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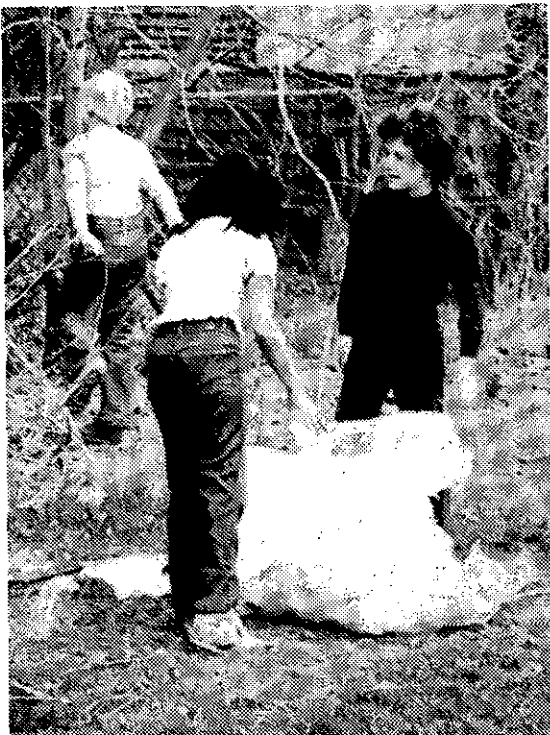
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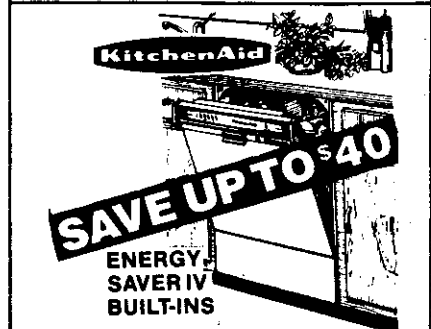
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Town of Bethlehem Town Board, second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Planning Board first, second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.; Board of Appeals first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m.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

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Village of Voorheesville Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 15

Glenmont Homemakers, Glenmont Reformed Church, 8 p.m.

Mark Twain, The Literary Artist, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, Antique Study Group, Dr. Joseph Marcelli speaking on silver, Bethlehem Library, 1 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, business meeting and budget review, Clarksville Elementary School, 8 p.m.

Embroiderer's Guild of America, Capital District Chapter, with guest Brigita Fuhrmann, Delmar Methodist Church, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

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.

Public Hearings, Bethlehem Board of Appeals: estate of Alton C. Rowe, Jr. to divide property at Borthwick and Kerwood aves. into two parcels, 8 p.m.; application of James Blendell, 1 Grove St., Delmar, to erect six-foot fence in rear yard of residence, 8:30 p.m.; application of W. Scott Prothero, 6 Lincoln Ave., Delmar, to erect six-foot fence at side yard of residence, 8:45 p.m. Bethlehem Town Hall.

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Food Stamp Outreach, Bethlehem town hall, 9:15 a.m. to noon.

Evening Walk in search of the elusive woodcock, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 6:15 p.m.

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.

FRIDAY, APRIL 17

Clam Chowder Luncheon and sale, Bethlehem Grange. Orders taken, 763-0693, 767-2770.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patients and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Special Good Friday Service, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere Ave., noon-3 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 18

Bethlehem Recreational Baseball League registration for players (16 or older), park office, Elm Avenue Park, Delmar, 10 a.m.

"The Magical Feats of Maxwell Treat," Jim Snack does 1900's magic, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m.

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Dinner-dance, Blanchard post of the American Legion, speakers Hon. Sam Stratton and Hon. Richard Connors, at the post.

MONDAY, APRIL 20

Fantasy and Magical Tales for elementary school-age children, Bethlehem Public Library, 2-2:45 p.m.

Single Parent Support Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post #3185, VFW, Post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

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

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

TUESDAY, APRIL 21

Bethlehem Planning Board, town hall, 7:30 p.m.

American Association of Retired Persons, Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, monthly meeting with talk on crime and prevention; First United Methodist Church, 1:30 p.m. following 12:30 p.m. social hour.

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A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"The Devils" (RPI Players in drama of intrigue in 14th Century France), 15th Street Lounge, Troy, **April 17, 18, 23, 24 and 25**, 8 p.m. Box office 270-6503.

"Mna na hEireann—Women of Ireland" (one-woman show by Susan Hegney), Second Floor Theater, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **April 21**, 11:30 a.m.

"Grease" (Broadway musical hit), James Laurence Meader Little Theater, Russell Sage College, Troy, **April 23, 24, 25 and 30**, 8 p.m.; **April 26**, 2 p.m.; **May 1 and 2**, 8 p.m.; **May 3**, 2 p.m. Reservations 270-2248.

MUSIC

Fifth Annual Youth Concert, Chinese Community Center, recital hall, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **April 18**, 7:30 p.m.

The Klezmerim (traditional Yiddish music), St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, **April 20**, 8 p.m.

Canadian Brass ("the Marx Brothers of Brass"), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **April 21**, 8 p.m.

"The Second Chapter of Acts" (trio singing contemporary Christian music), Palace Theater, Albany, **April 23**, 7:30 p.m.

Max Morath (entertainer-pianist brings alive the ragtime era), Cohoes Music Hall, **April 24**, 8 p.m. Community Box Office.

Frank Vecchio (Albany-based classical and Spanish guitarist), Troy Savings Bank Music Hall, **April 25**, 8 p.m. Information, 482-6565.

ART

Al Miller (photographer), Rathbone Gallery, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., **through May 4**, hours Monday through Friday noon-3 p.m., Monday 5-8 p.m.

Posters and Art of the 20s and 30s (Art Deco posters, fashion and stage designs) Posters Plus Galleries, 295 Hamilton St., Albany, **through April 22**.

Third Annual Photography Regional, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, **through April 25**. Hours Tuesday through Saturday, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.

Senior Show, College of Saint Rose Art Department, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, **through April 24**, open Sundays through Fridays 12:30-4:30 p.m.

The Corning Family: Paintings and Objects, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, **through April 19** (Tuesdays through Saturdays 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sundays 2-5 p.m.)

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Vacation Movies for Children, "Houdini Never Died" and "The Ransom of Red Chief," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

Book Discussion Group, Eudora Welty's short stories, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Legion Auxillary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1031, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

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Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands fire hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 23

Small Business Workshop, local businessmen discuss ideas and experiences, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

Film, "Son of Blob," for young adults, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 24

Bike Registration, inspection and registration by Bethlehem Police at Bethlehem Library, noon-2 p.m.

New Scotland Historical Association, spring card party, Old Schoolhouse in New Salem, 8 p.m., tickets from 765-2223.

Sam Stratton's Congressional Town Meeting, public meeting with Congressman Stratton, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

Film, "Brightly of Grand Canyon," for elementary-aged children, Bethlehem Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 25

Roast Beef Dinner, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 5-7 p.m., tickets at the door.

Chicken and Biscuit Supper, Women's Guild, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, reservations: 768-2611.

"Planting a Perennial Garden," WAST, Channel 13, featuring Anna Martha Jones of Elsmere, noon.

Elsmere Fire Co. installation dinner dance, Albany Country Club.

SUNDAY, APRIL 26

Open House, 360 Kenwood Ave., Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, 1-3 p.m.

Open House, 397 Delaware Ave., Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Center, 2-4 p.m.

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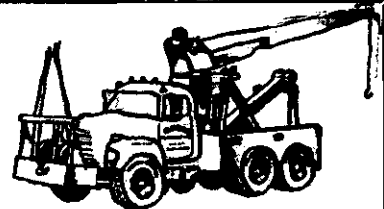
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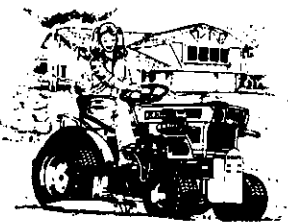
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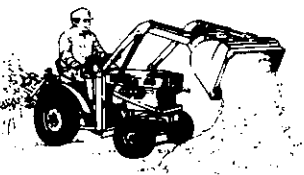
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Spring Luncheon, Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, speaker Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson, Normanside Country Club, 12:30 p.m.

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"Planning a Flower Garden," program by Cooperative Extension, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 29

Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner, Bethlehem Democratic Committee, with Assembly Speaker Stanley Fink, Michael's Banquet House, Latham, 7 p.m. Reservations at 439-7088 or 439-1232.

THURSDAY, APRIL 30

Small Business Workshop, David Caplan will supply some guidelines for starting a small business, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

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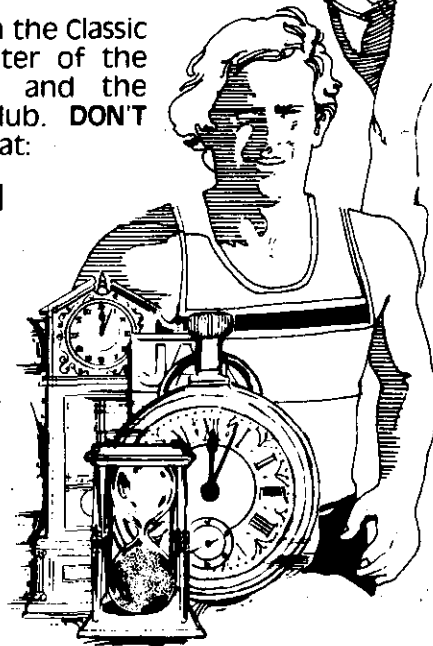
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Challenge, editor's plea bring out the candidates

What had appeared just a few weeks ago to be a rather tame, possibly uncontested election for three Bethlehem Central School Board seats has turned decidedly interesting, with four candidates vying for the open seat and a challenge to incumbent Sheila Fuller.

Although all of the candidates mention the district's financial constraints, the issue which appears to have emerged is the Challenge program, an enrichment program for "exceptionally capable and talented" students which the board trimmed earlier this month.

Things have also picked up in the Voorheesville Central School Board election, where five candidates have filed for the open seat. (See box).

With the Monday deadline now past, Bethlehem's lineup looks like this: for the seat being vacated by board member Bertold Weinberg, the four candidates are Jed. B. Wolkenbreit, a Delmar at-

torney; Lois I. Dorman of Slingerlands, a former teacher and district volunteer; Carolyn M. Bennett of Delmar, an Albany business executive; and Joseph M. Mosca, a Glenmont certified public accountant.

Mrs. Fuller, who has filed for a second term, will be opposed by John J. Bellizzi Jr. of Delmar, assistant director of the office of child support enforcement in the state Department of Social Services.

Board Member Robert Zick of Glenmont will run unopposed for another term.

The election is May 13. As yet, no candidates nights or debates have been scheduled.

The Fuller-Bellizzi race would appear to be the clearest in terms of issues. After serving on the committee which recommended the Challenge program to the board, Mrs. Fuller voted against it, basing her decision on "input from the community" and a concern about the philosophy behind special programs for selected youngsters.

Bellizzi also was a member of the Challenge committee, and his filing statement reaffirms his support of the committee's recommendations.

"Full implementation of that program is critical if we are to maintain the high quality of education for which this community has long been noted. Such standards of excellence benefit all concerned — students, parents, teachers and taxpayers."

Mrs. Fuller's statement does not directly address Challenge, but stresses that

decisions relating to the schools "are too important to be made in a vacuum."

"The input of all concerned parties, including the students, teachers, administrators and certainly the taxpayers of the community, should be considered in establishing educational policy," she said.

Mrs. Fuller, mother of five children, has a strong base of support in the Hamagrael area, where she has been a classroom volunteer and was president of the Hamagrael Home School Association for five years before being elected to the board.

She currently serves on the board of directors of Tri-Village Little League and the community-wide Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee.

Bellizzi, who has three children, is a cub scout leader, a 1962 Bethlehem Central graduate, and a 1966 graduate of the State University at Buffalo.

In the four-way race, only one candidate so far has taken a strong stand on Challenge. Mrs. Bennett decided to run after her letter in the April 2 edition of *The Spotlight* opposing Challenge received what she termed "massive public support."

She based her opposition to the program on a concern that it would be "elitist" and also detract from existing programs. In her prepared statement, Mrs. Bennett promised to work for "the restoration of old fashioned values regarding behavior and discipline."

"If an attitude of gratitude is not instilled in the lives of our young people, they can-

not be expected to behave in a respectful and obedient manner, not in the home, nor in the classroom, nor on the athletic field," she said. She also proposed that Bethlehem's athletic program be re-examined "so that we might uncover the reasons for our continuing deficiency in team sports."

A graduate of Syracuse University, Mrs. Bennett is corporate treasurer of Paul E. Killion, Inc., an Albany microfilm company. The mother of three teenagers and a 10-year resident of Delmar, she is active in Girl Scouts, Cub Scouts, 4-H and is secretary of the board of directors of Bethlehem Babe Ruth.

Mosca said Saturday he was brought into the campaign by a different stimulus — Senior Editor Nat Boynton's plea for more candidates in the April 2 issue of *The Spotlight*.

"That article about apathy made me think," he said.

"As a CPA, I feel my background would be a help in the future planning of our budgets, and I will offer any assistance that I can give to insure that maximum value can be gained on dollar spent."

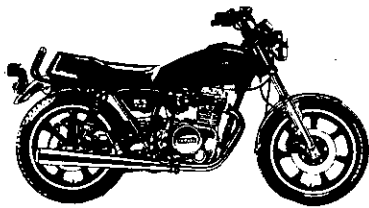
Mosca said he has not yet formed an opinion on the Challenge issue.

Mosca holds a Bachelor of Business Administration and a Master of Science in Education from Siena College, and has taught as an adjunct teacher at Siena, the State University at Albany, College of Saint Rose, Russell Sage

Voorheesville board candidates

Five persons have filed for the seat on the Voorheesville Central School Board being vacated by retiring Dominick Tork.

According to Superintendent Werner Berglas, the five candidates are Dr. Richard F. Goilber, Dr. Raj Keishore, Salvatore Mazzara, Carlyle Sutherland and David Teuten. Background information on the candidates was not available at presstime.



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His son, Joseph B. Mosca, is a Bethlehem police officer and graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Neither Mrs. Dorman, whose statement appeared last week, or Volkenbreit, who filed earlier, have taken specific stands on Challenge. Wolkenbreit issued a statement Friday calling the entry of new candidates "a very healthy development" and urging a full discussion of the issues.

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

BC budget available

Copies of the proposed 1981-82 Bethlehem Central School District budget are available for public inspection at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar, the Bethlehem Public Library, and at each of the district's seven schools.

The budget, to be voted on May 13, totals \$14.2 million, producing an estimated tax rate increase of \$6.58 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation for Bethlehem property owners.

In New Scotland, the estimated tax rate increase will be \$28.25 per \$1,000.

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BETHLEHEM

Stolen truck probe will continue

Bethlehem police say it may take months to pick up all the strings laid bare when they raided the Port of Albany Truck Stop on Rt. 144 in Glenmont last week. In the meantime, the town garage is beginning to look like a truck terminal as it fills up with stolen trailers.

"One thing leads right to another," said one detective Monday.

So far, two men are charged. Owner Alfred J. Remo, 51, of 10 Tammarach Dr., Delmar, faces one count of criminal possession of stolen property first degree, and Ted L. Blair, of 2 Colby St., Albany, faces two counts of criminal possession of stolen property first degree.

Remo had opened the truck stop in January.

Police said they were tipped off to the situation April 6 by two Bethlehem residents who reported seeing trailers and

campers with altered name plates and identification numbers. After checking out the allegations, and obtaining a search warrant from Town Justice Roger Fritts, Detectives John Cox, Fred Holligan, Colin Clark and Charles Rudolph returned that evening, arrested Remo and found two stolen trailers, one loaded with \$15,000 worth of Miller Lite beer.

The detectives continued surveillance through the night, and the next day impounded three additional trailers identified as stolen. They were aided by Special Agent John Neil of the federal National Automobile Theft Bureau. The FBI was also called into the case.

Blair was arrested on a second warrant issued by Fritts and was remanded to Albany County Jail.

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The victors were Anne Comi, an 8th grader; her brother David, in the 6th grade, and Tricia Weber, a 7th grader at St. Thomas. The Bethlehem Central Middle School team was made up of 7th grader Melinda Haven and 6th graders Laurie Alexander and Janet Nathan.

The books were selected from a list of 100 chosen by Diane Gravlee, librarian at St. Thomas, and Shirley Schenmeyer, Middle School librarian. The list was distributed last June, and the top readers won the team berths.

Iris Dagostino, head of children's library services at the town library, read the prepared questions, which asked for facts from the books.

Irrepressible David Comi stole the show. Bursting with the answers, he felt the restraining hand of his sister on his arm more than once. But he got in his licks: after St. Thomas flubbed an early question, David said, "I told you, Anne! I told you! Next time trust me."

A halftime seating switch that put teammate Tricia between the sister and brother may have prevented an explosion of sibling rivalry, but didn't bridle David's enthusiasm for the task at hand. He raised his fists in triumph when his answers were correct.

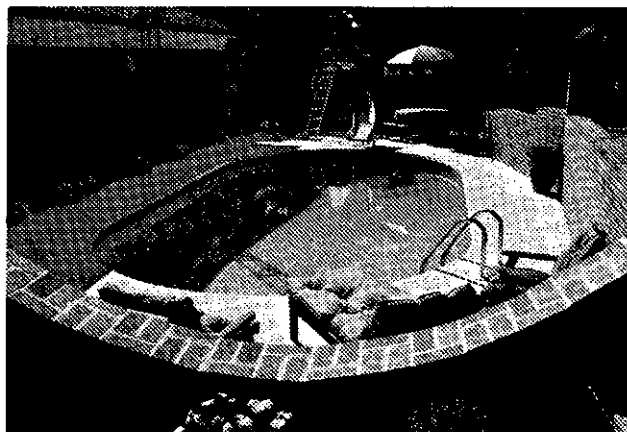
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BETHLEHEM

Zone code changes taking shape

The far-reaching changes in Bethlehem's zoning code which would create a new zone for apartments is now in draft form and could become law as early as next month.

The planning board completed a first draft of the most significant changes — the new zone and "site plan review" of all new projects — at its meeting last week and passed them on to town board.

Still in the process of fine-tuning the wording, the planning board hopes to be able to take a vote on the final package this week. "We should have a package together by April 15," said Board Chairman Edward Sargent.

"We have an obligation to answer some of the petitions we've received."

Two separate petitions by residents in Glenmont and on Kenaware Ave. in Delmar ask for the rezoning of large areas to AA, the only zone which

now prohibits apartment construction. In the case of the Glenmont petition, the planning board granted the rezoning but the town board refused to go along, preferring to wait for the new code.

Under the proposed changes, a new AB zone would be established specifically for apartments. It would then be up to the two boards to decide which areas would be placed in the AB zone.

The town board did not discuss the draft proposals at its meeting last week, but Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said later it may be possible to set a date for a public hearing at the board's next meeting, April 22. That hearing could take place at the May 13 meeting.

Dowerskill Village occupied much of the planning board's attention last week as Morton Jenkins, who took over the bankrupt development last

year, told the board he will, "acquiesce under duress and go ahead and connect with Elm Ave."

Jenkins and the Village Square Homeowners Association had hoped the town would approve a plan change which would have turned Hague Blvd., the main thoroughfare of the Glenmont development, into a dead end street. At a meeting earlier this year a roomful of association members had presented a petition with 88 signatures asking the board to permit the change which would prevent Hague Blvd. from becoming a through street between 9W and Elm Ave.

But the board did not buy this request. "This would be a major change from the project the town approved," said board counsel Earl Jones. Added Sargent, "If every developer changed his mind after getting subdivision approval," there would be little

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The board did agree to allow Jenkins a change which would permit the construction of 10 single family homes instead of 17 townhouses which appeared in the original plan. The town board, which has final approval over subdivision plans, indicated it would agree to the revised plan upon final submission.

Phyllis Banucci

Arrested in burglary

The owner of a house on New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands discovered a man and a woman walking out of his house Wednesday with a Victorian mirror valued at \$350. When he confronted the pair, the man told Bethlehem police, they said they thought the house was vacant.

The mirror was carried back inside and the two left, but the owner gave police the descriptions, and on Thursday Paul V. Leromain, 41, of Albany, was arrested on a warrant and charged with

burglary third degree and larceny third degree.

Water mains to be flushed

Bethlehem Water District Superintendent Paul Wagner has announced that water main flushing will be conducted April 22, 23 and 24.

The process may cause some discoloration, but water purity is not affected. Some staining may occur if the water is used for laundry purposes.

New VFW officers

Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185 has announced new officers for 1981-82: Dan House is commander, Lester Jones senior vice commander, William Moak junior vice commander, George Miller quartermaster, Francis Ouellette trustee for one-year term, and Ralph Gregory chaplain.

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Kenaware hearing brings out residents

"I represent a great deal of the sentiment of the residents in the Dawson Rd. area, and we would like to keep the area a family area," Charles Weintraub told the Bethlehem Board of Appeals at a recent public hearing.

The meeting room at town hall was filled with residents of the Kenaware Ave.-Dawson Rd. neighborhood, who had come to hear Harry Gochee's plans for the development of the Howard property, which borders the area and extends north to Delaware Ave. Gochee has purchased part of the wooded site and plans to build two 4-unit brick colonial apartment houses on the north-east section, if the board will grant the necessary special exception to the zoning ordinance.

"I've lived in Bethlehem the better part of my life, and I always admired this piece of property as I walked past on my way to school," said Gochee, as he detailed his plans to preserve the trees and the pond on the site. He said two of the proposed

apartment units will be occupied by his family.

The neighborhood residents voiced concern over several issues which they see resulting from development of apartments in the area. "You're bringing a high density zone back into a single-family home area," said David Weiss, a neighborhood resident who works as a city planner with the state Department of Transportation.

Others cited the objections that have become familiar to the board as builders seek exceptions to build apartment houses: setting a precedent for the area, increased traffic and the change in character of the neighborhood.

The board has 60 days in which to make a decision on the proposed plans.

In a second public hearing last week, Gerald P. Guzik of 66 Brockley Dr., Delmar, asked for permission to exceed the percentage of lot occupancy at his residence in order to build a family room addition.

In new applications, Walter C. Rowe, Jr. is seeking several variances to permit the division and sale of property between Borthwick and

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Kenwood Ave. A public hearing is set for April 15 at 8 p.m. In addition, two town residents seek permission to erect 6 ft. fences: James Blendell at 1 Grove St. next to commercial property, and Town Councilman, W. Scott Prothero of 6 Lincoln Ave. Hearings are set for April 15 at 8:30 and 8:45 p.m., respectively.

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Phyllis Banucci

Retired persons meet

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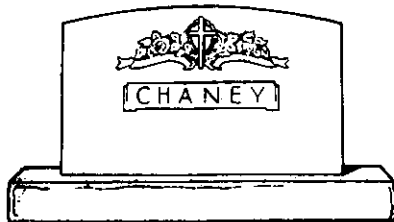
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Town board meeting returns to routine

It was a return to the more usual state of affairs for the Bethlehem Town Board last week — criticism of town operations came from outside the board, rather than inside.

At an unusually short, relaxed meeting, the only discordant note came on the last item, listed on the agenda as a routine "highway transfer" of \$83,000. As the board prepared to vote, Lawrence Farbstein, a Delmar resident who frequently attends board meetings and has said he is thinking of running for town office, objected that he couldn't find where the money was being transferred from.

Neither could anybody on the board. Supervisor Tom Corrigan was on vacation, and Comptroller Martin C. Smith was not present. Farbstein said he wasn't arguing with the need for the transfer, but repeated his past criticisms of the way the town budget is prepared and said the budget "lends itself to these kinds of misunderstandings."

Later, speaking to reporters, Farbstein added: "I think it's incredible that they can transfer money and not know where it came from."

Smith explained later that the \$83,000 did not show up in the 1981 budget because it is actually unappropriated funds from 1980. The money was put aside to buy three trucks

for the highway department, but unexpected hitches in the bidding delayed the actual purchase until this year.

At its March 25 meeting, the board had provided its own excitement, with Councilman W. Scott Prothero voting against three bid awards and Prothero and Councilman Edward Mocker joining forces to question an equipment request from Parks and Recreation Administrator Phillip Maher.

Both those issues resurfaced last week, but in muted form. Prothero, who objects to "single bid" situations had urged town officials to be more aggressive in seeking other bidders, this time voted with the majority to award a contract for concrete manhole blocks to Dagostino Building Blocks, the sole bidder.

"What happened?" asked Mocker. "Last week you gave us all kinds of static."

Prothero said his objection stands, but that in this case there are no other suppliers, and it is the law requiring formal bidding which should be changed.

Maher appeared to defend his request for a four wheel drive dump truck with automatic shift to handle heavy jobs in the parks. Prothero and Mocker were still skeptical, questioning both the need for a truck of that size

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Finally Mocker moved to table the request again, saying he wants to "look over" all of Maher's equipment and the training of his driver. He and Prothero stressed that they weren't criticizing Maher, but Mocker said he was "coming to the conclusion, Phil, that you can't be qualified in all areas."

In other business, the board:

- Learned that the state Department of Transportation has established a "no standing" zone on the south side of Delaware Ave. from Adams St. to a point 50 feet east of the intersection.

- Received for study a draft of the local law creating a new department of public works. Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz said a potential problem exists in the civil service status of the head of the department. If he or she is given "unclassified" status (which means not required to take a competitive examina-

tion), the Albany County Civil Service Commission will probably insist that the new head be given the power to hire and fire — a power which now rests with the board.

Grass fire season

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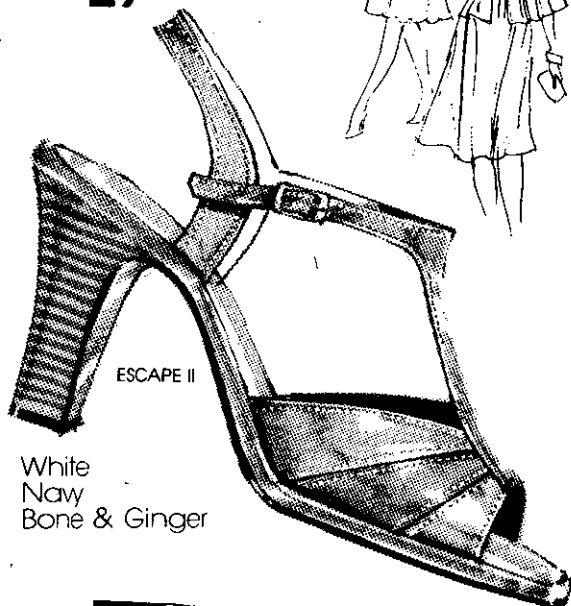


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The tax rate would rise from \$3.75 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to \$4.50 per \$1,000. At the same time, the total budget will decrease \$21,000 to \$386,189.

The budget was to be presented to the voters Tuesday night, but as one trustee, Douglas DeDe, noted, a lot could happen before it is finalized.

The major difficulty is the expected loss of at least \$20,000 in county sales tax revenue — the result of a state auditor's ruling last year that Albany County had been incorrectly distributing sales tax revenue based on per capita rather than on assessed valuation. That ruling will have a disastrous — and

well-publicized — effect on the villages of Altamont and Coeymans, but the impact on Voorheesville had gone almost unnoticed.

However, legislation to reverse the auditor's ruling appears to have a good chance of passing in the state Legislature now that the affected municipalities have gotten behind it; if it does pass, Voorheesville's funding would be restored.

It is also possible that the village may benefit from the large county surplus announced last week if County Executive James Coyne's proposal to distribute some of those funds back to the municipalities is approved by the county legislature.

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School budget still lacking information

The Voorheesville Central School District's budget hearing last week brought out a few questioners on policy matters such as transportation, sports and language, but served mostly to highlight the fiscal uncertainty the school board faces.

The board has proposed a \$4.8 million budget for 1981-82, up 5.8 percent, which will go to district taxpayers for approval May 13. But between the hearing and the vote quite a bit could happen the district is negotiating with its teachers for a new contract, and state leaders are (perhaps) negotiating with

each other over aid formulas.

"This is where we're at at this stage of the game," summarized board member Peter G. Ten Eyck. "We're offering you something and asking you to react to it, and yet there is no bottom line to it, and no way to deal with it."

District Superintendent Werner Berglas said later that after eight negotiating sessions — the last a 7½-hour affair last week, the board and the teachers "are getting closer together, we hope." Two meetings were scheduled this week.

As for state aid, Gov. Hugh Carey's proposed aid formula would reduce Voorheesville's slice of the pie by \$90,000, primarily because the dis-

trict's equalization rate is declining; "it makes us look richer than we are," said Dr. Berglas.

The proposed budget, mailed to every resident in the district, outlines educational goals and programs in some detail. Ten Eyck noted that the board had held a number of informational sessions in December and January to discuss specific programs, and that later the board had put in considerable time in work sessions making the programs fit the budget.

The only specific program change questioned at the hearing was the proposal to add Spanish 3 and 4 and French 5 to the Senior High School instructional pro-

gram. New Scotland resident Paul Richards deplored the decline in Latin as a required language and said the school ought to offer Chinese, since China is the next world power.

He exited quoting Latin.

Richards also questioned the 17 percent increase in the cost of busing district residents who attend private schools — a cost district officials said they could do little about because of state mandates.

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News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

Voorheesville's Cub Scout Pack no. 73 will travel to West Point Saturday, May 2. Itinerary for the day will include visits to the museum, cemetery, chapel, Fort Putnam and a review of the dress parade at noon. The pack will provide the scouts with a picnic lunch. Last fall's fund raising activities will finance the trip. As many parents as room will allow are invited. Reservations, including a \$10.00 fee, must be made by April 25. Questions and reservations should be addressed to Jack Rasmussen, 765-3188. Busses will leave the Methodist Church parking lot by 8 a.m. and return to the elementary school lot by 6 p.m.

The New Scotland Kiwanis, with the assistance of the Village of Voorheesville Recreation Committee will once

again offer a youth soccer program. Those eligible must live within the Town of New Scotland or the Voorheesville School District and currently be in grades one through nine. Any students entering 10th grade in the fall will also be eligible. Registration will be held at the elementary school gym on Saturday, April 18, from 9 to 11:30 a.m. for all grades. A \$5 fee is payable on registration for grades four through nine who will be provided a jersey. Forms not completed on registration day may be mailed no later than May 4 to: Tom O'Connor, 8 Sky Terrace, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186. For further information about the program, call Jim Hladun, 765-4241, or Jeff Johnston 765-4832.

Voorheesville Elementary students attended a special lecture, "Glaciers to Garnets", at the Empire State Museum, Thursday, March 26. Sixth graders in Pauline Porter's and Peter Douglas' home-rooms have been studying

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rocks and minerals in their regular science class. In addition, they have worked on identifying rocks and minerals in the science labs conducted by Don Otterness. Mrs. Porter reports that it was a field day of fun while learning and reinforcing prior knowledge.

The Voorheesville Area Ambulance Service, Inc. in conjunction with Price Chopper Supermarkets, will sponsor a unique medical information system designed to help people in an emergency in their own homes in the Voorheesville, New Salem or New Scotland areas.

The program is called Vial of Life and the key to its success is a small plastic vial, which contains a data sheet listing pertinent information about its owner. The vial, which is stored in the front of the refrigerator, contains valuable information for fireman, policeman or ambulance attendants in a crisis situation. Among the facts on the data sheet are: the name of the person's doctor, insurance identification numbers, next of kin, medical problem, allergies and medications taken regularly.

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medical care personnel are being alerted to look for the vials when they are called to a home. Should the patient need to be taken to the hospital, the vial and the information sheet go along with him. In addition, vital information can be telephoned ahead to the hospital, alerting the doctor and staff. Admission to the hospital is also simplified, because insurance information is recorded on the form.

Persons in the Voorheesville, New Scotland, or New Salem areas who want to enroll in the program should contact Bill Candido, Voorheesville Pharmacy; John Zongrone, New Scotland Kiwanis; the New Scotland Senior Citizens or any member of the ambulance squad. There is no charge involved and community-wide participation is encouraged. All information remains confidential.

New fire officers

The Voorheesville Volunteer Fire Department has announced its new officers, elected at the 79th annual election meeting on April 7.

The new officers are Chief Richard Berger, First Assis-

tant Chief Raymond O'Malley, Second Assistant Chief David Bayly, Captains John Semenic and Greg Burgoon, Lieutenants Richard Blackman and Jack Halligan, Fire Police Captain Bill Gray, Quartermaster Clark Thomas, Delegate Jim Loveday, Alternate Delegate J. Larry Dedrick, President Ron Welker, Vice-President Harvey Huth, Secretary Ted Avgerinos, and Treasurer Paul Cantlin.

Board appoints two

At its organizational meeting last week, the Voorheesville Village Board appointed Gerald Gordinier as village building inspector and Norman Bayly as inspector of multiple dwellings and fire inspector. Also at the meeting, Trustee Richard Langford was sworn in for a second term, and new board member Larry Dedrick took his seat.

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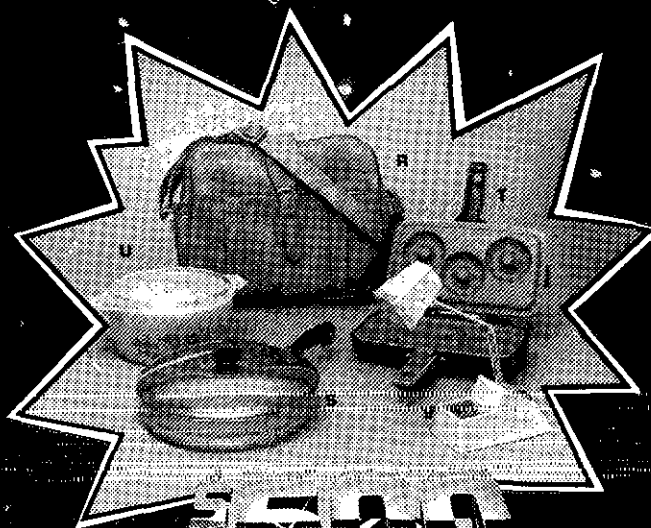
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They are assisted by a strong supporting case of Indi Friedman as the Princess Ardana of Buck Rogers fame, Karen Duffy, well costumed as the famed robot C-3-PO, and Steve Sanchez as the dastardly villain, Darth Vader. And not to be forgotten are the extras who play the evil storm troopers and the strange creatures called Yuzzems.

The screenplay was adapted,

directed, and edited by Scott Olmstead, who previously worked in the production of H.M.S. Pinafore and Tom Sawyer.

Is this the third action-packed release in the Star Wars trilogy? It certainly is, but it wasn't produced by Paramount Pictures. Instead, this half-hour version which is, as yet, still in the cans waiting for a mid-May release, was produced by 35 students, most of whom are seventh grade acting debutantes on team 7B at the Bethlehem Central Middle School.

The idea of producing a science-fiction movie was born early last October at a planning meeting of the middle school's new Science Fiction Club, which is advised by science teacher Mrs. Jane



The "Lord Vader" cast, standing from left: Scott Olmstead, Steve Sanchez, Regina Banucci, Stephanie Hassoun and Caron Duffy. Kneeling are Ossie Cousins, Shelly Brooks, Indi Friedman, Kristen Blaber (wearing her "Halla" hood) and Ben Keezer. *Spotlight*

Cappiello. The club membership soon grew, and by January, it was meeting three times a week as well as on weekends because filming had begun. Not only have the enthusiastic cast, set managers, and cameramen and women learned about movie-making techniques from eighth grader Scott Olmstead, but they also realized how much work it can entail. As all work was done after school, dedication and sacrifice were continually demanded of the movie's many stars. Some play three or four parts and thus appear in every scene.

The innovative cast and production crew did over 90% of the work themselves. To earn money, they held a bake sale. They also supplied their own costumes and used the middle school for scenery, ranging from the woods in back of the building to the office of the school principal, Frederick Burdick. The students were aided in their efforts by Mrs. Betty Koban, the art teacher who helped with costumes, sets, and masks, and by Albany's State Photo, which is developing the film.

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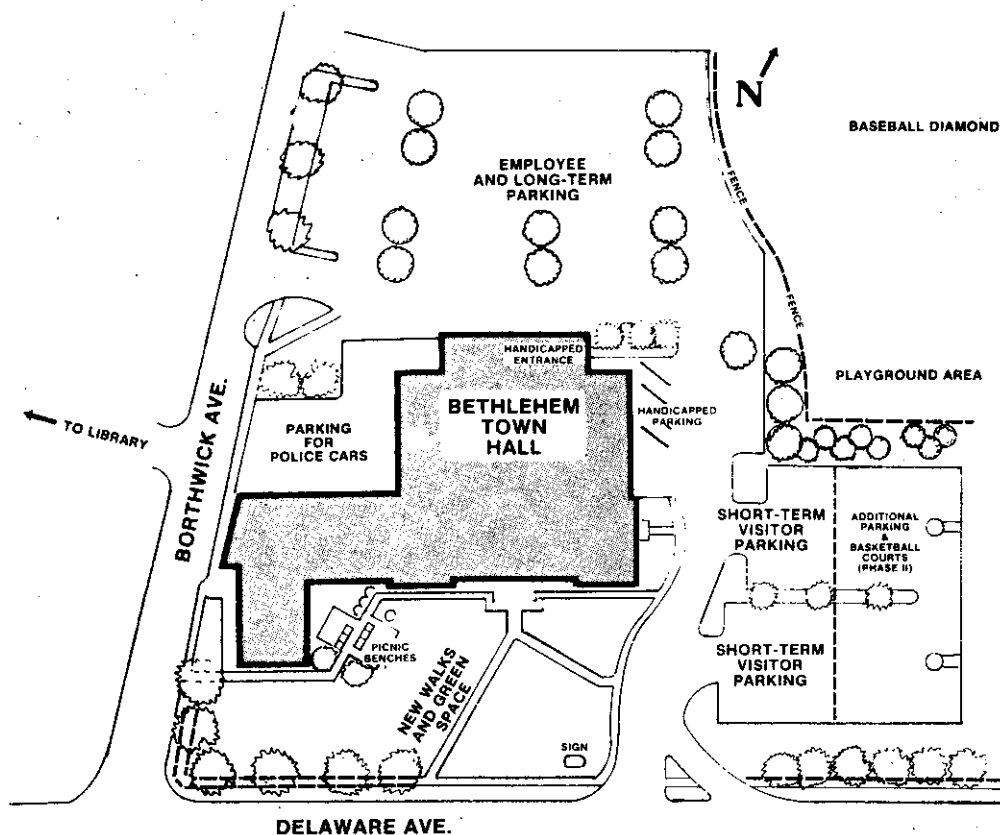
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Delmar Mobil	1.38.9	1.38.9	1.47.9
BP	1.31.9	1.31.9	1.37.9
Stop-N-Go	1.34.9	1.34.9	1.41.9
Cumberland Farms	1.31.8	1.31.8	1.35.9
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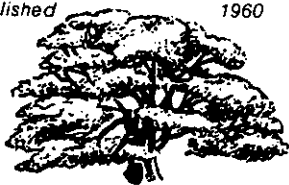
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BUSINESS

Bethlehem Video still shows red ink

Bethlehem Video, the cable television firm which serves the Town of Bethlehem and the Village of Voorheesville, ran in the red last year, a situation which points to a rate increase "somewhere down the line."

But George Smede, the firm's general manager, says he has several ideas for cutting costs and attracting more customers, so the size of the rate increase—or the need for any increase at all—is still very much up in the air.

The company, which is owned by Adams-Russell, reported to the Bethlehem Town Board that for its fiscal year 1980, which ended Sept. 31, it lost \$5,962 on a gross income of \$714,182. But, said Smede, the addition of the Voorheesville franchise "has helped substantially by giving us additional revenue and by allowing us to allocate certain funds... over a broader base."

In Bethlehem the company has 3,979 customers and 120 miles of wire, with a 50 percent penetration. In Voorheesville there are 603 customers and only 19 miles of wire, with the penetration now close to 60 percent.

Bethlehem Video holds franchises with both Bethlehem and Voorheesville, and any rate change would require

approval of the respective boards. The current base rates are \$9 per month in the town and \$9.95 in the village, with an additional \$9 per month charge for Home Box Office.

Smede said he has written to Bethlehem Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan with some specific suggestions on ways to save money, among them the closing of the little-used office in Bethlehem.

Of more interest to most viewers is Bethlehem Video's plan to add two channels to attract new customers. USA Network is the successor to the Madison Square Garden sports channel which Bethlehem Video used for a while but dropped; Smede says it is considerably improved. C-Span telecasts live proceedings from the House of Representatives and also children's programs.

Smede is looking forward to another development to boost viewership—the end of blackout restrictions which infuriate many cable customers by blocking certain shows if they are shown on local broadcast channels at different times.

"That one would do a lot for us," he says.

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Millers married 63 years

Mr. and Mrs. Russ Miller of Kenwood Ave. recently celebrated their 63rd wedding anniversary. The Millers were married in 1918 in Springfield, Ill., where Mr. Miller was serving in the army during World War I. Mr. Miller is a retired teacher from the Albany Business

College where he served for 44 years.

Scholarship for women

The Empire Charter Chapter of the American Business Women's Association is again offering one-year college scholarship assistance awards to qualified women in the Capital District Area. Awards will be made to women, 25 years of age or older, who are returning to school. Candidates should show financial need.

Completed applications must be received by May 30, 1981. Application forms may be obtained by sending a stamped self-addressed envelope to: A.B.W.A., c/o 94 Rose Court Albany, NY 12209.

Joyce Shen guest artist

Joyce Shen, a seventh grader at Bethlehem Central Middle School, was a featured guest artist at the Thursday Musical Club concert at Union College Memorial Chapel recently. Miss Shen played compositions written by local teacher Joseph Fennimore, with whom she has studied for two years. She won first place in the New York State Teachers' Association District Six piano competition the past three years. She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas T. Shen of Elsmere.

For better driving habits

If you're 55 or older, there's a new course which can save three ways — money off your insurance premiums, points off your driver's license, and — possibly — your life.

It's called "55 Alive/Mature Driving", and the course will be available at the Bethlehem Public Library May 28.

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of Retired Persons, this is the first course specifically designed to help drivers age 55 and over. Overcoming the effects of aging on driving skills, applying the basic rules of the road and preventing accidents are among the topics covered. The emphasis is on developing safe driving habits.

For more information, contact J. W. Campbell, 439-1381.

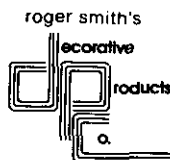
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Warren M. Anderson

Anderson to speak

Senate Majority Leader Warren M. Anderson will discuss the New York State Legislature at the annual spring luncheon of the Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, Tuesday, April 28, at 12:30 p.m. at the Normanside Country Club in Delmar.

Anderson, who has served in the senate for 20 years and been majority leader since 1973, has been embroiled in a test of wills with Gov. Hugh Carey over passage of the 1981 state budget.

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

Door prize winners

Gary Fryer of Delmar was the grand door prize winner at the "Spring-a-rama" at Hilchie's Servi-Star April 4. He received a \$50 certificate.

Other winners are Dick Hartnett of Glenmont, Eleanor Morton of Delmar, Scott Holdren of Selkirk, Norm Elfeldt of Delmar and Tom Hamill of Delmar.

The Spring-a-rama heralded the spring season with a showing of lawn and garden equipment, and included free gifts and savings.

What do monkeys eat?

On Tuesday, April 21, and Wednesday, April 22, the Bethlehem Public Library has scheduled a free cooking workshop for first and second graders. Songs, fables, facts, and food related to monkeys will be offered by Mrs. Candy Deisley.

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Deadline to enter is April 25, and the entry fee is \$2.50 per item. New members are welcome. For more information call 765-4307 or 439-3053.

Beef on the hoof

A calf which a Clipp Rd., New Scotland, resident, had planned to slaughter for veal was stolen Monday, according to the Albany County Sheriff's Department. It was the second theft of a calf in the county in a week, deputies said.

Mugged on the tracks

A young man walking from Delaware Plaza to his home on Hartwood Ave. along the railroad track was held up Sunday by a man wielding a jack knife, according to Bethlehem police.

The assailant took some change and the youth's jacket which contained an orthodontic brace, then got away on a bicycle. Police prepared a composite drawing of the attacker.

Blood pressure clinic

The Town of Bethlehem will sponsor a free blood pressure clinic from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 8:30 p.m., Tuesday, April 21, at the Bethlehem Town Hall.

The clinics are coordinated by Bethlehem Town Board Member Ruth O. Bickel and staffed by volunteers. No appointment is necessary.

On the cover:

Spring is busting out, and the signs are everywhere. Clockwise from upper left: Highway Department employees work on the new driveway to Bethlehem Town Hall. Robert McNitt, left, and Harry Remele of Delmar, who have been gardening at the corner of Darrock Rd. and Rowland Ave. for 20 years, get a jump on the season. Easter bunny Suzanne Ward of Delmar Girl Scout Troop 107 practices for a visit to St. Catherine's Home for children in Albany as Amy Seegal looks on. Third graders at Elsmere School do some spring cleaning around the school grounds.

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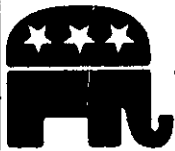
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Fink to be speaker

Speaker of the New York State Assembly, Stanley Fink will be the principal speaker at the annual Bethlehem Jefferson-Jackson Day Dinner sponsored by the Bethlehem Democratic Committee.

The dinner will be held Wednesday, April 29, at Michael's Banquet House in Latham. The dinner will begin at 8:00 p.m. preceded by cocktails at 7:00 p.m.

Tickets can be obtained from Democratic Committeemen or by contacting Town Chairman Mike Breslin, 439-7088 or dinner chairperson Pat McCord, 439-1232.

Garage and bake sale

A garage and bake sale, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary of the Delmar Fire Department, will be held Saturday, May 9, at the Delmar Fire House at the corner of Adams St. and Nathaniel Blvd.

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Checking poppies for May 20, ladies of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, American Legion Auxiliary, pay a visit to the Albany Veterans Administration Hospital, where many of the paper flowers are made. Standing is Anita Miller, and seated, from left, are Thelma Ballard, Grace Vile and Freda Sherman.

Blanchard post meets

The regular business meeting of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Ameri-

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Guest speakers for the evening will be the U.S. Rep. Samuel S Stratton, and State Sen. Richard Conners.

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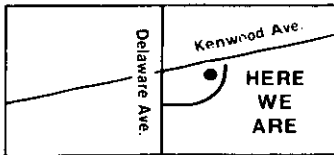
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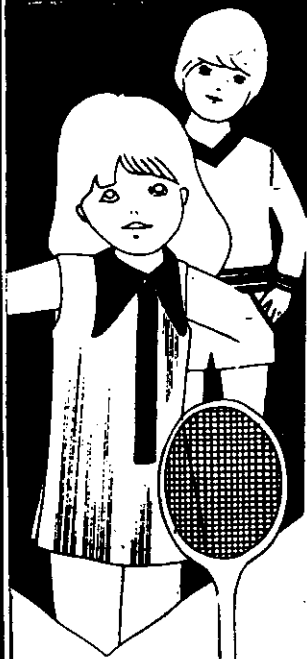
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Pitching strong for BC nine

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The Eagles ran into some fine opposition pitching in their opener last Monday when David Spence of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk threw a one-hitter at them. Despite the fact they didn't get their hit (a single by Steve Radzysinski) until the seventh, Bethlehem scored first, on a wild pitch in the second inning, and lead the game until the sixth.

"Our pitching, I was quite pleased with it," said Coach Art Ritchko of the 3-1 loss. "We just didn't get people on base."

Corson Maley pitched shut-out ball for four innings before being relieved by Steve Malone and Lou Conra. With the score tied in the seventh, Conra walked two

batters on 3-2 counts: "Very close calls," says Ritchko.

Friday's first lesson game against Shaker, was another story runner up in the Suburban Council last year, 10 runs on 10 hits while the pitching continued to hold. Junior Jim McGinnis, pitching his first varsity game, went four innings and picked up the win with help from Maley. They allowed three runs on five hits.

"I was very pleased with our pitching, and we did get more base hits," said Ritchko. "We didn't get long drives, but we got hits and scored."

Dave Usher did tripple and score in the early innings. Stew Alloway drove in two runs with three singles, and veteran catcher Henry Field had several hits with men on base.

A key play, said Ritchko, was Tom Dexter's diving catch of a fly ball deep in left center to keep the score close early in the game.

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- Mon. Apr., 20** Baseball, Colonie, away 1:00
- Wed., Apr. 22** Baseball, Niskayuna, home 1:00

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TRACK

Rain, opponents swamp BC opener

As the rain poured down on Bethlehem Central's track, the visiting Burnt Hills and Niskayuna teams each defeated BC with a 78-67 victory in their season opener. Nevertheless, Coach Greg Catalano and Assistant Coach John MeMeo agreed that their first loss of the season didn't dampen the spirits of the 32-man team.

Said Catalano, now in his second year of coaching outdoor track: "Once again we have an extremely well-balanced team with someone good in each event. The only snag is that we don't have enough of these people. We lack the same depth we did indoors."

However, several BC runners distinguished themselves in last Thursday's meet. Hurdler Kurt Boluch, middle distance runner Bill Street, and sprinter Bob McArthur (who

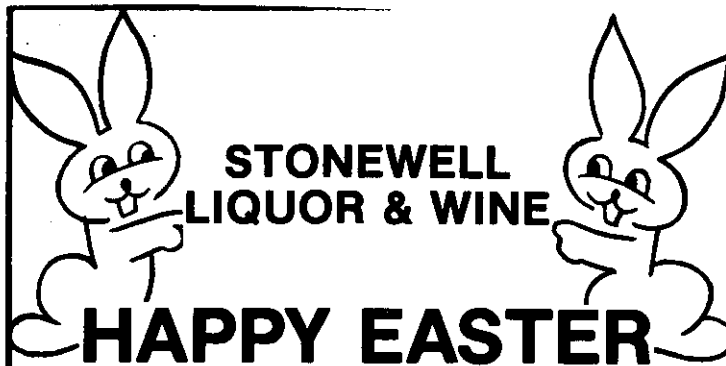
the rain prevented from performing in his specialty, the pole vault), all did very well. In addition, Doug Miller long jumped over 18 feet despite the poor weather.

Although Catalano doesn't believe BC will shine in its 10 dual meets scheduled for the 1981 season, he feels confident that his athletes will do well in big, invitational meets where individual performance will be more important. The first such meet is the Ravena Invitational on April 25.

The team, composed largely of sophomores and juniors, is also looking forward to Sectionals and the State Championships, where they feel pole vaulter Bob McArthur and the mile relay team, consisting of runners Boluch, Gould, McArthur, and Matt McGuire, could very well win.

In the interim, BC will be kept hustling with up to three meets every week until early in June. Home track meets begin at 3:45 at BC.

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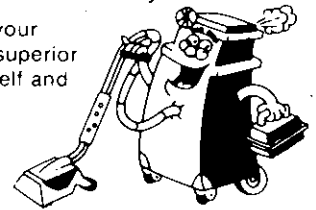
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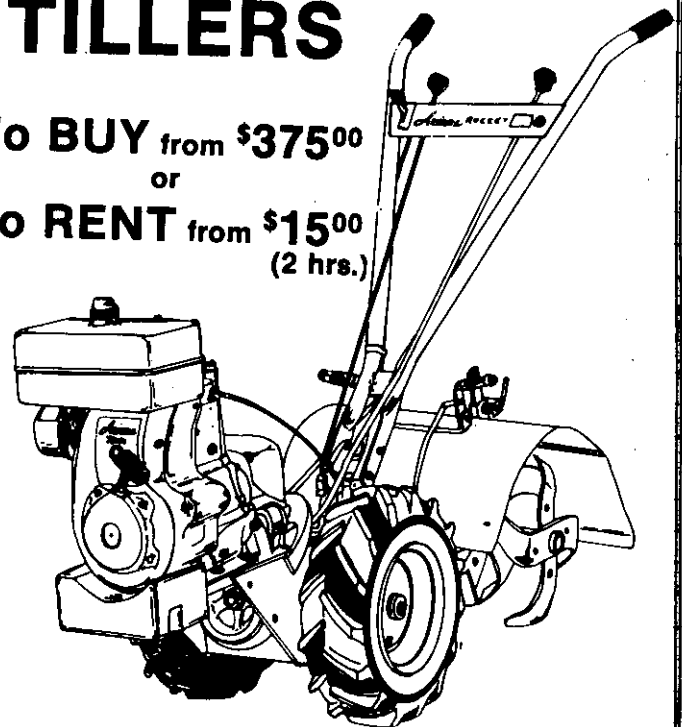
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RUNNING

Local runners ready for Boston

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One area runner, Mike Lancor of Voorheesville, jokes that even if he wanted to win the Boston Marathon the way Rosie Ruiz "won" the New

York City marathon several years ago from a subway stop, he couldn't do it. The world class runners, Bill Rodgers and crew, run that last mile in around five and a half minutes — faster than he can run any mile.

Nevertheless, Lancor is one of 6 local runners who have qualified to run Monday in Boston, testimony to the growth of the sport. Although they're attracted to the "aura" of Boston, all will be running essentially against themselves.

Take Joe Schaefer, The Hamagrael principal started running two years ago after

watching the Boston Marathon on television last year he ran the Heritage Trail marathon in Troy. "My goal was just to see if I could finish one."

He did, but was unable to run in the Empire State Games, where it would have been necessary to run a two hour 50 minute time in order to qualify for Boston. Instead, Schaefer has a special invitation based on the work he's done organizing runners in Bethlehem.

"I said why not — this may be the only way I'll get there," he smiles.

He organized the Bethlehem Running Club, and has seen running grow from sport which attracted 30 people for the first Father's Day road race six years ago to 300 people last year. The town now runs its own race on the 4th of July.

In all, 32 members of the Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club will join the more than 8,000 marathoners. Other local runners are Paul Doyle of Delmar, Ron White of Voorheesville, Herbert Reilly of Voorheesville and Don Wilken of Slingerlands.

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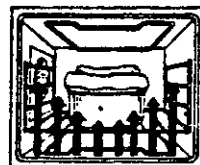
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TENNIS

BC netters suffer untimely break

Things are still a bit unsettled on Bethlehem Central's tennis team, but new coach Julie Besteman can be excused if she's still looking for the right line-up after a 7-2 non-league loss to South Glens Falls.

For one thing, there is the loss of senior Scott Rukwid, who had been slated to play No. 3 singles until he broke his wrist in a motorcycle accident. For another, there are the tough choices she still faces.

"I just go a day at a time, because there are people who are very close," she said as the Eagles prepared to enter a week-long string of important matches. Thursday's match at Niskayuna is "probably our toughest match of the season," says the first year coach.

The week started off well with a 9-0 sweep of Colonie in which the only close match was an added exhibition singles. "They played much more aggressively and in control than last week," said Besteman Monday after the match.

"I just hope they can stay up for Thursday."

The week also includes home matches against Albany

Academy Tuesday and Guilderland Wednesday before the spring break.

If nothing else, the South Glens Falls match provided an excellent lesson in what needs to be done, says Besteman. The two Bethlehem winners were the No. 2 doubles team of Mike Hetling and Amir Evan and the No. 3 doubles team of John Bobeck and Dan Miller.

"But we had a couple of real close matches," says Besteman. "We did all right — they're the defending conference champions — and we know what to work on now."

Rukwid's injury — it's his non-playing arm, but the break is a bad one and he's probably out for the season — meant moving up four singles players one notch and rearranging one doubles team. For this week's matches, however, the changes will probably be more substantial as Besteman continues to hold challenge matches and evaluate her team.

Blob on the big screen

On Thursday, April 23, at 7:30 p.m., a film for young adults will be shown at the Bethlehem Public Library. "Son of Blob" is full of thrills, chills, and tongue-in-cheek humor when a frozen Blob gets thawed and starts devouring everybody.

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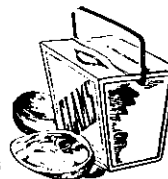
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A regular meeting of the Board of Education of the Bethlehem Central School District was held on April 1, 1981 at 8:00 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, Delmar, New York.

PRESENT: Mr. John H. Clyne, Mrs. Sheila Fuller, Mr. Bernard E. Harvith, Mrs. Marjory C. O'Brien, Mr. Robert K. Ruslander, Mr. Bertold E. Weinberg, Mr. Robert R. Zick.

ABSENT: None

Mr. Clyne moved that the following resolution be adopted:

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED that a copy

LEGAL NOTICE

of this Resolution be printed in an officially designated newspaper for said school district at least twice within thirty (30) days from the date hereof.

The resolution having been duly seconded by Mr. Ruslander, it was adopted. Mr. Clyne, Mrs. Fuller, Mr. Harvith, Mrs. O'Brien, Mr. Ruslander, Mr. Weinberg, Mr. Zick voting for the resolution and no one voting against it.

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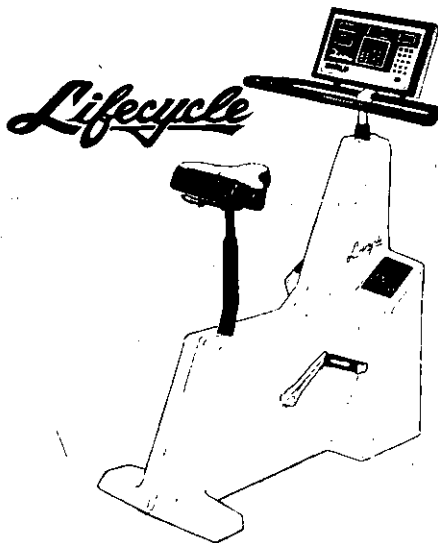
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More on Challenge

Editor, The Spotlight:

This letter is in reply to Ms. Bennett, who, in last week's *Spotlight*, criticized 'Project Challenge.'

It is interesting to note how she feels that 'Project Challenge' would be providing education "that serves the needs of only one group of youngsters." The curriculum of most school districts is developed to meet the needs of the greatest number of children, i.e., those with average skills and abilities. At the bottom end of the scale, many programs exist to aid the handicapped or below-level student. The only group which has not had a special curriculum developed for them are those at the top.

The district's expanded definition of "giftedness" to include between 10 and 20 percent of students is good. In this intellectual community, many students are above level. The day-to-day classroom schedule may not meet

their needs. They are capable of accomplishing more, but many spend significant periods of time in busy work, and in trying to find ways to fill time. They deserve a chance to excel.

Children do have unequal abilities. If this is elitism, then so be it. Children, if left alone, do well in accepting their limitations and abilities, and in respecting the abilities of others. It is the up-tight and insecure feelings of adults around them which will undoubtedly impart inferior feelings to the kids. Everyone has those areas where they excel, and those where they do not. Accepting this is part of gaining maturity.

Of course scholastic achievement is the prime goal of the school district. It is the very definition of education. It is family responsibility to provide other "total living experiences." Let's be certain that all children are receiving the same opportunity for scholastic achievement. Those students at the top, after quickly completing daily work and often with no effort, are frequently left with no guidance or direction.

Having one child who is talented athletically, and one who is talented academically, I have already discovered the easier task we have in meeting the needs of and enriching the athletic child. There are many fine programs in the area where athletic children can

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Is the administration snobby in proposing a program like Project Challenge? Hardly. Anything less is only mediocrity. It is time that this district recognizes the intellectual ability that is being wasted when these talented children don't receive a consistent opportunity to excel.

Jeanne E. Jacobson
Delmar

Replies to editor

Editor, The Spotlight:

The concern about apathy in Mr. Boynton's April 2 editorial is well taken. I am pleased to see that a number of additional candidates for the school board election have filed petitions. But I continue to be concerned about the low number of residents who turn out for our many budget work sessions and for our budget votes (including parents of our school children).

But is not perhaps this problem one partially of Mr.

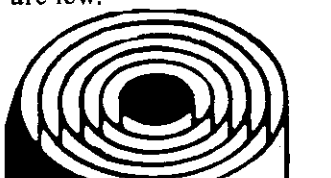
Boynton's own making? This year the reporting of our budget work sessions has been quite comprehensive and factual. (One minor correction: at our final session I did not propose that all driver education be eliminated. I proposed that driver ed be dropped during the school year, while retaining it in the summer—also for academic credit—when it costs only about 30% as much per student.)

In contrast, during preceding years Mr. Boynton appeared to allow his strong personal opinions to color his "news" columns, both in what he reported and how. They struck this reader at times as inflammatory, uninformed and factually incorrect. Repeated efforts by this reader (and maybe others) to point out factual errors to Mr. Boynton (not differences of opinion) appeared to be futile. Certainly this has been Mr. Boynton's newspaper, and what he prints is his business

and responsibility. But he may well have contributed to making the Board's work needlessly more difficult and helped to create the very atmosphere of which he speaks.

In fact, the April 2 editorial may well represent the type of journalism mentioned above. There are broad brushed characterizations of the school district, Board members, a candidate and the teachers' union, containing irrelevancies, inaccuracies and questionable facts.

Other than calling attention to the then dearth of candidates in Bethlehem (and Voorheesville) the editorial served only to confuse. Nothing was said about the important issues facing the board, such as meeting the educational needs of all children at all levels in a rapidly changing world, coping with inflation, complying with state and federal mandates which must be locally funded, recognizing the problems of fixed and low



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This is an area where Mr. Boynton, with his ability and platform, could be enlightening and encourage informed discussion. He has failed to do so until now. I am hopeful that in the future he will make use of the opportunity which is his.

*Bertold E. Weinberg
Vice President
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Discrimination?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank Mr. Boynton for his recent article on the school board elections. His efforts to provide information on the present board members and motivate potential board members are commendable. In the interest of constructive criticism, however, I would point out one shortcoming.

With respect to the female

members of the board he properly provided us with their status as parents, that is that they are both mothers. He wisely did not mention their commitment, concern, accessibility and previous service or lack of it because after all that might only clutter up the article.

With respect to the male members of the board, we are told of their occupations, presumably to give us some idea of their preparation for service on the board.

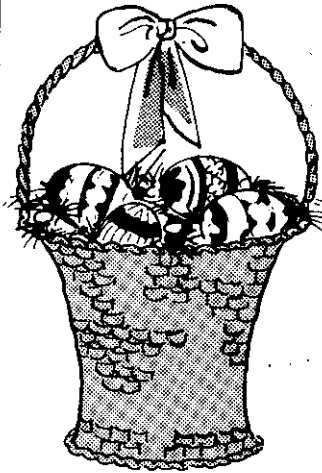
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Mr. Boynton, are they fathers?

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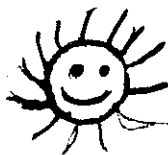
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