

rent, interest and depreciation, plus a 10 per cent profit on investment.

Silver Lake is presently subleased by three operators, Solomon Klein, Otto Weingarten and Annette Gross. Klein is a brother-in-law of Frank Klein and Weingarten a son-in-law of Heisler. Both Klein and Heisler, according to Stein's office, are operators of Bergman-linked facilities.

"Silver Lake has nothing to do with Bergman," says Otto Weingarten, also the Silver Lake administrator. "The tie-up never existed. It's even stupid to react to it."

Israel Weingarten, operator of Verrazano Nursing Home (and also a cousin of Otto Weingarten), denies any Verrazano connection to Bergman, whose political influence allegedly reaches into the caucus rooms of the state legislature in Albany.

"To Bergman I never spoke," Weingarten says. "If I fell over the man I wouldn't know him. I have never met him."

Weingarten says he does not get involved with the owners (Heisler is listed by the State Department of Health as one of a trio of licensed owners), but simply pays his monthly rent to the Verrazano Associates.

One of the Verrazano Associates, Rabbi Samuel Liefer, receives the check at his Brooklyn home. According to Health Department records, Liefer is Bergman's brother-in-law. Liefer could not be reached for comment.

The operator of New Brighton Manor, Joshua Levy, said that he pays rent to the 12 Ellery Construction Corp. "I cannot tell you anything more. If you write me a letter maybe I can find out where you could reach them," he told the Advance in response to a question.

The 12 Ellery Construction Corp. is the same company which has been involved in the building of the Heisler-operated Anna Erica home.

The Island View Care Center, according to Stein's office, is an out-and-out Bergman-owned nursing home. In fact, when Doctors Hospital

was negotiating for the possible purchase of the Concord facility, which is adjacent to the hospital, hospital officials negotiated directly with Bergman.

Donald Bloomberg, administrator, says he was approached by Bergman and his attorney, Abraham Kass. "We told him that there would be problems getting state approval for the lease or purchase of the building by a private, proprietary hospital with state reimbursement."

"But Bergman said he could get us permission from somebody he knew up in Albany," Bloomberg added.

The deal eventually fell through. Island View has yet to open.

Heisler, who has asked for an injunction to stop the Stein commission probe, is expected to be subpoenaed to appear at the state-federal hearing.