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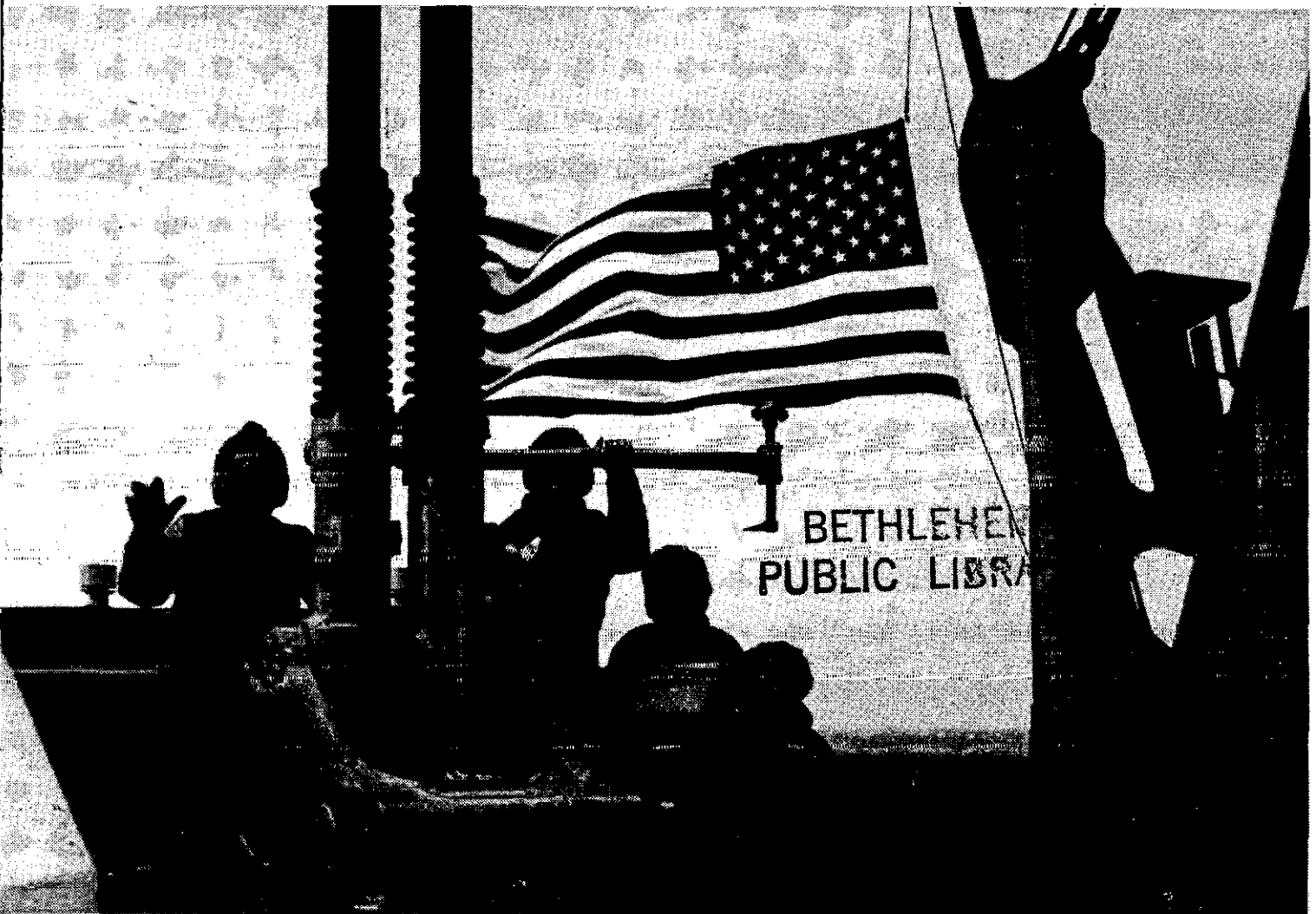
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Trustees revoke 'old church' permit

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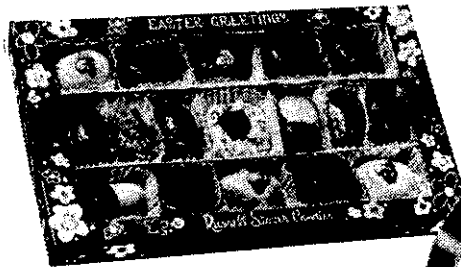
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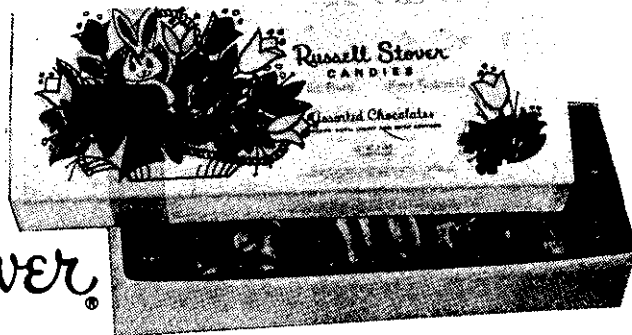


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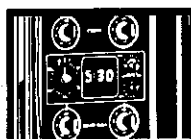
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Bethlehem Central Board of Education, first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m., Educational Service Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

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Town of Bethlehem Town Board, second and fourth Wednesday at 8:30 p.m., Planning Board first, second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, grounds open daylight hours seven days a week; interpretive building open Mon.-Sat., 9-4:30 p.m., information 457-6092.

THURSDAY, APRIL 3

United Methodist Women's Luncheon, Rev. Thomas Miller of Westminster Presbyterian Church, Albany, speaking on Islam, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12 noon. Babysitting available.

FRIDAY, APRIL 4

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SATURDAY, APRIL 5

Outdoor Photography Workshop, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on the basics of 35-mm photography. Preregister 457-6092. Members, \$2 non-members. Participants should bring camera and film and be prepared to spend some time outdoors. The 2½-hour workshop begins at 1:30 p.m.

Bicycle Registration, Delaware Plaza, 11-2.

MONDAY, APRIL 7

Voorheesville Village Board, organization meeting, fire hall, 8 p.m. "Annuals and Perennials" slide show by Anna Martha Jones, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

Delmar Kiwanis, Center Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Pre-School Story Hour Registration for 2½-year-olds, Bethlehem Library or by telephone, 439-9314.

TUESDAY, APRIL 8

Mother-Daughter Banquet, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, literature group, Kinsley residence, 110 Marlboro Rd., Delmar, 1:30 p.m.

Open House, Clarksville School, 7:30 p.m.

Cub Scout Carnival, Slingerlands Cub Scout Pack 272, invites its members plus any children who will be in the third grade in the fall and their parents, Bethlehem Community Center, 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 9

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Burger King, Miami, Fla., for a variance to permit a restaurant with parking and accessory business



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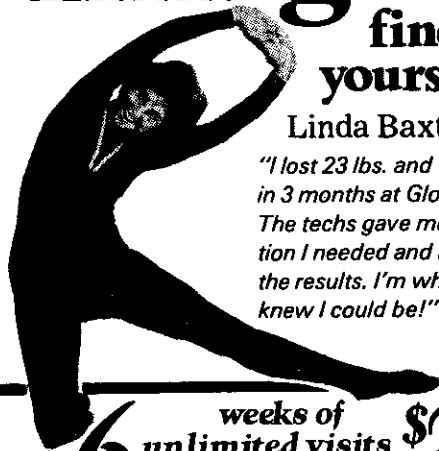
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Food labeling class, with Cooperative Extension agent Gail Bromley, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9:30. Pre-registration, 765-2874.

Second Millers, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, Bethlehem Library, noon.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

Ishangi Dancers, performing for grades 4-6, Voorheesville Elementary School. Parents wishing to attend should call Lyn Stapf, 765-2451.

THURSDAY, APRIL 10

Foreign Language Fair, Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria, 6:30-8 p.m.

Roast Beef Dinner, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, with servings from 4:30. Reservations, 767-2248 or 463-0693.

Ladies Auxilliary, Elsmere Fire Co. A, firehall, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together), Mary Devane "Children's and Baby Quilts" Bethlehem Library, 10-2. All welcome. Bring lunch. Beverages available. 439-6224.

SATURDAY, APRIL 12

Pop Warner Football registration for Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena school districts, Middle School gym, 9:30-12:30. Bring birth certificate.

Garage and Bake Sale, sponsored by the Delmar Fire Dept. Lauder Ave., main fire station, 9-2.

Bicycle Rodeo and Registration, Bethlehem Library, 11-2.

Paper Drive, Bethlehem Central, FBLA, high school parking lot, a.m. to 4 p.m. Pick-ups, call G. Albright at 439-1626.

Spaghetti Dinner, Voorheesville house, adults \$3, children \$1.50 7:30.

Old West Carnival, and wine elephant sale, Voorheesville Elementary School, 10-3. Donations, call Diane Chyrywaty, 861-7403

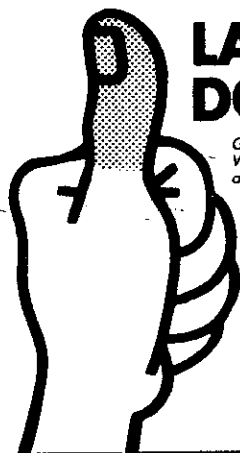
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Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

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THURSDAY, APRIL 17

American Legion, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 18

Running Workshop pre-registration, participants in the April 26 course must be signed up at Bethlehem Library, or call 439-9314.

SATURDAY, APRIL 19

Gregory Maguire, area writer, to talk on his books. Bethlehem Library, 3 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 21

Selkirk Fire District, Fire Co. No. 1, Maple Ave., Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis, Center Inn, 6:30 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open 10-3.

TUESDAY, APRIL 22

Film, "Willy Wonka and the Chocolate Factory," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 15

Food Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., 9-2 and 7-9 p.m. No appointment necessary.

Luncheon, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, speaker, State Comptroller Edward Regan, Norwanside Country Club, 12:30. Reservations, Sue Redmond, 455-958 or 439-0632 by April 8.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 16

Public Hearing, Bethlehem board appeals, on request of Angelo Migliotti for property located on Weaver Dam Rd., Selkirk, for a variance to harbor farm animals, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem board appeals, on request by A.T. Lautner & Son, Inc. for a special exception to permit construction of four-unit apartment buildings on property located on Beacon Rd., Lenoxmont (Beacon Estates), 8:30 p.m.

Feeding Your Child, class on developing sound eating habits, Panne R. Gage, Cooperative Extension agent, Bethlehem Library, 9:30-9:30. Pre-registration, 765-874.

Delmar Progress Club, antique study group, Bethlehem library, 10 p.m.

Special On CHANNEL 17

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THEATRE

"The Miracle Worker" (encore performances), Empire Youth Theatre Institute, Empire State Plaza PAC (The Egg), April 14, 10 a.m., April 15, 10 a.m., 7:30 p.m. Seats available for April 15 evening performance, \$3.50, children \$2.50, box office 472-4020.

MUSIC

Faculty Woodwind Quintet, University at Albany, Page Hall, downtown campus, April 9, 8 p.m. 457-8606.

Swingtime Ball, featuring Doc Scanlon's Rhythm Boys, fashion show and dance contest of Swing Era, DeWitt Clinton Hotel, Albany, April 19, 8:30 p.m.

Jimmy Dorsey Orchestra, conducted by Lee Castle (American Red Cross benefit) dinner dance, Empire State Convention Center, Albany, April 25, 8:30-12:30. Tickets and patron tickets \$50 and \$25, deductible. American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany 12208.

ART

Collages and Paintings, Helen St. Clair, Delmar artist, Park Gallery, 240 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 17. Tues.-Sat. 11-5.

Albany Delineated, history of Albany as recorded on old maps. Albany Institute of History and Art, through April.

Resorts of the Catskills, Albany Institute of History and Art, through April 20.

Dorthea Lange, photography exhibit, University at Albany Art Gallery, through April 20, free. 9-5 weekdays, Thurs. til 8, weekends 1-4.

FILM

"The Court Jester" (Danny Kaye) Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., April 8, 2 and 8 p.m., free.

"The Phantom Toll Booth" (Walt Disney), Delaware Branch, Albany Public Library, April 12, 10 a.m. Free.

"The Lacemaker" (Swiss), University at Albany's Prize International Cinema series, Recital Hall, University-PAC, April 18-19, 8:30 p.m. \$2.25, students, SCs \$1.35. 457-8606.

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VOORHEESVILLE Village cancels permit for hall

About 90 enthusiastic aerobic dancers and members of a church youth group were looking for new meeting places in the wake of a surprise safety crackdown by the Voorheesville village board.

Village trustees last week revoked the use permit for the old St. Matthew's Church building on Pleasant St. after a fire department inspection revealed a number of violations of the fire safety code. The action left Voorheesville's popular aerobic dancing classes, a physical fitness program directed by Judy Arbour, and the St. Matthew's Church youth group suddenly homeless.

The order put particular pressure on the aerobic group, which had scheduled the spring sessions to start Monday, April 1.

It sent Mrs. Arbour on a whirlwind quest for a new floor to accommodate classes of some



William Hotaling

30 women before she obtained use of the Voorheesville American Legion post only a block away.

Although there was no advance notice of the trustees' action, word spread quickly in the village prior to the board's regular monthly meeting last Tuesday. With primary election voting in progress at the firehouse, the temporary meeting room in the village garage was filled with more than 30 visitors, 10 times the usual audience for village board sessions.



Judy Arbour and friends listen intently to Deputy Mayor Bates.

Fire chief William Hotaling, who also serves as the village's appointed fire inspector, told the board the building was a serious fire hazard with no fire stops in the walls or ceilings. "If a fire broke out in that building, it would go quick," he said.

Hotaling said the building also lacked exit lights, had illegal exit doors and "very bad" wainscoting. "I was very disturbed (after the inspection)," he declared. "My kids love the Haunted House—I'd hate to see that go—but the way things are, I would not let my kids go to the Haunted House."

His reference was to a popular benefit staged by local groups that features spooky scenarios, scary dioramas and ghostly figures in the former church.

Mayor-elect Milton F. Bates, conducting the last meeting of the board as deputy mayor before taking office this week, said the action was being taken reluctantly. "It's a deplorable situation," he told the audience. "I don't want to take a chance on the safety of people and children."

The action caught the St. Matthew's parish council by surprise, but several members of the council hastily came to the meeting. "I didn't know anything about it," said Dr. Andrew Wood of Swift Rd., a dentist who is president of the council. "We should close the building until we find out the status."

Four days later Wood and Hotaling met to examine the building and determine what could be done to make it habitable.

"We are investigating the different codes for the different uses of the building," Wood

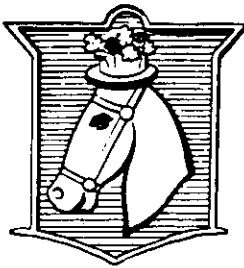


Dr. Andrew Wood

told the *Spotlight* over the weekend. "We are asking an insurance expert from the Diocese to help us determine what has to be done and what the dollar amounts would be. It's an old structure, there are grandfather clauses applicable, and other considerations. Meanwhile, everybody's out of the building until it has been corrected. It is primarily a question of costs."

Wood said he was aware of the urgency for the aerobic groups, but said the determination would take several weeks. Mrs. Arbour, however, completed arrangements with Legion officers on Monday, and stated her classes would start the new semester on schedule at 9:30 a.m. next Monday in the new location.

Bates said the matter came up unexpectedly when Mrs. Linda Spina, a village resident, made inquiries on establishing a day care center in the building. Her request made the fire safety inspection necessary, Bates explained.



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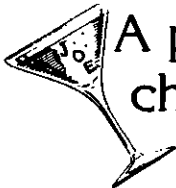
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Residents divided on sewer proposal

The Bethlehem town board may soon be pressured into making a decision on the controversial extension of the sewer system to South Bethlehem, a move which is expected to cost over \$10 million if it goes through.

The board room was filled last week as residents opposed to the sewer system and its impending cost presented a petition signed by 134 property owners in the South Bethlehem area and sat through the meeting despite the fact that the matter was not on Wednesday's agenda.

Their presence generated a debate, however, as Merwyn Atwood, superintendent of the Bethlehem sewer district, spoke in favor of the proposal. "We've received a petition in favor of sanitary sewers in the area," he said. "The no's are prominent, too. But, if you (the board) feel that South Bethlehem or any other area should be excluded, then do it, but don't delay the project. It's 10 million at 1 percent a month, so time is money." The petition he received and later forwarded to

the board has 40 signatures of property owners in favor of sanitary sewers.

Councilman Edward Mochler replied to Atwood, emphasizing the weight of responsibility he and other board members feel in committing the town to the costly undertaking. He said he was not yet prepared to submit the proposal to public hearing. Atwood informed the board that, without any changes in the proposal, the sewer district could not be prepared for a public hearing in less than six weeks.

In other action, the board entertained public comment on a proposed stop sign on Parkway and McGuffey Lane. The hearing, despite the standing room-only crowd, received little attention. Also, final preparations were made for the hook up with the City of Albany water system, with town engineer Bruce Seccombe recommending a new pump station to monitor the new incoming water load.

Alan Boyce

Arrested in thefts

Bethlehem police investigating a series of recent larcenies at Bethlehem Terrace apartments have arrested an 18-year-old Albany youth on a bench warrant. A detective said the stolen property was recovered from the van of the suspect, whose name was withheld pending determination of youthful offender status.

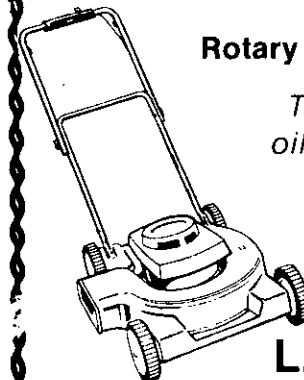
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Bethlehem's "serious" voters—those who made the effort to vote in New York State's confused primary election last Tuesday—showed disdain for 1980's political front-runners by rejecting both Ronald Reagan and Jimmy Carter.

Unofficial Democratic totals in Bethlehem's 22 polling places showed Sen. Edward Kennedy with 554 votes to 439 for President Carter.

Republicans who had the choice of voting for three delegates committed to Reagan or three uncommitted delegates favored the latter. The unofficial totals were 602, 59 and 596 for the three Reagan delegates, and 769, 738 and 736 for delegates who presumably would cast their convention ballots for George Bush or John Anderson on the first roll call.

Each slate had three alternatives, and the story was the same: committed to Reagan 529, 545 and 547; uncommitted 29, 718 and 728. Mary Bard-

well of Elsmere, vice chairman of the Albany County Republican committee, was one of the uncommitted alternates on the ballot.

Workshop for joggers

Would-be joggers can discover "the inner spaces of running" in a one-day workshop for adults conducted by Lois S. Porter. The workshop, offered at Bethlehem Library on Saturday, April 26, 10 a.m. to 3:30 p.m., is designed for new runners to help them learn what pace is appropriate, proper stretching exercises and goal setting. The workshop fee is \$8, with pre-registration due by April 18. Information, 439-9314.

Program for students

The New York State Senate has openings in its Senate Legislative Fellows program, which offers a full-year internship to matriculated graduate students in any discipline. The application deadline for the program, which begins Sept. 1 is May 7. For information, contact Russell Williams at 455-2611.

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Board wrestles Glenmont housing

"The board may have its hands full with this one," was the comment of building inspector John Flanigan as the Bethlehem board of appeals struggled to reach a decision on 5 fourplexes to be built by North Shore Equities of Long Island in a proposed subdivision in Glenmont.

The proposal by North Shore calls for the approval of the basic plot plan and architecture for the Beacon Estates development, which will then be sold to individual contractors piecemeal for actual construction. Typically, in this area, a single developer carries out an entire development under the agreements and conditions imposed by the various town boards but, as appeals board chairman Charles Fritts commented, "This seems to be a fairly common way of doing things on Long Island."

Meanwhile, the different approach is causing headaches for the officials who have to act on it.

There is no respite for the board in sight, however, with action on the controversial Burger King application in Elsmere due to lead off the April 9 agenda at 8 p.m.

Family planning course

A natural family planning course will begin at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, on Friday, April 11, from 8 to 10 p.m. Dr. James P. Furlong, assisted by trained counseling couples, will present a series of four sessions. Couples needing information about infertility are especially welcome. For reservations and information call 465-2003.

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Children at several district schools had the opportunity to see samples of rocks from the moon last week, thanks in large part to Glenmont School science supervisor Tom Atkinson. Part of the requirement for schools using the NASA samples was the attendance of a conference at NASA headquarters, according to Glenmont principal Don Robillard. "Security is pretty tight for this project," he remarked.



Nursery school expanding

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Glenmont School students (from left) Mary Beth Hunt, Mik Gersh, Megan O'Hare and Victoria Angelotti wait in line to see moon rocks as principal Don Robillard and science superintendent Tom Atkinson explain.

Spotlight

Dancers coming here

The Ishangi Dancers, a family music ensemble from the bush country of Nigeria, will perform authentic songs and dances for grades 4-6 at Voorheesville Elementary School on Wednesday, April 9. The event is sponsored by Theatre Fun for Young People, a non-profit organization that brings live professional stage productions to the schools.

The Ishangi Dancers—hus-

band, wife, two sisters and two small children—speak nine languages and play 15 instruments, and have made several American tours since appearing at the New York World Fair in 1962. Parents wishing to see the performance are asked to call Lyn Stapf (765-2451) to be assured of seating. Also on the committee are Marguerite Teuten and Linda Haaf.

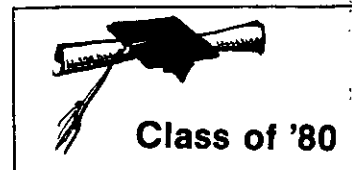
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BETHLEHEM

Diocese accepts town land bid

Bethlehem will add approximately 40 acres to its Elm Ave. park tract sometime this summer.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan disclosed last week that the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has accepted the town's offer of \$500 an acre for a parcel of open land between the park's eastern boundary and the end of the Delmar Bypass. The tract lies behind the Bethlehem Community Church property and extends from the present park boundary to the Niagara Mohawk transmission line that traverses the church property.

Corrigan said the town board has no plans to develop the property once the title has been cleared. "It's purely an investment for the future," he said. "We've sketched a rough map and made some computations, but the land has not yet been surveyed."

The tract is mostly open land and has a ravine that carries a small stream, the Phillipinskill, from the Diocese property to the town park en route to the Laumanskill.

In another real estate matter, the town is considering proposals to dispose of the former town garage on Jericho Rd. in Elkirk. The cinderblock structure is situated on approximately nine-tenths of an acre alongside the Dowerskill ridge. The appraisal is "in the \$20,000 range," Corrigan said.

Break-in thwarted

Burglars attempting to break into the Record Town store at Delaware Plaza early Friday morning by knocking out a bathroom window were unable to gain entry, according to Bethlehem police report. It was the second such attempt at the store in seven days.

Police also reported that intruders pried off a metal bar at the Delaware Plaza Liquor store shortly before 3 a.m. that same night, but apparently fled when the audible alarm sounded.

Pool vandals sought

Bethlehem police are looking for vandals who broke into the office at the Kenholm neighborhood pool, had a beer party, threw paint around the office, and ripped a coach lamp off the wall and threw it into the pool. The destruction was discovered Saturday by Fred. W. Howell, who is in charge of the pool, when he made a routine check Saturday, police said.

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BETHLEHEM

BC students cast for new musical

A new musical theater club at Bethlehem Central High School will stage its first production next month with the 1925 Broadway hit, "No No Nanette."

The club, named Stage 700, was organized last September by Richard Feldman and Joseph Farrell, who have teamed in putting on numerous senior plays at the school. The club's objectives are to give students "an intensive background into professional musical theater production" and to provide all four classes at the school with an outlet through grades 9-12 rather than concentrating on a single production in senior year.

"No No Nanette" will have a four-night run May 7-10 at the BCHS auditorium with all seats reserved at \$4 and \$3. Tickets will go on sale at Mullen's Pharmacy, Record Town and the High School.

The musical score by Vincent Youmans is set in the Roaring Twenties. Leading roles will be taken by Peter Propp, Mary Bousvarous, Molly Treadway, Jay Kerness, Will McGarrahan, Tomi-Ann Roberts, Carolyn Smith, Debbie DiClementi, Lynda Stokoe and Sue Budzyna. Feldman is director and choreographer, Farrell musical director, assisted by Wendy Beck, Chris Smith, Cathy

Castellani and Theresa L. Maitre. Stage manager is Jud Poggi, sets are designed by Henric Post, and Jeff Drautz, chairman of set construction. Other chairmen are Will McGarrahan, props; Laura Briggs, costumes; Pam Osterhouse; Sue Adelman, publicity; and Debbie DiClementi, tickets.

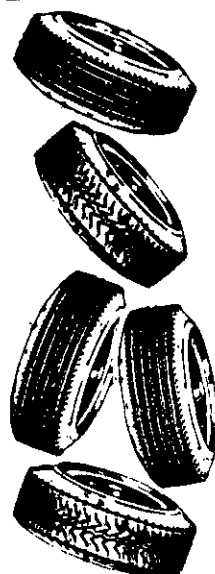
Litigation update

The three lawsuits filed against the town of Bethlehem were moving to various stages this week, according to town attorney Bernard Kaplowitz. Two have been referred to the appropriate agencies while the third, an Article 78 proceeding against the town for changing the zoning classification of property at 125 Adams St. "my headache," he said.

The charges of negligence by the parents of a retarded man who drowned in the Bethlehem Middle School pool have been referred to the town's insurance company, while charges by William Cady of false arrest and unlawful imprisonment against the Bethlehem police have not yet come up for appearance in court.

Kaplowitz will face George Cochran on the alleged Article 78 violation April 11 at the Albany courthouse in a preliminary proceeding, but does not expect any determination to be made at that time.

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Veterans exemptions are available to those who have served in the U.S. armed forces during World War I or II. These exemptions are renewed automatically each year, but the deadline for changes is May 1.

Promoted in Vermont

Robert K. Illingworth of Montpelier, Vt., former Delaware resident, has been promoted to director of public relations for the National Life Insurance Co. He joined the company in 1976 after a 20-year career as a newspaperman. He is a former managing editor of the Albany Knickerbocker News. He and his wife, Judith, have two children, Mrs. Linda Wooster in Germany and Robert, 23.



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Planners ponder setback mandate

Skycrest, Section 4 received building project approval from the Bethlehem planning board last week following a public hearing at which no one spoke in opposition of the project, and a public hearing was slated for a one-lot subdivision for a single-family residence on Brightonwood Rd. for April 22, but the recurring problem of mandated setbacks by the town took up a major portion of the agenda.

The latest addition to Skycrest will contain 63 single-family dwellings in the Planned Residence District (PRD owned by Bronco Development, Ltd. and located one-and-a-half miles south of Delmar. When completed, Skycrest will comprise 608 dwelling units. Two sections have been completed to date.

The Brightonwood Rd. property in Glenmont is owned by Mrs. Elizabeth Essex, but will be sold, pending subdivision approval, to Nick Romano, 203 Adams St., Delmar.

"Setback averaging," past proposals to the Bethlehem town board for changes in the zoning ordinance, and a new

proposal that the planning board ask for the power to conduct a site plan review were part of the reincarnation of a controversy that was aired "for six or eight weeks a year ago," according to board attorney Earl S. Jones, Jr. Chairman William Weber contends that the present laws are "probably too restrictive" in residential zones, where developers are forced into consistent setback and an all-in-a-line effect. Board member John LaFort disagreed, saying the law was, "anything, too lenient in allowing places of business like Burt Anthony Insurance to build within 10 feet of Delaware Ave.

In April of 1979, the planning board covered the same ground, ending up with recommendation to the town board that the commercial zoning ordinance be altered to mandate (1) a minimum lot width of 100 feet, (2) a minimum setback (front yard) of 75 feet, (3) a minimum side yard of 60 feet and (4) a minimum rear yard of 50 feet. The town board responded with a recommendation that the front setback be retained and that the side and rear dimensions be reviewed.

Now Weber says he would prefer the town board grant the planning board the power to do site plan review in the hope that builders could be encouraged to maintain certain guidelines but LaForte objected, saying "It makes every application a new case."

Jones put the matter to rest when he said, "These people bought this property 20 years ago. Are you going to tell them they can't use it the way it was intended to be used?" With that, the board voted to ask for site plan review which, if granted, should provide for more lengthy discussions in the future.

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The religious education department of St. Matthew's church, Voorheesville, will offer the course, "Pierre Teilhard de Chardin," from 7:30 to 8:30 on Wednesdays, April 9, 15, 22, 29 and May 7, 14. Dr. Brennan Hill, of the Office of Religious Education for the Albany Diocese, will speak of the life and philosophy of the scientist-priest. Registration is desirable and may be made by calling 765-4254. Refreshments will be served.

Clayton A. Bouton High School's class of 1981 invites the public to their junior carnival on April 12 from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. The Voorheesville Elementary School gym

will be transformed into the "Old West" where a variety of cowboys, Indians and clowns will invite visitors to play skittle ball, ping pong pitch and miniature golf, take a walk through the Ghost Town Fun-house and quench thirst at the Last Chance Saloon.

There will also be a white elephant sale. Anyone wishing to donate used toys, games, books or other items is asked to call Diane Chyrywat, 861-7403.

St. Matthew's Catholic Golden Age chapter will hear Deputies Robert Hensel and Mark Stevens on "Operation Identification" at the April 20 meeting at 2:30. A film will be shown and a question period will follow. Refreshments will be served. Information, Lillian Kirchner, 439-3333.

For parents-to-be
St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, will sponsor an Expectant Parents Night on April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the cafeteria. The program will include a tour of the labor and delivery suite, the patients' rooms and the newborn nursery. "That's Our Baby," a short film, will be shown. For information, call 471-1515

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Theatre group still struggling

The fate of the Slingerlands Community Players, a local troupe that ended 28 years of performance last year in the face of declining attendance and money problems, may well be decided by the community's willingness to support the venture, according to spokesman Bob Lange.

"There probably won't be anything happening until the fall," he said. "We've been trying to find a buyer for the old playhouse—the former Warwick Hotel on Delaware Pike. hill—and I think we've found one. Then we can pay our outstanding bills and start a fresh season . . . if the community response is favorable to that idea."

The troupe, which for many years survived by drawing audiences from as far away asatham and Ballston Spa, will probably have to rely on more immediate appeal in the light of gasoline prices. With this goal in mind, Lange feels the group may move closer to Delmar, but no site has been selected yet.

Before the hotel was acquired for performances, they were

held at the Middle School, and then at Bethlehem Central High School. Now the possibility remains that the troupe will return. Before the decision is made, however, Lange says he will employ some means of determining the support they can expect. "We might conduct some kind of survey," he said, "possibly a mailing flyer, possibly even a TV spot."

If the response is high, he continued, "most of the more active members are still in the area and may return. We need an indication from the community that the players would be appreciated if we went to the trouble to start another season."

Earns football letter

Randy Grenier of Delmar has been awarded a varsity letter in football at Norwich University, where he is a junior majoring in physical education. The 8-2-0 Cadets were one of the top-ranked NCAA Division III teams in the country this season. Randy is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Grenier, 106A Cherry Ave.

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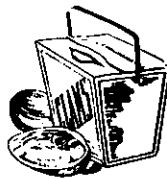
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Cub Scout carnival

Cub Scout Pack 272, Slingerlands, will hold a carnival at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, on Tuesday, April 8, beginning at 7 p.m. Children who will be in third grade in the fall are invited with their parents along with all other pack members.

In Glenmont, the Spotlight is sold at Atchinson's Superette, Heath's Dairy and Van Allen Farms.

BC grads cited as top coaches

The New York State Coaches Assn. has named two Bethlehem Central graduates from the class of 1956 as Coach-of-the-year in two different sports.

Bob Pauley, swim team coach at Lockport High School, won the R.T. French Award given annually to a swimmer-mentor in a New York State high school. Bill Guererra, football coach in Webster, was named this year's winner among football coaches throughout the state.

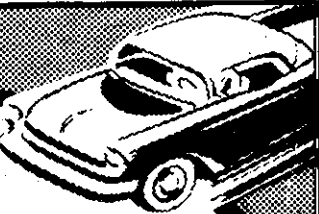
Pauley, son of Mrs. James Voorhees of Delmar and the late William Pauley, earned the "Most Improved Athlete" award at BCHS in 1956. His classmate, son of the late John Guererra who was director of physical education for Bethlehem schools for many years, won the "Scholar-Athlete Award" that year. Both played on the BCHS varsity football team in 1956, Guererra a quarterback and Pauley a center.

The awards were presented in conjunction with the recent swim intersectionals held at West Point.

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The flood plain is an imaginary line that marks the highest level that waters have reached in the past 100 years—or are expected to reach in foreseeable future. Flanigan noted the Meadowbrook treatment plant was flooded as waters surged to "at least 30 feet deep" in some sections.

He advised the Bethlehem planning board last week to keep the new level in mind when acting on proposals for the Normanskill area, and said he wanted his observations "on the record" for future planning boards to refer to.



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- 3:30—Story Time
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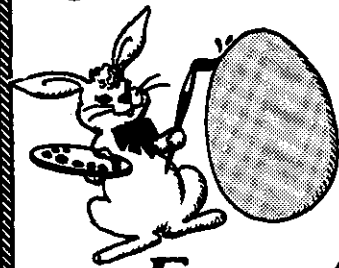


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Faculty cuts keep budget down

Bethlehem Central's board of education and school administration have come up with a \$12.9-million budget for the 1980-81 school year, up 5.4 percent from present spending.

Board members and school officials hammered out the final numbers in a 10-hour work session Saturday in a race against the deadline for presenting the budget to the voters at this week's regular board meeting Wednesday night.

Although the board kept the bottom line under the \$13-million level and cut a total of 11 teaching positions from the payroll, Bethlehem taxpayers will be paying approximately \$8 more per \$1,000 assessed valuation in October and New Scotland residents approximately \$9. Both figures are tentative.

"We've worked very hard to bring out a budget responsive to everyone concerned," said Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn. "The tax increase is higher than we had hoped, but it was difficult considering the increased costs of fuel oil, gasoline, employee benefits, projected salary increases and six new buses."

School officials have projected an enrollment drop of 82 from the student population of 1,440 in the October, 1979, count.

Proposals to cut back the staff occupied the greater

portion of the weekend work sessions. At the 11th hour board members softened their earlier stand to eliminate foreign languages at the sixth grade level and typing in the eighth grade by restoring the language offering, the only school in the Suburban Council to do so.

Last week the board had voted 6-1 to eliminate the early start on languages. One board member declared that the pupils "don't get anything in grades 6-7 they won't have had by the end of eighth grade," but the argument didn't prevail at the end.

The rationale behind the typing cut was similar but the result was different. The preliminary vote of 4-3 favoring the cut stood up. Commented board member Robert Zick "From the teaching efficiency standpoint, they'll get the same thing at a better time." Zinn disagreed, noting that "they don't want to spend one-fifth of their time as seniors on typing. But the cut was made."

At least six full-time teaching positions will be missing from next year's budget. The cumulative faculty cutback, including fractional positions, totals 5.3 positions in the High School, 0.8 in the Middle School and 4.9 in the elementary schools.

The district's three-year contract with the Bethlehem teachers' union expires July 30. Collective bargaining negotiations are underway, with no indication as to whether a new agreement on salary scales will be reached by that date.

District residents will vote on the new budget May 14, at a public informational session.

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cheduled for April 16, the last
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The board rejected a number
of transportation proposals,
among them a zone loading/
unloading system and com-
puter schedules for buses. It
authorized the purchase of four
3-passenger buses, one bus for
handicapped students, and one
10-passenger bus. Zinn said the
one loading would save rela-
tively little gas and would
require up to 135 students to
assemble at some points along
the route. He also said that
after interviewing represen-
tatives of four computer com-
panies and several school
systems, "none of the people I
talked to said that they saved
what they spent" for the
service.

Two possible methods were
discussed to alleviate the cost of
transportation: pooling buses
with the Ravena-Coeymans-
Delkirk school system, which
transportation supervisor
Gardiner Tanner is looking
into, and increasing the dis-
tance students must walk to
school from the present half
mile for elementary, half mile
for Middle School and one mile
for High School students to the
state maximum of two, two and
three miles respectively.

Student film acclaimed

Bethlehem Central High
School students who last year
wrote and produced a film
entitled "Visions" have been
invited to show it at a statewide
film competition to be held
May 1-2 at Kiamesha Lake.
The film was entered in a
Sectionals competition held
recently in Syracuse, where it
was adjudged worthy of wider
recognition.

Written by Betty Bardwell,
the film's script is about a
relationship between a high
school boy and girl who be-
come involved with a drunken
driving accident. The parts
were portrayed by Dyke Ou-
derkirk and Lisa Nunez. Most
of the scenes were shot on the
BCHS campus, and the acci-
dent scene was lent authen-
ticity through participation by

the Bethlehem police and the
Delmar Rescue Squad.

The film was a project of the
Visual Arts Production Club at
BCHS, under the direction of
media technician Nick Viscio.
Active participants in the
group include Miss Bardwell
and her brother, Joe, Tim
Woodin, Eric Unright, Maura
O'Brien and Maura McShane.

Several of the films entered
in the statewide competition
will win scholarships for their
creators to attend summer
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A lot hinging on census tally.

The "census sweepstakes" are sweeping the country this month as states and towns vie for Federal aid and representation in Congress by cajoling residents toward 100-percent returns.

According to John McEneny of the Albany Census Office, Bethlehem's returns should be higher than the national average for a number of reasons. The town has a higher-than-average educational level, the census drive set up by David Herbach and Cynthai Wilson of Delmar was started well in advance, and publicity has been high, McEneny said.

Already "two to three postal checks" have been run to make sure each resident receives a census form, McEneny said. The largest problem census takers have encountered so far is with new streets and developments that have sprung up since the 1960 census. Now that all the forms are in the hands of the residents, the census employees will compile the returns (which they hope will run around 80 percent) by hand, then begin the laborious task of visiting each residence from

which no return is received. "Our operations in the town should be shut down by the middle of May," McEneny said.

The data will go on to Boston for tabulation, then the figures will be returned to the town where a committee appointed by Supervisor Tom Corrigan will check them for accuracy. The final figures will determine how much of the estimated \$365 per person per year the state receives in federal aid will go to Bethlehem and other towns.

McEneny pointed out that some of the funds earmarked for Bethlehem might go to Albany or to institutions outside the town that serve Delmar residents. Other hindrances to receiving a "fair" share include the condition imposed on federal aid to schools that penalizes Bethlehem as an "affluent school district and the fact that there are no colleges in the town.

"A lot of people don't realize this," said McEneny, "but there is a clear ruling that when children go to college, that community gets credit for them." This is true regardless of where they are registered to vote and whether they are claimed on their parents tax

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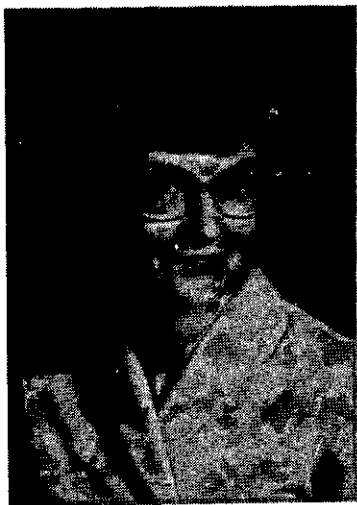
turns as dependants," he continued.

The only institution that uses the town's count is the Lenmont Job Corps Center, where 355 students reside.

The census will answer several questions. It will show whether new growth in the town has offset the number of children who have grown up and left the area and pinpoint areas that "10 years ago were populated by parents in their late 20's with 2-3 kids and now have senior citizens living alone with a modest mortgage," according to McEneny. Town planners will be able to use the new figures in making decisions that affect senior citizens and youth alike, and in determining the type and number of housing units that might be needed in the future.

Capital District Planning's Ian McGinnis would like to see how close their projections in Bethlehem's population made in 1970 come to the true figures. Their figures predict a population of 27,000 in 1985 and 31,000 in 2000, but previous estimates have been "a little high," McGinnis said.

In Delmar, the Spotlight is sold at Delmar News and Card Shop, Handy Andy and Tri-illage Drugs.



Audrey J. Garcia

Promoted at bank

Audrey J. Garcia of Delmar has been promoted to investment assistant at Albany Savings Bank. Mrs. Garcia is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Stephens College, Columbia, Mo.

Auxiliary benefit

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Dept. will hold a garage sale and bake sale at the main station at the corner of Nathaniel Blvd. and Adams St., Delmar, April 12 from 9 to 2. Those wishing to donate items may call 439-3914 or leave them at the firehouse April 11, 6:30-9 p.m.



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Bike riders also will be invited to ride the "Ghost Rider Rodeo," an obstacle course. Those who ride the course with a minimum of errors will be eligible to win prizes donated by local merchants. Prizes include six bicycles, donated by General Electric Plastics, Owens Corning-Fiberglass, McDonald's Restaurant, Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn. and K-Mart, and bicycle locks and other accessories donated by the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn.

Competitors in the rodeo will be grouped in various age categories. The first six top-place finishers whose names are drawn will receive bicycles and the remaining first-place finishers and all second-place finishers will receive prizes.

Bicycle registration forms can be obtained at all Bethlehem district schools, Bethlehem Town Hall, the Parks and Recreation office and the Bethlehem police department. There is a 25-cent license fee.



Edward P. Regan

GOP women meet

The annual spring luncheon of the Bethlehem Women Republican Club will be held Tuesday, April 15, at 12:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club, Elmsmere. State Comptroller Edward V. (Ned) Regan will speak on "Preparing New York State for the Fiscal Realities of the 80s." Reservations should be made with Sue Redmond, 455-2458 or 439-0632, by April 8.

Sorority luncheon

The Mohawk-Hudson alumnae chapter of Alpha Xi Delta national college sorority, will hold its annual Founders Day luncheon at Schuyler Meadows Country Club at noon on Saturday, April 12. Margaret Guard, former Delmar resident, is chapter president.

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30 teachers get insider's view of business

Ten Bethlehem Central teachers spent half a day last week getting an inside look at local businesses.

They were participants in the annual Business-Education Day program sponsored by the Bethlehem chamber of commerce, in which the teachers get a first-hand glimpse of the operations of selected business firms, and business representatives take a turn in the classrooms. The program last Thursday concluded with cocktails and dinner at the Normanside Country Club, at which Dr. Vincent O'Leary, president of the State University at Albany, was the speaker. Teachers in the brief exchange last week were: Middle School—Bernard Skaskiw, Atlantic Cement; Sue Ralston, Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Dorothy Eklund, Key Bank; Cheryl MacCulloch, New York Telephone Co., and Jacqueline Mahane and Richard Baker, Owens-Corning Fiberglas; High School—Eugene Weber, Fritts and Whiting, attorneys; Mary Carmody and Judy Long, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., and Tom Atkinson, Supervisor, General Electric Plastics.

Business participants were Robert VanSlyke, Atlantic Cement; Ken Kroth, Blue Cross-Blue Shield; Roger Fritts, attorney; Robert Bullant, General Electric; Richard Aldridge, Key Bank; Kay Mahoney and Kathy Carpenter, New York Telephone Co.; David Paczkowski, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp., and Louis Campese, Owens-Corning Fiberglas.

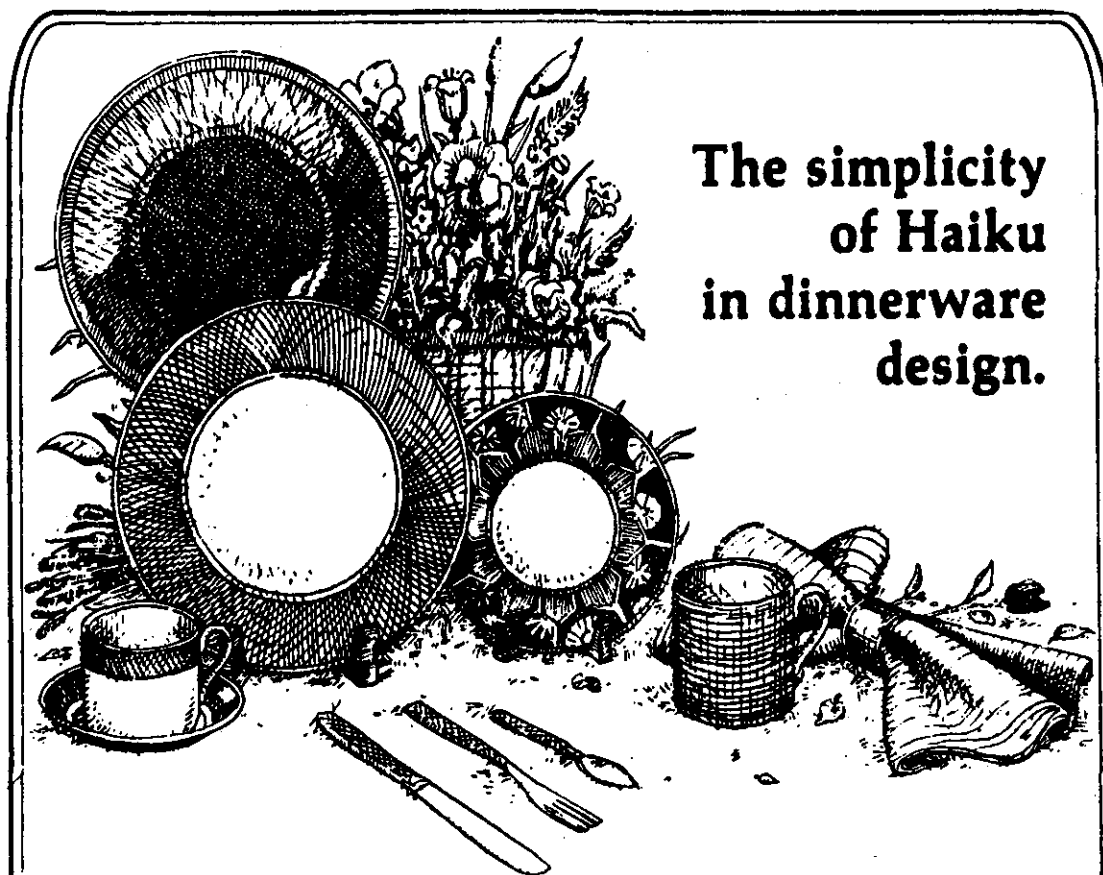
Music during dinner was provided by the Bethlehem Middle School String Quartet directed by Mary Blanchard and the Middle School Stage Band under the direction of Samuel Bozzella and George Smith. Chairman of the event was May Blackmore, school guidance counselor and member of the chamber.

Benefit shrub sale

Friday, April 25, is the deadline for orders from the Heldeberg workshop tree and shrub sale, with pickups sched-

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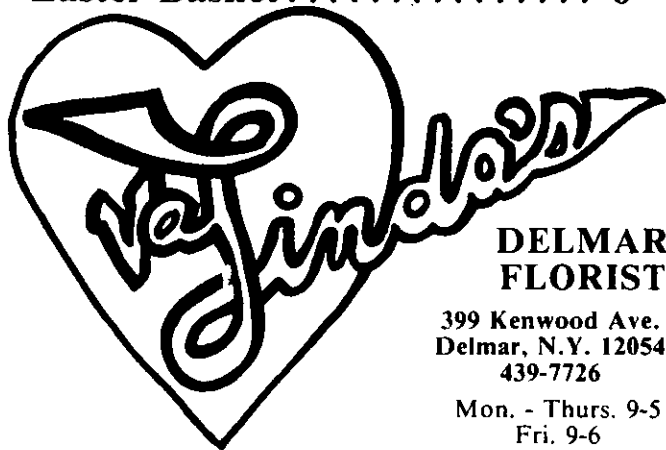
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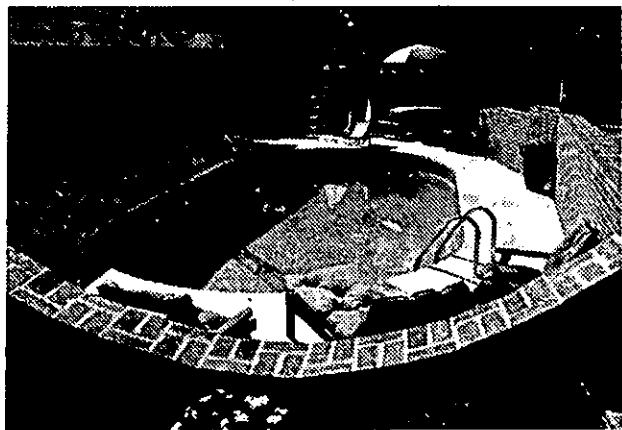
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Knox-Campo

Richard L. Brown of Brantford, Conn. announces the engagement of his niece, Sally Ann Knox of Delmar to Stephen Anthony Campo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald S. Campo of Avon, N.Y. Miss Knox is the daughter of the late Mr. and Mrs. Dale B. Knox of Delmar. She is the granddaughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Knox of Slingerlands and Mrs. John D. Brown of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central Schools and plans to graduate in May from Niagara University with a BS in nursing. Her fiance is in his second year of graduate school at the university.

The couple plan a Sept. 6 wedding.

**NEW SCOTLAND
 Softball dates
 set for park**

Softball action at the New Scotland town park will get underway Monday, April 14 with league games in church and firemen's circuits starting later in the month.

A schedule released this week by Richard Ellis, recreation coordinator for the town park, lists practice sessions for the New Salem firemen Monday, April 16, at 5:30 both teams will get in several additional workouts before the league inaugurals. New Salem firemen will play their first home game Tuesday, April 29 at 5:30, and Voorheesville firemen have a game the following night.

Church league action is scheduled for every Thursday with game time 5:30.

Reporter in Delmar

Peg Breen, award-winning political news reporter on the "Inside Albany" program of WMHT-TV, Channel 17, will be the speaker at a meeting of the American Assn. of University Women, Albany branch April 16 at 7:30 at Bethlehem Library. Information, Carol Ann Desch, 489-7535 or at the Library.

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RESTLING

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Mark Dean was honored as the outstanding wrestler on the Bethlehem Central varsity team during the past season at the recent post-season awards banquet. Paul Dorsey was cited as the outstanding jayvee wrestler and the freshman award went to Chris Essex.

Most improved were Jeff Herrman, varsity; Chris Edwards, JV, and Tom Saba, freshman. Coaches awards were presented to Dave Runder, varsity, and Tim Sullivan, freshman. Plaques and trophies were contributed by Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp.

Also aiding the wrestlers was Superior Insulation Systems, Inc., of Delmar and Schenectady, which contributed scholarships for the Bethlehem summer wrestling program. Recipients were Ford Clark, Pat Mickey, Jason Tilroe, Paul Callanan, Rob Van Aernam and Norman Drapeau.

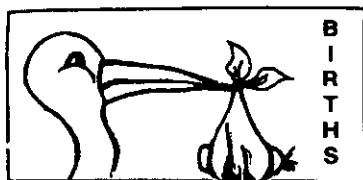
Vacation security

Bethlehem police made 4,563 checks on residences in the town while their occupants were away on vacation, according to a report on file at headquarters.

Store left open

Two young Pop Warner football players put honor before appetite Sunday morning when they went to Andriano's pizza shop at Delmar Four Corners for a pre-lunch snack only to find the door open and a set of keys in the lock. They immediately ran to the Delmar New and Card Shop to call the police.

But Officer Dan House had already been there, according to police reports, and had summoned an employee to the store. House reported seeing a teenage busboy in the store cleaning up half an hour earlier. The cleaning boy said he had forgotten to lock up.



St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Patricia, to Mr. and Mrs. Willard Moore, Selkirk, March 23.

Girl, Lindsay, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Casler, Selkirk, March 22.

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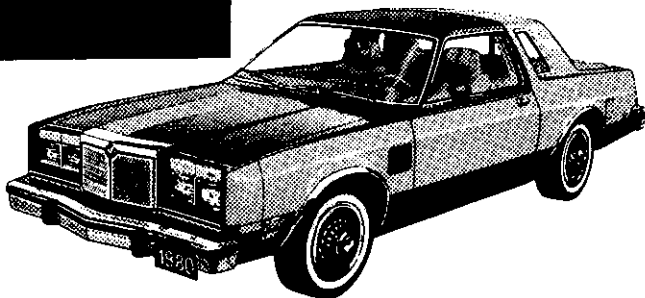


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by Nat Boynton

If Abner Doubleday turned another few degrees in his eternal resting place in Cooperstown the other day, the *Albany Times Union* should be credited with an assist.

When Abner invented the game of baseball, which still reigns as the official national pastime, he couldn't have dreamed of the silly dimensions his brainchild would have in its second century. He created the most scientific form of organized exercise on this spinning planet, carefully engineered to the physical limits of the best of the athletic breed. Example: he laid out bases 90 feet apart, not 90 feet 6 inches, or 89 feet, to create one of the game's most exciting plays, the stolen base. Given the fleetness of man, his capability to hurl a spherical pellet a specified distance in a certain fraction of a second, any variation of those extra inches would result in no stolen bases or thousands of stolen bases. Thus Doubleday ranks

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as a 19th century mathematician, wizard and a genius in physics. As if artificial turf, prima donna players, greedy owners, million-dollar .237 hitters and free-agent pitchers incapable of holding a two-run lead three innings aren't enough to desecrate the memory of this genius, we now have the *Times Union* contributing the most ludicrous gambit yet—gambling odds on spring training games. Imagine that!

Think of the benefits of this public service! When the *Times Union*, widely recognized among the area's scholastic coaches and fans as the upstart edition of *The Racing Form*, expanded its shill service for local bookies by adding baseball odds and basketball and football point spreads to its pages, it enhanced its love affair with the Las Vegas syndicates and The Reliable Jersey House. If the T-U didn't do this, where else could we find the best shots for our daily gambling habit?

To the dismay of many readers, particularly fathers and mothers anxious to get their Little League baseball players, Pop Warner football players and eighth grade basketball players started properly on gambling careers, the *Times Union* does not include in this service a list of recommended bookmakers or phone numbers where baseball or football bets are accepted on credit. As reported last fall, the OTB parlors don't take bets on

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baseball or other popular activities, and when I asked the man at the window where I could get two units on the Phillies against the Reds, she thought I was from another planet.

How can a father show his little Leaguer how to read the odds and point spreads without the practical experience of gambling regularly with the family's personal bookie? What does it do to show young Jimmy that the Orioles with Tom Palmer pitching tonight are a good two-unit bet at 5½-½ against the Red Sox at home if Jimmy can't put down part of his school lunch money with a bookie?

Then there's the problem of explaining to Jimmy that if Tom Palmer doesn't pitch because of a blister on his thumb, the odds will pitch to pick-em, unless, of course, Jim Rice is out of the Boston lineup because of a hangnail, in which case the Orioles are the favorite. The bookie isn't going to take the time and trouble to educate the kid, so Dad has to depend on the *Times Union*, which gives the full rundown right off the Las Vegas wire.

When my son was of the impressionable Little League age, I not only didn't have the benefit of this valuable information service in my hometown newspaper, but my personal bookie was caught in one of those state police gambling crackdowns and had to move to another city. The fellow who opened the next week to handle the bets never did win my confidence, so I was deprived of the chance to teach my son the thrills of a lifetime of gambling. Today he is a young man who has to content himself with the dull routine of making payments on student loans and car loans rather than being in lock to his bookie.

Now the *Times Union* is not only giving these kids a new opportunity to enrich the multi-billion-dollar U.S. gambling industry (as well as themselves), but is giving them a full month's jump on the baseball season. Think of it! Being able to get your bets

down on Grapefruit League games!

It used to be that nobody really cared who won, lost or tied those dreary spring camp games, let alone managers trying to find out how hard the rookie from Oscaloosa can throw, whether some young phenom can hit a change-up or whether a fading outfielder can play first base. Now the *Times Union* has expanded its service to give us these odds. It's beautiful, especially with the starting pitcher going just four innings without throwing any hard breaking stuff, thus becoming the bookmaker's best friend.

The only trouble is, the regular season service of who's pitching, who's injured, who has a three-game streak going and who has stomach cramps is missing from the Morning Line during spring training. Makes it hard on the bettor.

Please, T-U people, if you're going to do this right, especially for those gung-ho kids out here, tell us who's pitching these crucial Citrus workouts, and, most important of all, please give us names and phone numbers of reliable bookies. We can't teach our kids to gamble just on paper.

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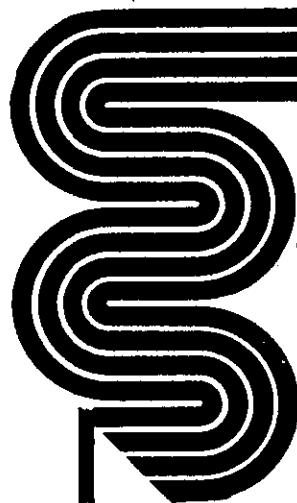
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Swim All-American

Mark DeLaney, former Bethlehem Central swimmer, recently participated in the NCAA Division III swim meet at Washington and Jefferson College, Washington, Pa. A junior at the University of Rochester, Mark was a member of the 400 freestyle relay team, which qualified for finals and finished among the top six teams as All-American.

In Voorheesville, the Spotlight is sold at the Grand Union and Voorheesville Pharmacy.

SWIMMING

Delmar mermaid wins state title

Susan Mallery, 10-year-old Delmar swimming star, has established herself as a prospective state champion with a strong shot at national status.

Susan came home from the New York State AAU age group championships in Binghamton last weekend with two gold medals, one silver medal and three fourth-place ribbons in swimming against top-level competition from all sections of the state. She won second place overall in the girls' 9-10 age bracket by virtue of qualifying for the finals in each of her six events, a rare performance in a program of elimination heats and qualifying heats en route to the championship final.

Swimming for the SUNY Swim Club, Susan won the 100-yard backstroke in 1:14.5 and the 100-yard butterfly in 1:12.51. The latter broke the Adirondack District AA record, but was swum out of the district.

Susan turned in her fastest times of the season in several other events, taking second in the 50-yard freestyle final in 29.71 seconds. She was fourth in the 200 individual medley, 100-yard freestyle and 200 freestyle. She is coached by Bonnie Gillham.

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Physical screening for young booters

The Bethlehem Soccer Club is embarking on an orthopedic screening program which officials hope will help coaches spot physical weaknesses among players and correct them to prevent injuries.

Dr. Carl R. Wirth, a Delmar orthopedic surgeon on the staff of Albany Medical Center, is in charge of the screening, which will combine a physical examination, an exercise prescription for coaches to follow to correct deficiencies, and keeping of records by coaches and their club officials.

George Tilroe, club director, said the screening is not intended as a diagnostic clinic. "Our job is to take a look at each child's legs and back and to prepare individualized coaching to help that child build up any weaknesses we discover."

Dr. Wirth said some limited work in the field of sports medicine indicates a great potential in injury prevention through such testing and exercise programs, but more work must be done to fully realize the potential.

Tilroe said youngsters who have signed up for the 1980 soccer program may take part in the screening, which will be conducted at the Albany Medical Center's Dept. of Physical Medicine at 5:30 p.m. on April 9. He said the player's family physician or pediatrician must complete an examination form before the screening will be administered.

Nets are up

Bethlehem tennis players now have 24 courts ready for action instead of one lone all-weather court. The nets were up last week at the Elm Ave. town park in Delmar and at both the Bethlehem Middle School and High School courts. The school district left one net up at the High School all winter for the polar bear tennis players, and it has been used frequently, often by players wearing ear muffs and mittens.

Youth tennis clinics

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a series of tennis clinics for boys and girls in grades 4-8, beginning April 19. The clinics, under the direction of Philip Ackerman, will be held Saturdays at the Bethlehem Central High School tennis courts. Beginners will meet from 9 to 10, intermediates from 10 to 11 a.m. to noon.

Fee for the program is \$5 and registration can be made at the first two sessions. For information, call 439-4131 weekdays.

Summer job clinic

Now is the time to start looking for a summer job, according to the Bethlehem Library, where a free workshop will be offered for job seekers 14 years old and up on Thursday, April 24, 2 to 4 p.m. "Summer Jobs—How To Find Them" will cover where to look, how to fill out an application, and how to put your best foot forward in an interview.

Second Milers meet

John P. Durking of the Kidney Foundation of New York will speak at this month's meeting of the Second Milers at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, April 9, at 12:30. He will speak on his personal experience with kidney disease.

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Bethlehem Central student Kelly Mayfield, whose pastel drawing "Autumn in Essex County" was selected for the exhibition of New York State High School Arts recently displayed in the "well" of the Legislative Office Building at the Empire State Plaza, is shown with her mother, Peggy Mayfield, and Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane, who congratulated Kelly on her work.

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Soccer program starting

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a soccer program for grades 2-8 beginning Saturday, April 19. The sessions will be held from 9 to 11 Saturdays at the Bethlehem Central High School soccer fields. Registration is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central school district. Children may register during the first two days of the program. There is a \$5 fee. For information, call 439-4131 weekdays.

School immunization

In an effort to ensure compliance with the new state mandate for immunization, school children, a free immunization clinic will be offered at the Albany County Health Dept. and the Bethlehem Central School district on Wednesday, April 30, 10-11 a.m. at the girls' gym of the High School.

Children who are not immunized by next September will be barred from attending school. Letters have been sent to those parents whose children need immunizations, and those children may be bused to the high school on the day of the clinic, except for alternate kindergarten pupils. More information is available from the school nurse at the neighborhood school.

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David W. Talmage, center, of Bethlehem Central High School, and his mother Mrs. Leon Talmage, pose with Assemblyman C. D. (Larry) Lane after David's poem was included in the New York State high school art show in the "well" of the Legislative Office Building.

Kindergarten registration

Elementary school registration will be held April 7 through 11 for next fall, with children who will be 5 years old Dec. 1, 1980 eligible for kindergarten. Registration will proceed at Clarksville April 8, 8:30-noon; at Elsmere April 7, 4:30-5 p.m.; at Glenmont April 9, 9:30-11:30 a.m. and April 9, 3:30-5 p.m.; at Slingerlands April 10, 7:30, and April 11, 10:30-noon and 1 to 3 p.m., and at Ramapo April 9 at 1:30.

Gets college degree

Michelle Mancuso, 15 Oakwood Pl., Delmar, has received a bachelor's degree in photography from the University of Wisconsin at Madison.

Singles dance at JCC

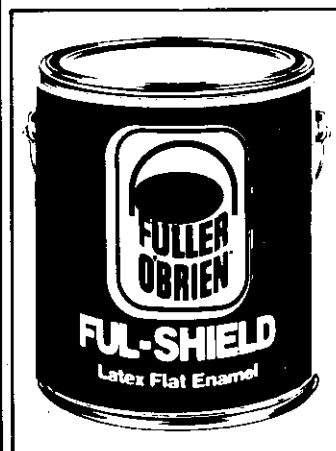
A dance open to all Jewish singles (18-35) will be held at the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., Saturday, April 26, at 8 p.m. All area Jewish singles and out-of-towners are invited. A professional disc jockey will provide the music. Wine and refreshments will be served.

Quilters to meet

QUILT (Quilters United in Learning Together) will meet Friday, April 11, from 10 to 2 at the Bethlehem Library. The program will be "Children's and Baby Quilts." Meeting leader is Mary Devane. Everyone is welcome. Bring lunch, beverages available.

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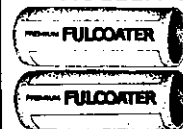


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1 can (10-3/4 oz.) condensed cream of mushroom soup	
3/4 cup milk	

Drain and flake salmon, reserving liquid. Sauté onion and celery in butter. Blend in flour. Add mushroom soup, milk and reserved salmon liquid. Cook, stirring constantly, until thickened. Blend in salmon, peas, mushrooms and seasoning salt. Place salmon mixture in shallow 9-inch round casserole. Unroll crescent roll dough and separate into triangles. Place narrow edge of each triangle against outer edge of casserole. Sprinkle dough with cheese and fold in half, placing point at edge of casserole. Bake at 400°F. for 15 to 20 minutes, or until biscuits are golden. Makes 6 servings.

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Church lecturer here

A prominent college lecturer and theologian will give four addresses at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, April 11-13. Dr. Harrell F. Beck of the Boston University School of Theology will speak Friday evening, Saturday afternoon and evening, and Sunday morning.

Prof. Beck has lectured on campuses and in local churches for 20 years. Hosting Dr. Beck during his stay in the area will be Arlene Stoker, Millard and Ruth Harmon, Sally Gazzetta, Lois Riedel, Clare Mayberry, Mildred Merritt, Irma Crouse, Alan Raymond, Barbara Seal, Annie Peterson, and Leonard and Molly Adkins. Members of the community are welcome. A small registration fee will be charged to help cover expenses. Light supper will be served on Saturday evening.

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Craig Jones of Slingertands has been elected president of the Bethlehem Tennis Assn., with Aussie Shayegani of Delmar as vice president. Other officers are Jaye Sprinkle, treasurer and membership chairman and Pat Tomasetti, secretary. Committee heads are Tom Walencik, community liaison; Mike Hampton, social representative; Ed Taylor, tournaments; John Shafer, publicity and promotion, and Molly Treadway, junior representative.

Scholarship help

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Type A—Plain Galvanized Metal Pipe

Type B—Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe with Paved Invert

Type D—Fully Bituminous Coated, Perforated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe

Type E—Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe with Smooth Bituminous Lining

Type G—Fully Bituminous Coated, Galvanized Corrugated Metal Pipe-Arch with Paved Invert

Bids will be received up to 2:10 P.M. on the 14th day of April 1980, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be submitted on Town of Bethlehem "Bid Sheets" and addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which shall bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. "Bid Sheets" and copies of the specifications must be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York. A copy of the specifications shall accompany the bid.

The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
MARION T. CAMP
Town Clerk

Dated: March 26, 1980 (April 3)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem Albany County, New York will hold public hearing on Wednesday, April 1980 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Office 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Burg King Corporation, P.O. Box 520783, Bayne Facility, Miami, Florida for a Variance under Article V of the Bethlehem Zoning Ordinance, to permit a restaurant with parking and accessory business signs as requested at premises, Delaware & Plymouth Avenues, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals

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I am puzzled by the articles on teacher pensions, especially the chart in the March 20 issue, comparing them with private industry pensions.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

You have performed a valuable public service in publishing a sample of the current pension tables of several large corporations and comparing them to the retirement benefits of teachers in this state.

Leaving aside the fact that few classroom teachers average \$25,000 during the last years of their service, your figures do demonstrate that big business corporations may be as heartless and disloyal to their middle management employees (usually the ones working the longest hours and making the greatest sacrifices

in time and energy) as they are grasping of the profits taken from the hide of the consumer. No dedicated advocate of free enterprise can take comfort in your figures. Shame on these corporate giants. Perhaps they need to have a few teachers manage their affairs to teach them the American ethic of sharing and caring.

Norman Abramowitz

Delmar

Devotees of the free enterprise system realize that few independent corporations or businesses could remain competitive or solvent by doubling or tripling their pension percentages. Their pensions are designed to supplement Social Security benefits, not to provide a retirement of wealth and

comfort. Many also contribute to savings plans that encourage employees to build capital assets over a working lifetime.

This observer shares the frustrations of the public subservience to Big Oil and Big Paper and Big Industry, but recognizes they have their competitive problems without

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the privilege of reaching into the public till when things get tight. Hundreds of thousands of employees of small firms, agencies and businesses spend their careers with no pensions at all, must finance their share of New York State income taxes, but help to cover the shares of hundreds of thousands of public pensioners who are exempt from this burden.

This is a good place to make a correction in the tables in the March 20 Spotlight. It has been called to our attention that the Bell System's pensions are non-contributory, and provide a death benefit. NAB

Elmendorf response

Editor, The Spotlight:

It's a beautiful thing to see the heartwarming response to the Harris Elmendorf Fund from his devoted and caring customers, friends and neighbors. It is truly touching to one's heart. I know that Harris' spirit and will has been enlightened by the warm thoughts and concern and love of so many. Our prayers and love with him all the way.

Marjorie Zahn

Slingerlands

Harris Elmendorf suffered a fracture of the neck and spine when he fell from a ladder while sawing a tree limb. He now is paralyzed from the neck down. His determination and will won him many new friends at Albany Medical Center, adding to the unusual popularity he enjoyed as a driver for McKillip Laundry. He recently was transferred to the VA Hospital in Albany. Persons wishing to contribute may send donations to the Harris Elmendorf Fund in care of Bankers Trust Co., 1 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Ed.

Fish's function

Editor, The Spotlight:

We at Fish are very pleased that our article appeared in your paper. However, due to editing, it was misleading.

When I wrote the article I wanted to impress upon everyone that our elderly are very

much in need and should be a community concern. It was not so much a plea for drivers but an announcement that Fish could no longer handle the extra services we have provided over the years. Of course, we do need drivers desperately and anyone who wished to volunteer is urged to call us at any time, and if we should get more drivers we can do more.

For the time being we will not go out of the Tri-Village area to pick up people who have to go into Albany. We will go to outside areas to bring them to doctors in the Tri-Village and back again. We will still take area residents to Albany for doctors and hospital appointments. But to go from Glenmont or Clarksville to Albany and back again is just too much to ask of a driver volunteer.

Our drivers are not reimbursed in any way for the gas they use, and to put 30 miles on their car requires a couple of gallons of gas at \$1.30 per gallon. Ten years ago when gas was cheaper, 30 miles cost less than a dollar. The cost of gas is our biggest concern right now. Any way that we can cut corners will help.

Anyone wishing to volunteer can call me at 439-4146, Maureen Bartkus at 439-2334 or the Fish exchange at 439-3578.

Judy Arvis
Fish Chairman

Slingerlands

Waste of money

Editor, The Spotlight:

I attended the March meeting of the Albany County Legislature because I was interested in Resolution No. 73. This is the controversial resolution that, if it is passed, will enable Albany County to develop a 500-acre site into a park and day camp in the towns of New Scotland and Coeymans.

There are numerous reasons why the development of this park is not practical, sensible or feasible. Just to mention a few: very unsuitable terrain, how to dispose of sewage, cost of improvement and maintenance

of roads, lack of police protection, environmental impact on the area, and the fact that we don't even need it because of the many other parks and facilities in the immediate area.

The most important reason is very obvious and simple—the taxpayer cannot afford any more taxes at any level—be it town, county, state or federal.

I am tired of trying to balance my personal budget and finding I can't do it because

the government at every level taking my money and wasting it on everything that sounds great and looks good on paper. Enough is enough! We cannot afford the Albany County Lawson Lake Park.

Please get in touch with the Albany County Legislator for your district and tell him or her how you feel. After all, folks it's your money.

Blanche Stickney

Clarksville

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Alcoholism

Editor, The Spotlight:

Twice in the last 24 hours, two dear friends of mine have challenged the statement: once alcoholic, always an alcoholic. (This was not meant as an condemnation, but as a statement of fact.) My suggestion to them was to call Alcoholics Anonymous. They both seemed certain, I put in a call to AA myself. She agreed with me, and said, "Don't let them tell you any different, honey!"

Consumption of alcohol has been so widely accepted that some would blind their eyes to the truth. It's the only drug "pushed" on television.

If we are really serious about getting our hostages back, this seems to be as good a place to start as any. Bring them back, don't have them killed by one of our drunk drivers?

Virginia S. Sabin

Wilmington

Official inaction

Editor, The Spotlight:

A number of sorrowful incidents occurred early Saturday morning (March 22) because of the floods on Johnston Rd. in Guilderland. Some should not have happened had proper action taken place. If some of the victims brought negligence suits, it would not surprise me. I was upset enough to send the following letter to Gov. Carey:

Dear Gov. Carey:

My wife and I are still distressed over a recent experience to send you this letter. Briefly, we were both in a car stalled in the flood waters on Johnston Rd., Guilderland, on Saturday morning, somewhere after 2 a.m. We were fortunate in that after a while the car started and we managed to get home without further incidents.

On arrival, we immediately called the State Police (Louvainville Barracks) advising them of the situation. We learned later that morning that barricades blocking the roads were not put up until 6 o'clock. I found this out from a neighbor who attended the

same function we did and was trapped in it with her escort.

She came home drenched, having spent more than four hours in the cold temperature of the night. She is still suffering from the effects of the exposure and we are still upset over the lack of action.

Is there a reasonable explanation for this action?

Sal Mazzara

Voorheesville

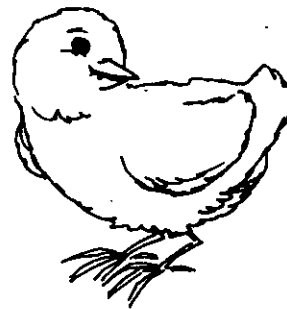
Editor, The Spotlight:

Congratulations on your excellent reports concerning the bloag in the NYS Retirement System for Teachers.

It occurs to me that this is spring training season for school administrators and school boards, when they must devise another budget for another May vote by the taxpayers. As they go through the dramatic anguish, the weeping and wailing, the annual legislative lobbying they feel is necessary to nourish the most expensive educational system of all the states save Alaska, it is both fitting and proper to ask what steps these boards and administrators have in mind to reduce pensions that are 2½ times as luxurious as those pensioners from the average industry enjoy; and at the same time to ask why only a few of these public pensioners contribute one cent to their pensions, and why none of them pays state taxes on these monies.

If you can get any answers on this score, I will in turn forego my demand that the public school systems of the Empire State be required to meet the same quality demands we make of the auto industry—in which case, there should be an instant recall of one out of three students for the model years 1970-1979, for non-functional illiteracy. (They also don't steer too good.) Sam Tuttle
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Many couples and families look in the Spotlight calendar for church suppers, pancake breakfasts or benefit spaghetti suppers. One sure-fire delight is the roast beef dinner at Bethlehem Grange next Thursday, starting at 4:30.

To get the heaping potatoes and gravy, home-baked pie and other goodies, you'll need reservations (767-2248 or 463-0693). And it's easy to get to—Rt. 396 just off Rt. 9W at Beckers Corners. See you there!

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