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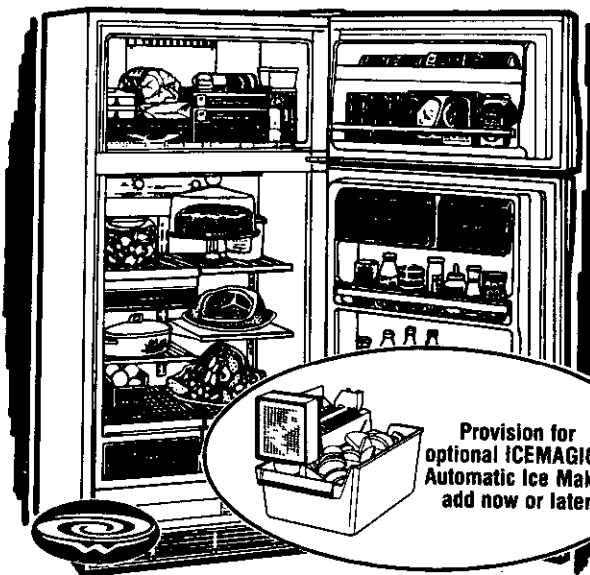


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**Bethlehem Women's Republican Club**, third Monday at Bethlehem Library, except June - July - August - December. 7:30 p.m.

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

### TUESDAYS

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

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

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**Second Milers**, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. Reservations 439-3569.

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

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

### FRIDAYS

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### THURSDAY, MARCH 12

**Elsmere Fire Co. Auxillary**, monthly meeting, fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Art Association**, monthly meeting, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

### FRIDAY, MARCH 13

**QUILT** (Quilters United in Learning Together), "gift ideas for all occasions," Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 14**  
**Registration** for Bethlehem Babe Ruth, youngsters born between Aug. 1, 1965, and Aug. 1, 1968, Bethlehem Public Library, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.

**Saturday Afternoon at the Movies**, "Meet John Doe," with Gary Cooper and Barbara Stanwyck, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Pancake Meal**, St. Matthew's Youth Group, Old Church, Pleasant St., Voorheesville, 5-8 p.m.

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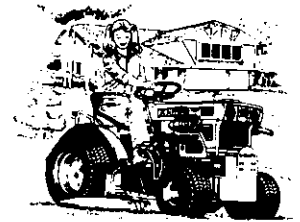
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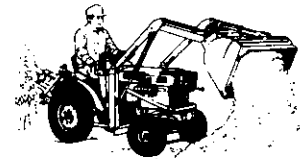
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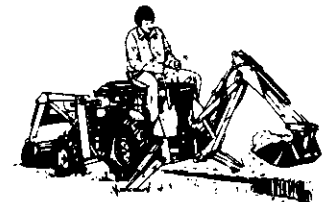
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**Bethlehem Central Middle School** Parent-Faculty Organization meeting, topic is state aid for schools, middle school auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Bethlehem Women's Republican** Committee, nomination of officers, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club**, music group on "music of many nations" with Joan Mullen, Bethlehem Public Library community room, 1:30 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 17**

**Free Blood Pressure Clinic**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

**Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post** 1040 American Legion Auxiliary, regular meeting and covered dish supper, cocktails 6:30 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

**American Association of Retired Persons**, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, monthly meeting, with talk on "Grandma's Home Remedies," First United Methodist Church, social hour 12:30 p.m., meeting 1:30 p.m.

**Voorheesville village elections**, Voorheesville firehouse, noon to 9 p.m.

**Puppet Show** for elementary-age children, "The Widow's Lazy Daughter," with JoAnne Assini, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m.

**Training session** for Tri-Village Welcome Wagon's annual amblyopia vision screening project, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave. in Delmar, 9-11:30 a.m.

**Handicapped Swim Program**, final session until fall, Bethlehem Central Middle School pool, 6-7:30 p.m.

**Tawasentha Chapter, DAR**, monthly meeting with Bethlehem Central Choraliens presenting "Ireland to Broadway," Delmar Reform Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Book Discussion**, "Adventures of a Bystander" by Peter Drucker, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

**Choral Festival**, 400 Bethlehem Central School District students participating, high school lower gym, 8 p.m. (date changed from March 19).

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 18**

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**Cooperative Extension Association** of Albany County, board of directors meeting, Resource Development Center, Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

**Altar Rosary Society** of St. Thomas Church to hear Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, speak on the challenge of being a parish community, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

**Plant Workshop** for elementary-aged children, Bethlehem Library, 3:45 p.m. Bring unusual planters.

**Small Business Tax Workshop**, presented by Internal Revenue Service and sponsored by Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:30 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Embroiderer's Guild**, monthly meeting, Delmar Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

**THURSDAY, MARCH 19**

**Movie**, "Restoration of a Scottish Castle," shown by Elmer Mathews, vice president of Clan MacNeil in America, Bethlehem Historical Association at Cedar Hill School House, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., 8 p.m.

**Food Stamp Outreach Program**, Albany County Department of Social Services, Bethlehem Town Hall, 9:15 a.m.-noon.

**Bethlehem Railroad Society**, meeting to adopt by-laws, Room 106, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m. All model train hobbyists welcome.

**SATURDAY, MARCH 21**

**Piano Recital**, students of Shirley Greene, St. Joseph's Hall, College of Saint Rose, 7:30 p.m.

**Saturday Afternoon at the Movies**, Laurel and Hardy in "Bohemian Girl," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

**Film**, "The Hiding Place," true-life story of Corrie ten Boom, former Nazi prisoner, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

**Movie**, "Robin Hood," with Errol Flynn, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m.

**TUESDAY, MARCH 24**

**Program on Honey Bees**, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

**WEDNESDAY, MARCH 25**

**Free Income Tax Assistance** for senior citizens and shut-ins, sponsored by Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, American Association of Retired Persons, Community Room, Key Bank, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.

# area arts

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**THEATER**

"Le Bourgeois Gentilhomme" (Moliere), Russell Sage College, **March 12**, 8 p.m. Box office 270-2248.

"Widows" (world premiere of play by South African Mfundu Vundia), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 20 and 21**, 8 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

"The Man Who Shot The Man Who Shot Jesse James" (comedy presented by Thornbrake Theatre), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 22**, 3 p.m. and 8 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

"Twain's Folly" (original two-act play based on writings of Mark Twain), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **March 20**, 8 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

"Victims of Duty" (Eugene Ionesco), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, **March 24-26**, 8:30 p.m.; **March 27**, 10 p.m.; **March 28**, 8:30 p.m. Box office 457-8606.

"Mummenschanz" (Swiss silent theatre), Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 27**, Community Box Office.

**MUSIC**

Albany Symphony Orchestra (music by Roy Harris, Prokofieff and Beethoven), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **March 13**, 8:30 p.m., and Palace Theatre, Albany, **March 14**, 8:30 p.m.

Conradance, featuring Swallowtail, sponsored by Eighth Step Coffee House, 275 State St., Albany, **March 13**, 8:45 p.m.

"Mr. Cockrell at the Keyboard" (pianist Findlay Cockrell demonstrating various musical forms and styles), recital hall, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 14**, 2 p.m.

"Irish Festival Day" (variety of Irish music and entertainment), New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 14**, 1-4 p.m.

The Chieftains (native Irish Folk Group), Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, **March 15**, 7 p.m. Box office 377-5097.

Orchestre du Capitole de Toulouse with pianist Philippe Entremont, Troy Chromatic Concerts, Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **March 18**, 8 p.m. Information, 235-6831.

"Palmer Cody's Tick-Tock Ballroom" (recreation of 1927 band concert), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 18 and 19**, 8:30 p.m., **March 20 and 21**, 10 p.m. Box office 473-3750.

**ART**

"The Manipulated Landscape II" (photographs), Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Broadway and State streets, Albany, **March 13-April 16**, 8 a.m.-6 p.m. weekdays.

"Mary Banning's Mushrooms" (19th century folk art water-colors), New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **March 13-Sept. 27**, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

O. Louis Guglielmi retrospective (social realist and social surrealist works of 1930s and 1940s), Albany Art Gallery, State University at Albany, **March 17-April 26**, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. Tuesday through Friday, Thursdays to 8 p.m., weekends 1-4 p.m.

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BETHLEHEM

## Program for gifted challenges board

A proposed challenge program unveiled three days earlier by Supt. Lawrence Zinn proved to be a challenge immediately to the Bethlehem Central school board.

In a five-hour budget session Saturday at the Educational Services Center in Delmar, board members wrestled with the questions of whether the proposed enrichment program was "elitist" and whether the board wanted to fund it.

Zinn presented the challenge committee report to an eager audience at a board business meeting last Wednesday at Glenmont School.

The committee of some 25 district officials and residents has spent more than a year devising ways to comply with a state mandate that public schools provide special programs for "exceptionally capable and talented" students.

The committee's recommendations for staffing a coordinator and three staff persons come at an awkward time, when the school board is working long hours to whittle down a 1981-82 budget plan. The state has given the mandate but no money for a program Zinn projected would cost \$50,000 to \$60,000 in the first year.

The challenge committee procedure for identifying the estimated 5 to 10 percent of the district's pupils who are exceptionally capable and talented would include achievement tests, referral by staff (aided by a checklist), parent nomination and peer

identification, depending on the abilities to be assessed.

Zinn said the district would concentrate on "general intelligence" and "specific academic aptitude" as a starting point for the challenge program. Ultimately, the program would seek to identify pupils who are outstanding in creative or constructive thinking, leadership, visual or performing arts, and psychomotor activities (e.g., athletics), and to provide stimulation for them to excel.

A goal of the program is to identify talented children "early and annually," in Zinn's words. The report states: "Discovery of exceptional capability and talent is a continual process that must begin early and continue

### Heard the good news?

Stage 700 will present the musical "Good News" March 26 through 28 at 8 p.m. in the Bethlehem Central High School Auditorium. The musical features such all-time hits as "The Best Things in Life Are Free," "The Varsity Drag," "Lucky in Love," "Button Up Your Overcoat" and "Just Imagine" — all set in Tait College in 1927.

The 65 member cast includes Betsy Brisee, Skye McKenzie, Cathy Castellani, Jim Lenden, Will McGarrahan, Mary Bousvaros, Matt Healy, Dan Miller, Jay Kerness, Mark Edwards, Peter Propp, Tomi Roberts and Mike Henderson.

throughout a student's educational career."

The identification process proved to be a stumbling block for the board, in terms of its effect. Sheila Fuller said, "The self-image of the average child (not selected for challenge) is what I'm concerned about." President Bernard Harvith also felt strongly: "I'd like to see less stress on identifying and labeling... I'm concerned about a self-fulfilling prophecy."

But money was also a problem.

The committee recommends hiring a "resource room" teacher (or two half-time people) at the elementary level, who would involve pupils in special activities, depending on a child's interest and commitment. At the middle school, the committee recommends a staff person also, with an emphasis on enrichment and projects.

At the high school, the committee recommends hiring a "Coordinator-mentor-advocate" who would work on "enriched" courses, college-level courses, semi-



Rehearsing for Stage 700's spring production, "Good News" are Matt Healy, Shelly Ball and John Healy. The show is scheduled for March 26-28.

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nars, independent study, and finding individual mentors. He or she also would serve as an advocate to ensure a student is "in the right place" academically.

The estimated \$50,000 to \$60,000 first year cost runs head-on into the board's desire to cut half a million dollars from its 1981-82 budget before taking it to district voters.

Harvith was adamant: "I won't support that level of expenditure based on what I know now." John Clyne said, "It's more important to (restore cuts) we've made than to create an elitist group."

But Zinn was a passionate champion of the program. As the discussion warmed up, he said, "I'd take a lot of things out (of the budget) in order to pur challenge in!" And later: "You have to have some faith! I happen to be fully convinced it's needed."

At the board meeting Wednesday, questions from the 60 or more persons in the audience focused on identifi-

cation of the gifted, the stigma associated with "being different," staffing, plans for evaluation of the program, and the probable size of the "talent pool." Zinn assured parents he and others involved would "be available by phone" to answer questions.

Those who spoke were in favor of a challenge program, putting the burden on the school board to find the dollars. The board put off discussion of the committee report to Saturday in the face of a long schedule for the evening, but not before several members had voiced dismay at the state legislature's practice of issuing mandates for services that school districts must fund on their own.

Harvith urged taxpayers to contact legislators: "Legislators are impressed by numbers. It's not unfair to remind them we'd like some of our tax dollars to come back to us."

*Caroline Terenzini*

## BETHLEHEM

### School spending cuts come slowly

Staffing came under the Bethlehem Central School Board's budget ax in a five-hour session Saturday at the Educational Services Center.

With cuts totaling \$500,000 in mind, the board looked long and hard at every budget line. The 1981-82 budget plan proposed by Supt. Lawrence Zinn gives a salary total for regular teachers of \$4.6 million, up \$400,000 from the current budget figure.

The kindergarten population figures posed problems, as they did this past year. The district policy is to assign kindergarteners district wide, not necessarily to the school nearest their home, in an effort to have classes of approximately equal size with none over 24 pupils. The board expects to have the same number of kindergarten sessions in the next school year, but the question is where.

Board member Marjory O'Brien asked, "Can we assure parents that kindergarteners with older siblings can go to the 'home school?'" Board President Bernard Harvith responded, "We'll try to work things out with people, as long as there are not substantial costs involved. We're not applying a different rule now — the facts are different."

For scheduling and budgeting purposes, a teacher's time can be divided

into tenths (and, in a crunch, hundredths), so when the board wound up its scrutiny of staffing Saturday, it tallied an overall cut of eleven-hundredths of one teacher from the budget.

But it plans another look at guidance and driver education.

Zinn said many schools are dropping driver education, an "expensive" program, in favor of offering it during the summer and charging students to cover the full cost.

After its Wednesday business meeting, the board tackled the Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) portion of the '81-'82 budget looking for fat. BOCES charges are not yet firm for next year, Asst. Supt. Briggs McAndrews said, but that board has given the district 9 percent as a working figure for its increases.

This week, operations and maintenance funding plans are to get a going-over Wednesday at 7 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, and the board plans another Saturday session, beginning at 9 a.m. All budget sessions are open to the public.

The district's annual meeting is scheduled Tuesday, May 12, at the high school, with voting on the budget and board seats the following day at the middle school.

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### Computer use grows

J. Briggs McAndrews, assistant superintendent for instruction, gave an overview of the use of computers in the schools at a Bethlehem Central School Board meeting last Wednesday.

McAndrews said the "students' ability to use computers is outstripping the district's ability to supply them." There will be 17 to 21 (depending on cost) micro-computers in the schools this year, he said, most supplied through federal grants.

Some hardware was on hand for demonstration, and Rob Schapire, a junior, put a machine through its paces for the audience.

### To discuss state aid

The Bethlehem Central Middle School Parent-Faculty Organization will sponsor a meeting March 16 on the topic of state aid — How it Affects You and Your Schools.

Dr. Robert Lamitie, President of the State Board of

Education, and Dr. Lawrence Zinn, district superintendent, will be guest speakers. A question and answer period will follow the presentations.

The meeting, to be held in the Middle School cafeteria (rear parking lot) at 7:30 p.m., is open to the public.

### Four teachers retire

The Bethlehem Central School District will lose four veteran teachers through retirement in June. They are: Edward Brooks, high school social studies teacher, who has taught 27 years in the district; Mrs. Betty Crumme, high school English, after 17 years in the district; Mrs. Mary Johnston, home economics, 18 years in the district, and Mrs. Mary Rice, Glenmont elementary teacher, 13 years in the district.

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### BETHLEHEM

### Board appoints new librarian

John S. Hodges, director of the Fiske Public Library in Wrentham, Mass., has been appointed librarian of the Bethlehem Public Library and will assume his new post on April 1. He succeeds Kay Ann Cassell, who resigned earlier this year to take a librarian's position in Huntington, L.I.

Hodges, whose appointment was announced last week by the Bethlehem library board of trustees, has been director of the Wren-

tham library since 1976. He is a graduate of the University of North Carolina and earned a master of library science degree from Simmons College, Boston, in 1975. He is 31 and plans to be married in June. The Delmar post carries a salary of \$20,000.

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# Wenzel brings truck firm back to area

A new corporation directed by a former Walter Motor Truck Co. executive has purchased the parts inventory and other assets of the defunct corporation and will set up service operations in nearby Guilderland.

William J. Wenzel of Voorheesville, who resigned as sales manager of the truck company a year ago to join a Canadian spinoff corporation shortly before the Voorheesville firm went bankrupt, will

serve as general manager of the new corporation, Walter Equipment USA, Inc.

The new firm will start manufacturing operations at Northeast Industrial Park in six months, Wenzel said, and will expand to full-scale production next year.

The deal was completed last week with Bankers Trust NA, which took over receivership of the original Walter company when the firm defaulted on notes and com-

mitments totalling more than \$15 million. The purchase price was not revealed.

Sale of the Walter property and plant buildings on the northern edge of the village to Atlas Copco Turbonetics, Inc., a Latham affiliate of the multinational Atlas Copco Corp., is expected to be finalized next week, according to a reliable source. Bernard Shenocca, president of Atlas Copco Turbonetics, had previously confirmed that his firm and the bank

have agreed on a sale price of \$1,750,000. The deal involves most of the machine tools in the vacant plant.

According to Wenzel, the transaction closed last week is supplementary to Shenocca's agreement, and includes "everything else." Of prime interest to the new corporation is the sizeable stockroom of truck parts and several specialty trucks that were partially built when the plant folded operations last April. The deal negotiated by Wenzel also includes the Walter name, blueprints, technology, trademarks, service records, customer files and all other records, office furniture and all other fixtures as well as all tooling currently in the hands of foundries and machine shops.

Wenzel said Walter Equipment, USA is hiring about 30 temporary workers, mostly movers and packers, to clear out the Voorheesville plant and move the parts and furniture to space the new firm has leased in Northeast Industrial Park less than two miles from the Walter plant. He estimated it would take two months to complete the move and another month to establish a stockroom and identify the parts inventory.

"If all goes well, by late fall we should be starting the manufacture of vehicles on a modest basis," Wenzel told the *Spotlight* over the weekend. "This will require an-



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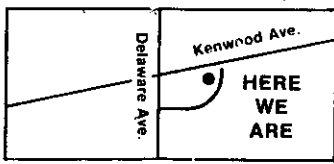
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Tim Haverly

other 10 people. We plan to gradually enlarge that force, and we should have approximately 60-65 people by the end of 1982."

When the Walter plant ceased operations last April, there were 105 workers on the payroll. Those employees went on strike at the same time, and maintained picket lines at the plant entrance for about six months before giving up the ghost. There was some question as to which came first, the plant shut-down or the strike.

Shenocca has said Atlas Copco Turbonetics will use the plant's physical facilities to manufacture industrial compressors and other equip-

ment for various process industries, but most of the work force will accompany the move from Latham.

Wenzel said he will continue his affiliation with Walter Motor Truck of Canada, of which he is also general manager, and will divide his time between the two corporations. The Canadian firm, which has been independent of the defunct American firm for a number of years, manufactures specialty trucks and markets them worldwide under the Walter name.

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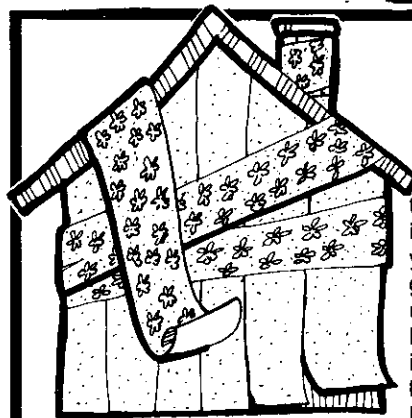
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**BETHLEHEM**

**Zautner asks board for 'direction'**

"Looking for some direction from the board," G. William Zautner talked with Bethlehem town planners last week about development of a tract adjacent to the Colonial

Acres golf course in Glenmont.

Zautner, of A.T. Zautner & Son, Inc., said he favors four and six-unit "townhouses" for the site. The property has more than 30 acres, but it is bisected by a power line and includes a ravine, so only about 21 of the acres are usable, Zautner said.

He told the board he foresees a maximum of 168 dwelling units, some to be sold and some for rental. Entrance would be from Feura Bush Rd.

After questioning Zautner, the board appeared to favor "planned residential development" (PRD) for the site. PRD gives a developer maximum leeway for creativity and innovation, it was said, and also gives town planners opportunities for review of developer's plans, and progress. Town board approval is required.

Zautner told the board that a solution to drainage problem at the Glen Manor subdivision, across the road, depends on work that would be part of the new development.

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(the question was tabled until the next meeting, March 17.

The board also put on its next agenda discussion of plans by Harry Gochee to erect two four-unit apartment buildings at Kenaware Ave. and Dawson Rd., using only part of undeveloped property there.

Gochee has asked the town Zoning Board of Appeals to grant a special exception to allow this construction, and a public hearing on his application is set for April 1. The appeals board asked the planners for an opinion.

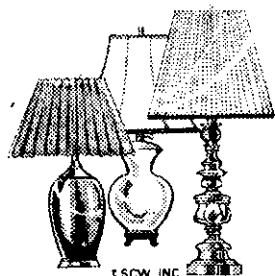
Edward Kleinke, of Kleinke Associates, of Slingerlands, who is a consultant to the board, said: "It would be nice to know what the rest of the property might be used for."

#### Bees and beekeeping

An evening program on "The Honey Bee" will be presented at Five Rivers Center, Bame Farm Rd., Delamar on Tuesday, March 24, at 7:30 p.m. The indoor presentation and exhibit will study bee society, honey production and bee keeping as a hobby and an industry in New York State. The program is open to the public and free of charge. Of interest to the hearing impaired: a sign interpreter will interpret the program in sign language.

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#### Old ways are best

Mrs. Anna Paasch, instructor in clinical pharmacy at the Albany College of Pharmacy, will talk on "grandma's home remedies" at the monthly meeting of the Bethlehem Trivillage Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons Thursday, March 17, at 1:30 p.m. Social hour is 12:30 p.m.

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## BETHLEHEM

### Town may merge 3 departments

The retirement of the town's longtime sewer district superintendent has given the Bethlehem town board an opportunity to study a reorganization that would merge both the water and sewer districts with the expanded engineering department.

Sewer District Superintendent Merwyn K. Atwood, who suffered a stroke in December, has applied for disability retirement. Supervisor Tom Corrigan disclosed last week. Atwood is recuperating in the Albany Veterans

Administration Hospital and is "progressing quite well," Corrigan said.

Both the water and sewer districts are independent entities with their own revenues and budgets. But Corrigan said Atwood's retirement prompted him to look at the overall situation to see if administrative costs could be reduced. If the three departments were to be merged, he said, Town Engineer Bruce Secor would be in charge. Secor's salary was recently raised by the town board to

reflect what Corrigan said are greater administrative responsibilities. The budgets for water and sewer would still be kept separately, but Corrigan said that is a bookkeeping problem that is easily handled.

### Blood pressure clinic

There will be a free blood pressure clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, March 17, at the Bethlehem Town Hall. These clinics are sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department and are coordinated by Town Board Member Ruth O. Bickel.



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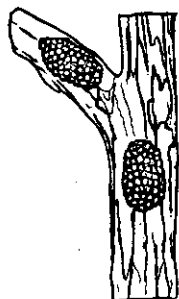
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#### Radio recovered

A Bethlehem sewer worker had his portable two-way radio, valued at \$700, stolen last week while he was down a manhole on Thatcher St. But Bethlehem police recovered the radio when they arrested a Selkirk youth Tuesday.

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#### Singers at DAR

Tawasentha chapter, DAR will meet Tuesday, March 17, at the Delmar Reformed Church at 7:30. The Bethlehem Central High School Choraliers will present an evening of music, "Ireland to Broadway," under the direction of Joe Farrell.

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#### Golf course approved

Delmar Car Wash, Inc., was granted a special use permit to build and operate a miniature golf course next to the Del Lanes bowling alley last week as the Bethlehem Board of Appeals cleared its backlog of pending decisions.

In other decisions, a request by Stanley Zalen of 9 Fairway Ave., Elsmere, to erect a five-foot fence along a

neighbor's fence was denied and the board suggested that Zalen might consider planting shrubs instead. Also denied was a request by Lawrence J. Bruno to display used cars for sale at his Ross' Ice Cream Stand at 1342 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands.

The next public hearing of the board will be on April 1.

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# Village election Tuesday to test caucus system

Voorheesville voters go to the polls on Tuesday — 20 or 30 percent of them, anyway — in the village's annual popularity contest. Four personalities are competing for two seats on the village board. There are no issues, and no ties to Republican-Democratic partisanship.

The turnout and the results could be interpreted as an endorsement or rejection of the principle of candidate nomination by "committee"

or by open caucus. The village's political leaders switched from the advertised public nominating session of the Seventies to a more private gathering in 1980 and 1981.

In either case, candidates who fail to get the designation of the ruling People's Party can run on their own, and generally do. That's what makes politics at the village level as close to true American democracy as you can get, in

direct contrast to state and national elections. When it comes to candidates for president, governor, senator and others, the voters get what the big-time politicians give them, take it or leave it. In the village, concerned citizens can get together with the people next door and put up their own candidates.

It's the strange bounce of the political ball that makes municipal elections unique, and Voorheesville is no exception. This year, village leaders wanted to "dump" a trustee who they say "draws his pay without doing any of the work," hence the quiet Sunday night nominating gathering in a local residence.

Next year that same strategy is expected to surface once more, but for a different reason. In 1982 the term of Mayor Milton F. Bates expires, and there is some question as to whether he will seek a second term or will be persuaded by party leaders to return to a seat as trustee.

Despite the traditional apathy that characterizes local elections, village voters this year have a lively four-way contest for two seats on the village board. The Peoples Party regulars have chosen David T. Burnham, a popular young (33) school-teacher-coach trying his hand at politics for the first time, and Joseph (Larry) Dedrick, a longtime resident and former fire chief. The challengers are Richard E. Langford, the first-term trustee whom other board members want to see replaced, and Daniel Reh, chairman of the village planning board who has shown a strong interest in municipal government.

Reh was invited to the gathering of party faithful and their friends at the home of ex-Mayor William J. Wenzel in January, but lost a designation to Dedrick in a tiebreaker. Dedrick was also invited because his popularity

with party leaders was untainted by losing the nomination and later the election a year ago, but Langford was not invited.

Dedrick said he was "very pleased to be asked," and said he was "excited at getting the nomination."

Langford, bitter at his rejection by fellow trustees, denies he has not had a good attendance record at board meetings and work sessions. "The reason that they want me out is that I represent the people of Voorheesville, and not the handful of people that call themselves the Peoples Party," he declared.

Despite a year-long absence from the local scene, ex-Mayor Wenzel continues to be the dominant personality in Voorheesville politics. In his five two-year terms, Wenzel ran the village as a general manager would a business. He succeeded in keeping the village budget stable and balanced while upgrading village street paving, building a new highway garage, financing an almost complete exterior and interior renovation of the outmoded village hall, and still finding a way to cut village taxes on at least two occasions. Wenzel's business took him to Montreal for the past year, but he maintained his home in the village, and this week is completing arrangements to return his personal business base to Voorheesville.

If Voorheesville's political leadership can be called a power structure, it would rest in the hands of Wenzel and two longtime residents, George Hotaling and Dominick Tork. Hotaling, a retired superintendent of public works for the village, is now a member of the New Scotland town board. Tork, a retired businessman, is a member of the local school board.

Wenzel was the chief architect in the recent change in the Peoples Party nominating procedure. He explains the reasoning this way: "It was customary for the citizens

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who were genuinely concerned with the affairs of village government to call a meeting to nominate candidates. A notice was placed in the newspaper announcing the date, and anyone interested could come and participate. Because of the apathy with so few people attending, it was possible that someone who might not have the best interests of the village at heart could bring a lot of friends to the caucus and gain the nomination. That's why we felt that a smaller group of people who were genuinely concerned with the future of the village would be in a better position to select the best candidates."

The open caucus held in 1978 and 1979 attracted 68 and 63 people respectively, and produced results that underscored the grass-roots democracy of local politics. In 1978 a sizeable group of residents came to the fire-house caucus in support of Hector (Babe) Arbour, a political unknown, and mustered enough votes to get him nominated for village justice over the incumbent and party regular, Robert Murphy. Despite the surprise 35-33 vote at the caucus, Arbour won the election a month later

and has established a reputation as an outstanding judge.

The 1979 open caucus set up another odd twist of a different nature. Langford, then 25, was soundly defeated by Trustee Richard Huber by a 41-22 vote in the caucus, but polled 294 votes to 227 for Huber in the election.

The explanation for political phenomena like these lies in the personalities and campaign efforts of the candidates. There is no explanation why so many people don't take a few extra minutes to stop by the polls and flick the levers. *NAB*

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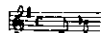


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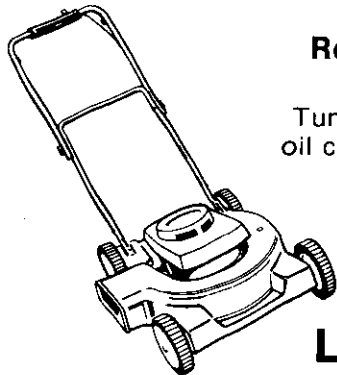
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## Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

The Home Economics Program of the Voorheesville Cooperative Extension will offer "cooking without salt" Wednesday, March 18. Day-time and evening sessions are planned.

The class is intended to help people cope with salt-free diets by offering suggestions and resources which can be used in the preparation of low salt meals. To pre-register call the Cooperative Extension office on Martin Rd. 765-2874.

St. Matthew's Youth Group is once again treating the Voorheesville community to a St. Patrick's Day pancake meal. Teen members are busy transforming the old church on Pleasant St. into a "little bit of Ireland." On Saturday, March 14, from 5 to 8 p.m. the "little green people" will serve pancakes, sausage, juice, coffee and tea to adults for \$2.50 and children for \$1.50. Serving hours on Sunday, March 15, are 8 a.m. to 1 p.m. The price of admission entitles you to all you can eat.

The Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, a cooperative program for four year olds, still has a few positions available for the 1981-1982 school year. For more information or an appointment to visit the school, call registrar Diane Relyea at 765-3681.

Environment Specialist Greg Lanson recently spent a day at Voorheesville Elementary School sharing nature episodes. Kindergarteners learned to recognize forest animals while first and second graders were taught to listen and distinguish the song of back-yard birds. Third graders toured the deserts of the Southwest identifying peculiar animals and meagre plant life. Mount Saint Helen erupted on screen while fourth, fifth and sixth graders watched spellbound. Don Otterness, science coordinator, organized the event.

The Health and Physical Education departments of the Voorheesville schools will offer a four-part series on sexuality and substance abuse beginning Thursday, March 12. Don Otterness, Dick Leach and Ferne Horn, coordinators of the program, explain that the objective of

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the series is to provide students with the information necessary to make sound decisions on the various questions which arise in the teen years.

Parents of fifth and sixth graders are invited to preview on March 12 the sexuality session which will be presented to parents and their children on Wednesday, March 18. On March 25 parents who would like more information on the current drug and alcohol abuse committee are invited to attend a meeting and join the organization. A panel composed of high school students will address the topic "what's it like at the high school?" on April 8. Parents and students are invited.

## Pastors' pension 'crusade' slated

The first United Methodist Church of Voorheesville embarks March 18 on its share of an area Methodist crusade to fund ministerial pensions and mission obligations. William Bentley of New Scotland, general chairman, reports that 50 to 60 people will form the core group to coordinate the local drive. Serving as assistant chairman is Donald Mikkelsen, Voorheesville. Co-chairman of the visitation committee are Joseph Armer, Voorheesville, and James Seay, New Scotland.

The core group will be treated to a supper by St. Matthew's parishioners on March 18.

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## FEURA BUSH

# Boys go to the top for playground

Cliff Nooney and his friends know what to do to get things done around town. They go right to the top — town hall.

Cliff, who is 11 and in the sixth grade at R-C-S Junior High School, is one of a whole bunch of kids in Feura Bush who have been brooding over the loss of their playground. Ever since the old Montessori School was sold to two business partners who converted

it into apartments, they haven't had a place to shoot baskets, play ball or climb on the jungle jims.

The New Scotland town board used to maintain the play area of the vacant school, but the new owners of the property Lou Neri and Don Brandow, declared the yard off-limits to the kids to protect their tenants. That was a year ago.

At Houghtaling's Market, where the fellas go for candy and soda after school and on weekends, they complained that no one seemed to be doing anything about a playground. Ann Houghtaling, whose husband, Charles, is a former town councilman, suggested the boys go to town hall and talk to the town board.

It didn't take long for the boys to get petitions up, signed by some 40 grownups and a list of kids longer than your arm. Last Wednesday night six of them — that's all that would fit in Ann Houghtaling's car — showed at New Scotland town hall and sat in the front row as Supervisor Steve Wallace gavelled the March meeting to order. They had to sit through a sequence of bid openings for gravel and

fuel oil, listen to Town Clerk Corinne Cossac read the month's correspondence, and wait while the board discussed and voted on half a dozen resolutions.

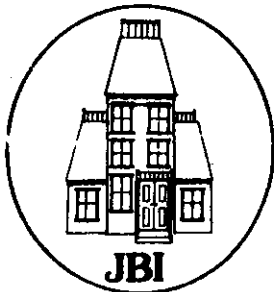
Pretty dull stuff, but also pretty amazing how much money it costs to run the town government, like all those road materials.

Then the town supervisor pushed his reading glasses down his nose and looked over to the front row of the audience. Cliff stepped forward to present the petitions and got his picture taken. The names that got into the papers this week — George Mattick, Darrin Kibbey, Steven Akers, Scott Houghtaling, Jim Derragon and Cliff — are only a few of the kids who worked on the project.

Supervisor Wallace had good news for them. The town is negotiating for a big chunk of land in Feura Bush, about 27 acres. That's big enough to build a couple of stadiums. Then he adjourned the meeting.

When last seen, the supervisor, town board members George Hotaling and Wyman Osterhout and the Feura Bush boys were heading for the Toll Gate and ice cream.

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**In church recital**

Elizabeth G. Boynton of Delmar will present a recital for flute and keyboard Friday, March 13, at noon at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Third and State Sts., Troy. She will be accompanied by Donald Ingram, organist and choirmaster of the church. The recital is one of a series of musical programs by guest musicians during the Lenten season.

**GOP women meet**


Members of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club will meet Monday, March 16, at 7:30 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Nomination of officers will be announced. Miss Cheryl Ishmael, director of fiscal studies of the finance committee of the State of New Senate will explain the State Budget.




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Four Bethlehem Central swimming standouts and Guilderland-Voorheesville's unquenchable Renshaw brothers will carry Section 2's hopes in the New York State interscholastic championships this weekend at the Notting-

ham High pool in Syracuse.

The Eagles and the Mergers dominated the Sectional meet Saturday at Albany State, Bethlehem winning its 10th straight Section 2 Class A championship with ease and the Mergers finishing second.

BC had 95 points and G-V 66, with the rest trailing in this order: Shaker 42, Burnt Hills 33, Amsterdam 29, Troy 15, Niskayuna 6 and Albany High 0. Bethlehem won four events, the Mergers three and the other four blue ribbons went to Class B schools.

two-tenths of a second in the 100 backstroke, but that finish wasn't as close as the 50-yard freestyle. In that one Andy Renshaw lost to Mike Morrison of Glens Falls by 5 one-thousandths of a second, 22.640 to 22.645.

Jay Henahan of Bethlehem set the day's only new record with a 5:01.5 clocking in the 500 freestyle, lowering the mark he set a year ago as a sophomore. A week earlier he had set a new Section 2 record with 5:00.5 in the Eastern championships at Lawrenceville, N.J., but in that kind of competition the performance didn't place him in the top 6.

The Renshaw twins and younger brother Carl teamed with Kevin Anderson to win the 200 medley relay for G-V in 1:43.5, the best time in the Sectionals since 1976. Dirk Applegate of Voorheesville turned in a superperformance in the 200 free: his 1:50 flat cut four full seconds off his previous best and was the second fastest time ever clocked in Section 2. Bethlehem's Ken Neff set the record at 1:47.1 in 1979.

In the Albany meet, Andy Renshaw of the Mergers won the 100-yard butterfly in 52.7 seconds, third fastest time in the state this year. The Guilderland star represents Section 2's best shot at a state title at Syracuse. His twin brother, Tony was second at 54.4, and was touched out by Bob Cowan of Queensbury by

Bobby Holland, BC senior, won the individual medley and the breaststroke, setting a school record in the latter at 1:03.3. The Eagles took four of the six places in the IM, Holland, Henahan, freshman Doug Schulz and Matt Holland, an eighth grader, finishing 1-2-4-6. In the 500 free, Henahan, Mike Nyilis and Schulz completed the first 1-2-3 finish in the history of the Sectional meet.

Mike McKneally won the diving to become the fourth Bethlehem qualifier for the intersectionals with Henahan, Holland and Nyilis. The first two places qualify for the state meet.

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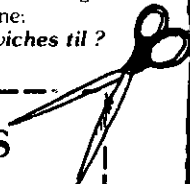
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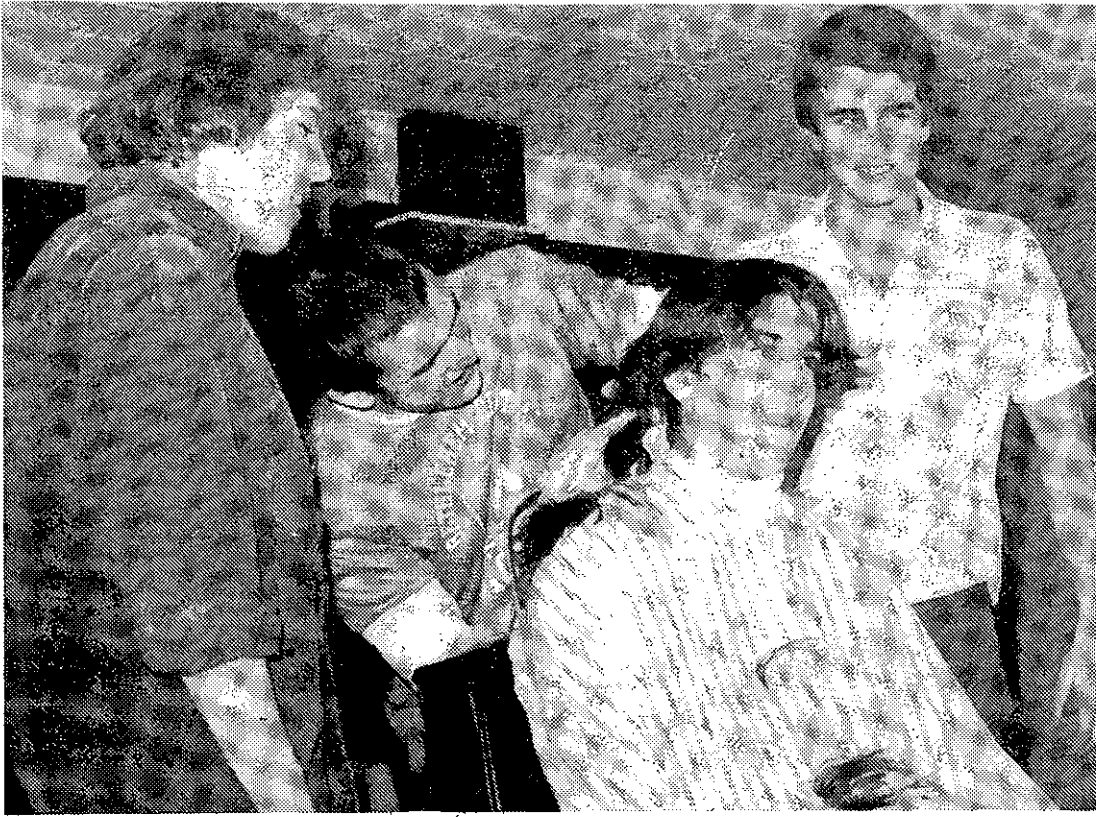
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*Spotlight*

**Wrestling for youngsters**

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will sponsor a wrestling clinic for children in grades 2 through 8, beginning March 16.

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The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a youth stroke improvement program for boys and girls who are able to swim at least 25 yards.

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Registration must be made to this program, at the park office, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar. The program is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District and there is a fee of \$8 per swimmer.



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It may be too early to say that there is a dynasty in the making, such as Don Camp's tennis teams of the Sixties and

Seventies and Jack Whipple's incredible swimming teams, but Rick Poplaski's grapplers have just completed BC's best-ever season on the mat, with prospects that it will get even better.

Bethlehem's 13-2 record in dual meets this season surpassed Coach Gene FitzPatrick's 1973 champions, who went 12-2. The 1981 Eagles lost to Senendehowa by a point, the 29-28 setback costing them the Suburban Council crown, and they dropped a verdict to Mont Pleasant, a longtime mat powerhouse.

Poplaski, a fine wrestler himself, is the chief architect of Bethlehem's wrestling program that is attracting an increasing number of younger boys. He came to Delmar from Brockport State as a social studies teacher, and coached the jayvees under FitzPatrick for five years before succeeding to the varsity post eight years ago. This year's team is a reflection on all that work, and is testimony of the program's success along with the bright hopes of the next few seasons. Poplaski loses only six seniors from a team that sent as many as nine boys to the state championship qualifiers at Glens Falls last week. John DeMeo, a former All-American coaching the jayvees, is sending up several fine replacements from a team that went 12-2, and Jim Guiliano's freshman team was 7-2 this year.

The BC varsity had unusual balance rather than top-level stars. "Everybody came together," says Poplaski. "The seniors did a tremendous job. Everyone on the team made important contributions. We've been together for a long time, and many of the boys have gained maturity in wrestling. It was a very rewarding year."

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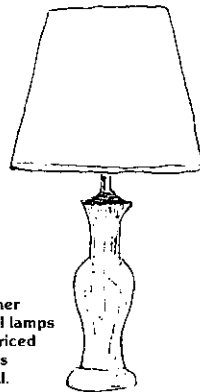
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Bethlehem Central's wrestling team: from left, front row, Dave Lloyd, Ernie Van Wormer, J.B. Rodgers, Jeff Herrmann, Andy Hickey, Steve Essex; second row, Mark Errichetti, Eric Bryant, Joe Conway, Paul Callanan, Al Tinsman, Chris Edwards, Bill Acquario; rear row, Assistant Coach Jim Guiliano, Assistant Coach Jon DeMeo, Phil Marwill, Ford Clark, Lenny Klink, Paul Dorsey, Alan Marwill, Nico Costaldo, John Herrmann, Coach Rick Poplaski.

*Tim Haverly*

many as 16 teams, the Eagles were second in the Oxford tournament, one of the best in mat-oriented Section 4, second in the Tri-Valley Invitational at Oneida in Section 3, third in the Suburban Council Invitational at Burnt Hills, the toughest competition in Section 2, and second in the Class A Sectionals, their best finish ever. In most of these tournaments, BC had only one or two first-place winners, but the others piled up points by placing in the top four or top six.

Graduation will take J.B. Rodgers (112 pounds), Andy Hickey (126), Steve Essex (145), Dave Lloyd (177), Ernie Van Wormer (215) and

Jeff Herrmann, whose 96 wins in a four-year varsity career is a school record.

There will be eight varsity holdovers returning next year. They are Al Tinsman at 91 pounds, Paul Callanan (98), Al Marwill (155), Paul Dorsey (167), Lenny Klink (250), all of whom made the qualifiers at Glens Falls, and Joe Conway, Nico Costaldo and John Herrmann. Conway and Klink are sophomores and Callanan is a freshman.

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The castle was the hall of the clan chief from 1035 A.D. until about 1865 when it was sold. Little by little it was destroyed until a Robert Lister bought it in 1937. Under his guidance and direction, the castle was restored. His son has it now as the home of the ancestral chief.



Robert Yaguda has opened his own realty office in Delmar after many years as a partner in C-Y-C Realty, Inc., and will handle residential and commercial sales. John Thompson will be general manager of the new firm. In the photo are, from left, kneeling, Yaguda and Thompson; standing, Betty Bryan, Florence Mabey, Ruth Levin, Rita Hulett, Margaret Pollard, Arlette Prince, Anna Caswell and Connie Baker. *Spotlight*

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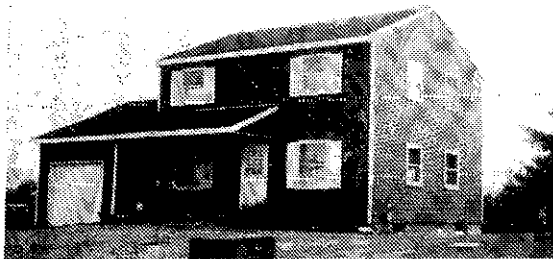
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**Puppet show slated**

St. Patrick's Day will be celebrated at Bethlehem

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State police arrested the juvenile and charged her with criminal mischief and two counts of making false statements to police. Weidman was charged with unlawfully dealing with a child and faces an appearance in Coeymans town court.

**Speaker at parish meeting**

Sister Anne Bryan Smollin, CSJ, of the Diocese of Albany Consultation Center, a prominent area educator and counselor, will speak at a parish meeting at St. Thomas School auditorium, Delmar, at 7:30 p.m. Wednesday, March 18. The meeting, sponsored by the St. Thomas Altar-Rosary Society, is open to the public.

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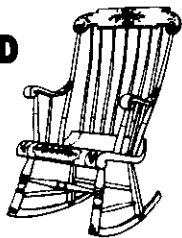
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# Vox Pop

*Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.*

## On school control

Editor, The Spotlight:

Having been both an ardent advocate as well as, at times, a critic of Bethlehem Central School District, I feel qualified to speak out as a parent, taxpayer, but most of all as a caring human being. I have been involved with the school system for at least 12 years, having done my share of volunteer work and loving every minute of it. Some of you may also remember the "closing" of the Delmar School chapter a few years ago when we took our show to the media. As you will note, I refuse to be called a coward and have chosen to even sign my name.

Concerned citizens, our children are under siege! Peer pressure is greater than ever before, the nuclear family hardly exists, choices number in the hundreds, media exposure can't be denied, competition is at its fiercest, etc., etc. As parents we must be superhumans, and how many of us can be? We are equally besieged. At least, let us admit that.

The schools are trying. They are, believe it or not. We must begin—not now but yesterday—to try and work together. There are some parents who even deny any problems concerning their children when the school tries to help. Most, however, I am sure are willing to try. We need each other. We need support and assistance because our children deserve this.

I have recently been through an ordeal at the Middle School. It matters not what the details are, but I

finally realized where the problem lies in our school system. The real problem is seated in Central Administration. It finally became clarified.

Doctor Zinn, when was the last time you truly visited the schools and talked to any children? I feel this is part of your responsibility. Do you know at least half do not even know what you look like? We do not need a business administrator—we fortunately have a fine one. We do not need manipulated statistics that no one can follow. We need a sensitive, caring superintendent who reaches the faculty, students and parents. We need someone who genuinely relates. I believe you can do this. The tone is always set at the top, and I believe it must change and change drastically.

We probably have the most talented faculty on the face of the earth. Most of our teachers are superb. A handful are not, I admit; however, I think some of the talent is being diffused because the atmosphere they work under drains them. There is far too much control of the teachers, especially in the middle school. Most of these teachers could teach in a field with no equipment or books. However, they have been stifled too long with administrative nonsensical rules. Few children know what a truly wonderful man Mr. Stagnita is because his job is beyond belief. This atmosphere must change. These kids should not have to tolerate this. They are each in the most difficult stage of development and should experience a loving, caring, sensitive environment.

Are most of you aware of the fantastic things happening at our Middle School? The entire music program is superb, thanks to our talented, marvelous music teachers. The art program is gorgeous. So many of the teachers are phenomenal. All we, as parents, have to do is ask, and help is there. Some of these teachers even offer willing ears (on their own time) to the kids

that reach out. More of us must begin to just reach a little.

Someone said a week ago that poor Charlie Gunner needs a recently-discharged, sensitive mariné. He could certainly use some assistance. Here we have a truly beautiful human being. No one will ever convince me differently. The high school has its own gigantic problems, but let's look at the good.

Everyone must support the upcoming production of "Good News" produced and directed by the incomparable Richard Feldman and Joe Farrell. This has involved probably 100 kids—doing something wonderful and creative. A rejuvenated Key Club is hard at work, and is willing to "volunteer" in the community. And we thought the word had become extinct.

Let's reach our kids, talk WITH them, LISTEN. Let's make sure we know where they are and at least try to know what they are doing. Our children need us probably more than any preceding generation ever needed love, guidance, discipline, and anything else we can muster. We must all work together for the sake of our children.

We do have problems here just as every other community does, but burying our heads in the sand is absolutely not the answer.

Academic achievement does not happen to be one of our problems. Let's stop addressing ourselves so exclusively to it and get on with the real work.

These happen to be our children. Demand their rights.

*Carole L. Rosenbloom*  
Delmar

## Applauds decision

Editor, The Spotlight,

The Bethlehem Town Board deserves congratulations on its handling of the fluoride question.

They would not be stampered last fall by the county and state health departments, who dangled a carrot in the form of state and federal aid. Rather, our conscientious

board chose to look into all aspects of fluoride.

Subsequently, they received numerous communications pro and con. In early February they had an open meeting to hear both sides. Arguments were put forth in a gentlemanly fashion. The board took time to digest all the data. Then, four of the five members made it abundantly clear that they felt it was in the best interests of the Town not to force fluoridated water on everybody. They pointed to honest differences of opinion and the many unanswered questions as to long-term effects of fluoride, plus the philosophical point of its not being the town's function to administer forced mass medication to all the people.

Our board acted in good faith and in an impartial manner, thinking only of the well-being of the citizens. Politics never entered into its decision, as evidenced by the fact that all five members are of the same party and yet their opinions were not unanimous. The Albany newspapers are trying to turn this into a political issue, as are a few poor losers among the proponents. Bethlehem citizens should not let it become one.

The Bethlehem Safe Water Association congratulations the supervisor and the four councilmen for the way they handled the debate. It is wonderful to know we have a town board of this caliber.

*Douglas P. Bridge, Treas.*  
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## Anniversary

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 American Legion Auxiliary wish to send to you and your staff a Very Happy Anniversary on your 25 years and hope you have many more years of publication. It is a very interesting publication.

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*Mrs. Alice M. Herber*  
Delmar *Corr Secretary*

**Defends board**

Editor, The Spotlight,  
Having myself been in town government for the past 18 years, I could not let the Vox Pop letter by Joseph J. Hart in the March 5 issue go unchallenged. Being an advocate of divided voting on town board issues by board members, I welcome split votes as we recently witnessed on the question of fluoridation. And I deplore the endless line of unanimous board voting in the years prior to Tom Corrigan accepting the helm of leadership in our town of Bethlehem. This is a credit to Tom's policy of open government.  
But when a person like Mr. Hart attempts to make a political issue out of an administrative issue, then it requires a closer look. Needless to say Mr. Hart was disappointed that his view was not accepted as Gospel by all town board members. However, in two different references, Mr. Hart concludes (or more correctly

guesses) that a majority of our town residents favor fluoridation. I don't happen to agree with his opinion, but nevertheless, had the four members based their decisions on "political expediency," as he suggests, then by reason of his contention that the majority are in favor, the board would have voted for and not against fluoridation. You see, Mr. Hart, we have to be consistent in our reasoning — voting with the majority is "political expediency."

Allow me to say publicly, "thank you" to Scott Prothero, John Geurtze, Ed Mocker and Ruth Bickel for voting the dictates of your conscience, and to Tom Corrigan for the courage to stand alone for that which you believe in.

In conclusion, as a person who also must stand for election every four years, I stand now with my three brothers and my sister who voted no in rejection of adding something to our water supply which is avail-

able elsewhere and not needed in our drinking water.

*Kenneth P. Hahn*  
North Bethlehem

**The positive side**

Editor, The Spotlight,  
As president of the Parent-Faculty Organization I would like to take this opportunity to thank the parents who baked and participated in the Rock Festival Friday night at the high school. However, I would also like to add how well-behaved and polite the students were that evening. With the recent publicity about Bethlehem High School I felt I had to write about the

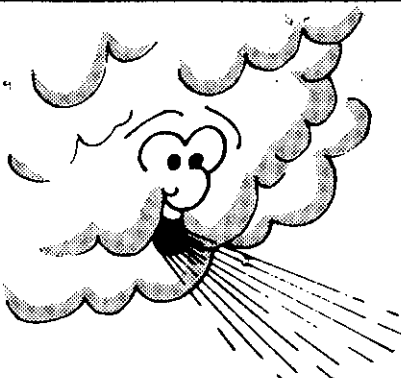
positive side. Residents of Bethlehem, we have many fine students in our high school. Please don't judge the school by a few bad apples, the majority are beautiful, growing young adults who do know right from wrong. Parents, if you had a son or daughter who attended the concert, you have every right to be proud. I know I was.

*Barbara Jadick*  
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# Community Corner

## WE CONGRATULATE THEM

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Win or lose, their achievement is a fine reflection on the quality of Bethlehem Central's academic program.

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