of Education.

Board member Wayne Fuhrman has decided to run for a

second three-year term in a race with Mark Sengenberger of Feura Bush, Steve Berletic of Alcove, James VanValkenberg of Selkirk, John Plummer of Ravena and William T. Wilkinson Jr. of Coeymans. District residents may vote on Wednesday, May 14, at RCS Senior High School, from 1 to 9 p.m.

Board member Marie Muller and vice president Susan Gottesman have decided against seeking reelection.

The candidates have been addressing questions about the budget, teacher's contract negotiations, special propositions and educational quality.

Wilkinson has been living in Coeymans for the past 36 years.

The board candidate said he would like to see bills more thoroughly scrutinized.

Regarding the solar project, Wilkinson said, "I don't think we got all the information we should have on this."


"I do think the teachers need a supplement; but, I don't think we need the 12 percent," said Wilkinson. "The only way you're going to get good education is to get good teachers, not warm bodies, and I think we've got too many of them."

A Navy veteran, Wilkinson served in the South Pacific

Theater during World War II. He graduated Albany High School and attended the State University College at Geneva and Hudson Valley Community College. He is a senior superintendent of construction for the New York State Office of General Services.

"I would like to see the board of education and the teachers union talk directly without interpreters," said John Plummer, an 11-year resident of Ravena whose wife is a teacher in the district. "That's no guarantee that I will agree 100 percent with what the teachers want. I'm not running for the board to get my wife more money."

Plummer said he views the district's educational program as "better than minimum."



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Plummer said there is a need for remediation for students who are "not bad enough to get extra help and not good enough to be a top student. We're losing the middle," he said.

Plummer holds a bachelor's degree in education and a master's degree in mathematics from the University of Maine. He served as a mathematics instructor at the State University at Albany, a mathematician for the state Departments of Transportation and Environmental Conservation and a self-employed cabinet maker before taking his current position as an assistant golf professional at the Sicamore Country Club.

"The taxpayer in the district is giving the kids the most valuable thing they are going to get — an education," said Stephen Berletic of Alcové. "If you're asking people to pay for a tax increase, you shouldn't be asking them to pay for anything that's not needed."

Berletic, who has lived in the RCS Central School District for the past 14 years, said his experience in budgeting would be asset to the board.

"The teachers probably have an awful good cause to deserve a raise," said Berletic, noting that he is not involved in the negotiating process and does not know all the particulars.

A graduate of the State University at Albany, Berletic is assistant district director of the Albany district office of the state Department of Motor Vehicles. His two sons, Lucas and Brad, will both be attending RCS schools in the fall.

"I certainly think that I've fought for programs that are good for the kids, and I will continue in that vein," said incumbent Wayne Fuhrman.

A lifelong resident of the RCS School District and a graduate of RCS Senior High School, Fuhrman is chairman of the board's transportation committee and a member of the personnel committee.

### Legislative interns

Russell Williams from the New York State Senate Fellows Office and a representative from the New York State Assembly Intern Office will speak about legislative internships at the Bethlehem Public Library on Tuesday, May 13, at 7:30 p.m. The speakers will explain internship placement, application requirements and procedures. Undergraduate or graduate students and their parents are welcome to attend the free program. Register by calling 439-9314.

### New England quilts

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet 9:30 a.m. to 2 p.m., Friday at the United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar.

The morning program will be a slide presentation from the New England Quilters on "Applique old and new."

Shirley Hedman will be teaching the pre-registered workshop in the afternoon.

For information, phone 477-9705.

### Car wash

An outdoor education car wash, sponsored by the fifth grade class of Peter Xeller at the Slingerlands Elementary School, will be held 9 a.m. to noon this Saturday at the Key Bank parking lot on Delaware Ave.

"I agree that everybody deserves an increase in salary. However, I think the demands of the teachers right now are somewhat unreasonable," said Fuhrman.

Fuhrman said he supports the propositions for the buses purchases and roof repairs. Regarding the solar proposition, Fuhrman said, "I really think we need to turn to other areas for long-term plans."

A graduate of the State University at Albany, Fuhrman is a public utilities auditor for the state Department of Public Service. His daughter, Tracey, attends RCS Junior High School.

"I will have two kids in school so I'm concerned about the quality of education that they will be receiving," said Mark Sengenberger, who moved to Feura Bush six years ago. "I think we have a good school system, but I think it could be better."

A senior landscape architect for the state Department of Transportation, Sengenberger is a graduate of the State University College at Syracuse.

Sengenberger said he is concerned about the district's pay scale and ability to draw good teachers. "I believe the teachers have gone too long without a contract," he said.

"I think my background in design and construction will give me an ability to evaluate buildings and grounds matters for the board," said Sengenberger.

# What's in the RCS budget

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk will present a \$11,855,816 budget for 1986-87 to voters on Wednesday, May 14. The polls at RCS Senior High School will be open from 1 to 9 p.m. Along with the budget and board elections, district voters will consider special propositions for the purchase of school buses, construction of a solar heating apparatus and roof repairs.

The budget, up from \$10,705,668 last year, brings an estimated tax rate of \$256.21 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for New Scotland, up by \$39.21; \$154.85 per \$1,000 for Bethlehem, up by \$24.10; \$207.13 per \$1,000 for Coeymans, up by \$33.03, and \$149.99 per \$1,000 for New Baltimore, up by \$22.74.

The teachers contract has not yet been settled and the budget includes a 9 percent salary increase. The budget for regular day instruction, which will increase to \$5,601,930 from \$5,208,504 last year, also includes a 47 percent increase in spending for equipment and a 16 percent increase for textbooks.

Salaries are a contingency item. Any negotiated salary increases will be paid regardless of whether the budget is passed or rejected.

The 23 percent increase in employee benefits, from \$1,899,690 last year to \$2,347,857 in 1986-87,

includes a \$385,000 lump sum payment to 14 retiring teachers for accumulated sick days. Each teacher is eligible for up to 15 paid sick days per year. The contract allows the teachers to accumulate a maximum of 180 sick days.

The spending package includes \$12,200 for contract services to the board of education, up by 48 percent. The \$114,734 increase in the central administration budget, which totals \$617,188, also includes additional spending for contract services. Spending for central administration salaries is down 8 percent because of the elimination of the position of assistant superintendent in 1986-87.

The total debt service will increase 8 percent to \$506,147 from \$468,043 last year.

The operations and maintenance budget will increase to \$1,036,011 from \$960,035 last year because of increases for salaries, equipment, supplies and contract services.

The transportation budget, which increases to \$977,660 from \$865,687 last year, includes funds for a paint booth and an industrial computer at the bus garage.

Voters will also consider a

\$225,000 proposition for the purchase of six vehicles, a \$753,000 proposition for a solar energy project and a \$254,000 proposition for roof repairs at the bus garage and senior high school.

The district would be reimbursed by the state for 50 percent of the solar project.

Vehicle purchases for the 125-square-mile district include one \$34,000 lift vehicle, two \$35,561 30-passenger buses with seat belts, two \$46,689 60-passenger buses with seat belts and one \$13,500 8-passenger wagon.

Roof repairs are proposed for the bus garage and another portion of the senior high school.

Theresa Bobear

### Resolving conflicts

Rev. Robert Entin will be the guest speaker at the May 13 meeting of Mothers' Time Out.

Rev. Entin, who has trained mediators for Urban United Ministries, will discuss "Resolving conflict in the home or neighborhood" at the 10 a.m. meeting.

The group meets at the Delmar Reformed Church on Delaware Ave.

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# News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



## Class leaders announced

Victor Carrk, principal at the Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, has announced the names of the valedictorian and salutatorian for the class of 1986.

Margaret Elizabeth Hunter, daughter of the Rev. and Mrs. Richard Hunter, will be valedictorian. She earned the honor by maintaining a high school grade average of 96.26 percent. She also is a member of the National Honor Society, and is president of the French Club and vice president of the Spanish Club.

Secretary of the Drama Club, Hunter also is assistant editor of the year book and worked on the school newspaper, *The Staff and Shield*. In her junior year she was a Rotary exchange student in Mexico. Winner of a state regents scholarship, she plans to major in political science and international relations at Columbia University, in New York.

Rhonda Newton, salutatorian, is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Newton of West Coxsackie. Rhonda has earned a grade average of 94.71 percent while

participating in high school activities, including the National Honor Society, the Model Congress and Debate Club. She is editor of the school literary magazine and is a member of the Principal's Advisory Committee. Her other activities include German Club, Spanish Club, the school newspaper, the Colonial Council math contest, and the Drama Club. She also has participated in sports, including tennis (captain), and as a statistician for the boys' varsity track and basketball teams.

Newton has recently been named a National Merit Scholar and been awarded a \$2,000 National Merit scholarship. She also was selected to receive a Daughters of the American Revolution award for good citizenship and is a recipient of a state regents scholarship. Rhonda plans to attend Bryn Mawr College, in Pennsylvania, and to major in American studies.

## Archaeologist to speak

One way to learn history is to "dig" for it, literally. At the Town of Bethlehem Historical Association meeting on Thursday, May 15, Dr. Floyd Brewer, field director of the Bethlehem Archaeology Group, will give a slide program on "The Nicoll-Sill Legacy — A Fresh Interpretation Based on All the Finds over a Four-Year Period." Dr. Brewer and his group have conducted an extensive archaeological dig and historical research on the Nicoll-Sill, property in Cedar Hill, finding artifacts and clues about the life and times of residents there, beginning with the Iroquois Indians about 2500 B.C. and including six generations of the Nicoll-Sill family, from 1735 to 1875.

The public is invited to the meeting at 8 p.m. in the Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd. in Selkirk.

## Car wash Saturday

How about seeing that Mom's car is sparkling clean for Mother's Day? The teens of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem Youth Group will do the job. Just take the car to the Selkirk Fire House No. 1, on Maple Ave. in Selkirk, on Saturday, May 10. The teens are holding a car wash that day, and they will be on the job from 10 a.m. until 3 p.m. in the firehouse parking lot.

## Speaker for Sunshine Seniors

The Sunshine Senior Citizens of Selkirk-South Bethlehem will meet on Monday, May 12, at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem. All seniors of the area are invited to attend. The meeting will begin at noon with a covered-dish luncheon, for which participants are asked to bring a dish to share. A brief business meeting is scheduled at 1 p.m. A guest speaker from the New York Telephone Co., will talk about events relating to the celebration of Albany's 300th anniversary.

## Two at music festival

Fourteen instrumental students from the RCS elementary schools tried out for this year's All-County Music Festival and two students were chosen to participate in the concert last week at Catskill High School. Fifth graders Jonathan Janssen, of A.W. Becker School, and Asuer Bowen, of Pieter B. Coeymans School, represented the school district at the festival.

Instrumental instructor, Carol Adams said the festival featured the musical talents of select students from seven school districts.

## The light fantastic

The South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens will be joining seniors from all over Albany County for a senior ball on May 13 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. The theme of

this year's ball, which begins at 7:30 p.m., is "Memories of Albany's Past." Guests are encouraged to dress in Dutch costume. Music will be provided by the Peter Margiotte Orchestra. The evening will include dancing, free refreshments and the crowning of a king and queen. The donation is \$1.25. Parking is free.

## DAR to meet Monday

The Hannakrois chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution, will have its annual meeting at 7:30 p.m. May 12 at the home of Mrs. Mary E. VanOstenbrugge. The program, "Honor to Our Country's Proud Mineral Kingdom," will be presented by members. Mrs. Ronald Newton, regent, will be collecting chapter reports.

## Nukes at Milers

The Second Milers will have its final luncheon of the season at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday May 14 at the Delmar United Methodist Church.

Richard S. Swantek, regional community relations director for Niagra Mohawk Power Corp., will be the guest speaker on "Nuclear energy in perspective."

Rev. Robert Thomas, a charter member of the second milers, will return on this occasion and give the invocation.

The Second Milers is an organization of retired men from the Tri-Village area since 1964. Monthly meetings are held at the Delmar United Methodist Church. New members are welcome. For reservations, phone 439-4459.

## Spring carnival

The Annual Spring Carnival of the Slingerlands Elementary School will be held from 4 to 8 p.m. on Friday, May 16.

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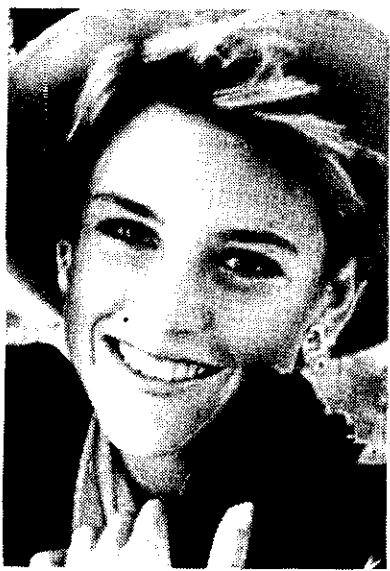
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Rebecca Bull, 16, of Selkirk has been selected as a semifinalist in *Teen* magazine's 1986 model search. The RCS Senior High School student's picture will appear in the May issue of *Teen*.

**Book discussion**

Helen Adler will lead a reading and discussion of *Judy's People*, by Nadine Gordimer at the Bethlehem Public Library on Thursday, May 15, at 7:30 p.m.

Gordimer writes about South Africa and man in the process of moral evolution.

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**SATURDAY 10**  
MAY

**Spring Plant Sale,** sponsored by Men's Garden Club of Albany. Key Bank, Delaware Ave., 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Puppet Show,** "Fundevogel," based on Grimm's Fairytales, presented by Hawthorne Valley School, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

**Garage Sale,** sponsored by Maple Avenue Culture Society of Voorheesville, proceeds to benefit Albany Tricentennial parade float, 100 Maple Ave., Voorheesville.

**Lecture/Demonstration,** "On the Wings of Eagles," review of New York's eagle restoration program and appearance by Tahawus, live eagle currently touring state. Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

**Giant Rummage Sale,** sponsored by Friends of Is-Sho-Da, proceeds will be used to purchase teepee unit for camp-is-sho-da, donations welcome, 14 Plymouth Ave., 9 a.m.-5 p.m. information, 439-4659 or 756-3610.

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**Car Wash,** sponsored by First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, 14 Maple Ave., 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Garden Day,** sponsored by Council for Preservation of Environment and Bethlehem Highway Dept., town highway garage, Elm Ave., Selkirk, 9 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Bicycle Rodeo/Bike Day,** bicycle safety inspections and registration, and bicycle rodeo skills course, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**Bike Rally,** sponsored by Voorheesville PTSA, bike inspections, skill tests, and bike sale, Voorheesville Elementary School, 9-11 a.m.

**Plant Sale,** sponsored by Helderview Garden Club, Stewarts, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-noon; Voorheesville Pharmacy, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

**Special Olympics Horse Show,** all welcome, Altamont Fairgrounds, 9:30 a.m. Free.

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

**Open House,** in observance of Homes For The Aging Week, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., 1:30-3 p.m. Reservations, 439-8116.

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**Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast,** sponsored by Sons of The American Legion Post 1493, Voorheesville, Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, \$3, \$2 admission, 8 a.m.-noon.

**Mother's Day Race,** 3.5-mile race and 1-mile children's race, sponsored by Owens-Corning Fiberglas and McDonald's, organized by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, Hamagrael School, McGuffey Rd., 11:30 a.m. \$4 registration, 456-0381.

**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.

**SUNDAY 11**  
MAY

**MONDAY 12**  
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**Bethlehem High School Organization**, Bethlehem Central High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Mother Goose Storyhour**, for toddlers, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Albany Area Retired Teachers**, "show and tell" members will display their hobbies, Bethlehem Public Library, 12:30 p.m. Information, 458-1377 or 459-4935.

**Bloodmobile**, Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Ave., 10:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Historical Assn.**, archeology program presented by Floyd Brewer, Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 8 p.m.

**Homes For The Aging Week**, celebration of 20's and 30's with WABY's Bill Edwardson, dress for era, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., 2 p.m. Reservations, 439-8116.

**Delmar Progress Club**, Phyllis Rosenblum, garden editor for *Knickerbocker News*, will provide tips for successful planning of a perennial garden, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m.; plant exchange, 9:30 a.m.

**Spring Dinner**, Clarksville Community Church, Delaware Tpk., \$6.50 and \$3.50 admission, 4 p.m. Information, 768-2164 or 768-2324.

**Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale**, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Children's Film**, Walt Disney's *Mary Poppins*, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Family Nature Program**, "Sharing Spring with Your Children," outdoor family nature exploration, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 10 a.m. \$1 registration, 457-6092.

**Wetlands Nature Program**, "Wildlife of the Wetlands," in-depth study of pond and marsh, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

**Tailgate Sale**, sponsored by Bethlehem Historical Assn., School House Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Sheep Shearing School**, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, New York State Griffin Lab, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Registration, 765-3510.

**Dinner Dance**, to benefit Thomas Buckley Memorial Fund, music by "Changes," LaSalette, Altamont, 7:30 p.m.-12:30 a.m. \$25 tickets, 768-2850.

**WEDNESDAY 14**  
MAY

**Red Men**, second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elmsere, 7:30 p.m.

**New Scotland Democratic Social Club**, all welcome, meets second Wednesdays at Meads Corners, Rt. 32, 8 p.m.

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

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

**Second Millers**, association of Tri-Village retirees meets second Wednesdays at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, noon.

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

**Bethlehem Senior Van**, dinner at Red's Seafood House, pickups, 4:30 p.m., 439-5770.

**Lecture**, American composer Ezra Laderman, will discuss his new composition, "Pentimento," which will be given its world premiere by Albany Symphony Orchestra, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Resume Writing Workshop**, two-day class conducted by Judy Fruiterman, M.S., Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**THURSDAY 15**  
MAY

**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.

**American Legion Luncheons**, for members, guests and applicants for membership. Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elmsere, third Thursday, noon.

**Food Stamp Form Aid**, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

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

**Mother Goose Storyhour**, for toddlers, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Book Discussion**, *July's People*, by Nadine Gordimer, reviewed by Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Microwave Cooking Class**, Christine Kaczinski will lead class, William Rice Extension Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 6:30-9 p.m. \$3 registration, 765-3550.

**Albany County Audubon Society**, meeting to hold election of officers and directors, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 8 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

**FRIDAY 16**  
MAY

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

**Spring Carnival**, activities include moon walk, cake walk, pony rides and bake sale, Slingerlands Elementary School, 4-8 p.m.

**Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale**, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

**Duplicate Bridge**, all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

**Homes For The Aging Week**, "Beauty on the Go," fashion show featuring fashions from Wells and Coverly, Stuyvesant Plaza and Laura Taylor, Ltd., Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., 2 p.m. Reservations, 439-8116.

**SATURDAY 17**  
MAY

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

**SUNDAY 18**  
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.

**Locust Knoll Artisans Spring Show and Sale**, of primitive and early American craft items, Rt. 85A and Picard Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**MONDAY 19**  
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, meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185**, VFW, third Monday, Post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

**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.

**Soil Testing and Flowers for Drying Program**, sponsored by Albany County Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**TUESDAY 20**  
MAY

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

**AARP**, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

**Legion Auxiliary**, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elmsere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

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

**Teddy Bear's Picnic**, ages 2-pre-K, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

**Book Discussion Group**, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Grievance Day**, Board of Assessment Review meets, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Information, 439-4955.

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**, program entitled "MS is a Family Affair—Tools for Living in a Family," Bethlehem public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

**Delmar Progress Club**, spring banquet, Marriott Hotel, Wolf Rd., Colonie, 6 p.m.

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# VOORHEESVILLE NEWS NOTES



Lyn Stapf 765-2451

## Buckley fund-raiser nears

Tickets are going quickly for the dinner-dance to benefit the Thomas Buckley Memorial Fund, according to co-chairmen Karen Leach and Bruce Martelle. The event will be Saturday, May 17, at LaSalette in Altamont. It is intended to raise funds for the group's project, as well as raise community spirit.

Doors will open at 7:30 p.m. and the dinner buffet will be served shortly after 8 p.m., followed by dancing to the music of "Changes" until 12:30 a.m. Tickets are \$25 a couple and may be obtained by calling Jenny Cillis at 768-2850. At the high school tickets may be purchased from Dick Leach, while at the grade

school tickets may be obtained from Pete Douglas.

This week area business received appeals for donations to help cover the cost of food. First to respond to the call, organizers said, was Tom Rowe, a past New Scotland citizen of the year, who runs the AirWay Vacuum business in Voorheesville.

Meanwhile some businesses both inside and outside of Voorheesville have responded to the call for help in the project. Raffle chairman Phil DePasquale has rounded up an impressive list of Capital District eating establishments that will donate two free dinners. The dinners will be raffled off during the May 17

event with no prior sale of tickets before the event.

Also, Video Connection will be offering free one-year memberships to anyone who during the month of May displays a ticket from the Buckley dance.

## Stewart's aiding kids club

The Stewart's shop in Voorheesville is again putting out its double-dip bucket to help benefit an area organization. The newly organized Kids Club, which will begin its first after-school day care program for school-age children this fall, will benefit from the fund-raiser at Stewart's. The month-long drive began Monday, May 5. During the four weeks, any money donated to the group will be matched by Stewart's. Proceeds from the fund-raiser will be used for Kids Club scholarships, equipment and other start-up needs.

Nancy Basel, one of the organizers of the after-school group, said 23 youngsters already are enrolled in the program, which will serve pupils in grades 1 through 6 this fall. The program has an enrollment ceiling of 30, so several spaces are still available. Those interested in more infor-

mation on the program should contact Basel at 765-2637. Inquiries about financial assistance should be directed to Ed Lukomski at 765-2406.

## School concert tonight

The annual high school spring concert will be presented this evening at the Voorheesville High School. The program will begin at 7:30 p.m. and will feature selections by the fifth and sixth grade bands and the fifth and sixth grade choruses. All are welcome to attend this free program.

## Something green for mom?

With Mother's Day just around the corner, the Helderview Garden Club has good news for last-minute shoppers. This Saturday, May 10, the club will have its annual plant sale. The sale will be at the Voorheesville Stewart's from 9 a.m. until noon and at the Voorheesville Pharmacy from 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. Plants of all types, sizes and prices will be available. The proceeds from the sale will go to the club, which oversees plantings in the flower boxes at the village entrances, at the school and at Hotaling Park.

## Bike rally Saturday

Calling all bikers! The Voorheesville PTSA will have its annual bike rally this Saturday, May 10, from 9 to 11 a.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. Cyclists are invited to stop by to have their bikes inspected and to try out various bicycling skill tests.

A bake sale will be held at the same time to help finance the rally. Those interested in donating goods may leave them off that morning after 8:45 a.m. Anyone interested in assisting chairman Mike Malark may contact him at 765-4392.

The PTSA also is sponsoring a bus trip to Boston on Saturday, May 31, leaving Voorheesville at 7 a.m. and returning at midnight. The cost of the trip is \$15 a person and it is open to all. Those wishing to make reservations (before the May 10 deadline) should contact Lyn DiDomenico at 765-2428, Joanne St. Dennis at 765-4748 or Michele Krajewski at 765-4199.

## Pupils run with goal

Spring is here and children of all ages are on the run, but students at the Voorheesville Elementary School will be running with a purpose next week when pupils in grades four through six participate in a "Run for the Gold" to benefit the Special Olympics.

## Horse show at fairgrounds

Another Special Olympics note: the Area 10 Special Olympics horse show will take place this Saturday, May 10, from 9:30 a.m. until completion (around 3 p.m.) at the Altamont Fairgrounds. Participating in the yearly event will be members of the Therapeutic Riding Academy on Martin Rd. in Voorheesville. Students aged 8 through 80 from the Voorheesville group will vie for honors and a chance to compete in the state finals in Syracuse. Last year the Therapeutic Riding Academy sent three representatives to the state ride-offs. The event is free and open to the public.

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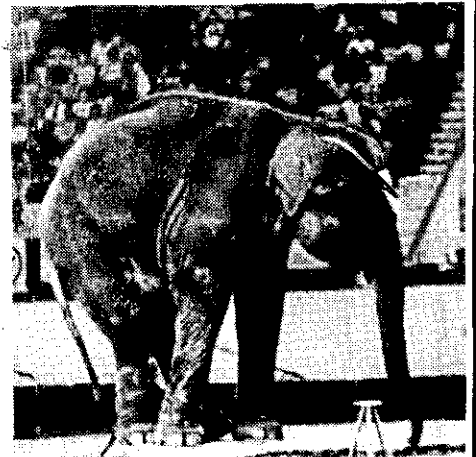
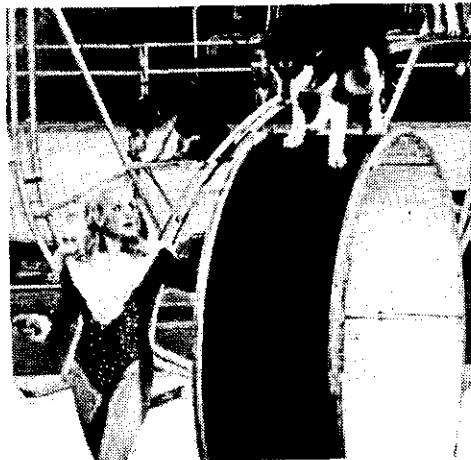
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# Elephants on parade

Everything may not be coming up roses at Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus, but they are coming up Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion.

The circus' three Asian elephants, that is.

For the second year, the circus will be delighting audiences at the Elm Avenue Park in Delmar.

One of the most unusual acts will be the mixed animal act that Al-Vidbel brings together. With llamas, English sheep dogs, a donkey, elephant and pony, Vidbel will demonstrate his skills as a trainer because each animal has to know its name and signals to perform.

Vidbel will also be sharing the ring with his granddaughters, Susan and Jennifer. Performing for the third year, the 10-year old twins will be under the spotlight with their bird act that includes fantail pigeons, maccaws and cockatoos.

Susan and Jennifer will also be seen with the circus' three elephants. The big top audience

will see four-ton Daffodil cover Susan with her entire body, walk on her hind legs holding Jennifer on her front legs, and carry them both in her mouth.

Vidbel's daughter Sharon will also be performing this year. She has brought together and trained five Siberian huskies and two Alaskan malamutes to perform a dogsled entrance, hind leg stand on a rope and a high wire act.

A most unusual act ever featured in a circus ring will be five young male hamadryas baboons. Captive born and bred in the United States, baboons are one of the most feared animals in the jungle. However, Vidbel audiences will be delighted and amused at the antics of these animals.

The Zerbinis family will be making their debut with the Olde Tyme Circus this year. From France, this family has a history of five generations of circus performers. The Zerbinis sons will perform a table comedy act called the Lucky Brothers, mother will

perform sword balancing and trapeze acts, and another son will also perform a juggling act.

Part of the charm of the Spinning Wheels is their spontaneity. Swedes Hanns and Thomas will perform their European unicycle act that is not limited to a set routine.

Goats and llamas will be appearing before each act in the Vidbels' petting zoo. A chimpanzee and a monkey will also be on display for the delight of young and old.

## Advance tickets

Advance sale tickets for Vidbel's Old Tyme Circus are on sale at the Paper Mill, Carvel's, The Tri-Village Pharmacy and The Spotlight in Delmar; Bush's Hardware, Cornell Pharmacy and Kid's Stuff in Ravena; Bumby's in Selkirk; Jeffer's Nursery in Slingerlands; Voorheesville Pharmacy in Voorheesville; Houghtaling's Market in Feura Bush; the Clothes Circuit in Glenmont and Hoogy's in Slingerlands.



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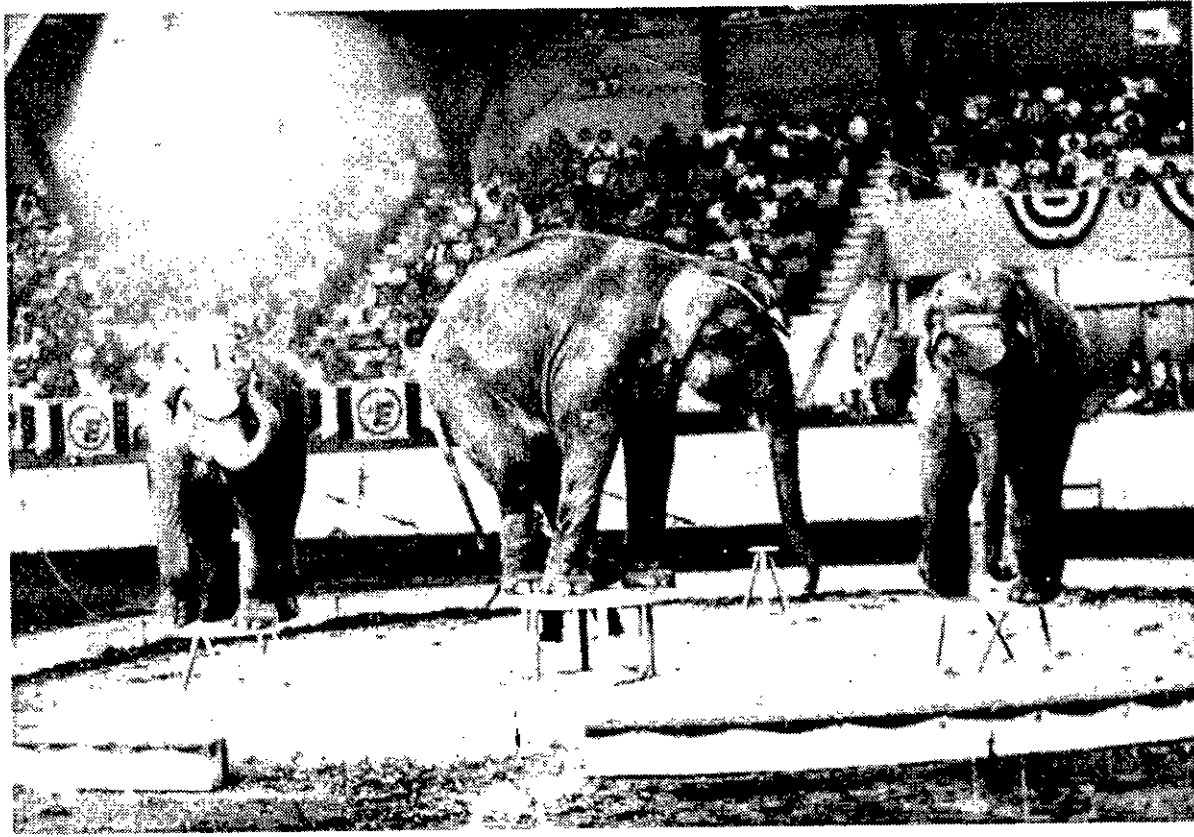
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Without a doubt, Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion are the pets of the Vidbel circus. The Asian elephants delight audiences with their tricks in the ring (upper left), and clown around with other performers (above). They are appealing animals who are naturals in the ring (far left, below), and mugging for the camera (left, below).

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Drawing for the grill will be held at the Kiwanis meeting at 6:15 p.m. Monday, May 19, at the Starlite Restaurant on Rt. 9W in Glenmont.

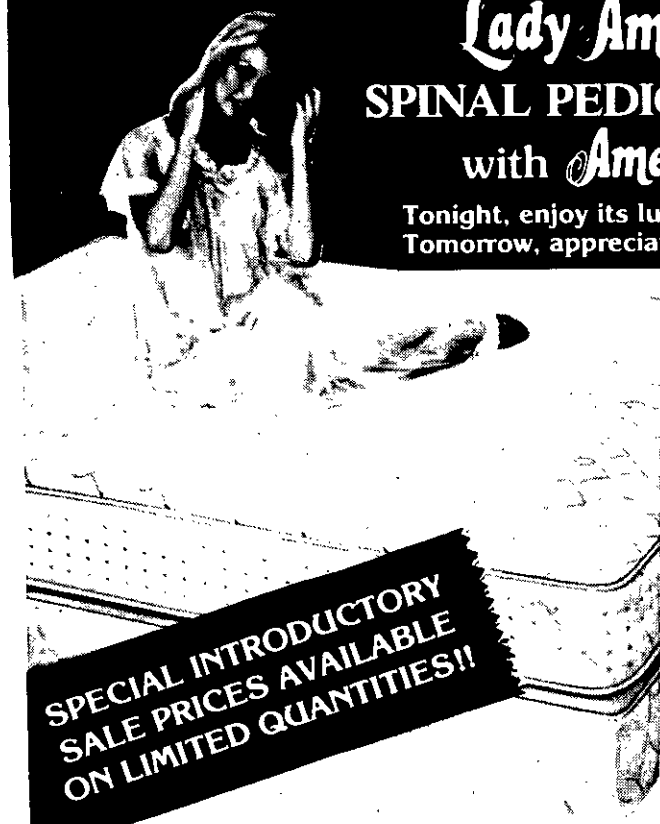
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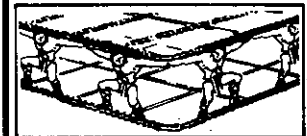


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Owned and trained by Al Vidbel, the young female Asian elephants were bottle-fed and raised on the Vidbel farm in Lindham.

Daisy came from a zoo when she was two, and is now 18. Daffodil came from India when she was seven months old, and now stands 36 inches tall at 19 years. Dandelion arrived from India when she was one year, and she is now 11 years old.

The elephants will be under the spotlight this year with the Vidbel granddaughters, Jennifer and Susan, probably the youngest animal trainers in the world.

In one daring feature this year, sur-ton Daffodil will lie down on Susan and cover her with her tire body. Joyce Vidbel said this is a tricky business because elephants can only see out and



Ringmaster Charles Van Buskirk announces Vidbel's elephants, Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion, to the ring.

away, not down, and after a certain point Daffodil can no longer see where Susan is, causing the elephant great concern.

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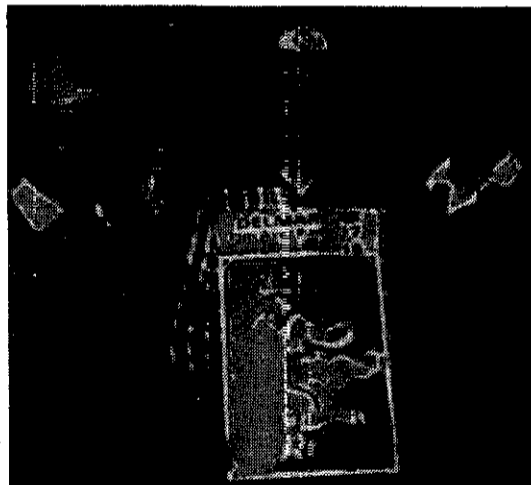
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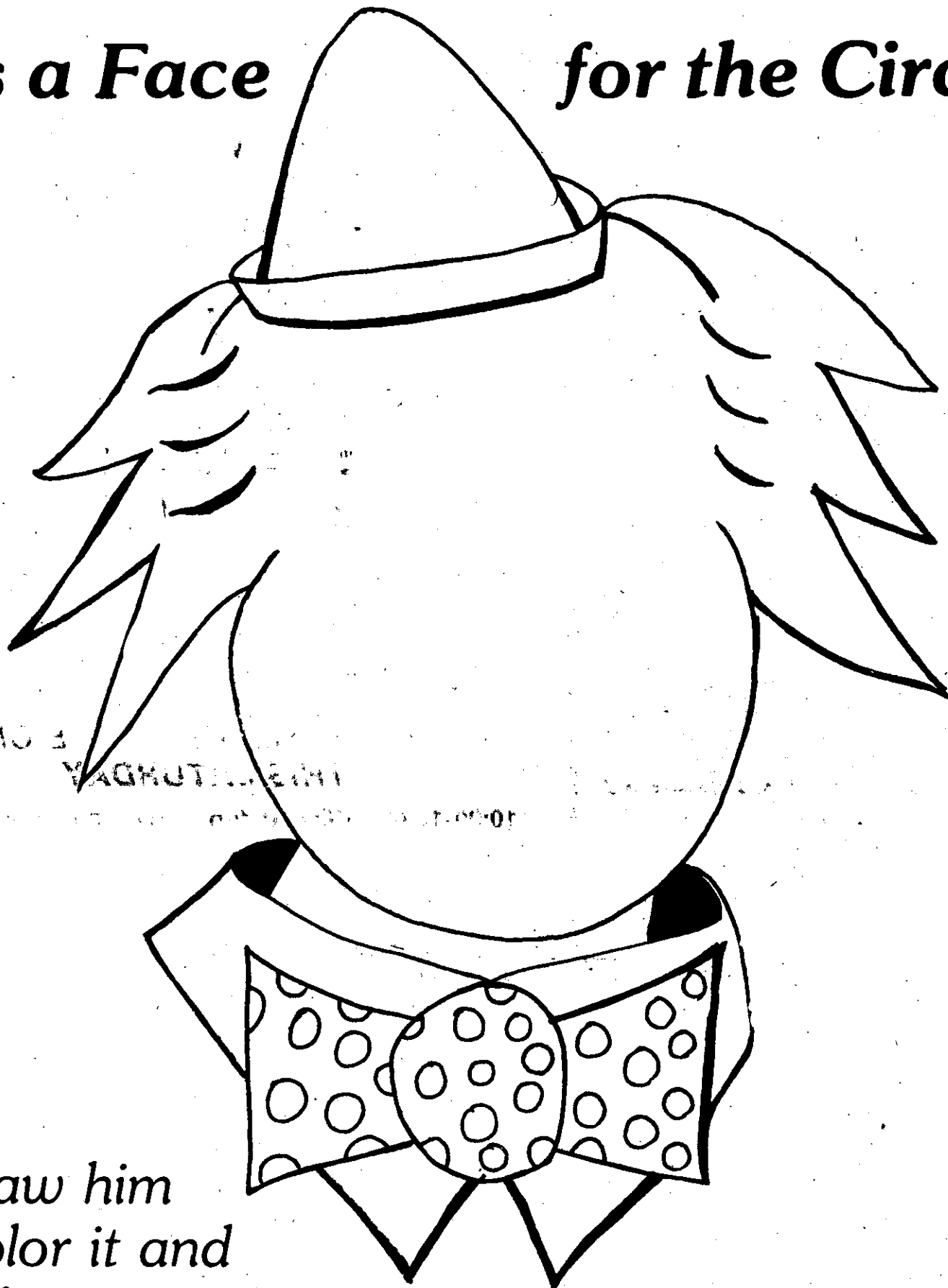
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However, other children are not the grandchildren of Al and Joyce Vidbel, owners of Vidbel's Olde Lyme Circus.

It all started three years ago when the twins were seven that they first entered the ring to perform with the elephants, Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion.

"They are just getting into the business. It is their first experience with the animals and in the ring by themselves," said Joyce Vidbel.

They will perform with their bird act, and with the circus' elephants.


With grandparents Al and Joyce, Susan and Jennifer are on their young way to being circus stars.



Sharon Vidbel and Daffodil go through their act.



Young circus stars, Susan and Jennifer Vidbel.



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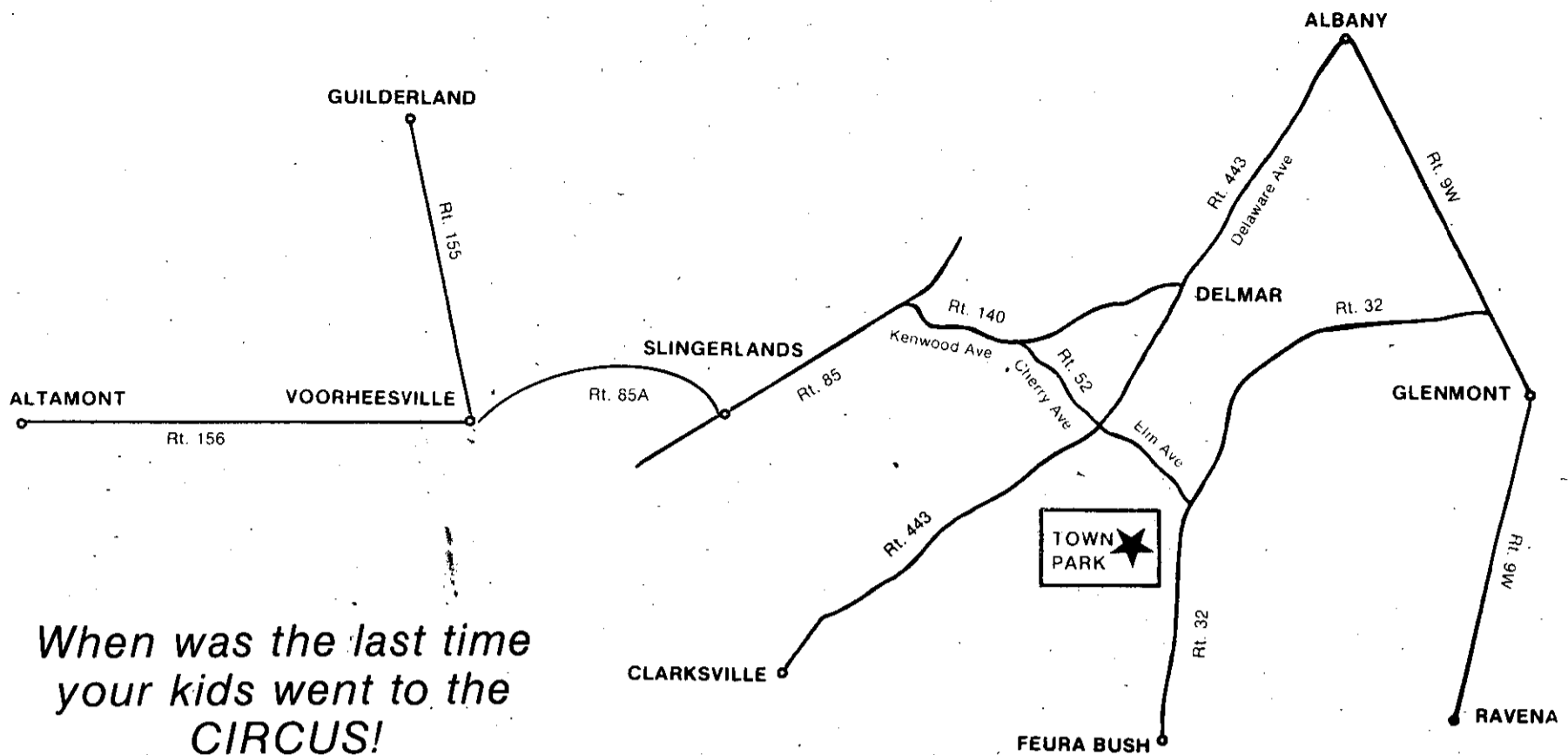
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# Vidbels made their home a circus

It began in 1950 when Joyce Vidbel left her girlhood home in Windham and hooked up with the Ringling Brothers Circus.

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She also met her husband, Al Vidbel, in the Ringling Circus.

And now, 26 years later, the Vidbels have formed their own little circus, taking it throughout New York State and appearing in New Jersey for the first time this year.

The Vidbels are world-famous animal trainers who have appeared with every major circus in the United States and Canada, including Ringling Brothers, Barnum and Bailey, and the Shrine Circus tour.

They have seen their troupe grow to include their daughter Sharon, their granddaughters, the Zerbinis family from France, a Copenhagen clown act, and ringmaster Charles Van Buskirk — not to mention their elephants and other circus animals!

The Vidbels still use Windham as their base camp. It was there they raised and bottle-fed their three circus elephants, Daisy, Daffodil and Dandelion, and trained their two young granddaughters to perform in the ring.

Joyce Vidbel is now the producer of Vidbel's Olde Tyme Circus. Grandfather Al is still in the ring. He has brought together a mixed animal act that includes llamas, English sheep dogs, a donkey, elephant and pony. The act, featured at the Catskill Game Farm for two seasons, is the sign

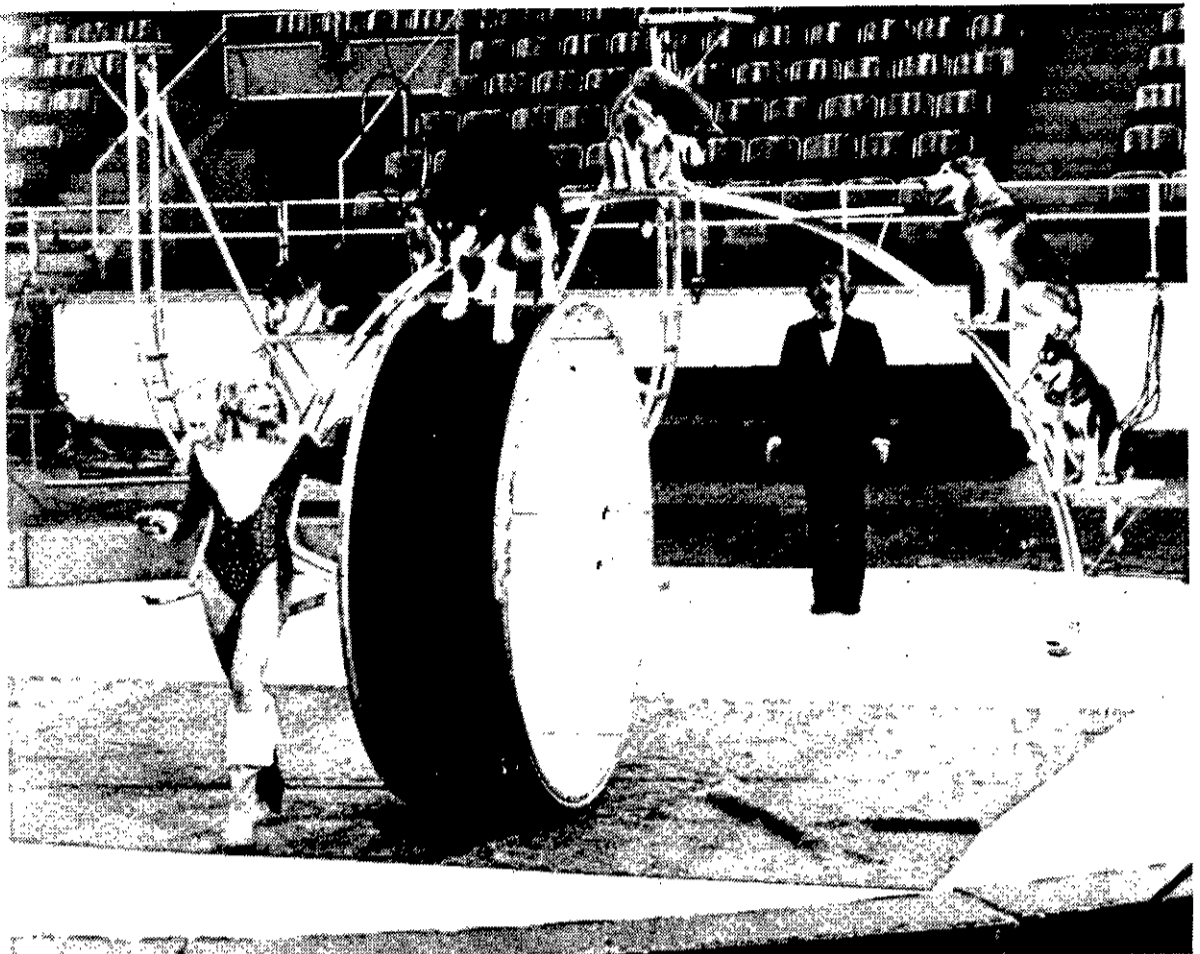


The Spinning Wheels, Hanns and Thomas, will be traveling with Vidbel's circus this year. From Copenhagen, their act is spontaneous hilarity.

of a good trainer because each animal has to know its name and signals to perform. The animals will show their confidence in their trainer and in other animals in the act.

Susan and Jennifer have been performing since they were seven, and have just started training their own bird act and their elephant act.

Sharon, the Vidbels' daughter, will be seen under the spotlight with the only dog act of its kind that includes five young male Siberian huskies and two Alaskan malamutes.



Daughter Sharon has trained Alaskan malamutes and Siberian huskies for the only dog act of its kind.

Appearing for the first time this year will be the Zerbinis family, direct from France.

From Copenhagen, Hanns and Thomas will be appearing as the Spinning Wheels, a unicycle act. The young men prefer working in a one-ring circus because they

have a chance to develop their individuality.

The job of ringmaster is central to any successful circus. Charles Van Buskirk, adorned with the traditional top hat, sideburns and handlebar moustache, aids the smooth transition from one act to another. He focuses the attention

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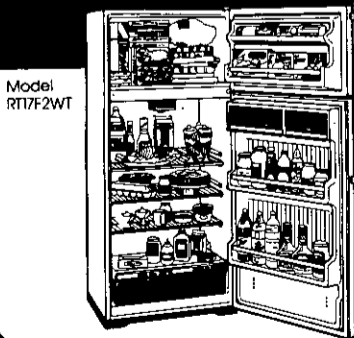
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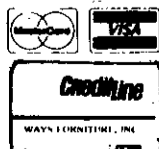


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# School tax rate figures reduced

By Patricia Mitchell

A \$6.653 million budget for 1986-87 and a school board seat will go before Voorheesville Central School District voters today (Wednesday) for their approval.

Voting for Voorheesville Central School District voters will be 2 to

## VOORHEESVILLE

9 p.m. today (May 7) at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

Even with the increase of

\$404,266 over last year's budget, estimated tax rates are to increase only slightly over last year's. In the Town of New Scotland, the tax rate is estimated at \$265.89 per \$1,000, an increase of 2.5 percent; Guilderland is estimated at \$15.59, an increase of 6.3 percent; and in Berne, \$472.87 per \$1,000, an increase of 2.3 percent.

Earlier, tax rates in the district were expected to increase about five percent in the 1986-87 budget. The lower increase is attributed to state aid figures that were not available when the school board was figuring the proposed budget. State aid is expected to come in at \$2,954,052 without the new Excellence in Teaching funds, and operating aid is expected at \$200,000.

The 1986-87 budget comes in at \$6,652,613. It is \$404,266 or 6.5 percent over last year's district budget of \$6,248,347. Major changes include a \$250,000 or 62

percent of the budget increase for employee salaries; an extra \$39,000 or 10 percent of the increase for insurance; tuition increase for handicapped students with BOCES of \$74,000 or 18 percent of the budget increase; and, private transportation contracts increase of \$31,000 or eight percent of the increase.

There is no decrease in the teaching staff expected for this year. The budget includes new positions for a foreign language teacher, a social worker, a part-time foreign language department chair, and a part-time computer education coordinator.

Incumbent David Teuten will be running uncontested for his second five-year term on the school board. A graduate of Oneonta State University, he has his bachelor's in American history and political science, and a master's in economic education.

Teuten is an analyst in planning

and budget administration for the State of New York Department of Public Service.

A 14-year resident of Voorheesville, Teuten and his wife, Marguerite, have two children, Catherine and Ed, and they live at 125 Bedford Ct.

Also on the Voorheesville Central School District's ballot will be the library's 1986-87 budget of \$129,675, with library taxes expected to increase eight percent. Taxes are expected to raise \$111,575 of the budget, and other revenue will be composed of a \$3,000 cash grant from the Upper Hudson Library Federation, and a \$2,300 library incentive grant.

## Stores

(From Page 1)

lease on the empty building in March from the Grand Union Corp. The Voorheesville store came in a package of three with the other former Grand Union stores in Bristol, Conn., and Hudson. All three buildings will be divided into groups of smaller stores, and Quinn said the Connecticut store is all leased.

"They want to do it and Grand Union wants to do it. It is just a problem of getting tenants," said Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark.

Donald Vaillencourt of the Grand Union corporate headquarters in New Jersey said he knows the vacant building is a problem for the village.

"It is expensive to hang onto the lease," Vaillencourt said.

The building was even considered for the new site of the Voorheesville library. Quinn said about 8,000 square feet of the building was considered for the library and specifications for the area were being worked on when the deal fell through.

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# Village budget set by board

By Patricia Mitchell

Taxes or no taxes, the Voorheesville Board of Trustees has approved a \$1.1 million budget for 1986-87.

The largest village budget to date, it will require a property tax rate of \$3.80 per \$1,000 after a year in which no taxes were levied for property owners in the village.

"The average house will pay between \$100 and \$125 a year," said Mayor Edward Clark at the board's April 29 meeting.

A budget had to be in place by Thursday, May 1.

The decision to collect taxes was made after increasing insurance rates almost tripled the village's bill in a year, and because most of the prior year's reserves have already been spent.

The 1986-87 budget is set at \$1,111,653. It includes \$724,653 for general expenses, \$205,750 for water fees, \$165,250 for the sewer district, and \$16,000 in federal revenue sharing.

Clark asked the board members if they would like to keep the proposed tax rate at just under four percent, or revise estimates of incoming revenue or reduce some reserve funds. He said he did not want to reduce village services.

The budget allocates \$148,060 for contingency funds in all village accounts, and sets aside \$138,811 for a new fire truck.

"This is a very conservative budget," Clark said.

After talking with about 15 village residents, Clark said he found they were not opposed to raising taxes. Residents were not favorable to lower taxes and lower revenues.

Trustee Daniel Reh said village residents he talked with could not



Mike Michele, New Scotland's Citizen of the Year, and his wife, Mimi, were honored last Friday at the Voorheesville American Legion Hall.  
Lyn Staf

believe that they did not pay village taxes last year.

"How can you yell about 10 bucks a month?" said Trustee Richard Langford.

A sensitive point in the budget for Clark is that spending estimates may be too high and revenue, particularly federal revenue sharing, may be too low. Trying to estimate what the revenue sharing funds would be is a gamble, Clark said. He pointed out that other communities use property taxes as their revenue

base and are more stable in their estimates.

He added, though, that he would like to keep taxes and spending on an even stream in the future.

In other Voorheesville Village Board business, Trustee Edward Donohue said guidelines for sewer district one in Salem Hills are ready and will be sent to the Department of Environmental Conservation for comments within the next few weeks. It outlines the district's guidelines, and informs residents of what can and can not be done with the sewer system.

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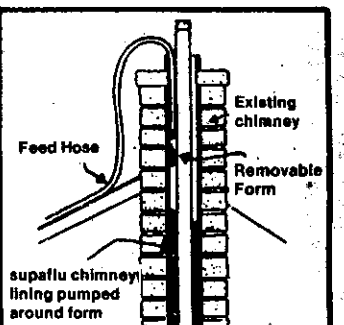
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# Indians come on as team to beat

By Bart Gottesman

The RCS varsity baseball team, a team that piled up loss after loss last season and seemed to be a team that nobody minded playing, is rapidly building up a reputation as "the team to beat" in the tight-running Colonial Council race.

The Indians won what had to be one of the biggest upsets of the season, a 9-8, 10-inning victory over Watervliet, last year's New York State champions. The Ravena victory relegated Vliet into a four-way first-place Council tie.

Earlier in the week, the Indians lost their first Council game of the

## BASEBALL

season, a 13-5 decision to Mechanicville, one of the four teams tied for the league lead.

In the Watervliet game, Ravena's pitching staff, a relief that has been consistent throughout the season, held the defending state champs in check. Russ McBride pitched 6 1/3 innings, allowing only three earned runs. Larry Rivers pitched the final 3 1/3 innings, allowing no runs.

Ravena opened the scoring with

four runs in the first inning. Watervliet got on the board in the fourth after two hits and three consecutive Ravena errors gave them a 5-4 lead. Ravena tied the score in the bottom of the fourth on a John Waddingham RBI single. In the sixth, the Indians took an 8-5 lead on a walk and singles by Waddingham, Chris Peterson, Jim Rafferty and Brian Stumbaugh, but couldn't hold on to the cushion as Vliet scored three times in the seventh, forcing the contest into extra innings. RCS coach Gary VanDerzee then brought in Rivers, who held the visitors scoreless throughout the remainder of the game.

In the bottom of the 10th McBride led off with a triple. Two intentional walks set up a force at home plate. Waddingham drew a bases-loaded walk, allowing the winning run to cross the plate.

VanDerzee felt that his team "kept their heads in the game,"

and the win was a "real big one."

In the loss to Mechanicville, one nightmare inning, cost the Indians the game. Rivers held the visitors scoreless throughout the first three innings, but in the fourth Mechanicville scored 10 runs aided by three errors and three walks. In the sixth McBride relieved Rivers and gave up three runs in two innings.

RCS jumped out to an early 3-0 lead in the third on a double by Peterson and singles by Rivers, Rafferty, Stumbaugh and Rich Losee. RBI hits by Jeff Bohem and Stumbaugh cut the Ravena difficult to 10-5 in the fifth, but that was the extent of Ravena's offense.

This week the Indians continue league play with three Council games, all on the road. On Monday the team was booked for a trip to Schalmont. Today (Wednesday) the team takes on Cohoes and on Friday Lansingburgh.

## Spotlight SPORTS

# Blackbirds hurting

By Rick Leach

The Voorheesville baseball team continued to struggle last week as they suffered a pair of losses to fall to 0-6 in the league and 0-7 overall.

Last Tuesday at home against Lansingburgh, the Birds continued to struggle at the plate in getting only three hits and falling, 6-1. Jamie Cohen hit a double and Jim Hensel a single for Voorheesville's lone hits until the seventh inning, when sophomore left fielder John Meacham hit a towering drive to left-center field for a solo home run, getting the squad's only tally.

On Friday at Waterford both teams came in looking for their first win. The Fordians came out pumped up and stunned the Birds with a 12-2 victory. Bill Kelly hit a home run and scored both of the Blackbirds runs while Diener, Foley and Hensel all added singles.

At this point in the season, the team leaders are Jamie Cohen (.421), Kelly (.353 and eight stolen bases) and Meacham (.300). However, there are bad statistics haunting the Blackbirds: going into Waterford, they had issued 24 walks in five league games and had made 25 errors. "These mistakes really hurt us," coach Gerry Gordinier noted. Opposing teams have scored 46 runs, and only 15 have been earned. On the other side, the Birds have averaged just 2.2 runs per game. "I really thought at this point in the season we would be in the thick of it," Gordinier stated. "We have played three of the four top teams and hopefully in the second half of the season we will get some wins."

The Birds were scheduled to play Mechanicville on Monday. The Red Raiders are tied for first in the league and should be a tough opponent for the squad. A win here could get their confidence up and back on the winning track.

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# Close one at Spa leaves Eagles 4-4

By John Bellizzi III

Bethlehem Central suffered two losses and earned one win last week in Suburban Council varsity baseball action.

Last Monday the Eagles were shut out by Mohonasen, 7-0. BC only managed three hits off Joe Putz, who pitched his third consecutive shutout for Mohonasen. Doug Pratt started for Bethlehem and was relieved in the third inning by Mike Hodge, who struck out four batters.

Wednesday the Eagles hosted Guilderland and won, 8-7, pulling from behind with a rally in the seventh inning. Pratt was the winning pitcher in relief of starter Geoff Mackey. BC was down by two runs in the sixth inning when Peter Russo singled, advanced on an error, and scored on a double by Paul Evangelista.

The come-from-behind victory in the seventh inning, with the Eagles trailing by 7-6, started with a double by lead-off batter Paul Stracke. Catcher Jeff Boyd reached on an error, putting runners on first and third. Pinch-hitter Steve Chung singled home Stracke, and as Boyd attempted to take third base, Guilderland threw the ball away, allowing Boyd to score the winning run.

The Eagles lost at Saratoga on Friday, 11-10, as another attempt at a last-minute comeback was thwarted in the top of the seventh. BC had men in scoring position when Pratt fielded out to center for the last out of the game. Pratt had

three hits for the day, including a double and triple. Hodge was the starting pitcher, and was relieved in the fourth by Evangelista.

This puts Bethlehem at 4-4 overall, with a league record of 3-4. This week, the team is on the road, traveling to Burnt Hills on Monday, to Colonie on Wednesday, and to Scotia on Friday.



Eagle Mike Hodge jumps away from the Guilderland catcher trying to avoid an out at home. The Eagles still swept from behind during last Wednesday's home game to top Guilderland, 8-7. *Patricia Mitchell*

## Tri-Village Little League

Standings as of May 4, 1986

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Main Care	1	0	Davies 0 1
Pr. Green	1	0	Farm. Fam. 0 1
Roberts	1	0	Spotlight 0 1
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	W	L	W L
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Pratt-Vail	1	0	Cape Cod 0 1
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Eagle Mike Hodge jumps away from the Guilderland catcher trying to avoid an out at home. The Eagles still swept from behind during last

Wednesday's home game to top Guilderland, 8-7. *Patricia Mitchell*

# Little League fields 33 teams

By John Bellizzi III

The Tri-Village Little League opened its 32nd season on a windy, cold afternoon Saturday with 33 teams at four levels. The first ball was thrown out by veteran board member Dick Everleth to his son Todd, a tee-ball player.

The opening game of the Major season was between Roberts Realty and Farm Family, with Roberts winning, 8-5. Brent Kosoc was the winning pitcher, as his teammate Mike Pratt hit a single, reached third on errors and stole home. Tim Doody, also of Roberts, laid down a sacrifice bunt and his sister Lynn singled. Farm Family's pitcher was Jay Tarbell. Mike Aylward had two

hits for the losers.

Also on Saturday the Spotlight was shut out by Main Care, 2-0. Spotlight catcher Andre Cadieux was behind the plate when the batter popped up a foul, and he made a spectacular diving catch down the first base line. "It was a good catch," Cadieux admitted later, "but I think I broke my shin guards."

Cadieux and John Schaller got the only two hits off Main Care pitcher Billy Karins, who struck out 14. Alexis Otto, the Spotlight's pitcher, also gave up only two singles, both by Mike Gambelunge.

In Saturday's final game, Price Greenleaf beat Davies Office

Refurbishing, 5-3. Price Greenleaf pitcher Matt Shortell had 13 strikeouts, while Jeremy Goldman, Mike Koroluk, Kevin Brennan and Joey Mangiapane all hit off Davies pitcher Mark Houston. Houston struck out seven batters and helped his own cause with a double.

## Bike found

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# 1 up, 1 down for BC at net

By Charles Henrickson

The Bethlehem Central boys tennis team went from one end of the spectrum to the other last week, taking a hard loss one day, then demolishing a different team two days later.

Last Tuesday the Eagles took a drubbing from a powerful Shaker squad, 5-2. The final two matches were ended early because of thunder, but if they had been completed, the score would most likely have been 6-3. Shaker is the top Suburban Council team, and this was Bethlehem's one chance to knock them off.

Brian Saelens, at No.5 singles, won his match in straight sets, and BC's No. 2 doubles team of Dave Cunningham and Jeff Ellenbogen also emerged victorious.

Coach Ray Fetcho sees matches such as this one against Shaker to be valuable. His team is young, and he will not lose a single starter to graduation. His players learn large amounts by competing against superior players, and he says, "Every time we lose we gain something." He sees great im-

provement in all of his players, and believes that BC will be "the team to beat" next year.

Last Thursday the Eagles crushed hapless Mohonasen by 9-0. Mohonasen barely has enough people for a team, and many of the matches were won by BC players without even dropping a game. This was a "nothing" match for the team, simply because victory was practically guaranteed, and so the win was not anything to celebrate.

The match scheduled for Friday against Niskayuna was postponed because of high winds. It will be played this Thursday.

This week is the busiest of the season for BC. On Monday the team was scheduled to face Albany Academy in a non-league exercise, and then yesterday (Tuesday) they faced Scotia in a match that had been postponed from earlier in the season. Today (Wednesday) the team faces Guilderland for the second time this season. It was a very close match the first time out, even though BC won by a lopsided score. Tomorrow they face

powerful Niskayuna in another make-up, which should prove to be quite a close match. Finally, on Friday the team heads to Columbia for what should be a fairly routine match.

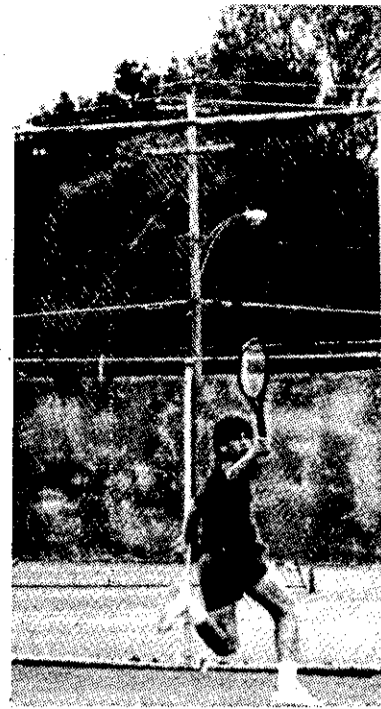
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Jeff Grant makes a return against his Shaker opponent last Tuesday. BC lagged behind in the match 5-2 that ended early due to a rain threat. Patricia Mitchell.

# RCS has young team

By Paul Curley

Ravena's young tennis team lost two matches last week to more experienced Cohoes and Albany Academy teams. On Monday Cohoes won 5-2, and on Wednesday Academy won 6-1.

The main reason for the Indians' defeat was inexperience. Only Jim Ritter, the first seed, has any previous varsity experience. At Academy he played what Coach Jack Curry called "the best match I've ever seen him play" in defeating their best, 6-2, 6-3. Ritter has been very important in the development of the young team by helping the other players and by winning important matches.

Curry said he sees improvement every day among the newer members, and they all have "great, optimistic attitudes." He considers this year "a learning process." The team should be competitive next year, since Ritter is a junior and every other player is either a sophomore or freshman. Curry feels that, considering the team's youth, they could develop quickly and become more competitive by the end of this season.

Members of the team are Ritter, Darrin Hall, Mike Frazzetta, Chris Stevenson, Brian Datri, Andrew Countaway, Brian Olby, Jeff Schaefer and Eric Schwanke.

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## Kimmelberg takes first

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Kimmelberg has been out of the racing scene for some time, having participated in the school's indoor track program. Thanks to a good wind from running, and the leg power from several weeks of intensive cycling training, he was able to win the race by more than 150 yards.

Kimmelberg has a history of cycling power. In past years, he has been ranked among the top cyclists in his age group in the Northeast. He plans to continue his training for more competitive racing this spring and summer.

## Bird netmen bow

Tom Leach

It has been a heartbreaking and frustrating season for the Voorheesville tennis team as they lost their 4-3 match last Wednesday. The defeat came at the hands of the Blackbirds, a team the Blackbirds had defeated by the same score the first time around.

The Blackbirds won, 6-1, 7-5, to the Blackbirds going after first three players fell, and Solomons followed with 2-6, 6-6 victory to pull the squad to 3-2. The teams split the first two matches, with the first going to the Knights and the second going to Voorheesville. Tom Kurkjian and Stevens won their torrid pace with a 2-6 victory. Also playing well was Paul Nichols, who lost in a hot and heavy three-set match. Kurkjian also lost a breaker, falling in a third-set tiebreaker. "It was a tossup and have gone either way," said Tom Kurkjian of the team.

Voorheesville played at the Academy, and was matched in every way. The team, which has not lost a match in six years, completely dominated the Birds in a 7-0 whitewashing. The team is far and above the

rest of the league," Kurkjian noted.

The netmen had a match on Friday against non-league foe Schoharie, but it was postponed due to cold and wind. However, there was an interesting occurrence in practice as Stevens, who started the year playing No. 6, upended Kurkjian and will play in the No. 3 spot. "It will be interesting to see how this works out," the veteran coach observed, "but I think it should make us stronger."

The team has two matches on tap this week, at Schalmont Monday, and home against Watervliet. At Schalmont the Birds were looking to get revenge for an earlier 4-3 setback. The match against the Cannoneers today (Wednesday) should be an easy one, as Voorheesville defeated them, 6-1, in the first meeting.

# A good week for some

By Tania Stasiuk

It was another good week for the better athletes on Bethlehem's track team, and another losing week for the team as a whole. The boys were defeated by both Shenendehowa and Shaker when they traveled to Latham last Tuesday, and on Saturday at the Colonie Relays, they placed seventh out of 15 schools.

The girls team played to the same tune, losing to Shenendehowa on Thursday, and placing fourth of 13 schools at the Colonie Relays.

Senior Mark LeBeau again was the power of the team, winning both the 110 high hurdles and the high jump, and placing second in the 400 hurdles. He ran a personal record of 15.5 in the 110 hurdles, jumped his standard 5-foot-10, and finished the 400 hurdles in 58.6.

The only other first place came from junior Pete Winkler, who won the 3200 in 10:21. Winkler also anchored the two-mile relay team to an 8:26 second-place finish behind Shaker. BC has run faster, but LeBeau did not run this event. In front of Winkler were freshman Ian Berry, junior John McCarthy and senior Greg Dobbert. Dobbert and Berry are members of the team that earlier smashed the school record for that relay.

Junior Bob Colquohon is working his way through the ranks of area sprinters, and placed in the 100 at 11.7. Other strong performances came from senior

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Brian McGarrahan, who broke 19 feet to place third in the long jump, and sophomore Brendan Kejarse, who took fourth with a 4:46 1600.

The weather played an important role in the relay meet on Saturday. A strong headwind combined with 40-degree temperatures made for difficult running and slow times. However, many of the same individuals who ran well in the dual meet were able to perform well here.

Two Runners, Winkler and Colquohon placed in the prestig-

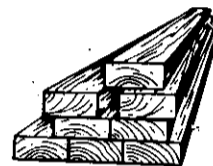
ious invitational events. Winkler ran a 4:43 1600 to take third, and Colquohon also took home a third-place trophy in the 100 with a time of 11.6, his personal best.

The distance medley of LeBeau in the 1200, freshman Ian Berry in the 400, Dobbert in the 800, and Winkler in the anchoring 1600, placed first with a quick 11:37. The only other team to place high was the spring medley, which took second with Berry again in the 400, Colquohon and McGarrahan in the 200 legs, and LeBeau in the anchoring 800. When LeBeau was handed the baton, BC was in fifth place, but he moved up to finish the team in second.

The girls had a much closer dual (Turn to Page 24)

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## Off to strong start

The Bethlehem Soccer Club's under-19 boys team weighed in with two impressive victories last week to get off to a 2-0 start in Capital District play. The locals made short work of the Albany Metros, 7-1, and edged a strong New Scotland team, 2-1.

The under-16 girls team also moved out in front to a 2-0 record by taking a close contest from Village, 2-1. Both teams will be on the road this week, the under-19 boys at Rotterdam and the under-16 girls at Brunswick.

Overall it was a banner week for Bethlehem teams with six wins in nine outings. The under-14 girls evened their ledger at 1-1 with a 7-0 whitewash of New Lebanon, the under-16 boys made an impressive debut with a 1-0 win over Niskayuna, and the under-14

boys opened their season by dominating Niskayuna, 5-0.

The under-12 teams found the going more rugged, the girls dropping a 2-1 heartbreaker to Clifton Park and the boys absorbing a 3-1 setback from Niskayuna. The under-10 mixed team lost to Lake Hill, 5-0.

Local fans will be able to see three teams in action at home this Sunday. A tripleheader at the Middle School field starts at 1 p.m. with the under-10 sprites facing Lake Hill, followed by the under-12 boys against Lake Hill at 2:15 and the under-16 boys against Niskayuna at 4:45.

### Town truck tips

A Town of Bethlehem pickup truck went off Rt. 396 and onto its side Saturday afternoon after a rear tire on the vehicle had a blowout, according to Bethlehem police reports. The driver, a 64-year-old Delmar man, reported no injuries following the 4:10 p.m. accident near Niver Ave., the report noted.

# RCS shows its power

By Josh Curley

The RCS boys track team displayed exceptional talent as they extended their undefeated streak in dual meets to 4-0. The two victories last week were against Voorheesville and Ichabod Crane.

The Indians crushed Voorheesville early in the week by sweeping 13 of 17 events. The only event the Blackbirds managed to win was the 400.

Among the winners were distance specialists Brian Perry

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and Paul Curley, who, between them won all three distance races and contributed to two victorious relay teams. Perry triumphed in the mile and 880 while Curley controlled the 2-mile race by beating the nearest competitor by 150 yards. Curley also was a member of the 2-mile relay team while Perry demonstrated his sprinting talent in the one-mile relay.

Jerry Baranska dominated both weight events. Mike Mims added to his impressive list of victories in

the long and triple jumps, and Baranska won the high jump, 110 hurdles against Voorheesville and Ichabod Crane.

Tim Baranska, an outstanding sophomore, shattered his school record set earlier this year in the 440 hurdles with a spry 59.9 seconds against Ichabod Crane. He also won that event against Voorheesville.

Again at Ichabod Crane, Perry and Curley ruled the 2-mile distance runs and each ran a leg of the winning 2-mile relay. Perry won the 2-mile and hung tough throughout the one-mile event, outprinting a strong challenger

## Invitational for 'Birds

By Stephen A. Smith

The Voorheesville track team had only one meet this past week and that was on Saturday in the Middleburgh Invitational, which was a co-ed meet.

Ben Greenberg turned in his best performance of the year in the half mile and the one-mile relay with Tom Donahue, Laurie Smith and Rachel Martin. Martin had a good day, placing second in the half mile for the girls and fourth in the two-mile relay running with Stephanie Brown, Rob Ranysford and Billy Coons.

Also with good scores for the Blackbirds were Donahue, who placed third in the mile run, and Pat Lentlie, who was fifth. Sophomore John DeCatur ran his fastest time of the season in the two-mile run, placing seventh overall.

Kevin Kelly had another outstanding meet, coming in second in the 200-meter run. This time equaled his best time of the season.

Chuck Rogers, who has run well for the Blackbirds all season, was unable to compete in Saturday's meet because he was competing in a regional meet in Long Island in which he placed sixth in the two-mile run.

## BC track team lags

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meet against Shenendehowa. The score was only separated by three points at the end, and one event which Bethlehem was expected to win (and thus win the meet) was cancelled on account of weather. Kelly Ross, who is now ranked in the top three in the state with a 5-7 high jump, was unable to compete due to rain, and so high jump was not scored.

In that meet, senior Jenny Hammer took first in the 3000 with an 11:18, and second in the open 400, in 64.8. Hammer's younger sister, eighth-grader Julie, ran in the winning two-mile relay, along with juniors Anne Carey and Tricia Shultes, as well as fellow eighth-grader Kathy Saba.

Junior Heather Wolfe added another first for the team, winning the 1500 with a quick 5:18. Saba followed in second place, finishing in 5:27. Wolfe also won the open 800, running a 2:37, followed by Shultes in 2:39. Carey took first in the 400 hurdles, and sophomore Connie Pogue took over the sprinting events, winning both the 200 and the 100. Melissa Coccozza and Kristen Cooke took first and second places in the long jump, and Cooke won the triple jump

easily. Junior Jen Engstrom took second place in the 100 hurdles.

At the relay meet, Hammer won the invitational 1500 with a 5:18. She anchored the third-place relay team of Shultes, Wolfe, Saba. Hammer also led the one-mile relay team that took second with Wolfe, her sister Julie and Carey.

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The only relay to take first in the distance medley, with Saba running the 1200, Carey running the 400, the younger Hammer the 800 and Saba with a 1600 anchor leg. The medley finished in sixth place with Wolfe, freshmen Cornell and Sascha Mayer and Julie Hammer competing.

This week, the boys were scheduled to host Burnt Hill and Scotia on Tuesday, and will host the Schenectady Invitational tomorrow (Thursday). The boys were scheduled to go to the invitational meet on Tuesday. Tomorrow will host Guilderland and Coxsack. On Saturday, the teams will send better athletes to the Niskayuna co-ed meet, the Wisner Memorial meet.

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## Sentencing due 3

Two women and a man, arrested in January by Bethlehem police in connection with a scheme in which expensive electronic equipment was purchased with fraudulent checks and then resold, face sentencing next week. According to a spokesman for the county district attorney's office, the three pleaded guilty to felony charges of third degree grand larceny in the case under a plea bargain arrangement in which they implicated four other persons who were arrested at the same time.

Ralph P. Meyer, 28, and Tina Marie Meyer, 22, his wife, both of North Adams, Mass., each pleaded guilty in County Court to one count of third degree grand larceny and to a misdemeanor charge of fifth degree conspiracy. Linda Storm, 30, of Troy pleaded guilty to two counts of third degree grand larceny, the spokesman said.

A suppression hearing is scheduled Thursday in the case against the other four.

All seven were arrested Jan. 15 after an unsuccessful attempt to use a fraudulent check to obtain a video cassette recorder at a Delaware Ave. store, police said.

## Accident injures 2

Two women were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital Thursday afternoon after a car driven by a Schenectady resident was rear-ended by a tractor-trailer on Rt. 85 at Blessing Rd., according to Bethlehem police reports.

Drena Thomas, 31, and Jo LaFontaine, 62, for whom no addresses were listed, were treated and released, a hospital spokesman said.

Police said the vehicle the women were in was stopped, waiting to make a turn onto Blessing Rd., when it was struck from behind by the truck. The driver of the truck, a 19-year-old from Clifton Park, was ticketed for having insufficient brakes, police said.

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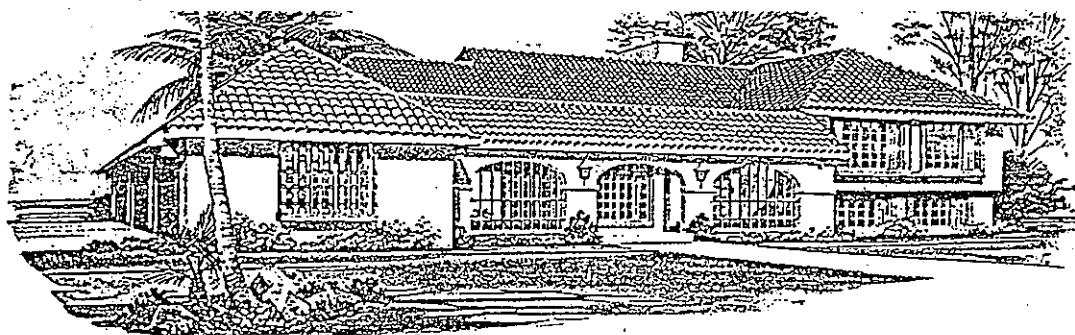
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# Indians No. 2

By Tim Penk

The RCS softball team won three games last week, but lost to Schalmont in a showdown for the Colonial Council lead. The loss was the second for the Indians, and hopes for first place are dismal. Ravena was in second place with a 7-2 record, 10-2 overall, going into this week's schedule.

The Indians lost to Schalmont, 9-1, in a highly pressured struggle. The game was close for the first five innings when Schalmont led 1-0. Ravena then fell apart with the combination of errors and walks.

"They just didn't look sharp," said Coach Bruce Stott. The team had no offense and scored its only run in the seventh inning.

Mechanicville felt the wrath of a sharp RCS team in a 7-2 wipeout. Terry Baker led the Indians to their seventh victory with her pitching and hitting. Baker had struck out 11 batters and hit two singles. Jackie Mulligan also had a good day, giving the Indians a couple of hits that scored runs.

The next victim was Holy Names by 9-0. Terry Baker threw a one-hitter with 12 strikeouts.

## SOFTBALL

Frances Losee led in hitting with a double and two singles.

RCS finished the week with a comeback victory over Waterford, 19-12. The Indians fell behind, 12-3, in the bottom of the third. Stott said, "I had to sit them down and really wake them up," and his powerful lecture worked. The Indians scored six runs in the third and Baker shut the Waterford team down. Natalie Fitzgerald and Amy Kane led in hitting with three singles each.

The Indians seem to have second place secured, and if they maintain their winning ways, a possible Sectional berth may come. The Indians are scheduled to play Ithaca Crane, Lansingburgh and Cohoes this week.

### Pancake breakfast

The Sons of the American Legion, Post 1493 Voorheesville, is sponsoring a Mother's Day Pancake Breakfast from 8 a.m. to noon Sunday at the Blanchard Post on Popular Dr. in Elmsere.

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# Blackbirds need to get bats going

By Stephen A. Smith

The Voorheesville girls varsity softball team had another rugged week and again came up empty-handed in games against Holy Names, Mechanicville, and Schalmont.

Last Monday the Blackbirds played Holy Names and fell to an early deficit. Colleen Taylor pitched the first two innings before being replaced by freshman Trisha Carmody, who hurled the rest of the game. Hitting the ball well for Voorheesville was sophomore Heather Michalak, who went 4-for-5 with three singles and a double. Even with outstanding performances like this the Blackbirds still fell short by a score of 20-15.

On Wednesday the Ladybirds were outplayed by Mechanicville, 12-4. Pitching once again for Voorheesville was Trisha Carmody, who contributed to her own cause by going 2-for-4 at the plate. Taylor was 3-for-4 with one run batted in.

At Schalmont in bitter cold weather the Blackbirds ended the week with a 17-11 loss. Jennifer Elliot led the hitters with a double and two singles.

At the close of last week the

Ladybirds stood 1-7 in the league and 1-9 overall. Although the Blackbirds are losing many of their games, they are improving in the field and are working on an offensive plan. "With our mental errors decreasing, all we really need to do is get our bats going."

commented coach Peg Squazzo.

This week the Birds have a full schedule, starting in Waterford on Monday. Tuesday (yesterday) the girls went up against Watervliet. The team has games against Cohoes and Lansingburgh on Thursday and Friday respectively.

# Busy week for Eagles

It was a case of feast or famine for Bethlehem Central's softball team in two Suburban Council outings last week.

The Eagles were limited to one single in a 9-1 loss to Columbia at East Greenbush, but came back to unleash the heavy artillery in an 18-13 bombardment at Guelderland that pushed their league record to 3-2.

Two freshmen led the assault at Guelderland as the Eagles, trailing by 13-8 after five innings, staged a 10-run parade over the last two frames. Amy Koski, ninth grader playing first base, bludgeoned two homers and a single, and Julie Francis, who alternates between catcher and third base, slammed a homer and two doubles.

The Dutchgirls also had trouble

getting Lisa Rivenburgh out. The BC sophomore outfielder struck two doubles and two singles. Cindy Lovelace, a senior, was the beneficiary of the late slugging, and was the winning pitcher.

The Eagles took a 6-2 lead in the first two innings, but were trailing by 11-6 after four. At 13-8 they rallied for three runs in the sixth and applied the crusher with seven in the seventh.

This week the girls have a golden chance to put on a drive for the Gold Division title. They were scheduled for four consecutive home games, starting Monday with Shenendehowa and Tuesday with Burnt Hills. Today (Wednesday) they are matched with Niskayuna and tomorrow with Mohonasen. Games start at 3:45 p.m.

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# Obituaries

## Robert Brown

Robert S. Brown, 59, of Delmar died April 28 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

He was a native of the Albany area. He lived in Delmar for the past 16 years.

A graduate of Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute, he served as an architect for the state Office of General Services. He retired in 1983 and continued to serve as a consultant to the department.

He was a member of the Trinity United Methodist Church in Albany.

He leaves his mother, Helen C. Brown of Delmar.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home in Albany. Burial was in the Albany Rural Cemetery.

## Alice Osterhout

Alice M. Osterhout, 67, of Voorheesville died April 28 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

Born in Albany, she was a life-

long resident of Voorheesville. She retired two years ago after 30 years as a waitress at the Toll Gate Restaurant in Slingerlands.

She was a member of the New Scotland Genetaska and the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville.

She leaves her husband, Wyman Osterhout, a member of the New Scotland Town Board; five daughters, Lynn Sutton of Slingerlands, Audrey Smith and Shirley Schenmeyer of Voorheesville, Beverly Meade of Syracuse and Patricia Sweetser of Arizona; a step-daughter, Marlyn Reynolds of Washington, D.C.; a stepson, Wyman E. Osterhout of Daytona Beach, Fla.; two sisters, Cyinda Erickson of Slingerlands and Betty Hare of Rensselaer, and two brothers, Francis Willsey of Voorheesville and Lester Willsey of Westerlo. She is also survived by 17 grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Mount Pleasant Cemetery, New Salem.

## Lawrence Kavanaugh

Lawrence V. Kavanaugh, 75, of Delmar, a Navy veteran of World War II, died April 29 at the Eden Park Nursing Home, Albany, after a long illness.

Born in Buffalo, he lived in Delmar for many years.

He was assistant field director for the New York State Division of Parole in Albany.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Jane G. Cabana; a daughter, Mrs. J. Karen DiNapoli of Delmar; three sons, Lawrence G. Kavanaugh of Greenfield Center, and Richard K. Kavanaugh and Robert B. Kavanaugh of Saratoga Springs, and a brother, Thomas J. Kavanaugh of Illinois. He is also survived by seven grandchildren and many nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery, Delmar.

## Henry Kelly

Col. Henry M. Kelly, 57, of San Diego, Calif., formerly of Slingerlands, died April 24 at Mercy Hospital in San Diego.

Born in Beacon, N.Y., he lived in Slingerlands most of his life and

moved to San Diego after retiring five years ago. He served in the United States Air Force for 28 years. He was a veteran of the Vietnam and Korean Wars.

He was a graduate of Siena College and George Washington University.

He was a former communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

He leaves his wife, Marie Kelly; two daughters, Kathy Kelly of Talahasie, Fla., and Anne Marie Kelly of Los Angeles, Calif., and an aunt, Alice O'Reilly of Delmar

Arrangements were by the United States Air Force. Burial was in the Point Loma Military Cemetery, Fort Rosecrans, Calif.

## Jessie May Witt

Jessie May Witt, 69, of Slingerlands died May 1 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a brief illness.

Born in Albany, she lived in Slingerlands for the past 40 years.

She was a graduate of the Albany Academy for Girls and Albany Business College. She won numerous equestrian awards while representing the Albany Academy for Girls in Armory

Troop B events. An avid tennis player, she served as manager of the Southwood Tennis Club for the past 14 years.

She was a co-founder of the Slingerlands Nursery School.

She leaves a son, Peter M. Witt of Santa Monica, Calif., and two brothers, William Lesser of New York City and Richard C. Lesser of Glenmont.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons.

## Vandals sought

Bethlehem police are investigating an incident of vandalism that occurred sometime Saturday night at the Hamagrael Elementary School, McGuffey Lane in Delmar. According to police reports, floodlights, windows and two glass doors were broken. The damage was discovered early Sunday morning.

## AART meet

Albany Area Retired Teachers will hold their next meeting at 12:30 p.m., Wednesday, May 14 at the Bethlehem Public Library.

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## A misrepresentation

Editor, The Spotlight:

An open letter to Bethlehem Central School District voters:

Just to set the record straight. Please read the election campaign materials with a wary eye. Not everything you see is accurate.

For example, in the May issue of *Bethlehem Central Sidelights*, published by BUT, there is reference to RE:BUT:

"We think we can turn the quality decline around (with help from our RE:BUT friends)...."

This is a clear misrepresentation of RE:BUT's position. RE:BUT does not believe there HAS been a decline in Bethlehem's educational quality. Nor do we wish to align ourselves with BUT and its manipulative tactics.

As Phyllis Braga wrote in the last *Spotlight*, "Conscientious voters have some serious thinking to do."

Phyllis Hillinger  
For the RE:BUT  
Executive Board

## Must speak out

Editor, The Spotlight:

I can no longer remain quiet. I must voice my opinion concerning the problems our community will face if the proposed psychiatric facility is built on the site near the Glenmont school. Perhaps the citizens who are so in favor of this facility have not stopped to think of all the negative ramifications.

Glenmont will become a much less desirable place to live. The majority of new homes being built in Glenmont (and there are several new developments sprouting) are due to the fact that it is a safe, suburban town with a good school, a decent privately run day care facility convenient for many working parents, has an adequate and growing shopping plaza, and has a nice environment for raising young children.

All of this may very well be sacrificed if the hospital is located on the main "drag" of Glenmont, so close to the school, day care center and shopping plaza. Patients from the hospital will no doubt wander down Rt. 9W toward the shopping plaza, which will definitely be a point of attraction. There will be people wandering past the school and day care center and loitering at the plaza.

As professional as psychiatrists are, the field of mental health is not an exact science and no one, not even experts, can predict who will become agitated, abusive or even violent on any given day under any given situation. The risks are definitely there and we the citizens will bear the burden with:

- A less safe atmosphere for our children.
- A less safe atmosphere for ourselves.
- A less desirable neighborhood to move into.
- Increased public protection costs.
- Increased costs for security, such as fencing the school yard.
- Undoubtedly, at some future date, we will foot the bill for sidewalks on Rt. 9W so the patients can wander down the road on a wintry day without being hit.

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We are not so naive as to think that guarantees made by the hospital owners today will be honored several years down the line. The situation, if guaranteed okay for now, can only worsen with time.

People are justly concerned, and our elected officials should speak "for the people," not sell Glenmont down the river for tax revenues. Much alternate land must be available in such a relatively rural area, so please don't ruin the town for many of its law-abiding citizens by placing a psychiatric hospital right in the midst of the community and next to a focal point — its school.

I hope we do not have to subject our children and ourselves to these problems.

Gina Chatterjee

Selkirk

## Vote in RCS

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this opportunity to encourage all eligible voters of the RCS school district to be sure to get out and vote on May 14.

I feel that we need Wayne Fuhrman re-elected and William Wilkinson elected to the board. These two men will keep in mind the business aspect of the operation of the RCS school district, as well as the needs of the children.

Please vote yes on the propositions concerning the purchase of busses, the repairing of our roofs and also the solar energy project.

Ronald J. Selkirk  
Board Member

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## Differ on data

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Page 9 of the last issue of *The Spotlight*, Bethlehem Central Superintendent Lawrence Zinn was quoted as correcting a figure given by a candidate at the recent candidates forum. The reference was to me. I reported per pupil costs for the central administration, operation and maintenance and fringe benefits as well as the total per pupil cost. Using this most recent published State Education Department data of June, 1984, our per pupil fringe benefits are the highest of all suburban council schools and total per pupil cost being third highest. Central administration, operation and maintenance and fringe benefits exceed the suburban council average by more than \$570,000.

Let's hope that for the sake of our students and community, we can provide a better dialogue than

making generalized allegations such as incorrect data and erroneous and inaccurately drawn conclusions.

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Delmar

*The statement issued by Superintendent Zinn following the April 27 candidates forum was that Bethlehem Central's per pupil expenditure of \$4,779 places it fifth among the 11 Suburban Council schools. Zinn said his figure is based on data supplied by the Suburban Council superintendents to each other annually.*  
Ed.

## 'Rest Well'

Editor, The Spotlight:

An open letter to George Kaufman (an opponent of the proposed Rt. 9W site for the Northeast Psychiatric Center, who has written several letters to the editor. Ed.):

Please relax re: your opposition to the psychiatric center proposed near our Glenmont school. Consider the following:

We have a representative form of government. For years the Republican residents of the Town of Bethlehem. Do you believe for one minute they will turn against the 1,131 people who signed the petition against locating the facility near our grade school, and lose votes?

Do you think they would risk opposing six neighborhood and PTA groups across town, and lose votes?

Sure, two of the members of the planning board were apparently asleep during the public hearing, but don't you think the rest heard you?

Do you think our elected representatives will go along with a group whose "parent organization" is reported in *The New York Times* as involved in bribery? We aren't on the take up here!

So only two members of the town board attended the planning board public hearing — at least one of them stayed until 1:24 a.m., when the meeting was over. She listened!

Sure, the meeting appeared contrived — a general topic meeting re: Meadows until 9:30 p.m., the members of the psychiatric center until 10:30 p.m. Maybe a lot of the 400 people had to leave because they have grade school children and needed babysitters, may of whom had school the next day. But don't you think the board listened to the many who stayed and gave their opinions?

George, there is no way the planning board nor the town

board as our elected or appointed representatives will go along with the psychiatric center next to the Glenmont school. Sure, we need these services, but not near our Glenmont grade school. They are smarter than that!

Rest well. Good night, George.

Robert Zick

Glenmont

## Mothers Day race

The sixth annual Mother's Day Road race will begin at noon at the Hamagrael School on McGuffey Rd. in Delmar.

The 3.5 mile race is sponsored by Owens-Corning Fiberglass and is organized by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club.

A one-mile children's race starts at 11:30 a.m., and is sponsored by McDonald's of Delmar.

Gift certificates will be awarded to the top three runners in 10 age groups. Special awards will also go to the first novice in each age group and to the five fastest mother-daughter teams.

Runners register the day of the race at the Hamagrael School. There is no fee for the children's race. The registration for the 3.5 mile race is \$4.

For information, phone 456-0381.

## Samaritan's week

The Good Samaritan Home has events planned for Home for the Aging Week, May 12 to 18.

At 7:30 p.m. Monday, May 12, will be a performance by the Delmar Community Orchestra.

At 2 p.m. Thursday will be a celebration of the 100th anniversary of the 1930's with a WABM's nite Edwardson. Come dressed for the era, and there will be prizes, dancing and refreshments.

At 2 p.m. Friday will be "Beauty on the go" fashion show featuring fashions from Wells and Coverly in Stuyvesant Plaza and Laura Taylor Ltd. in Delaware Plaza. There will be prizes and refreshments.

Space is limited for all events. For reservations, phone 439-8116.

## Gardening programs

Albany County Cooperative Extension representatives will present two gardening programs at the Bethlehem Public Library during May. Each program will be preceded by soil testing at 7 p.m.

Perennial gardening and bedding plant design will be presented at 7:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 7. A program about flowers for drying will follow on Monday, May 19, at 7:30 p.m.

For information call 439-9314.

## BIRTHS



### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Amanda Hanson, to Beth Hanson and Ed Galvin, Delmar, Dec. 12, 1985.

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Christopher Jo, to Ella and Timothy Malark, Feura Bush, on April 7.

Girl, Samantha Winters, to Susan and Jeffrey Weyant of Delmar on April 9.

Girl, Jessica Lynn, to Mr. and Mrs. Charles Bell of Delmar on April 13.

Girl, Kara Christine, to Nancy and Jack Braaten of Delmar on April 15.

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# Foster a Tulip Finalist

Delmar resident Dianne K. Foster is one of the 11 finalists for the 1986 Albany Tulip Queen.

To be chosen at the coronation in Washington Park at 1 p.m. Saturday, May 10, the Tulip Queen will receive a trip to the Netherlands courtesy of TWA, a travel wardrobe provided by Robert Cohn Associates of Albany, and an educational scholarship.

Among more than 200 applicants, Foster, 21, of 93 Brockley Dr., is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Foster. She is a student at Hudson Valley Community College and is employed at Alfred's Fabric Center in Delmar.

The 38th Annual Tulip Festival will begin at noon Friday on the corner of State and Pearl streets as Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen reads the official proclamation, and the official scrubbing of the streets.

Other Tulip Festival activities include; Tulip Flower Show, 2:30-5 p.m. Friday, and 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Saturday at St. Peter's Church Guild House, 107 State St.; Kinderkermis, 2-5 p.m. Saturday in Washington Park;



Tulip queen finalist Diane Foster of Delmar, seated, is presented with a sachet by Linda Corgliano, center, and Pat Storm at My Mother's Vanity last Tuesday. The 11 finalists were invited to tea and were presented with the sachets courtesy of Corgliano and Storm. *Patricia Mitchell*

Tulip Festival Ball, 6:30 p.m., Saturday, at Empire State Plaza Convention Center, Pinksterfest, noon-6 p.m. Saturday and Sunday at Washington Park, and the Tulip Queen's Luncheon, noon, Monday, at the Albany Hilton Hotel.



Mrs. John Clark

## Phyllis Gallager wed

Phyllis Lynn Gallager, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard A. Gallager of Voorheesville, and John Marshall Clark, son of Mr. and Mrs. Russell D. Clark, Jr. of New Haven, Conn., and Lake Sunapee, N.H., were married on April 19 at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville by the Rev. Richard A. Hibbert.

The wedding party included Gretchen Gallager, Wendy Clark, Karen Clark, Sandra Merletti, Donna Corbisieri, Russell Clark, III, Daniel Durbano, Thomas Sachel, Joseph Turso and Robert Zaccagnino.

The couple are graduates of Utica College in Utica. The bride

is a production manager with First Software of Lawrence, Ma., and the bridegroom is associated with Redland Construction of Lowell, Ma., as an assistant construction manager.

After a wedding trip to Jamaica, the couple will reside in Saugus, Ma.



A Health Fare will be held from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Saturday, May 10, at Bethlehem Central High School. Transportation will be provided by the Bethlehem Senior Van. For reservations, phone 439-5770 9-11 a.m.

The Town of Bethlehem's Wednesday and Friday exercise classes are invited to take a wildflower walk on Friday, May 9, weather permitting, at the Five Rivers Environmental Center with exercise instructor Gloria Cabry. Meet at town hall at 10 a.m. for the trip to Five Rivers.

A free blood pressure clinic will be held at the town hall auditorium from 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m., Wednesday, May 21. There will not be any more blood pressure clinics until September.

"Memories of Albany's Past" will be the theme of the Senior Citizen Ball to be held 7:30-11:30 p.m. Tuesday, May 13, in the Empire State Plaza Convention Center. People are encouraged to come dressed in a costume from some period of Albany's 300-year history. Music will be provided by the Peter Margiotta Orchestra. Tickets may be purchased by anyone 60 years or over for \$1.25. The senior van will be available for those interested by phoning 439-5770 from 9-11 a.m.

## Seniors are Merit Scholars

Peter M. Blaustein of Delmar and Jon E. Gibson of Voorheesville have been awarded college-sponsored Merit Scholarships by the National Merit Scholarship Corporation.

Both seniors at Bethlehem Central High School, Blaustein and Gibson became eligible as juniors when they took the qualifying 1984 PSAT/NMSQT. Over 5,800 scholarships have been awarded worth more than \$21 million.

Blaustein, of 526 Huron Ct. in Delmar, plans to attend Oberlin College near Cleveland, Ohio. His

career field is listed as undecided, and he is a member of the National Honor Society, the varsity soccer team, and the Bethlehem Students for Peace and Survival.

Gibson plans to attend the University of Texas at Austin, and plans a career in business administration. He is a member of the National Honor Society, the chess club, Model United Nations, Early Morning Religious Class, Church Youth Group, the Harvard Summer School for Secondary School Students and the Boy Scouts.

## Garden Day program

Bethlehem's annual Garden Day program will be held 9 a.m.-2 p.m., Saturday May 10.

Held at the town highway garage on Elm Ave. in Selkirk, the program is presented by the Council for the Preservation of the Environment and the town highway department.

Mulch and composted leaves will be available to aid in fertilizing soils, and sturdy containers should be brought to take the compost.

Advice from council members will also be available on how to mulch most effectively.

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## Community Corner

### Celebrate Mother's Day

To help make your mom feel special, here are a few events celebrating Mother's Day on Sunday, May 11.

At Bethlehem Public Library at 2 p.m., Friday, May 9, pre-schoolers will celebrate mom in special stories and songs. For information, phone 439-9314.

A Mother's Day Craft and Bake Sale will be a special feature at a giant rummage sale starting at 9 a.m. Saturday, May 10, at 14 Plymouth Ave. in Delmar. Sponsored by Friends of Is-Sho-Da, money raised will help purchase teepees for Camp Is-Sho-Da for summer camp and troop camping in the spring and fall. For information, phone 439-4659 or 756-3610.

A 3.5-mile Mother's Day road race, organized by the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, will begin at noon on Sunday (May 11) at Hamagrael Elementary School.

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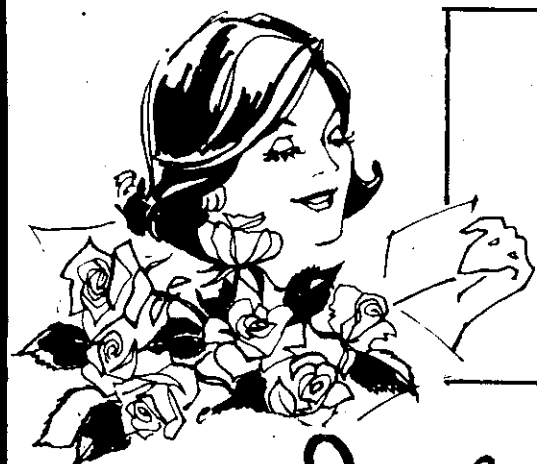
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# THE SPOTLIGHT

The weekly newspaper serving the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland

## How good a neighbor?



Glenmont residents and Bethlehem town officials, who will soon be deciding on the Northeast Psychiatric Hospital proposed for Glenmont, last week visited a Pennsylvania psychiatric hospital and the school across the street. A special report on the hospital, the visitor's reactions and the company that owns the hospital starts on Page 1.

## Party line on civic center

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## Scramble on for Lane's seat

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## Circus supplement inside

## Vote today!

School board and budget elections are today in the Bethlehem Central School District (Page 2) and in Voorheesville (Page 18). A report on the RCS election, May 14, is on Page 8.