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It's spring, the calendar says . . . well, sort of, says Michelle Kaufman, 5, whose father, George Kaufman, made her bundle up in a fur hat, parka, woolly scarf and mittens for a March 27 bike ride near her home at 41 Elsmere Ave. Despite the sunshine, the temperatures on the weekend kept a lot of furnaces and wood stoves in action in Bethlehem and New Scotland.

Tom Howes

BC school tax bite jumps by 4-14 pct.

By Caroline Terenzini

Town of Bethlehem residents in the Bethlehem school district can look for a tax rate increase on the order of \$5.48, or 3.95 percent, in September. That would put Bethlehem's rate at about \$144.03 per \$1,000 assessed valuation.

New Scotland residents in the Bethlehem District are looking at an increase of about \$29.27, or 13.8 percent.

The big difference is due to assessment practices and what the State Board of Equalization and Assessment does to equalize the tax burden for residents of different towns in the same school district.

Another budget session is planned for tonight (Wednesday) by the school board after veteran member John Clyne objected strongly to the bottom line: "The figure we're talking about is too high," he said. "We ought to give the staff another opportunity to go over it again: I don't think this will fly."

His six colleagues on the board weren't so sure any further trimming could be done, but Clyne prevailed.

Robert Zick pointed out that almost \$400,000 of the \$600,000 increase over the current year's budget is because of pay increases. "The big money is obviously in the staffing," board President Bernard Harvith agreed. "I think we all want to do the right thing. We can't look for the magic number."

The school lunch program continues to be a worry to the board, with Business

Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer predicting a year-end deficit possibly as high as \$15,000. Cutbacks in federal support have forced a 20-cent price increase, which means fewer buyers, and have put the program which is intended to be self-supporting, in a precarious position. Recent addition of a la carte choices may produce a turnaround, but it's too soon to tell.

Marjory O'Brien said. "I don't have a hang-up about subsidizing it (from the general fund). I don't think it should be a sacred cow." If the lunch program is eliminated, she said, it's going to cost a lot more to reinstate it.

Zick suggested transferring costs related to the lunch program's truck to the general fund budget, where they have been in the past, taking some of the pressure off the balance sheet. The others agreed.

Zwicklbauer was firmly opposed to another lunch price increase: "It'd be better to try to reduce labor hours and increase productivity," he said.

Zick had another suggestion: "In a commercial enterprise, you look at what's selling."

In looking for dollars to trim, Clyne called attention to rising costs in athletics, where percentage increases for coaches' salaries have boosted that budget line from nearly \$40,000 in the current year to \$53,000 for 1982-83. The budget figure for officials is nearly \$17,000.

UFO lights Glenmont sky

A brilliantly lighted UFO has been sighted over Bethlehem, flying low and close enough to show its shape and colors.

Mary C. Myrtle, a Glenmont resident, told Bethlehem police she saw the object while she was driving on Wemple Rd. near Bryn Mawr about 5:15 a.m. Saturday. At first she thought it was stationary, but then, she told police, she realized it was following her along Wemple Rd.

She drove immediately to police headquarters in Delmar and gave this description of the airborne object, which she estimated was about 180 to 200 feet away: triangular in shape with rounded edges, color red with a red flashing light on top and three solid red lights along the bottom.

Det. John R. Cox filed her description of the incident and let her use the office phone to call her report in to the Air National Guard.

Wanted: board candidates

Unless some candidates step forward in the next 12 days, school board elections in Bethlehem and Voorheesville will go by default.

So far, only incumbents have filed petitions. If this situation prevails, they will be given new terms without opposition.

In Bethlehem, the incumbents are John Clyne, senior member of the seven-

member board, and Robert Ruslander, seeking a second term.

In Voorheesville, the seat held by Peter TenEyck is the only one on this year's ballot. Terms are five years on the seven-member board.

Deadline for filing petitions is April 12. The forms in Bethlehem require the signatures of 59 qualified voters. In Voorheesville the minimum is 25.

On that last run, the passengers took over

At the wheel of the 7:40 a.m. bus out of the Toll Gate corner in Slingerlands, Dick McAllister didn't notice more riders than usual until he was halfway down Fernbank Ave.

The commuters riding behind him on their way to jobs in Albany were in a jovial mood Friday. A group of them had been plotting a surprise party for their 66-year-old driver on his last day before retirement.

When several women boarded on Fernbank carrying packages of doughnuts and cookies, the conspiracy started to go public. Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan had boarded in front of

On the cover: Dick McAllister, holding the silver tray given him on his last run, gets an admiring glance from his wife, Kay, holding cider and a cookie during the retirement party on the Delaware Ave. bus in Elsmere.

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the town hall carrying a silver tray wrapped in paper without attracting undue attention.

Dipping under the railroad underpass on Elsmere Ave., McAllister wheeled his bus up to the old "Mullen's corner" to find a crowd waiting for him. Red McClure, a fellow CDTA driver, got on and took over the wheel. McAllister's surprise at being evicted was enhanced when his wife, Kay, got on, followed by a television camera crew. Rick Spaulding, a regular rider and spokesman for the celebration committee, led a presentation of gifts that almost overwhelmed the veteran bus driver.

McAllister got quickly into the spirit and dropped several coins into the farebox: "Finally I have to pay," he declared, taking a seat behind the new driver.

"You people are gorgeous," he told the crowd as McClure wheeled along Delaware Ave. toward Albany in the bright morning sunshine. The mobile

party then turned into a media event as the TV crew persuaded the SRO crowd to raise a chorus of "For He's a Jolly Good Fellow." The passengers responded in between cups of cider and bits of doughnuts and other yummies fresh from Delmar ovens along the route.

The party was still going as the 60-passenger bus threaded through traffic on State St. At the foot of the hill, the bus emptied, and after the last handshake McAllister slid behind the wheel for the return run to Elsmere, Delmar and Slingerlands.

Later in the day, when his shift ended, McAllister was presented with a gold watch at the CDTA garage on Watervliet Ave. The watch is a permanent memento of 33 years of faithful service, along with the silver platter and other gifts from his passengers. The cider and doughnuts are gone, but the memory of the party-on-wheels will be lasting.

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Bethlehem's newest Eagle Scout, Steve Malsan, was applauded by dignitaries, his proud parents and more than 140 well-wishers at Troop 58's 63rd anniversary banquet. On hand were Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan, left, Congressman Sam

Stratton, Dr. and Mrs. Richard Malsan, and Robert Budliger, right, the celebrated troop's new scoutmaster. On the cover: Thirteen new "tenderfoot" scouts hold the new flag presented by Rep. Stratton.

Jim Carroll photos

A big night for Troop 58

Bethlehem's oldest scout troop, Troop 58, celebrated its 63rd anniversary last week with a banquet honoring a new Eagle Scout, a new scoutmaster, a court of honor, 13 new Boy Scouts and a longtime booster of scouting, Congressman Sam Stratton.

Joining in the celebration at the Blanchard American Legion post in Elsmere were the Congressman's wife, Joan Stratton, Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan, Legion officials and 140 parents, grandparents and friends.

The Legion is the sponsoring organization of the troop. Bill Blanchard, former commander of the post, and Bob Glastetter represented the local post at the dinner and presented the troop with its annual donation in support of troop activities. Bill Blanchard is the organizational representative to Troop 58 and the dinner was a reunion for him. He has known most of the scouts from the time they began their school years at the Elsmere school. The dinner was also a reunion for the current Legion commander, Bob Glastetter. Bob was a former scout in Troop 58.

Highlight of the dinner was the presentation of the coveted Eagle Award to Steve Malsan. Steve's trail in scouting covered six years — from scout, tender-

foot, second class, first class, star, life and finally Eagle. Only one percent of all scouts reach this goal.

In Troop 58 Steve is not the only Eagle. He was welcomed and congratulated by two Eagle Scouts, Tom Morton and Dan Cassidy. Both received their awards while scouts in Troop 58 and now serve as assistant scoutmasters.

Troop 58 has "grown" most of its own adult leaders. Tom and Dan, and Larry Carroll, also an assistant scoutmaster, moved from scout leaders to adult leaders.

Stratton concluded the Eagle court of honor by presenting to the troop an American flag, which as his request was flown above the Capitol on Feb. 24. As a former scout, the Congressman shared with those present the value he has gained from his scouting years.

The citizenship awards were among the skill awards and merit badges presented to the 25 members of the troop.

Thirteen new Tenderfoot scouts are Jon Allanson, Jeremy Birn, Kurt Budliger, Alan Dunn, Tom Dunn, Jason Frangos, Joel Keens, Alex Koff, Ken Newkirk, Brian Olmstead, John Skilbeck, Steve Taylor and Dave Williams.

In a special ceremony, the troop's old

48-star American flag was presented to Kenneth Bauer, known affectionately as "KB". Since his first association with Troop 58 in 1964, KB has advised and counseled over 250 scouts in Troop 58 as parent, scoutmaster and friend. The names of all the scouts and leaders influenced by KB were presented to him at the conclusion of the ceremony.

The new Scoutmaster of the troop is Robert Budliger of Elsmere, an Eagle Scout and later an assistant scoutmaster

in his hometown on Long Island. Budliger is an environmental conservation education specialist with the New York State DEC.

Often called "the camping troop," Troop 58 schedules an outing each month of the year, including a "long term" trip by canoe. Last year, members spent seven days travelling from Blue Mountain Lake through Raquette Lake to Forked Lake and back. This year the troop is considering several trips, including a return to the Canadian wilderness.

Scouts Plan trip

Glenmont Girl Scout Troop 205, under the leadership of Mrs. Nancy Piccolino, is planning a trip in July to the Girl Scout National Center West in Ten Sleep Wy.

Eight 13 and 14-year-old girls have two weeks of archeology, backpacking, camping, horseback riding, song fests and other scouting ceremonies, joined by cadets from several other states

Mrs. Piccolino said the girls have been active in fundraising efforts to help sponsor their trip, but they are somewhat disheartened to date because fundraising activities are limited by the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council. Much more will be needed to make the trip to Wyoming a reality," she said. "We need additional support from our community and some good fundraising ideas," she said.

Cited at college

Mark Quaglieri of Delmar, a senior at the University of Wyoming (Laramie), is among 50 selected students who will be listed in the next National Register of Outstanding College Graduates. Quaglieri, son of Mr. and Mrs. Julio Quaglieri, is a 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School. He is president of UW's Lacrosse Club, and has served as interim director of the Regional Information Center.

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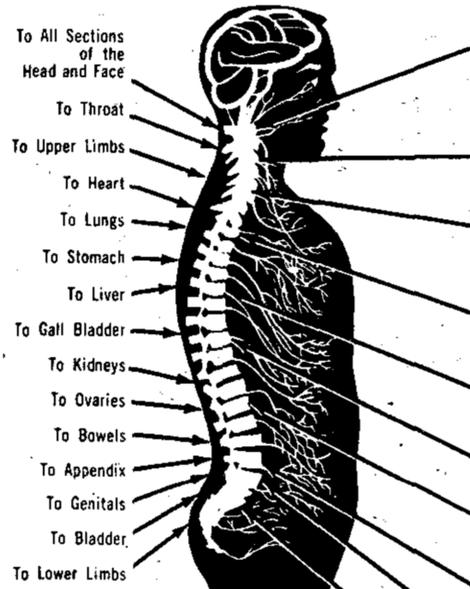
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Staff 'luxury': our schools among plushest

By Nat Boynton

When it comes to staffing a school system, only two schools in the area have more teachers and administrators per pupil than has Bethlehem.

One of them is Voorheesville.

Ranked in order of the "luxury factor," the Suburban Council leader is Mohonasen (Rotterdam), where the school board has reduced its staff by the equivalent of only 13 teachers over the last four years while the enrollment has dropped by 782 students.

Whether the Rotterdam board is the leader or gets the booby prize depends on which view a taxpayer takes. Parents understandably like to see full programs, lots of electives and curriculum frills, and small classes, but when a board goes too far — as Rotterdam apparently has — a large segment of the community tends to regard the board as extravagant with the taxpayer money.

Four years ago Bethlehem and North Colonie (Shaker) districts had the equivalent of one fulltime teacher for every 16.4 pupils in their systems. Niskayuna, a high-income residential area of Schenectady with the most expensive budget around (based on enrollment), ranked third with a ratio of 1-to-16.9. These three districts were the "most luxurious."

All other Suburban Council districts averaged at least 17 1/2 pupils per FTE (fulltime teacher/position equivalent).

At the same time, the two smaller systems serving Voorheesville and the more rural sections of Bethlehem and New Scotland, were getting along with such ratios as 1-to-18.3 (Voorheesville) and 1-to-19.4 (R-C-S).

Despite taxpayer pressure for restraint in a period of depressed national economy, every school board but one in the Suburban Council and both Voorheesville and R-C-S have more teachers per pupil today than they did four years ago.

Watchdogs of public spending give the Mohonasen board a flunking grade in this respect. Voorheesville's board isn't much better, while the R-C-S board has

RANKED IN ORDER OF PUPIL/TEACHER RATIO SUBURBAN COUNCIL

School	Full-Time Equiv. Pos.			Enrollment			Pupils Per Teacher			Rank		
	'77-78	'81-82	% Decr.	'77-78	'81-82	% Decr.	'77-78	'81-82	% Decr.	'77-78	'81-82	
Mohonasen	178.0	165.0	7.3	3,238	2,456	24.2	18.2	14.9	18.1	7	1	
Bethlehem	248.7	231.2	7.0	4,085	3,715	9.1	16.4	16.1	1.0	1	2	
North Colonie	357.0	303.3	15.0	5,852	4,871	16.8	16.4	16.1	1.0	1	2	
Niskayuna	262.6	231.2	12.0	4,436	3,822	13.8	16.9	16.5	2.4	3	4	
South Colonie	425.8	359.5	15.6	7,552	5,925	21.5	17.7	16.5	6.8	5	4	
Columbia	279.9	281.7	+0.6	5,436	4,657	14.3	19.4	16.5	14.9	9	4	
Scotia-Glenville	198.0	174.0	12.1	3,654	2,951	19.2	18.5	17.0	8.1	8	7	
Burnt Hills	278.8	236.7	15.1	4,907	4,094	16.6	17.6	17.3	2.3	4	8	
Shenendehowa	505.0	476.4	5.7	9,790	8,631	11.8	19.4	18.1	6.7	9	9	
Guilderland	287.2	231.5	19.4	5,098	4,552	10.7	17.8	19.7	+10.7	6	10	
Local Schools											Would Rank	
Voorheesville	100.3	97.3	8.0	1,831	1,512	17.4	18.3	15.5	15.3	8	2	
Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk	156.0	154.0	1.3	3,034	2,676	11.8	19.4	17.4	10.3	9	9	

"moved with the pack" over the past four years.

Voorheesville's rating is expected to be more in line with others next year. The board this week is presenting a 1982-83 budget with the equivalent of four fewer teaching positions on the roster.

While Bethlehem and North Colonie moved from a ratio of 16.4 pupils per FTE in 1977-78 to 16.1 this year, Mohonasen went from 18.2 to 14.9, Voorheesville from 18.3 to 15.5 and R-C-S from 19.4 to 17.4, plus an expensive benefit package account for more than 70 percent of the annual school budget, hence a reduction in staff has a far greater impact on school taxes than a change in the cost of fuel, building maintenance or any other budget items.

In the Bethlehem district, often viewed as a suburban bellweather, it takes the school taxes of approximately 23 to 26 residences with a market value of \$90,000 each to support the average fulltime teaching position.

But school officials are quick to point out that staff positions cannot be reduced in proportion to enrollment drops. Werner Berglas, superintendent of the Voorheesville system, cites his situation in the budget that goes to the voters next month: six teaching positions eliminated

in the elementary school, two positions added for special education programs for the handicapped, plus another 1.5 positions for writing instruction for pupil with special needs. The district is also adding an industrial arts teacher to meet increased demand in the high school.

Voorheesville's situation is fairly typical of the problems confronting neighboring districts.

A number of other variables affect these ratios, among them:

- Size of the system. Larger systems (Shenendehowa, South Colonie) have more leverage to shuffle classrooms and pupil distributions than small systems (Mohonasen, R-C-S, Voorheesville).

At the other end of the spectrum, the taxpayers' champion is the Guilderland board. In direct contrast to Mohonasen, which cut only 13 FTE's while losing 782 pupils in the four-year period, and Voorheesville, which cut only two and a fraction positions during an enrollment drop of 319, Guilderland slashed its faculty and staff by the equivalent of 55.7 positions while the enrollment fell by 446.

This had a drastic effect on the pupil-teacher ratio in Guilderland. In 1977-78 it was 17.8 to 1, about average for the 10 Suburban Council systems. This year it is 19.7 to 1, highest of any district in the survey, and the only district to show an increase in the ratio.

While getting an A-plus for this performance, in the eyes of cost-conscious taxpayers, Guilderland's board has apparently maintained the quality of its program, recognized by college admissions people, including Ivy

League colleges, as one of the best in the region.

Local educators point out, however, that the Guilderland system in past years have been "topheavy with administrators and assistant administrators," a high-expense luxury.

The pupil-teacher ratio numbers are highly significant in the school budget picture, perhaps more sensitive than any other. The cost of the instructional and administrative payroll plus an expensive benefit package account for more than 70 percent of the annual school budget, hence a reduction in staff has a far greater impact on school taxes than a change in the cost of fuel, building maintenance or any other budget item.

- Size of the base. A large percentage cut in a large system may not have as much impact on overall budget or program quality than a small cut in a small system. Shenendehowa cut its staff by less than 6 percent during a four-year enrollment decline of just under 12 percent, but the numbers were 29 jobs eliminated and 1,159 fewer students. R-C-S

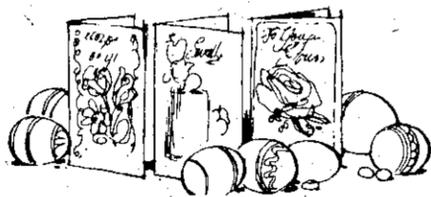
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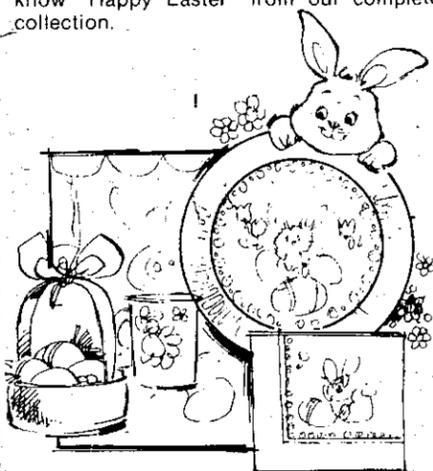
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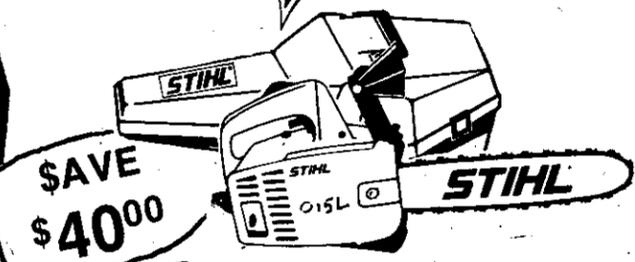
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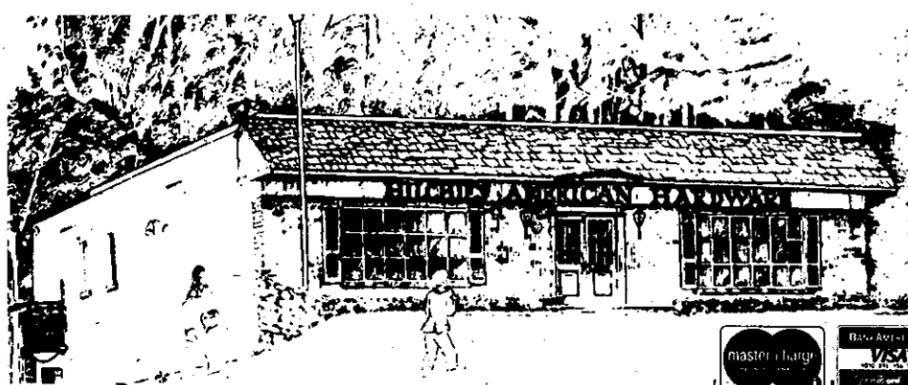
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positions, which may raise a few eyebrows among the taxpayers.)

• State mandates. In the period covered by the *Spotlight* survey, the state Education Dept. has put increased pressure on local districts by issuing new mandates in the field of educating the handicapped and those with special needs.

There is, however, no state mandate on class size, which leaves that delicate item to the discretion of the local boards.

Parents and educators agree that class size is more significant as a factor of program quality at the elementary level than in upperclass grades, but the number and scope of electives at the high school level require additional staffing and put substantial extra pressure on the budget.

Alternative financing

Rosen-Michaels has announced its "5 or 7 Year Home Ownership Plan" that gives prospective homeowners the option of higher monthly mortgage payments at a lower interest rate and shorter term in order to save substantial interest payments over the length of a conventional 20 or 30-year mortgage.

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African violets on display

An African violets show being billed as the largest ever held in Eastern New York will be held at the Knights of Columbus Hall, 375 Ontario St., Albany, April 3, from 2:30 to 7 p.m., and April 4 from 11 a.m. to 6 p.m. The show is open to the public. Over 400 exhibits and displays will be provided by members of the African Violet Society of Albany and the Capital District African Violet Society.

Cruppets cut a cute caper

Clarksville Elementary School teams earned third place in two events in the Capital Region Olympics of the Mind at Sand Creek Junior High School, Colonie, last week.

The competition drew 37 teams and more than 200 pupils in the creative problem solving program coordinated by the BOCES Regional Planning Center.



Voorheesville fifth grader Michael Storm was the blindfolded runner getting pre-arranged (no talking) signals from teammates Chris Dell'Acqua and Tammy Hallenbeck in the Strike-It-Rich competition at the BOCES Olympics of the Mind in Colonie.

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Clarksville and Glenmont were first-time entries in the competition. Voorheesville Elementary School sent teams in three divisions under the direction of Don Otterness, science teacher at the school.

Clarksville's teams scored in the Cruppets (creative puppets) division and the Strike-It-Rich competition, which required blindfolded pupils to negotiate an obstacle course guided by prearranged signals from helpers, no talking allowed.

The Clarksville Cruppets team was composed of Jody Zabel, Nikko Von Ronne, Stacey LaDuke, Shannon Von Ronne and Tara Eaton. Parents Susan Crane and Darlene McKie, with strong support from Principal Dorothy Whitney, worked with the Cruppets. Their creations will be on display all through April at the school library.

On the Strike-It-Rich team were Steven Hammes, Michael Kellafant, Vincent Choppy, Josh Abrams, Bob Griffin and Danny Hornick, with coaching from Marie Hornick.

Second graders from Glenmont, with a boost from Principal Don Robillard, were Carly Cushman, Kristen Lubarda, Alison Ragone, John Dianni, Michelle Curtis and Ashley Durant.

Voorheesville finished fourth in the Cruppets competition with Renee Hunter, Denise Gobeille, Jennifer Schwartz, Janine McAssey and Susan Arthur. A tandem of Brian Goldstein and Bill Warnkin got a fourth place in the Earthquake Structure division. On Voorheesville's Strike-It-Rich team were Christy Champion, Chris Dell'Acqua, Michael Storm, Tammy Hallenbeck and David Mistretta.

The competition involved problems that are both long-term and spontaneous. The teams had been working on their long-term problems since January. During the competition last Tuesday they were given problems to solve on the spot, to challenge the team to think on their feet. The teams were selected for creativity, spontaneity and imagination rather than academic ability.

Public Broadcasting's Bill Moyers has done a program on the Olympics of the Mind competitions.

Free safety seats

Albany County officials gave out 18 infant and toddler car seats at two road checks in Bethlehem on Sunday.

Bethlehem police manned checkpoints in front of the Adams House in Delmar and on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands in a move to call attention to the new state law that

requires safety seats for young children. The law takes effect April 1 (Thursday).

Drivers were also given literature along with the seats. The county's traffic safety board will provide the seats for a period of up to six months, during which time parents are expected to obtain them on their own.

A dirty trick

Someone with a bizarre sense of humor turned on the lights of a car parked at Bethlehem Central High School last Wednesday. The owner, returning to his vehicle at 3 p.m., found the battery dead. He told Bethlehem police he had locked the car before entering the school.



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State cuts peril community homes

By Tom McPheeters

Two years ago, when the state proposed to establish community residences for mentally retarded and developmentally disabled persons in Bethlehem, a lot of people were concerned. There was, recalls Kristy Reynolds, some outright opposition, but what most people wanted was to make sure "de-institutionalization" in Bethlehem worked—for both patients and community.

Now, nearly a year after the three residences opened, there is a new outcry. In a sense, it is because the program is working, and now there are even more people with a stake in its success.

"As I see it, they made a promise to us," says Mrs. Reynolds, who is on the community advisory board for the Kenwood Ave. residence.

Cuts in financial aid for the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services proposed in Gov. Carey's executive budget would reduce staff levels at community residences from 9½ to 7½, and would also mean reduced or eliminated recreational, health, therapy and counseling services in the residences. The cuts are opposed, in a gingerly fashion, by the state Department of Mental Retardation, which oversees the program.

"We're saying (to the budgeters) we don't know if that is adequate," says Midge McGraw, the division's director of community and legislative relations. "But it's a tough budget year all the way around."

Mrs. Reynolds is not so restrained. At the Kenwood Ave. home, she says, the loss of two staff positions means that no longer will there be one person awake and on duty all night—just one staffer sleeping in.

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"We don't feel it's safe—we feel the awake person needs to be there," she insists.

The original plans called for "higher functioning clients" at the community residences, but that has not turned out to be the case, says Mrs. Reynolds.

The three residences are on Kenwood opposite the St. Thomas School, on Delaware Ave. next door to the Adams House, and in North Bethlehem on Kinder Lane. All three house about 10 persons each, with different age groups in each residence.

Advisory boards were formed when the three locations were first proposed. Since the homes opened last April, the boards have become "very active," according to Mrs. Reynolds. Volunteers help with activities such as parties and trips, and raise money for needed equipment. The Kenwood Ave. board has purchased education-oriented games and plans to raise money this spring for outdoor recreation equipment.

"There are a lot of things they need," she says. "We're not out to make life luxurious, we're just out to make it meaningful."

As negotiations on Gov. Carey's budget continue down to the wire, the community advisory boards are doing everything they can to make sure legislators know their feelings. Local churches are being asked to sign letters of opposition to the proposed cuts, and Mrs. Reynolds said the boards are also asking private citizens to contact their legislators.



St. Thomas School fourth and fifth graders collected 176 replicas of space shuttle seals in a Reading Blast-off competition at an assembly last week. Ten pupils earned recognition as astronauts, led by Dennis Eames, left, with 168 points; Patrick O'Neill (165) and Krista Henry (163). During the six-month contest coordinated by Diane Gravlee, library media specialist, 58 students read 977 books, earning seals in various categories.

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The Bethlehem Public Library is highlighting National Library Week with a month long display entitled "Banned Books — Libraries and Intellectual Freedom." The display will focus on books from *Gone With The Wind* to the *American Heritage Dictionary* that have been suppressed or removed from some libraries in the United States because some people found them offensive.

Red Cross canoeing

The Albany Red Cross is offering a basic canoeing course for all ability levels of canoeists starting Tuesday, April 20, from 7 to 10 p.m. at the chapter house on Hackett Blvd.

A pool session will follow on April 21, and four on-water sessions will be held four Saturday afternoons starting May 1, from 1 to 5 p.m. They will be held at Albany's Six Mile water works on Fuller Rd.

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Opera buttons on tap

The Half Moon Button Club will be holding its first 1982 meeting on Wednesday, April 14, at noon in the Bethlehem Public Library. The public is invited to a slide presentation on opera buttons by Mrs. Alleyn Beamish. Members are asked to bring their lunch any buttons they might have in the field of opera.

Stage tryouts set

The Empire State Youth Theatre Institute will be auditioning male actors to fill four non-speaking roles in its upcoming production of the comedy, "The Thwarting of Baron Bolligrew," by Robert Bolt, author of "A Man for All Seasons." The audition session will be held on Monday, April 5, starting at 6 p.m., in the Youth Theatre's rehearsal room on the P-1 level of the Egg at the Empire State Plaza in downtown Albany. For information, 474-1199.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

March 28, 1957

New members of the Delmar Kiwanis Club posed for *Spotlight* photo. They included John Berry, George McAlpin, Charles Turner, Jr., Howard Fleirl, James McGrath, Donal Terhune, Andy Andorn and John Clyne.

March 29, 1962

Alan Hilchie and Vicent/Gazetta will be candidates for Republican committeeman in the 8th District in the 1962 fall primary in the town of Bethlehem.

The list of actors, singers and dancers in the upcoming production of "Brigadoon" at Bethlehem Central Junior High School took more than half a column in the *Spotlight*.

March 30, 1967

Three Bethlehem Central High School students won honors at the seventh annual Distributive Education Clubs of America (DECA) leadership conference. Winners were Candace Hummel, Thomas Kelly and Donna George.

March 30, 1972

Denby's has announced the acquisition of a 25,000-square-foot building in the

Delaware Plaza Shopping center and will open a new store, their fourth in the Albany area. The building, formerly the New York Thruway headquarters, will be completely redesigned and redecorated.

Bishop Edwin B. Broderick of the Roman Catholic Diocese of Albany has announced the names of area residents who have accepted leadership roles in the forthcoming Diocesan Development Program campaign. They include Charles H. Foster, Mrs. Millie Doherty, Arthur Fisher and Francis Barkley of St. Thomas the Apostle parish in Delmar.

March 31, 1977

The anguish of Bethlehem Lutherans choosing between two factions in an emotional split at the synod level is over. The first services in their separate churches were a mixture of sadness and joyful relief. For the dissidents who held their first service in the Bank Community Room in Delmar its a time to solidify and build a new congregation, the Faith Lutheran Church; for those remaining with their torn but beloved parish, it's a time to unify and rededicate faith.

On Feb. 27 the balloting at the Elm Ave. church ended in a 56-56 deadlock. A week later the majority in a floor count favored disassociation from the Missouri Synod, but was short of the required two-thirds. On March 10, 44 parishioners gathered at a member's house in Delmar to form a new church.

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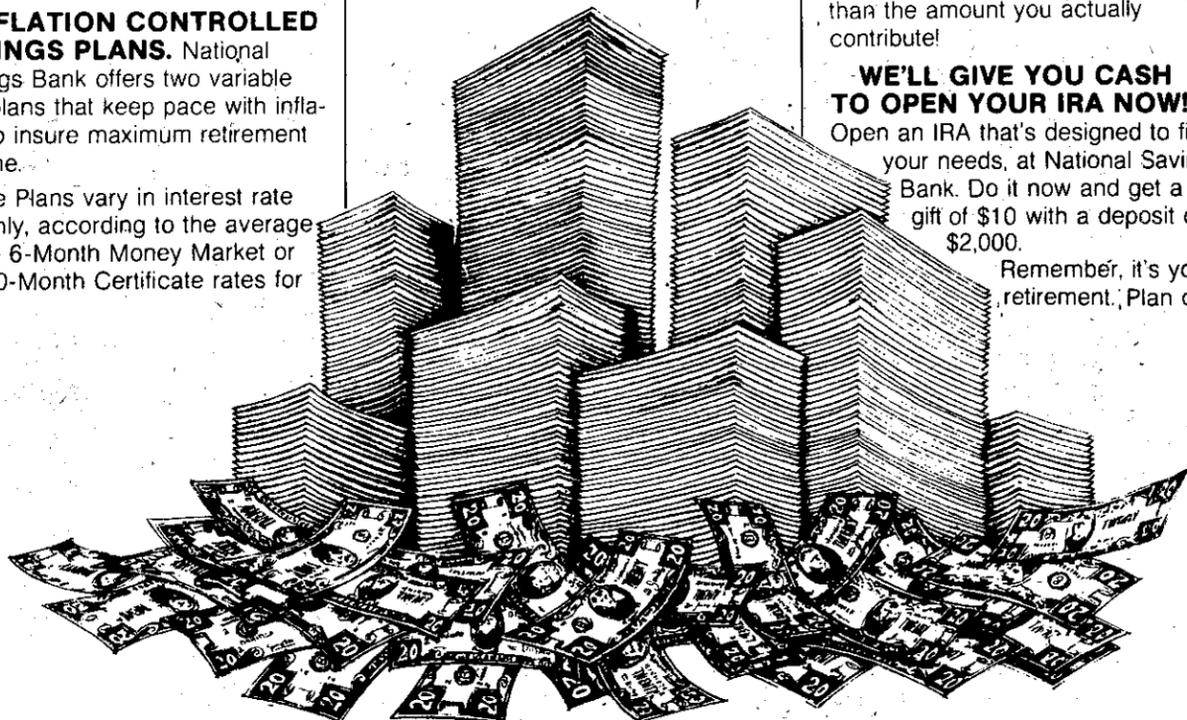
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Council firm on site review

The Bethlehem Town Board has decided against giving the planning board new powers that would allow it to influence the way most businesses on Delaware Ave. change and expand.

At the end of a lengthy discussion on commercial site plan review at its meeting last Wednesday, the town board left nearly intact site plan review for new commercial construction and for developments near historic districts. But it limited review of existing building to those expanding by at least one half.

The new package will probably be completed at the board's April 14 meeting, at which time a public hearing will be set, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said.

The board's decisions represent a substantial change from the original planning board proposals, but the actual impact of site plan review is still far from certain. The concept—which permits the planners to deal with such matters as parking arrangements and landscaping—has been in effect for residential properties for only a few months.

The planning board had presented site plan review as a way to influence change for the better. "Their goal isn't to say, 'you can't do it,'" explained the board's consultant, Edward Kleinke. "It's to say, 'is this done correctly, and how can we do it better?'"

But most town board members apparently had their doubts, particularly where existing properties are concerned. A large part of the meeting was spent discussing how site plan review would affect, for instance, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz's law office, Councilman Scott Prothero's garage or the vacant A&P building. Application of site plan review

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to every change in a business would, said Prothero, be "a burden."

The town board decided to:

- Remove the provisions requiring SPR for commercially zoned properties adjacent to a residential zone (most of Delaware Ave.), and for properties in a commercial zone but under residential use that are converted to a commercial use.

- Change the amount of expansion of a commercial building requiring site plan review from 25 percent to 50 percent.

- Send Kleinke back to the drawing board on the boundaries for historic district provision. Councilwoman Ruth Bickel suggested that rather than the 500-foot zone proposed by the planners, a flexible zone based on population density be developed.

- Eliminate the section allowing the planning board to hold a public hearing on a commercial site plan.

Several board members noted that the changes would have little impact on an area such as Rt. 9W in Glenmont, which has large parcels of undeveloped land. Nor will they affect the commercially zoned Pizzatola property in Slingerlands, which would still fall under site plan review if it is developed.

A delegation of Slingerlands homeowners attended the meeting, but voiced no concerns about their area. One Slingerlands resident, Frank Webb, did object to the other changes.

"Why should Delaware Ave. be

exempt from good planning?" he asked.

On the other side, Peter Merrill, vice president of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, reported on a survey he took of merchants on Delaware Ave. "Almost everyone was negative on the 25 percent," he said. Merrill stressed that he was not speaking for the chamber, but argued that "you have too many criteria right now."

Only Mrs. Bickel defended the 25 percent rule. Site plan review, she said, is "not a big deal" and most businesses would benefit from having to go through it.

That was a theme repeated by Kleinke. Most site plan reviews are rather simple, he said, and in the case of existing businesses on Delaware Ave., the aim usually would be to correct existing parking and access problems.

"I do happen to believe that the planning board makes its decisions on a sound, rational basis," he said.

Scholarships awarded

Five local students are among 162 students awarded scholarships at Hudson Valley Community College on the basis of academic achievement and financial need, according to an announcement by the college.

Recipients include Michael P. Kalogridis, 11 New Salem South Rd., New Salem; Keith S. Dubuque, Voorheesville; Elaine Solomon, 5 Farnsworth Dr., Slingerlands; Astrid Birk, Hurst Rd., New Scotland, and Kimberly D. Darone, 52 Huntersfield Rd., Delmar.

Jazz era concert

The music of Glenn Miller and Marvin Hamlisch will be featured in a pops concert presented by the SUNYA Symphonic Band and Jazz Ensemble in the Campus Center ballroom of the University at Albany Monday, April 5, at 8:30 p.m. The concert is free and the public is invited.

Henry Carr, a Delmar resident, will conduct the Symphonic Band for the Miller and Hamlisch portion of the program.

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Hudson dredging could be toxic

The Army Corps of Engineers has identified five potential sites in Bethlehem for dumping dredged material from the Hudson River. Two of the sites in Glenmont could receive material classified as "contaminated or hazardous," the report says.

The dredging is to be a 10-year project, and so far, 130 potential sites have been identified in the "upper reach," which extends from the Port of Albany to Catskill. The corps has already held one local public hearing on the dump sites, and has invited municipalities to comment on the plans.

Bethlehem Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Friday he has asked Edward Kleinke, the town's planning consultant, to monitor the project, but that so far the town has made no comment to the engineers.

The two sites that could receive hazardous materials are apparently uncultivated farm land, Kleinke said. One is an 86-acre farm on the north side of Wemple Rd. just east of the West Shore Railroad tracks. The site is for sale, according to the report.

The other is between Wemple and Clapper Rds., also just east of the railroad tracks. The Tenneco gas pipeline adjoins the north side of this site. The acreage is not listed.

The three Bethlehem sites designated to take clean fill only are near the Hudson. One is a former dredge site at

the town's Henry Hudson Park, adjacent to the main access road to the park. The other two sites are between the Glenmont Job Corps Center and the river, and are owned by the Job Corps and Tenneco. One is listed as a potential park site for the Job Corps.

The corps is identifying sites that could take contaminated or hazardous materials "as a contingency" because some stretches of the Hudson have been found to contain dangerous substances such as heavy metals and PCBs. "Although clean dredged material also could be disposed of at these sites, distance from the river generally would preclude such use," the corps report says.

So site acquisition would be delayed until testing shows that sediment from a nearby section of the river is contaminated. Then the closest sites would be "examined in detail" and acquisition started by the state Department of Transportation. In most cases, DOT would also acquire temporary pipeline easements to the site.

The corps report notes that while every effort would be made to arrive at a fair price or an alternative site if the owner doesn't want to sell, the law gives DOT the right of eminent domain.

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Board stalls on Coeymans tap

Bethlehem has decided not to sell water to the Town of Coeymans, which had considered setting up a new water district near the town line.

Supervisor Tom Corrigan told the Bethlehem Town Board last week that Coeymans has run into cost and distribution problems in attempting to set up the new district.

"Most of the people I've talked to don't want it," added Councilman John Geurtze, whose home in Glenmont is closer to the proposed district than those of other board members.

In other business, the board:

- Learned that bids for Contract 2 of the sewer extension project, which covers 10 areas in the existing Delmar-Elsmere sewer district, have come in well under estimate. The apparent low bidder for the construction contract is John DiGuilio Inc., which bid about \$1.5 million on a job estimated at \$1.9 million, Corrigan said. The board also approved bidding for grinder pumps for another part of the project in North Bethlehem.

- Rejected as too high two bids to reline the swimming pool at the Elm Ave. Park. Corrigan said the rebidding will not delay opening the pool this summer.

- Set public hearings for April 14 on new traffic signs for four areas. Proposed by Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple

are a no-parking zone on Union Ave. near the Slingerlands Elementary School, stop signs for the Jefferson Rd.-Beacon Rd. intersection and the Placid Lane-Beacon Rd. intersection, a stop sign on Pheasant Lane at Parkwyn Dr., and a yield sign on Oldox Rd. at Paxwood Rd. A request by 17 residents of Elm Estates for stop signs on University St. at Linton St. and Dorchester Ave. is still under study.

Gym program praised

The physical education program at Bethlehem Middle School was cited in a letter from George Allen, chairman of the President's Council on Physical Fitness and Sports, written on White House stationery.

In a letter to Principal Frederick Burdick, Allen said, "Congratulations on being selected as a Demonstration Center School for 1981-82. This award signifies that you have a truly outstanding program which is considered a model for other schools to emulate."

Ray Sliter, supervisor of health, physical education and recreation for the school district, said the award was based on the school's daily program, fitness testing, the written curriculum and the broad activity base.

Births



St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Nicole, to Mr. and Mrs. Donald J. Wagoner, Voorheesville, March 9.

Girl, Rachael, to Mr. and Mrs. Paul D. Copp, Delmar, March 14.

Boy, Patrick, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert J. Davis, Jr., Delmar, March 16.

Girl, Miranda, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard F. Ogden, Selkirk, March 16.

Albany Medical Center

Boy, Kenneth David, to Mr. and Mrs. Kevin Bovia, Selkirk, March 6.

A dangerous toy

Bethlehem police confiscated four simulator-type grenades from the garage of a Delmar residence last week after a fourth-grader had taken one to school. Detectives, who withheld the identity of the family and the school principal who reported the incident, said the grenades, while less powerful than their military counterparts, had an explosive charge that could cause serious injury.

Speed reading course

The adult department of the Albany Jewish Community Center, 340 Whitehall Rd., will be offering speed reading taught by Marion Harwick on Thursday evenings starting April 1.

Eric Stilan took third place in the Bethlehem Middle School Science Fair 8th grade display category for his geothermal energy exhibit. Steam rising from boiling water in the bottle turns the whirly-bird, creating energy.

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THE SPOTLIGHT Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

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.

Town of New Scotland Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m.; Planning Board, second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m.; Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., town hall, Rt. 85.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays and Wednesdays 10 a.m.-3 p.m.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 1-4:30 p.m. Call 439-2238.

Elsmere Boy Scout Troop 58, Thursdays throughout school year, 7:30-9 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon.-Sat. 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

Preschool Story Hour, for children ages 3-5, Mondays and Tuesdays, 10, 11 or 1-1:30, Bethlehem Public Library.

Project Equinox Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information call Patti Thorpe, 439-4661.

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

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 114 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday, 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday, noon - 4 p.m. Saturday 8 - noon.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

Public Hearing by the Bethlehem Town Board to consider amending the CATV franchise to include a rate increase and other changes at the request of Bethlehem Video, Inc., Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Lenten Worship Evening Prayer (Vespers), Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 8:15 p.m.

Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study, with Rev. Luther Patton of Community United Methodist Church speaking on "The Lady at the Well," Bethlehem Community Church, 8:30 a.m.

"Syllables of Velvet", session five of a five-part program on American poets, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

Free Income Tax Assistance for retired persons, sponsored by AARP, Key Bank community room, 343 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-4 p.m.; Glenmont Community Reformed Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 1-4 p.m. by appointment only. Call Lucille Ott, 439-6145. Wednesdays until April 15.

Gypsy Moth Control and the home owner, Voorheesville Elementary School cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

Jesus and the Gospels, Lenten series presented by Brennan Hill, Ph.D., free, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Voorheesville Board of Education preliminary budget hearing, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m.

Ladies Interclub-Duplicate Bridge Tournament for bridge players in surrounding clubs, Normanside Country Club, for information call Mrs. L. Bedrosian at 439-3429.

April Fool's Day Celebration for children at least 8 years of age with a harmless prank to share, Bethlehem Public Library at 4 p.m.

"Meet Me at the Fair," R-C-S high school musical, tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students and \$1 for senior citizens, available at the door, at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

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

Sixth Grade Parents Meeting, Voorheesville High School Library, 7:30 p.m.

St. Thomas Youth Ministry Board will fill two adult and two youth vacancies, St. Thomas Rectory, Adams Place, Delmar, 7-9 p.m. All are welcome.

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

Free Income Tax Assistance for retired persons, sponsored by AARP, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 1-5 p.m. by appointment only. Sign up at Bethlehem Senior Citizens meetings Thursday afternoons at town hall. Thursdays until April 15.

Helderview Garden Club, workshop on "pot pourri" by Sherrie Byrne, Voorheesville Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 7:15 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary, annual reports and elections, Elsmere firehouse, 8 p.m.

Art Show Opens, sponsored by Bethlehem Art Assn., entries to be judged by area artist, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

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.

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, Elsmere Elementary School, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

"Meet Me at the Fair," high school musical, tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students, \$1 for senior citizens, available at the door, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

Friday Night at the Movies, featuring "Guess Who's Coming to Dinner," starring Katherine Hepburn, Spencer Tracy and Sidney Poitier, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

Preschool Films, free, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.

Afterschool Films, free, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Youth Soccer Registration, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis and Village of Voorheesville, Voorheesville Elementary School gym, 9-11:30.

Grange Dinner for the public, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, 4 p.m.

Outdoor Photography Workshop for beginners, with emphasis on single-lens reflex cameras, \$2 registration fee (\$1 for Five Rivers members), Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2-4 p.m. To register call center immediately at 457-6092.

"Meet Me at the Fair," high school musical, tickets are \$2.50 for adults, \$1.50 for students, \$1 for senior citizens, available at the door, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School, Rt. 9W, 8 p.m.

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, North Bethlehem Fire Co., 9-10:30 a.m.; Delaware Plaza, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Used Book Sale, including records, paperbacks and special interest magazines, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-5 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Used Book Sale, including records, paperbacks and special interest magazines, Bethlehem Public Library, 1-5 p.m.

Pancake and Sausage Breakfast, sponsored by the Bethlehem Lions Club, tickets are \$3.50 for adults and \$1.75 for children ages 5-12, Blanchard Post, Elsmere, 8 a.m.-1 p.m.

Palm Sunday Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

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

Single Parent Support Group, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m. For information call B.J. Lornell at 439-6136.

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, at Slingerlands Elementary School, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club business meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.

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

Village Artists, artists interested in painting in various media, Mondays at 7 p.m. at the Slingerlands Community Church, October through April. New members welcome.

Voorheesville Board of Education meeting (rescheduled from April 21), Voorheesville High School, 8 p.m.

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

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

Voorheesville Village Board, annual organization meeting, Voorheesville village hall, 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

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

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

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, Hamagrael Elementary School, 11:30 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

ESCO Board meeting, Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Beginners Bible Study, Tuesdays at home of Dr. Barile, 10 Grove St., Delmar, 8 p.m. Call 439-0981 for seating.

Bethlehem Board of Education, budget adoption, Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., 8 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 7

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. (From Jan. 6 to June 2, from Sept. 15 to Dec. 1).

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, St. Thomas School, 11:15 a.m.-1:15 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club creative arts, Bethlehem Public Library board room, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.

"Making Easter Mobiles," crafts program for school-age children, Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St., 4 p.m.

Hans Christian Andersen Birthday Party with storytelling from his famous works, for all interested children, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m.

Rehearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Harry Gochee to permit modifications to a previously granted special exception for fencing and exterior of garages at 8-10 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Business Women, Evelyn Sanvidge speaking on "Early American Decoration," Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6:30 p.m.

Birch Country Garden Club luncheon, Mrs. Richard Lambert speaking on "Arranging Dried and Silk Flowers," Albany Country Club, 11:45 a.m.

Cooperative Extension Assn. board of directors meeting, Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 7:30 p.m.

area arts

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.

THEATER

"An Evening with Mark Twain" (one-man show by Neil Akins), Foy Campus Center, Siena College, April 1, 8 p.m.

"Miss Margarida's Way" (humorous allegory by Roberto Athayde), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, through April 3, 8 p.m.

"Come Blow Your Horn" (Neil Simon's first Broadway hit), Riverview Productions, St. Andrew's Dinner Theater, 10 N. Main Ave., Albany, April 2 and 3, 7 p.m. Reservations, 462-3822.

"A Streetcar Named Desire" (Tennessee Williams classic presented by The Capital Repertory Company), the Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through April 11, Tuesday-Saturday 8 p.m., Sundays at 2:30 p.m. Community Box Office or at the theater, 462-4534.

Rosencrantz and Guildenstern are Dead (Tom Stoppard's existential comedy), College of Saint Rose Twickenham Playhouse, April 2 and 3, 8 p.m., April 3 and 4, 2:30 p.m.

MUSIC

Findlay Cockrell in solo piano concert (all-Haydn program), Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany, March 32, 8 p.m.

"Tribute to Duke Ellington" with Kenny Burrell, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, April 1, 8 p.m.

Warsaw Philharmonic Chamber Orchestra, Memorial Chapel, Union College, Schenectady, April 1, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or at the door.

Albany Symphony Orchestra all French program (Dukas, Franck and Poulenc), Palace Theater, Albany, April 3, 8:30 p.m.

Pete Seeger in benefit concert for Befer Switchboard, Page Hall, Western and Lake Ave., Albany, April 4, 7 p.m.

DANCE

Les Ballets Trockadero de Monte Carlo (all-male ballet spoof), Palace Theater, Albany, April 2, 8 p.m. Box office, 465-3334.

ART

Marilyn Garrett, watercolors, Diemel Gallery, Emma Willard School, Troy, through April 26.

Senior Show, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, April 4 through 23, open Sunday-Friday 12:30-4:30 p.m. (closed for Easter, April 8-12).

Soup Tureens from the Campbell Collection, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 25.

Frances W. Martin, show of paper casting and light graphics, the Temple Gates of Heaven, Eastern Parkway and Ashmore St., Schenectady, through April 3, Hours Monday-Thursday 9 a.m.-4 p.m., Friday 9 a.m.-3:30 p.m. and 9-10 p.m., Sunday 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

Stephen Hannon: Phosphorescent Paintings 1977-81, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 4, Tuesday-Saturday 10 a.m.-4:45 p.m., Sunday 2-5 p.m.

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Tri-Village Ecumenical Bible Study, with Rev. Allan Janssen of First Reformed Church of Bethlehem speaking on "Pilate," Bethlehem Community Church, 9:30 a.m.

New Scotland Town Board, New Scotland town hall, 8 p.m.

Voorheesville PTSA Board, Prof. Walter Lifton speaking on "Building a Surrogate Family," Voorheesville High School library, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of W. Alfred Baker, 132 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, for a variance pertaining to existing structure, Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, APRIL 8

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary meets second Thursday of each month, except July and August, at the fire house, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, second Thursday, 8 p.m.

Maudy Thursday Service, with Holy Communion, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 8:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 9

Tenebrae Service for Good Friday, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m.

Tenebrae Service for Good Friday, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Recess begins for Voorheesville and Bethlehem schools, to continue through April 16.

SATURDAY, APRIL 10

Tawasentha Chapter, NSDAR Luncheon, certificate presentation, all chapters invited, Albany County Club, Mrs. Joseph Riley, 434-8944.

Lenten Worship, Holy Saturday Easter Vigil, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 11

Easter Festival Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 10:30 a.m.

Easter Sunday Breakfast, jointly with Glenmont Reformed Church, at the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Glenmont, 8 a.m. with Holy Communion at 9 a.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 12

Spring Film Festival, through April 16, with feature length films for all ages, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m.

Voorheesville Board of Education, Voorheesville High School at 8 p.m.

TUESDAY, APRIL 13

Slingerlands Home Bureau, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, Glenmont Fire House, 11 a.m.-1 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club literature, Bethlehem Public Library community room, 1:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 14

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

New Scotland Elks Lodge 2661, meet second and fourth Wednesdays at Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m.

Red Men (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meetings second and fourth Wednesdays, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Bicycle Registration and Inspection for town residents, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, 10:30 a.m.-noon; Selkirk Fire House No. 3, 12:30-2 p.m.

Half Moon Button Club meeting, slide presentation on "opera" buttons, Bethlehem Public Library, noon. Public invited.

Family Movie, "Cheaper by the Dozen," Voorheesville Public Library, S. Main St., 2 p.m. Free.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, to consider amendments to traffic ordinance including two stop intersections, a restricted parking area and a yield intersection, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

Spring Plant and Flower Show continues, \$1.50 admission, \$1 for senior citizens and 75¢ for children under 12, Center City, State and Jay St., Albany, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

Christian Meditation Retreat, for young adults ages 18 and older, sponsored by Albany Diocese, \$30 retreat fee for weekend at LaSalette Center, Altamont. For information call Dennis McDonald, 438-6661.

Capital Repertory discussion by Bruce Bouchard, company producing director, to include "Theaters in Albany" exhibit opening, featuring local theater memorabilia between 1900 and 1940, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m. Free.

SATURDAY, APRIL 3

Clown Ministry Workshop, featuring clown symbolism, costuming and make-up, with highlight to be gospel mime "The Pharisee and the Publican," \$1 registration fee for public, College of Saint Rose, 1 - 5:30 p.m. Information 454-5250.

Capital District Genealogical Society meeting, with panel of professional genealogists to discuss ways of recording genealogical materials, open to the public, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 1 p.m.

Spring Plant and Flower Show continues, \$1.50 admission, \$1 for senior citizens and 75¢ for children under 12, Center City, State and Jay St., Albany, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m.

SUNYA President to Speak, Vincent O'Leary to talk on the university's future at the alumni's annual spring luncheon, \$5.50 cost, SUNY at Albany Alumni House, 1400 Washington Ave., noon. For information and reservations call 457-4631.

New York Powerlifting Championships, featuring 120 entrants in two-day competition, with 114-198 pound contenders competing today, YMCA, 274 Washington Ave., Albany, 8 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Blue Bonnet Fashion Luncheon, sponsored by Salvation Army's Ladies Auxiliary, featuring Barbara Blum, social services commissioner, music, and fashions by Slimline Fashion, Thruway House 1375 Washington Ave., Albany. For information call 463-6678.

Autographing Session with Local Author, Fr. Joseph Girzone, author of "Kara the Lushy Falcon" to sign his latest book for the public, Simple Gift Bookshop, 813 Madison Ave., Albany, noon - 3 p.m.

Albany Business College Open House, with college tours, demonstrations, dinner dance and reception to follow, \$12.50 reservation, Albany Business College, 130 Washington Ave., Albany, 3-5 p.m., dinner 7 p.m.

"Artifacts and Old Ladies", workshop on the care of heirloom textiles and clothing, with fabric care basics and afternoon hands-on clinic, \$24 fee for both afternoon and morning or \$15 each, SUNY at Albany, College of Continuing Studies, Draper Hall, Rm. 306, 135 Western Ave., Albany, 9:30 a.m. - 3 p.m. Information 455-6121.

SUNDAY, APRIL 4

Contradancing, country dancing with music by Rural Valley Revellers from West Virginia, New York State Museum, 2-4 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, APRIL 5

Irish Poet John Montague will begin writer's forum with lecture on "Literature and History," Union College, Hale House lounge, 3:30 p.m. He will read from a recent work at 8 p.m.

Expectant Parents' Night, to meet hospital staff and tour delivery rooms and nursery, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m.

Russian Art Movie, "Lost to the Revolution," tracing art treasures created by Peter Carl Faberge, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m. Free.

TUESDAY, APRIL 6

Mayor Ernesto Coming to Review Book, "Celebrations of Life" which ranks human choice above biological determinism, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

Weather Forecasting Lecture, Lance Bocart, SUNY campus, Lecture Center 7, 8 p.m. Free.

"Japanese Architecture: Then and Now", lecturer CSR Prof. Marjorie Semerad Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., 8 p.m. Free.

"Talking to Children About Death" a seminar conducted by Rabbi Earl Grollman, Hudson Valley Community College.

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Area Events & Occasions

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 31

"South Africa Apartheid", forum led by College of Saint Rose professors, a South African graduate student, and speaker from a U.N. observer group, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 12:15 - 3 p.m.

Public Auction, State Thruway, featuring trucks, cars, tires, hand tools and office equipment, indoors at Albany Division Headquarters, Interchange 23, Rt. 9W, 1 p.m. Free notice of sale to be obtained at Thruway's Administrative Headquarters, 200 Southern Blvd., Albany.

THURSDAY, APRIL 1

"Organizational Theory and Public" conference, with prominent university theorists discussing their ideas on group administration, SUNY at Albany main campus, Alumni House, 1400 Washington Ave. To register for the two-day conference call Gail Gates at 457-8468.

Spring Plant and Flower Show, with sale of unusual and rare plants and free lectures and demonstrations, \$1.50 regular admission, \$1 for senior citizens, 75¢ for children under 12, Center City, State and Jay St., Albany, noon - 9 p.m.

Breakfast Roundtable for community leaders in business and health care, featuring guest speaker Willie Goldbeck, Washington Business Group on Health director, Albany Hilton Hotel, 7:30 - 9 a.m. For reservations (\$7.50), call 475-2203 early.

Alcoholism Lecture, with guest speaker Fr. Joseph Martin, Evangelist, \$3, Palace Theater 7:30 p.m. Tickets at Palace Box office or Sister Arlene at 465-7388.

Childbirth Preparation Class, first of a series of eight Lamaze classes taught by registered nurses in anatomy and relaxation and breathing techniques, St. Peter's Hospital. Expectant couples should call Anne Rose at 456-6857 for early registration.

Troy National League Baseball and little known facts about it to be discussed at part of lunch with the arts series, CSR Prof. Stephen Hirsch lecturing on "There is No Joy in Mudville," free for the public, College of Saint Rose, Picotte Hall, 324 State St., Albany, 12:15 p.m.

FRIDAY, APRIL 2

Natural Family Planning Course, first of four part series to include discussion by trained counselor Dr. James Furlong on human reproduction, basal body temperature, ovulation method and Keefe cervical changes, St. Peter's Hospital, Cusack Wing Rm. 3513, 8-10 p.m. For reservations and information call Pat Trumble at 465-2003.

"Art and Technology in Ancient Egypt", two-day symposium with guest lecturers from universities and museums, \$5 per session or \$25 for symposium and dinner, Hudson Valley Community College. Stephen Hyatt and Susan Blandy, 283-1100.

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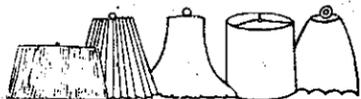
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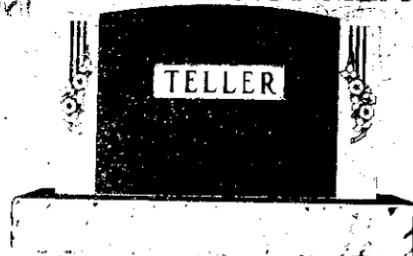
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Stephanie Powers said it. Many more were thinking it. It is a question which has puzzled theologians and caused untold anguish to those who have personally grappled with it. It is the question of evil. When Miss Powers was interviewed after the death of Natalie Wood she asked, "How could a loving God allow this to happen?"

This question takes on special significance during this lenten season when we consider the events that led up to Christ's death. For it is in Christ's death that the full weight of this problem is felt. If God is a God of love, why does He permit His Son to suffer and die? If God failed to take care of His own Son how can we expect Him to care for us? This problem immensely affects the way we view and relate to God.

The book of 1st John tells us that God is love. How can this be in the light of what we see and know to be real? We might never say it but in the far corners of our minds is the nagging suspicion that He is not all that loving and that perhaps He has some horrible calamity waiting in the wings to drop on us. So we struggle to keep Him at bay. If we can appease Him by keeping our lives relatively free from gross misdeeds, if we can show some genuine concern for others and the condition of the world, maybe, just maybe, He will spare us from suffering. There is the distinct possibility that God is more of a lurking enemy than a gentle friend, or at best a less than all powerful friend who throws up His hands when

something bad happens, and says I'd help you if I could, but I can't.

How can one keep from feeling this way? Is it possible to relate to God in a positive manner if He is capable of allowing us to suffer? Can you trust a being who lets all hell break loose in your life?

Amazingly enough the answer is, "Yes." Look at Christ's final days on earth. It is clear that He sees His death approaching. He knows that God is behind it. He knows that God wants it. Yet He never asks, "Why?" How could you allow this to happen? Rather, He says, "Not My will but Yours be done." He willingly resigns Himself to it.

Or look at Job. In the middle of great personal ruin he says of God, "Though He slay me yet will I trust Him." (Job 13:15) Both the Old and New Testaments present men and women who are caught in tragedy, yet are singularly free from bitterness toward God. They exhibit a childlike acceptance which defies reason or natural response. What is the secret?

The key is found in the way they perceived God and the way they perceived themselves. These people recognized the limitations of their own humanity in the face of God's surpassing knowledge and power. Each of them had personally encountered God and been overwhelmed by the immensity of His infinite might and wisdom. They had "seen" God and stood in awe of what they had seen.

After God had dramatically revealed Himself to Job, Job is almost completely speechless. "I am unworthy, how can I even reply to you." (Job 40:4) When face to face with God he realizes that the resources of his own mind were so small and inadequate, that he had no grounds for telling God how He should run the world or His life. He comes to grips with the fact that as creator God has the perfect right to do with his life as He wishes.

The realization of God's right to rule in the lives of His creatures is a very hard proposition to accept. There is within all of us a strong desire to control our own destiny and a very real tendency to view God as an intruder. Yet, unless we come to embrace Him as the one who has the right to reign in our lives, we will never experience the peace that transcends understanding when we do experience suffering.

Why does God allow it? I am not sure I know, but I do know that this is the first necessary step for gaining acceptance with God and for our acceptance of God's ways.

BAT at St. Thomas

Fourth graders at the St. Thomas School, Delmar, have begun receiving Basic Aid Training (BAT) from volunteer American Red Cross instructor Mrs. Helen Murphy. The six-week comprehensive course on safety and survival features instruction in first aid, water and fire safety, CPR and various emergency situations.

The 32 youngsters involved are students of Mrs. Marian Chappy and the program is being coordinated by Mrs. Eileen Perkins, school nurse.

Business women meet

The Bethlehem Business Women Club will hold a dinner meeting on Wednesday, April 7, at 6:30 p.m. at the Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont. Evelyn Sanvidge will speak on "Early American Decoration."

New district approved

Both the Bethlehem and New Scotland town boards last week approved the new Elmwood Fire District, which will be made up of the existing North Bethlehem Fire Protection District. The district straddles three towns (including Guilderland) and currently relies on contracts with each for its funds. The change will give the district taxing power of its own, and allow it to use deficit financing to buy new equipment. It is effective as of Jan. 1.

Business workshop set

A workshop for area businesswomen entitled "Developing Your Personal Skills" will be offered by the Albany County Cooperative Extension on Thursday, April 15, from 7:30 to 9:30 p.m. at the County Resource Center, Voorheesville.

To be addressed at the meeting are the topics of how to get and hold success, dealing with competition, handling stress and family pressures, and how to project a professional image. Maryluise Satterfield, director of the Women's Development Service in Guilderland, will conduct the session.

Workshop registration is \$3. For information and registration call Edith Kuhar, 765-3635.

Break for drivers

New York State motorists soon may be taking a six-hour accident prevention course to reduce traffic violation points on their licenses and the cost of their auto insurance.

Motor Vehicles Commissioner Leslie G. Foschio has approved the start of six-hour courses in addition to those eight-hour programs currently in use. His decision followed months of study and a public hearing.

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Approximately 35 Slingerlands households outside the Bethlehem sewer system will have sewers of their own by the end of this summer.

The New Scotland town board has authorized Supervisor Steve Wallace to float a \$315,000 bond issue to finance the newly formed Heldervale Sewer District. The federal government eventually will pick up the tab for all but \$86,000 of the total cost.

Contractors' bids were due at the town hall this week, with construction scheduled to start in June. Wallace said the sewers should be in place and operating by late August.

The new system will hook into the Bethlehem trunk beneath Rt. 85 at the New Scotland line, and will serve households in the Heldervale area and houses on New Scotland Rd. between Heldervale and the town line. These properties presently depend on individual septic tanks and leach fields for waste disposal.



Bethlehem Middle School cafeteria will be the swingiest place in town Saturday when Team 7A puts on its sixth annual Carnival from noon to 4 p.m. These clowns (from left, Tammy Bruno, Heather House, Tricia Shultes, Jennifer Toussaint and Laurie Alexander) will keep things moving, along with games, pop corn, ice cream, soda and baked goods. Proceeds will help swell the kitty for the team's spring trip to Boston. Tom Howes

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If a resident has any doubts as to the legitimacy of an entrepreneur, he or she should take a moment to call headquarters, 439-9973. A patrol car will check out the "contractor" quickly—for your protection.

Civic group active

The newly incorporated New Scotland Town Civic Assn. plans to hold regular meetings on the fourth Tuesday of each month in Room 404 at Voorheesville Central High School. The citizens' group, organized last fall to coordinate opposition to the New Scotland Elks Lodge application before the town planning board, has elected Edward G. Horn president, Joseph Petrone vice president, Jean Proctor secretary, and Robert Proctor treasurer.

Tool box rifled

Wrench sets, welding and cutting torches and other tools were stolen from a tool box mounted on a truck parked at the Hall Co., 20 Hallwood Pl., Delmar, the weekend of March 13-14, according to a Bethlehem police report filed last week. The loot was valued at \$770.

State aid cut picture muddy

Reports in the Albany metropolitan newspapers say that the Bethlehem School District should receive nearly \$200,000 more in state aid in 1982-83 than in the current year. But Bethlehem Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer says, "I don't know where they got those figures."

"First of all," he said this week, "the figures are projections." He said the only change in the state aid formula is an increase in the Board of Cooperative Educational Service (BOCES) teacher salary aid—which may mean \$5,000 additional for Bethlehem.

Zwicklbauer added, "I don't agree with their transportation figure; they're working with fall 1981 figures."

Concerning a reported increase in aid for handicapped Bethlehem students at other institutions, Zwicklbauer repeated, "I don't see where they arrived at this figure." He forecast an increase of \$20,000, not \$50,000 as reported.

"The thing they did change is the operating aid formula," he said, "but we're still on save harmless," so that won't make any difference to Bethlehem.

Asked about further budget cuts board member John Clyne is hoping for, Zwicklbauer said, "They'll be available Wednesday night; perhaps there'll be further cuts."

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Simply put, you can take an income tax deduction for any money you spend trying to earn yourself more money. The key, however, is you must be able to prove you are trying to make money.

Perhaps the tax break with the most potential is the office-at-home deduction. In the past, you were allowed to claim a deduction for maintaining an office in your home only if the work done at home related to your primary (or full-time) job. If you were working at home on a sideline career you were out of luck when it came to this deduction.

But that restriction was lifted at the beginning of this year. Now you can deduct the costs of running and

maintaining an office in your home (or apartment) even if it's for a second job. So, you might be waiting on tables or working a construction site during the day, but if you spend your evenings writing, calling on clients or almost anything related to your sideline, you can be eligible for an office-at-home deduction.

However, being "eligible" for a deduction does not automatically entitle you to take it. There are two very important conditions that must be met first: the room (or designated work area) set aside as the office-at-home must be used *regularly* and *exclusively* for your business. That means, you can't claim your den as an office because you work there three nights a month. And the room (or area) must be used only for work — you can't put the family TV in there, for example.

The formula for taking an office-at-home deduction is simple. Figure out what percentage of your apartment is reserved exclusively as a work area (you can figure this by rooms or square feet). Then, if you have 10 rooms and use one exclusively as an office you can deduct 10 percent of your monthly mortgage payment (or rent), heat and electricity bills, insurance coverage and cleaning cost.

You can also deduct the cost of buying office equipment you need, like file cabinets, a typewriter, a desk or anything that helps you run your business. More important, if you buy the equipment this year (during 1982) you can write off up to \$5,000 — immediately. Or, you have the option of depreciating the equipment fully over five years and also take a 10

percent investment credit. (In the past, your only choice was to depreciate office equipment over a five to 10-year period).

The second thing to consider is that even if you are entitled to a home-office deduction, it may not pay off in tax savings. The amount you can deduct for maintaining a home office is limited by how much you earn in your sideline. You can't, for example, earn \$1,000 doing plumbing work on the side and claim home-office expenses of \$2,000. Your office deduction would be limited to \$1,000 at the most.

Standard business deductions (those other than the home/office) are not limited by your sideline income. And they are deducted first. For example, if you earned \$2,000 writing magazine articles as a sideline you can deduct the full costs of the supplies and travel needed to earn that money. If that comes to more than \$1,000, you can deduct up to \$1,000 for home/office expenses (together that comes to \$2,000). However, if your standard business deductions come to \$2,000, you can't take off any of your office expenses.

So it pays to maintain an office-at-home if you have a lot of sideline income or if you have only a few other business deductions.

Another consideration is that you must be able to prove you are trying to make money. Otherwise, the IRS could declare your sideline is only a hobby and nullify all your deductions. As a rule of thumb, you should show a profit in at least two out of five years.

However, that isn't an absolute rule. The key is credibility and if you can prove you are trying to earn income you can have losses several years in a row. You can see that although the tax breaks are available, the rules are tricky. So check with a tax expert or accountant before setting up any special arrangements to be

sure your expenses are legitimate and handled properly. Here are some fine points to remember:

- You are really a business so you have to keep detailed and separate records. Check stubs, receipts should be kept together with your business mail and visitors' log for tax purposes.

- You can deduct expenses for upkeep of your office, like painting, wallpapering, sanding the floors or replacing light fixtures. And you can deduct decorating expenses, like special draperies, carpeting and accessories. However, don't make these expenses too lavish because you might not earn enough money to take full deductions.

- If you live in a condominium or private home and deduct an office, you could experience a problem when you sell. Since you have depreciated a portion of your house (for the office) you have a higher capital gains. Normally, you can defer capital gains by buying a more expensive house. But if you have deducted an office, you must pay the tax on the extra profit.

- You can hire your children to do office work like typing, cleaning, running errands and paper filing. But pay them reasonable amounts, like the minimum wage.

Spring cleanup begins

Bethlehem's annual spring cleanup will begin Monday, April 5, and continue weekdays through Friday, April 30.

During the spring cleanup campaign, crews from the town's Highway Department will pick up refuse and castoffs which have been left at the edge of streets throughout the town.

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A group of students from the Voorheesville Elementary School recently joined the circus. Through a variety of creative activities including dance, mime, poetry, juggling and magic sponsored by the New York State Museum, the students experienced the traditional sights and sounds of the Big Top.

Don Otterness, coordinator of the program, took the group through the workshops. Participants' artwork was later displayed at the museum and will be on exhibit at the Art Fair at the Elementary School on April 21. Channel Ten's PM Magazine will feature the students in an upcoming segment. Fourth, fifth and sixth graders involved are Lori Tremblay, Brett Seyboth, Lorie Wood, Tracy Stevens, Karen Deeley, Elizabeth Heinrich, Colin Breeze, Chris Jeffers, Matt Baker and Chris Dell'Acqua.

This week students in grades 5-8 traveled to the Egg in the South Mall to view the Empire State Youth Institute's production of *Fiddler on the Roof*. Before the field trip, classroom teachers briefed students with information provided in study guides and training seminars coordinated by the Institute. Teacher-artists from the Youth Theatre will visit the schools and offer a follow-up

workshop for the students. Factual information and concepts from the production will be incorporated into the history, science, English, music and art fields.

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold a general meeting on Wednesday, April 7 at 7:30 p.m. in the high school library. Walter Lifton, a professor of counseling psychology at SUNYA will be the speaker. Prof. Lifton, producer of the motion picture, *Just Like A Family*, will speak on the concept of building a surrogate family. Considering community resources available in Voorheesville, Lifton will help families determine how they can build a substitute support system. Senior citizens, single parents, youth and families are invited to attend.

The Helderview Garden Club will meet on April 1 at 7:15 p.m. in the Voorheesville Methodist Church to hear Sherrie Byrne speak on "Pot Pourri." Mrs. Byrne will instruct on how to dry and collect materials to make pot pourri at home quickly and easily. Hostesses for the evening are Barbara Joyce, Marion Parmenter and Rosemary Branigan. The meeting is open to the public. Anyone interested in attending should call Joanne

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Students in Phil Ackerman's economics class will hear first-hand from Cliff Montgomery, management director for General Electric in Selkirk, what GE's role will be in the U.S. economy for the 80's. He will speak to the juniors on Thursday, April 1.

The Voorheesville Public Library invites all school-age children to come to the library on Wednesday, April 7 at 4 p.m. to make Easter mobiles.

Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will host the 10th annual Colonial Council math competition on Tuesday, April 6. The contest will run from 2:30 to 6:30 p.m. followed by an awards dinner. Participating schools this year are Albany Academy, Cohoes High School, Lansingburgh High School, Mechanicville High School, R-C-S, Schalmont, Waterford, Watervliet and Voorheesville High Schools.

Stewart's opens shop in village

VOORHEESVILLE

The sun had climbed only a few degrees above the horizon last Friday when Stewart's opened the doors of its newest "Bread 'n' Butter Shop" in the center of Voorheesville.

Although the 108th store in the Saratoga-based chain's network in Eastern New York has been open for business since last weekend, the "official" opening won't take place until Saturday, April 3. On that occasion Mayor Milton F. Bates of Voorheesville and Supervisor Steve Wallace of the town of New Scotland will participate in a brief ceremony at 10 a.m. with Cheryl Peck, manager of the new store.

Peck, a Scotia resident, joined the Stewart's organization four years ago and has been assistant manager of the Mohawk Ave. store in Scotia.

Like many of its counterparts scattered around a 100-mile radius of Saratoga, the Voorheesville outlet will carry the full Stewart food items as well as a deli and a self-service gasoline facility. As one of the newer stores, it will also have several booths—two in this case—where customers can sit for a sandwich snack eat Stewart's ice cream (basic item that made the chain famous) and drink coffee.

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Stormy days ahead for BC nine

Bethlehem Central has rarely been a power in Suburban Council baseball, and, barring surprises, this season will follow the pattern.

The Eagles have six players who can be called experienced, including two pitchers. Of the six, only two can be called hitters.

With the opening game only a week away, Coach Art Ritchko was struggling to hold enough workouts to learn the names of his new players, let alone find out who has an arm, a glove or a bat.

The schedule-makers like to get the season underway the first week of April, but in this part of New York State that's too early for the ground to dry out. "We've been outdoors only four times," Ritchko complained over the weekend. "We haven't even been able to have infield practice yet."

To add to Ritchko's woes is the fact that many of his league rivals have indoor batting cages that give hitters and pitchers an important jump on the season. Ritchko, starting his 24th season, has had some of his pitchers throwing in the gym, but only for loosening up elbows and wrists.

The Eagles need about five good warm

days to get ready for the opener, a non-league meeting with Ravena in Delmar. In this one, Ritchko can draw comfort from the realization that Ravena has had the same weather woes as Bethlehem.

The first Suburban Council game is a home with Burnt Hills on April 14, weather permitting. With a 23-game slate, many of which get pushed up to late May by postponements, anything can happen in scholastic baseball.

If the field is dry enough to play on next Wednesday, Ritchko will probably give all four of his pitchers a couple of innings apiece. They are Corson Maley, Jim McGuinness and Steve Warren, all right-handers and all seniors, and Ed Radzyski, a lefthanded junior.

McGuinness could be the best of the quartet if he stays healthy. He's not fast, but he can find the plate. McGuinness pulled a muscle in his arm early in the season and was out of action the rest of the campaign.

Maley did a lot of pitching last season, but had a tendency to tire after a few innings. He has been working with weights this winter and Ritchko is looking for him

BASEBALL

to be stronger, more effective and have more endurance.

Warren and Radzyski are up from the 1981 jayvees and will see a lot of action when the schedule gets heavier.

The Eagles should be well fortified behind the plate Chris Sheridan, a senior up from the jayvees, looms as the probable starter. Stu Alloway, a senior who served as backup catcher last year, probably will be the DH again this season. Alloway can hit and has power, so Ritchko will have to find a spot for him.

Tom Dexter, Bethlehem's best all-around athlete finishing up a fine career on Delaware Ave., may move from center field to shortstop. Dexter, probably the best ballplayer on the squad, can play anywhere.

Chris Congemi, a two-year starter at second base, has that spot locked up, and Steve Radzyski, a second-stringer in 1981, has the best shot at third. Brian Peek, last year's left fielder, will return to the pasture.

That still leaves a lot of spots open. When Ritchko gets a better bead on what talents he has in his collection of eager aspirants, he can start to figure out a lineup and a batting order.

In the meantime, he needs dry ground and some 65-degree sunshine more than hitters and pitchers. Later in the season that could be the opposite, but this week he's got one eye on the sky and the other on the date with Ravena next week.

Benefit run at BCHS

The Bethlehem Central Athletic Assn. will sponsor a runathon Sunday, April 25, at the high school track on VanDyke Rd. Proceeds from the fund raiser will be used toward the purchase of bleachers for the high school pool and pitching machine and batting cage for BC baseball and softball teams.

Participants will start collecting pledges next week. T-shirts will be awarded to runners collecting the most pledges.

In two previous runathons, the BAA has financed the purchase of bleachers, team benches, a storage trailer and an icemaker. Fifty percent of the proceeds go directly to the school or team designated by the participant. In past years, elementary schools have used the funds for new playground equipment.

Blue Jays take an '82 sabbatical

There will be no Delmar Blue Jays baseball this year. Possibly next season, says Rudy Toffenetti, but not in 1982.

This news item will have an impact on fewer than two dozen of several thousand households in the Tri-Village area, but outside of Bethlehem it will be greeted with dismay by hundreds of fans.

The Blue Jays, one of the two or three top amateur baseball teams in a wide area of Eastern New York, were ignored by their home town but much appreciated everywhere else.

The Blue Jays were (are?) a personal labor of love of Toffenetti, a 55-year-old insurance man who has been in love with baseball since kindergarten and in love with Delmar since he moved his family here 17 years ago.

Four years ago Rudy got a bonus from TerBush and Powell and decided to spend it on a baseball team of his own. He bought 18 gray baseball uniforms with "Delmar" in blue capital letters across the shirt fronts, and recruited the best ball players he could find in a 50-mile radius.

The nucleus was a hometown contingent, fellows like Jack Dalton, Mark Kleinke, Mike Usher, John Terko, Billy Karp and Al Bradt, who had been stars at BCHS and subsequently in college or in the fast Albany Twilight League. They opened the 1978 season, their first, in a doubleheader at Cooperstown's famed baseball shrine in a Jonathan Winters TV special. They made their Delmar debut against the Bennington Generals at the town park on Elm Ave., thrilling about 30 curious onlookers with sharp pitching, long ball hitting, fast double plays and several of Kleinke's patented running catches deep in the outfield.

But the diamond at the town park has a right field sloping into a wooded ravine that is too short for this caliber of ball, so Rudy took his team on the road, booking the best teams he could find in this state and nearby Massachusetts and Vermont.

In 1979 John MacDonald, the big righthander from Slingerlands who had been an ace at Lehigh University, joined the team and threw smoke at opposing hitters. His fireball and breaking stuff went well with Dalton's tantalizing junk, and the Blue Jays won the Northern Division championship of the Capital District Baseball League. Little Steve Caruso, home from a fine college career in Maine, hit .333. Kleinke slammed a couple of 400-foot shots over the highly recruited and subsidized R&R Pools team twice, 5-4 and 2-0.

That season the Blue Jays played in Delmar, Rudy and the players working

Swim marks take a beating

Delmar swimmers did a major overhaul of Adirondack Short Course Junior Olympics records at Burnt Hills over the weekend, setting 9 new meet marks.

The assault was led by Sue Mallery, swimming for the Albany Starfish Swim Club. The 12-year-old sprinter shattered the existing marks in the 50 and 100 freestyle for girls' 11-12 (26.36 and 57.68 seconds respectively), 50 and 100 backstroke (31.35 and 1:07.14) and 100-yard butterfly (1:04.50). She also earned a second place in the 100-yard individual medley. Her clocking in the 50 free was a new district and resident record and qualified her for the Eastern Zone championships at Brown University, Providence, R.I., April 15-18.

Delmar Dolphins accounted for five new records. Jay Henahan, taking three firsts and a second in boys' 15-18 events, established new standards for the 400 IM (4:30.83) 200 IM (2:05.19) and 200 butterfly (2:08.92). He was second in the 200 free and 200 back.

Lynn Apicelli broke the old mark in the girls' 13-14 butterfly with a time of 2:24.35, and finished third in the 100 'fly.

Other first places went to the Dolphins' senior boys' 400-yard freestyle relay team and 10-and-under boys' 200-yard medley relay foursome. Janet Shaffer, swimming for the Dolphins in girls' 15-18, won the 100 freestyle. Doug Schultz won the senior boys 200 breaststroke, and took three seconds and a third in other events.

Dolphins relay teams took seconds in the 15-18 boys' 400 medley, 13-14 boys 400 free relay and 10-and-under boys 200 free relay. Chris Drew got seconds in the 50 and 100 boys' 11-12 backstroke and Jennifer Mosely a second in the girls' 10-and-under 50-yard backstroke.

Others scoring in the first six places in various events were Drew Patrick, Justin Baird, Chris Engstrom, Michael Miller, Lisa Ogawa, Keith Dix, John Demarest, Dave Young and Julie Green of the Dolphins and Kristin Mallery of the Starfish club.



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A few quarters and dollar bills dropped into the hat when it was passed, but Rudy and some of the players chipped in to pay the umpires and buy the baseballs.

In 1980 Kleinke was lost to a job in Rochester, but Toffenetti brought in a crop of new players. One of them was Mickey Brantley, an exciting young speedster from Catskill who led the club in hitting, stole 19 bases and covered acres in the field.

That year the Blue Jays, playing in privacy in Delmar, drew admiring crowds elsewhere as they won the Capital District League playoffs, beating Rotterdam Esquires, 1-0, as the winning run came home in a cloud of dust on the last play of the game.

Toffenetti bought new Kansas City-style uniforms in 1981, but they didn't help Big John McDonald in the opener at Cooperstown. The Blue Jays lost to the Milford Macs on an unearned run in the 12th.

But the Jays went on to win the Schenectady Twilight League championship. A rifle-armed catcher, Gary Tremblay, joined the team, and Brantley led the club in home runs, triples, runs, hits and RBIs, batting well over .300 and throwing out five runners at the plate from centerfield.

When the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce promoted a Delmar Appreciation Night under the lights at Schenectady's Central Park via a chartered bus, nine local people saw Tremblay's blast over the fence in deep center and Brantley's trolley-wire peg from center that cut down a runner inches from the bag at third.

The lack of fan interest in Delmar has never fazed Toffenetti. He's withdrawing the Blue Jays from the scene this year for several reasons: the Schenectady Twilight League has folded, the Albany Twilight League has been unable to make an opening for Delmar, and Toffenetti himself has received a promotion at work that will take too much of his time this year.

A halo for Rudy, baseball 'angel'

Rudy Toffenetti has had an intense love affair with baseball since he was old enough to throw and catch.

That romance started back in the Chicago suburbs five decades ago, and it's just as passionate now as it was then.

This is the time of year Rudy gets restless, especially on those warm spring days with a touch of spring in the air. That's the kind of emotion that impelled him to spend a company bonus on a set of new, expensive baseball uniforms, and a couple of cases of baseballs, recruit a team of the top players in the area, and line up as many games as he could with the best teams he could find.

Who but this 55-year-old Elsmere insurance man would do a thing like that, and why?

"I love the game," he says, simply.

A promotion at Bache Ter Bush and Powell, coupled with disappointment at not finding an opening for his Delmar Blue Jays in the Albany Twilight League, has forced Rudy to put his uniforms — and his team — on the shelf this season. "I hope we can get back next year, when I may have more time from the job and a spot in the Twilight League."

Neither Rudy nor wife Gloria ever complained about the cost of having his own team, and a championship one at that. They bought a whole new set of uniforms last year, plus all the baseballs. Some of the players help with the baseballs and paying the umpires, but Rudy always made up the difference. At the end of the season he always threw a dinner and gave out trophies to his MVP, his top pitcher, best hitter and his own concoction, the Charley Hustle Award.

Nor does he ever show his disappointment that hardly anyone in Delmar ever came to the games to see 400-foot home runs, lightning double plays, long throws from the outfield to cut down runners at third and home, exciting last-inning rallies, clutch hits and spec-



Rudy Toffenetti holds one of the Kansas City Royals-style uniforms he purchased last season. His "trophy corner" in Elsmere is filled with baseball mementos.

Tom Howes

tacular catches. His players are all former high school and college stars, experienced Twilight League and semi-pro players, and even a few former professionals.

His high school team in Oak Park, Ill., didn't have a baseball team, so he played varsity basketball and football. At age 13 he organized a team to play at a nearby park, played second and short as the team's youngest member, and at 16 played on a team that won the Columbus Park championship. Several members of that team in baseball-mad Chicago went on to sign with the pros.

Later he managed a travelling team, served on a U.S. Navy tanker during World War 2, and married an Oak Park girl. They have five daughters and a son, Bill, who was an all-Albany football player at Bethlehem Central and a

Legion all-star with the Blanchard Post baseball team.

After a brief stint with an insurance company in Detroit, Rudy came to Delmar in 1965. He managed his son's teams through Little League, Babe Ruth and the Bethlehem Recreation League, and found time to coach the St. Thomas CYO basketball team for two years with Bill Donlon.

His new job responsibilities, which involve some travel, will help keep Rudy's mind off baseball, but not on those warm weekends when the Delmar Blue Jays would be playing in Cooperstown, Bennington, Schenectady, Schuylerville or Crescent.

"The thing I'll miss most is the camaraderie, being with the players, the

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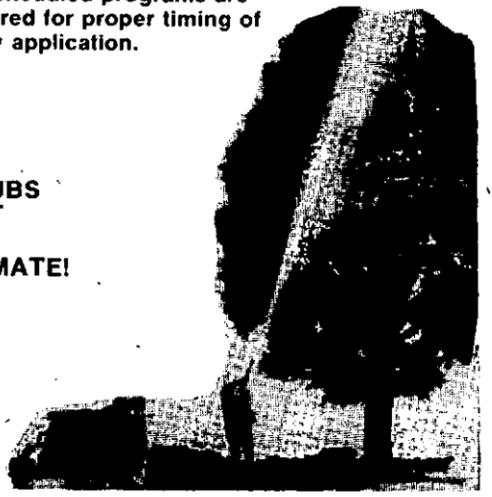
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Blackbirds' net prospects bright

The new coach of Voorheesville Central's tennis team has a legacy rival coaches wish was an annual occurrence.

Phil Ackerman, a well known area tennis pro who is a social studies teacher at Voorheesville High School, will fill in for Coach Tom Kurkjian with the boys' varsity this spring. Kurkjian, who is taking a year's leave from coaching duties, has bequeathed Ackerman his three best singles players untouched by graduation.

Furthermore, Ed Volkwein, the Blackbirds' top player, is only a sophomore, and Pete Zeh and Kevin Sein are juniors. There isn't a senior on the team, which means the Blackbirds can only get better next year.

Volkwein and Zeh are co-captains. Volkwein is a strong, steady player and a

□ Rudy

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game. They're all fine players and great kids."

As a longtime sentimentalist, Rudy love to reminisce on the four years of the Blue Jays. "People thought I was wacky doing all this. There's a lot of satisfaction, when you think the team started from nothing. Now the Blue Jays have a fine reputation, one of the top teams in the entire area, getting compliments on their uniforms, their players and their records.

"Then there's always the thrill of victory, especially when you see a kid flying down the third base line with the winning run. It's a thrill you never forget."

veteran of junior tournaments in the area. Zeh is a lefthander who played No. 2 singles on last year's 8-7 varsity.

The Colonial Council, with a membership of Class B and C schools not usually blessed with adequate tennis turnouts, permits singles players to team up in doubles. Team matches count seven points for five singles and two doubles.

Voorheesville's first match, however, will be played under Suburban Council rules against Columbia at East Greenbush next Wednesday, April 7. That will mean six singles and three doubles for nine points. Despite the disadvantage of playing a Class A school with a small Class C team, Ackerman welcomes the opportunity to give his newer players a test under fire, and to get a better look at the talent available in a non-league match.

With Ed Volkwein, Zeh and Sein set for the first three singles at Columbia, weather permitting, Ackerman will have to choose among Jim Volkwein, an eighth grader from the same family, and juniors Pete TenEyck, Brian McKenna and Dave Carver for the 4-5-6 singles. Unless he gets a waiver from the Columbia coach, he will have to use the rest of his 12-member squad in the doubles, all of whom are untested.

Of these, Rick Lennox, a junior, is the only player with varsity experience, but Ackerman says several of his first-time candidates show promise.

The team is scheduled to host Middleburg at Voorheesville next Thursday in another non-league exercise before the

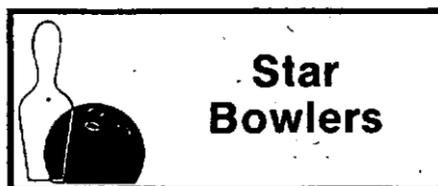
league opener April 14 at Mechanicville.

Ackerman, who coached the Voorheesville girls' team last fall, coached the Bethlehem Central varsity for several years after graduating from the Albany State team. In high school he played No. 1 singles on Bethlehem's perennial championship teams, is a former Bethlehem town singles champion, and has taught professionally at several indoor clubs in the area.

In gymnastics meet

Jennifer Engstrom, 12, of Delmar is one of three members of the Albany YMCA gymnastics team who have qualified for the YMCA Northeast Region championships this weekend (April 2-3) at Huguenot, near Port Jervis.

A new gymnastics program starts this week at the 'Y' for boys and girls age 6-14. Information, 449-7196.



Bowling honors for the week at DelLanes, Elsmere, went to:

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Women — Ginny Markessinis 222, Teresa Catalano 581.

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Senior Girls — Peggy Jasinski 204.

Junior boys — Rich Proskin 449.

Junior girls — Cathy Burke 473.

Bantam boys — Jeff Pesnel 417.

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Former resident wed

Miss Martha Ann DeNoon, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph H. DeNoon of Pittsford, and William Lockhart Grunewald, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert L. Grunewald of Osterville, Mass., formerly of Delmar, were married March 27 at St. Louis Church, Pittsford.

Rev. John A. Reddington, pastor of the church, performed the ceremony, assisted by Rev. Kevin O'Brien. Rev. William J. O'Malley of McQuaid Jesuit

High School, Rochester, delivered the homily.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her sister, Mary Kathryn DeNoon, as maid of honor, and Barbara Flynn of Mission, Calif., a cousin. Joseph L. Cunningham of Boston was best man. Ushers were Paul J. DeNoon of Pittsford, brother of the bride, Daniel Harder of Albany and Kenneth Henry and John I. Walsh, both of Erie, Pa.

A luncheon reception for the immediate families followed the ceremony at the home of the bride's grandmother, Mrs. J. Leo Calihan, Rochester. The couple spent several days in New York City before leaving for Indianapolis, Ind., to make their home.

Mrs. Grunewald was graduated from Our Lady of Mercy High School, Rochester, and is a 1980 cum laude graduate of Colgate University, where she was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. Her husband is a graduate of Albany Academy and is a 1979 graduate of Colgate University. He is employed by the Health and Sciences Division of the Eastman Kodak Co. in Indianapolis.

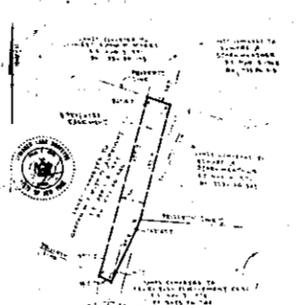
Program at museum

A special audio-visual presentation on the George Landis Arboretum will be presented by Margaret Law on Thursday, April 15, at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Historical Association school house museum on Tr. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk.

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE BY PUBLICATION FOR ACQUISITION OF PROPERTY BY EMINENT DOMAIN

PLEASE TAKE NOTICE that the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Sewer District have petitioned the Supreme Court of the State of New York at a Special Term thereof to be held in and for the County of Albany, in the City of Albany, New York, in the Third Judicial District, on April 8, 1982 at 9:30 a.m. or as soon thereafter as counsel can be heard for an order for the acquisition of the following real property by the exercise of the power of eminent domain:



EASEMENT NO. 81-F-192
Beginning at a corner of lands on the southwest conveyed to Feura-Bush Development Corp. by deed dated November 21, 1972 and recorded in the office of the Albany County Clerk in book of deeds 2055, page 744 and lands on the northwest conveyed to the parties of the first part by deed dated April 8, 1957 and recorded as aforesaid in book of deeds 1532, page 546; thence running from said point of beginning northwesterly along the division line between said lands (15) feet more or less to a point; thence northerly through lands of the parties of the first part with an interior angle of 99° 11' more or less (235) feet more or less to a point in the southerly line of lands conveyed to Charles C. and Anna M. Myers by deed dated August 3, 1951 and recorded as aforesaid in book of deeds 1280, page 105; thence easterly along said southerly line with an interior angle of 86° 10' more or less (30) feet more or less to a point; thence southerly through lands of the parties of the first part with an interior angle of 93° 50' more or less (152) feet more or less to a point in the division line between lands on the southeast of the first mentioned Feura-Bush Development

Corp. and lands on the northwest of the parties of the first part; thence Southwesterly along said division line with an interior angle of 169° 49' more or less (85) feet more or less to the point of beginning making an interior angle of 91° more or less with the first mentioned division line.

The above described easement being more fully shown on a map entitled, "MAP OF EASEMENT, TO BE GRANTED BY GORDON W. AND RUTH G. ALBRIGHT TO BETHLEHEM SEWER DISTRICT AND TOWN OF BETHLEHEM", dated September 14, 1981, Revised February 5, 1982 and made by Paul E. Hite, Licensed Land Surveyor.

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(March 31)

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, April 7, 1982 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of W. Alfred Baker, 132 Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, New York for a Variance under Article VIII, Percentage of Lot Occupancy, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance pertaining to an existing structure at premises, 132 Fernbank Avenue, Delmar, Town of Bethlehem.

Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
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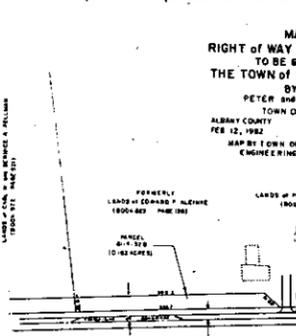
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Charles B. Fritts
Chairman
Board of Appeals
(March 24)

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DESCRIPTION
RIGHT-OF-WAY AND EASEMENT TO BE GRANTED
PARCEL 81-F-52
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LANDS OF PETER AND LINDA KLEINKE
TO
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM AND BETHLEHEM SEWER DISTRICT
EASEMENT NO. 81-F-52
All that piece or parcel of land



situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany and State of New York, bounded and described as follows:
Beginning at a point in the westerly line of lands of Walter Prichard and Margaret Prichard, his wife as conveyed by Deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 1284 of Deeds at Page 445, said point lying distant 16.5 feet as measured perpendicular to and northerly from the center-line of pavement of Kenwood Avenue; thence running from said point of beginning in a general westerly direction, parallel to and 16.5 feet northerly from

said center-line, 271 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of lands of the party of the first part as conveyed by Deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 1061 of Deeds at Page 405 and also the easterly line of other lands of the party of the first part, thence in general northerly direction along said westerly line, 10.5 feet, more or less, to a point lying distant 27 feet, measured perpendicular to and northerly from the aforesaid center-line of pavement; thence in a general easterly direction parallel to and 2 feet northerly from said center-line 271 feet, more or less, to the westerly line of lands of Prichard; thence in general southerly direction along said westerly line of lands of Prichard, 10.5 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning. Containing 0.065 acres of land, more or less.

Intending to acquire a right-of-way and easement over a strip of land having parallel and continuous sides throughout and a width of (10.5) feet, the center-line of said right-of-way and easement lying 21.7 feet northerly of the center-line of pavement of Kenwood Avenue, extending from lands of Prichard westerly to other lands of the party of the first part.

EASEMENT NO. 81-F-52A

Beginning at a point in the westerly line of a parcel of and conveyed to the party of the first party by Deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 1061 of Deed at Page 405, said point lying distant 16.5 feet as measured perpendicular to and northerly from the center-line of pavement of Kenwood Avenue; thence running from said point of beginning in a general northerly direction along said westerly line, 22.8 feet, more or less, to a point lying distant 39 feet measured perpendicular to and northerly from the aforesaid center-line of pavement; thence in a general westerly direction parallel to and 39 feet northerly from said center-line, 120 feet, more or less, to a point lying 12 feet easterly from the easterly face of a small building used as a stand thence in a general southwesterly direction with a deflection angle to the left of 45 degrees, 31.8 feet more or less, to a point (hereafter referred to as point "B") lying distant 16.5 feet as measured perpendicular to and northerly from said center-line of pavement; thence running from point "B" in a general easterly direction parallel to and 16.5 feet northerly from said center-line, 145 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning. Containing 0.068 acres of land, more or less.

EASEMENT NO. 81-F-52B

Beginning at a point lying distant 16.5 feet as measured perpendicular to and northerly from the center-line of pavement of Kenwood Avenue, said point also lying distance 46 feet westerly of the above mentioned point "B"; thence running from said point of beginning in a general westerly direction parallel to and 16.5 feet northerly from said center-line, 325 feet, more or less to the easterly line of lands of Carl W. Pellman and Bernice A. Pellman as conveyed by Deed recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 972 of Deeds at Page 521; thence in a general northerly direction along said easterly line of lands of Pellman, 22.6 feet, more or less, to a point lying distant 39 feet measured perpendicular to and northerly from the aforesaid center-line of pavement; thence in a general easterly direction parallel to and 39 feet northerly from said center-line, 305 feet; more or less, to a point; thence in a general southerly direction with a deflection angle to the right of 45 degrees, 31.8 feet, more or less, to the point and place of beginning. Containing 0.163 acres of land, more or less.

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Kenwood Avenue

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 Legal notice is hereby given that pursuant to the CATV Franchise Agreement between the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Video Inc., and in accordance with Part 592 of the official compilation of the codes, rules, and regulations of the Commission on Cable Television of the State of New York, a public hearing will be held on March 31, 1982 at 7:30 p.m. at the Town Hall located at 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. The purpose of this hearing is to discuss an amendment to the franchise to increase the cost of basic CATV service with set top converters from \$9.00 to \$10.00. To increase the charge for installation of extra outlets and relocating existing outlets from \$7.50 to \$15.00. To increase the reconnection charge from \$5.00 to \$10.00. Increase the deposit on converters from \$15.00 to \$25.00 of all new subscribers, not to affect current subscribers. To increase the charge for an extra outlet, with a set top converter from \$2.54 to \$3.50 per month. Under the heading "Pay TV"; omit the words "monthly rate for pay television shall not exceed \$9.00 per month" and add in the following: "Installation of H.B.O. or other premium channels—\$15.00. Reconnect charge of premium service—\$10.00. To increase the installation of underground service from \$50.00 to \$60.00 on first outlet. On commercial installation, lower the overhead factor from 25% to 15% to conform with State Cable Commission Rules. To increase commercial monthly rates to all extra outlets from \$3.50 to \$4.50 per month without a converter. Close the Bethlehem office at 159 Delaware Ave. and remove the studio. If the proposed amendment is approved by the Town of Bethlehem Town Council, it may not take effect prior to approval by the New York State Commission on Cable Television. The terms of the franchise agreement require that if the Town of Bethlehem's Town Council and Bethlehem Video, Inc. cannot agree on rates, then the rate request will be referred to the New York State Commission on Cable Television which shall establish the new rates. Any interested parties, in addition to attending the public hearing, may file comments or objections with the Town of Bethlehem, or with the New York State Commission on Cable Television, Tower Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, New York 12223. By Bethlehem Video, Incorporated.
 Dated: March 10, 1982
 (March 31)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on the 14th day of April 1982 at 7:30 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respects:
 I. By amending Article I, STOP INTERSECTIONS, by adding new paragraphs (vv) & (ww) to read as follows:
 (vv) Beacon Road is hereby designated as a through highway between its intersection with Wemple Road and U.S. Route 9W and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrances thereto:
 1. Jefferson Road
 2. Placid Lane
 (ww) Parkwyn Drive is hereby designated as a through highway between its intersection with Pheasant Lane and its intersection with Albin Road and a stop sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:
 1. Pheasant Lane
 and
 II. By amending Article IV, PARKING, by adding a new section to read as follows:
 Section 8. The stopping of vehicles is hereby prohibited in the following location:
 1. On the east side of Union Avenue from Kenwood Avenue to the driveway of Number 44 Union Avenue
 and
 III. By amending Article VI, YIELD INTERSECTIONS, by adding a new section to read as follows:
 Section 6. Paxwood Road is hereby designated as a through highway and a yield sign shall be erected at the following entrance thereto:
 1. Paxwood Road both east-bound and westbound
 All interested persons and citizens will have an opportunity to be heard at the said hearing.
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD
 TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 CAROLYN LYONS
 Deputy Town Clerk
 Dated: March 24, 1982
 (March 31)

LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF ANNUAL MEETING OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND COUNTY OF ALBANY, NEW YORK
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the annual meeting of the inhabitants of the above named school district will be held in the auditorium of Bethlehem Central High School, 700 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York, on Tuesday, May 11, 1982, at 7:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time.
 The Board of Education will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of the amount of money that will be required for the ensuing year for school purposes. Copies of said statements may be obtained by any inhabitant of the district during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the annual meeting, except Saturdays and Sundays, between the hours of 9:30 A.M. and 2:30 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, and at the offices of the elementary schools, the High School, and the Middle School of the district.
 The trustees of the Bethlehem Public Library will present at said meeting a detailed statement in writing of money which will be required for the operation of the public library for the period of July 1, 1982, to June 30, 1983.
 Petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of John Clyne, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the Board of Education for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Robert Ruslander, incumbent; and petitions nominating candidates for the office of trustee for the Bethlehem Public Library for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of William E. Seymour; must be filed with the Clerk of the School District, 90 Adams Place, Delmar, New York, not later than 5:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, April 12, 1982.
 TAKE FURTHER NOTICE, that on Wednesday, May 12, 1982, between

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the hours of 7:00 A.M. and 9:00 P.M., Eastern Daylight Savings Time, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Avenue, Delmar, New York, votes will be taken upon the following:
 1. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Central School District and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
 2. Upon the appropriation of the necessary funds to meet the estimated expenditures of said Bethlehem Public Library and authorizing the levy of taxes therefor;
 3. For the election of two members of the Board of Education of said Bethlehem Central School District, one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of John Clyne; and one for a full term of three (3) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of Robert Ruslander.
 4. For the election of one trustee to the Board of Trustees of said Bethlehem Public Library, for a full term of five (5) years commencing July 1, 1982, to fill the vacancy caused by the expiration of the term of William E. Seymour.
 Ann Treadway
 School District Clerk
 Dated: March 20, 1982
 (March 31)

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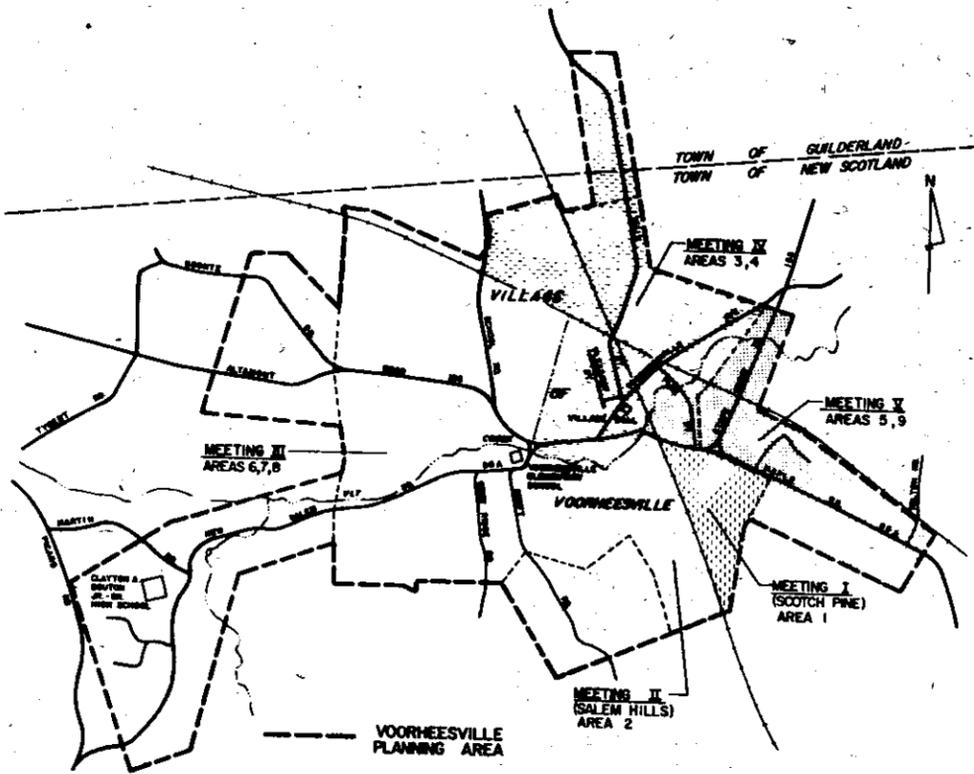
LEGAL NOTICE
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Boards of the Towns of Guilderland, Bethlehem and New Scotland have adopted a joint resolution on March 26, 1982, subject to a permissive referendum, which said resolution dissolves the Guilderland Fire Protection District No. 2, the North Bethlehem Fire Protection District and the Krumkill Road Fire Protection District and establishes the Elmwood Park Fire District to encompass all the territory formerly contained in said Fire Protection Districts.
 By order of the Town Boards of the Towns of Guilderland, Bethlehem and New Scotland, Albany County, New York.
 Dated: March 24, 1982.
 Jane Springer
 Town Clerk of the Town of Guilderland
 Marion T. Camp
 Town Clerk of the Town of Bethlehem
 Corinne Cossac
 Town Clerk of the Town of New Scotland
 (March 31)

NOTICE TO BIDDERS
 NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem hereby invites bids for providing all materials, labor and equipment necessary to furnish, deliver and install a new marcite interior, and related work to the Town's 50 meter pool and diving pool located at the Town Park on Elm Avenue for the Parks and Recreation Department.
 Bids will be received up to 11:00 A.M. on the 13th day of April, 1982, at which time such bids will be publicly opened and read aloud at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York. Bids shall be addressed to Mr. Thomas V. Corrigan, Supervisor of the Town of Bethlehem, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York 12054. Bids shall be in sealed envelopes which bear, on the face thereof, the name and address of the bidder and the subject of the bid. Original and one copy of each bid shall be submitted. Copies of the specifications may be obtained from the Town Clerk at the Town Hall, Delmar, New York.
 The Town Board reserves the right to waive any informalities in or to reject any or all bids.
 BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM
 MARION T. CAMP
 Town Clerk
 Dated: March 24, 1982
 (March 31)

LEGAL NOTICE

IN FORECLOSURE SUPREME COURT ALBANY
 ALBANY SAVINGS BANK, Plaintiff, against CONTEMPORARY COMMUNITIES GROUP, INCORPORATED, et al, Defendants, COOPER, ERVING & SAVAGE, attorneys for Plaintiff, 35 State Street, Albany, New York.
 Pursuant to a judgment of foreclosure and sale dated March 17, 1982 and duly entered in the Albany County Clerk's Office, I will sell at public auction at the front entrance of the Albany County Courthouse, in the City of Albany, on the 27th day of April at 10:00 a.m. in the forenoon of that day, premises directed by said judgment to be sold with the buildings thereon situated, described as follows:
 All that certain lot, piece, or parcel of land situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York being more particularly known and designated as Lot No. 11 on the north side of Parkwyn Drive on a certain map entitled "Westwood I, property of Built-Mor Contracting Corp. second Segment of Two Segments" made by Paul E. Hite, L.S., dated September 28, 1977, and filed in the Albany County Clerk's Office on January 22, 1979, as Map No. 5498 in Drawer No. 170.
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 Together with the appurtenances and all the estate and rights of the mortgagor in and to said premises, and together with all fixtures and articles of personal property now or hereafter attached to or used in connection with the premises.
 Dated: March 25, 1982
 /s/ Ira Mendleson
 Ira Mendleson, Esq.
 Referee
 (March 31)

NOTICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD MEETINGS on SEWAGE DISPOSAL NEEDS for the VOORHEESVILLE COMMUNITY



The Village of Voorheesville has received a Step 1 grant from the Federal Environmental Protection Agency and the State Department of Environmental Conservation to study the wastewater treatment and disposal needs of the village and surrounding community. As part of a continuing public participation program, the village has scheduled five public informational meetings to discuss the facility planning process and receive comments regarding sewage disposal needs and problems. The intent of each meeting is to provide an opportunity for interested individuals, representatives of local government and organizations to become acquainted with the planning study, express their comments, and provide the village with insight into the needs and opinions of the community.

Each meeting will be directed at individual neighborhoods to permit residents to discuss their specific problems and provide input in developing alternatives for resolving existing wastewater disposal problems. Meeting dates and locations are as follows:

- Meeting I. Monday, April 26, 1982 - 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville Elementary School
 Area 1: Scotch Pine Development, including the south side of Maple Road from the Grand Union to Scotch Pine Drive.
- Meeting II. Wednesday, April 28, 1982 - 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville Senior High School
 Area 2: Salem Hills Subdivision
- Meeting III. Thursday, April 29, 1982 - 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville Senior High School
 Area 6: Mountain View Street, Swift Road, Crow Ridge Road and Urbandale Road
 Area 7: New Salem Road from Altamont Road to Picard Road, including Woodwind Drive and East Road
 Area 8: Altamont Road from Maple Avenue to Tygett Road, including Dommorro Dr., School Road, Prospect Street, Pheasant Run, Sky Terrace, Francis Lane, North Grand View Terrace, Kling Terrace and a portion of Koonz Road
- Meeting IV. Monday, May 3, 1982 - 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville Elementary School
 Area 3: Voorheesville Avenue, South Main Street, Pleasant Street and Maple Avenue
 Area 4: North Main Street, West Street, Zeldia Street and Foundry Road
- Meeting V. Thursday, May 6, 1982 - 7:30 p.m.
 Voorheesville Village Hall
 Area 5: Glendale Manor and Pine Street
 Area 9: Appleblossom Lane, Smith Lane, Forest Drive, State Farm Road and Maple Road from State Farm Road to Hilton Road

All comments made at the informational meetings will receive careful consideration. Anyone not wishing to comment at the meetings may send their comments to Mayor Milton F. Bates, Village of Voorheesville, Village Hall, Voorheesville, New York 12186.

For more information, contact:
 Mr. William Clarke, Sewer Commission Chairman 445-7757
 Mr. John Dergosits, Public Participation Coordinator 457-2021
 Clough, Harbour & Associates, Engineers & Planners 458-7795

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 Mayor
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William Shaffer

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Still helpful people

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to take this method to thank the individual who picked up the zippered bank pouch that I left in a shopping cart at the Voorheesville Grand Union and turned it in to the office. I returned later that afternoon (March 17) and was able to retrieve the same.

It is nice to know that there are still helpful people around.

Donald Stevens

Delmar

Free enterprise

Editor, The Spotlight:

I've been reading with great interest the articles concerning a proposed shopping center in Slingerlands and also "the lack of a comprehensive plan that allows Gochee, Zautner and Pizzitola to work their magic in residential zones." To my knowledge, they are and were properly zoned for whatever use the properties were purchased and the town fathers should not be condemned for allowing such use.

It seems that some townspeople in Bethlehem (certainly not all) are taking the approach that is presently being expounded by the Polish government against the Poles, the English government against the Irish, and the Communist government against the

Jews: Why should a few attempt to dictate to those persons who are willing to invest in property in the Town of Bethlehem (or other towns)? Isn't this free America — the land of promise? We should encourage those people who have faith and courage to take their chances.

Eileen McMahon

Glenmont

Father and daughter well

Editor, The Spotlight:

I was the driver of the VW Beetle which was involved in an accident on Route 140 in Slingerlands last Monday, March 8th. I would like to take this opportunity to publicly thank all of the people who helped my daughter and me so wonderfully after the accident, in either a voluntary or an official capacity. We hear much about the selfish nature of modern society, but incidents like this prove that it is the exception rather than the rule. When we really need people, they are always there!

I suffered eight broken ribs, but I am recovering well. My two-year-old daughter is her old cheerful self again. Because she was firmly surrounded by her safety seat, she received only an abrasion on her forehead and one small cut on her neck. I would like to emphasize, and emphasize, to anyone who drives with young children, the absolute necessity of using an approved child restraint. My Catie owes her life to ours!

James Hodgkinson

Albany

If your Spotlight doesn't come on Wednesday, call 439-4949.

Two deer suggestions

Editor, The Spotlight:

Your publication of my letter "Deer dears?" (March 17) has resulted in my being termed Robin Hood and the devil incarnate. But at 80 and almost non-ambulatory, I believe that one who suggests should also provide workable answers. Thus I am returning to the subject with two suggestions.

First that we hold a one day deer season in Bethlehem, in which young misses with toddlers can keep them at home. The second suggestion is for the town to appoint a deer warden who will reduce the herd only during the Albany County deer season.

And what to do with the carcasses? That I will leave to more fertile minds in the community.

Gardiner Bump

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Classroom speaker

Dear Mr. Boynton:

We appreciated your visit on Tuesday. You have helped us to realize how important it is to learn good writing skills.

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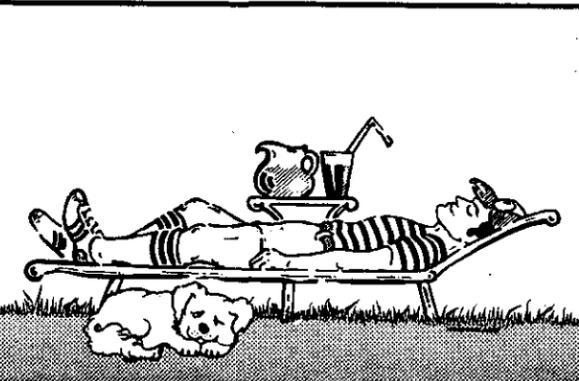
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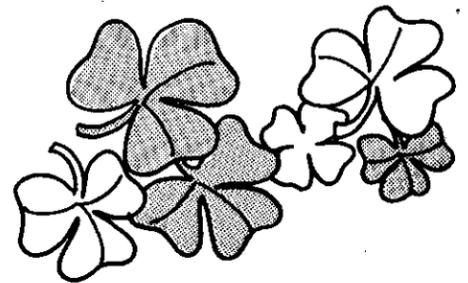


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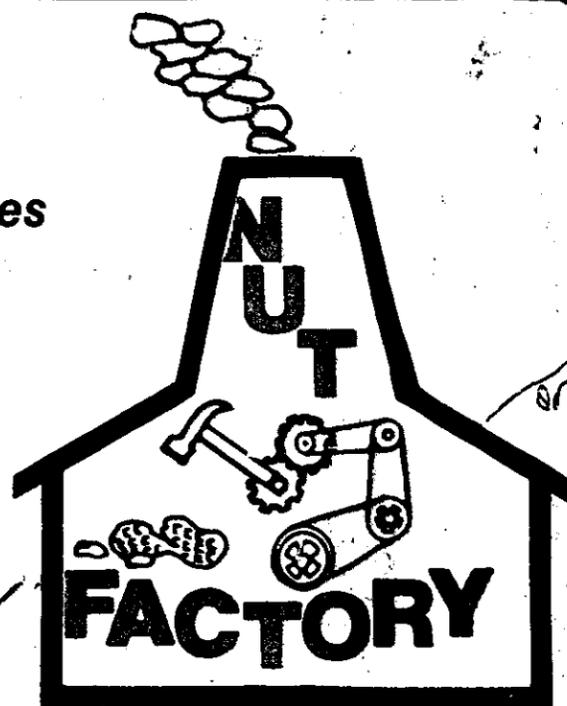
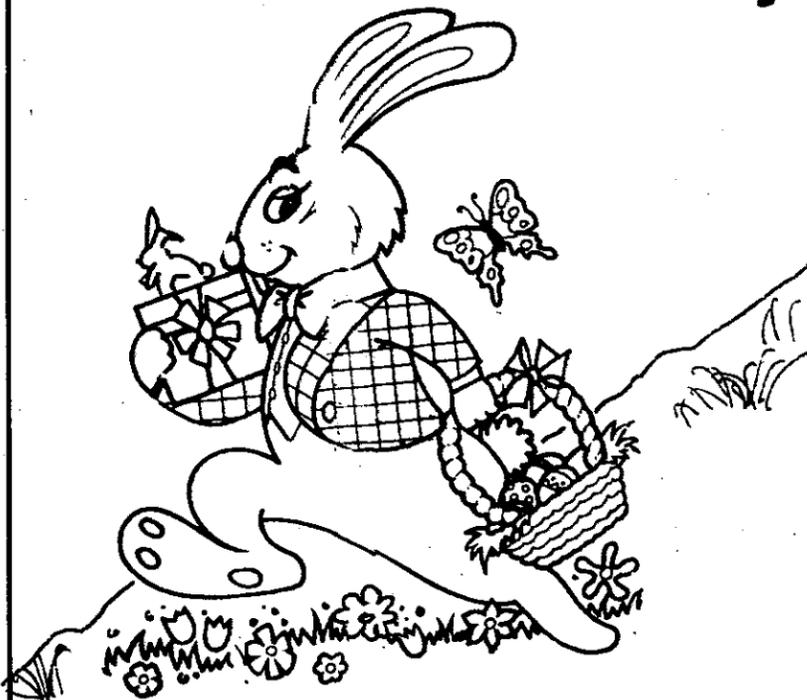
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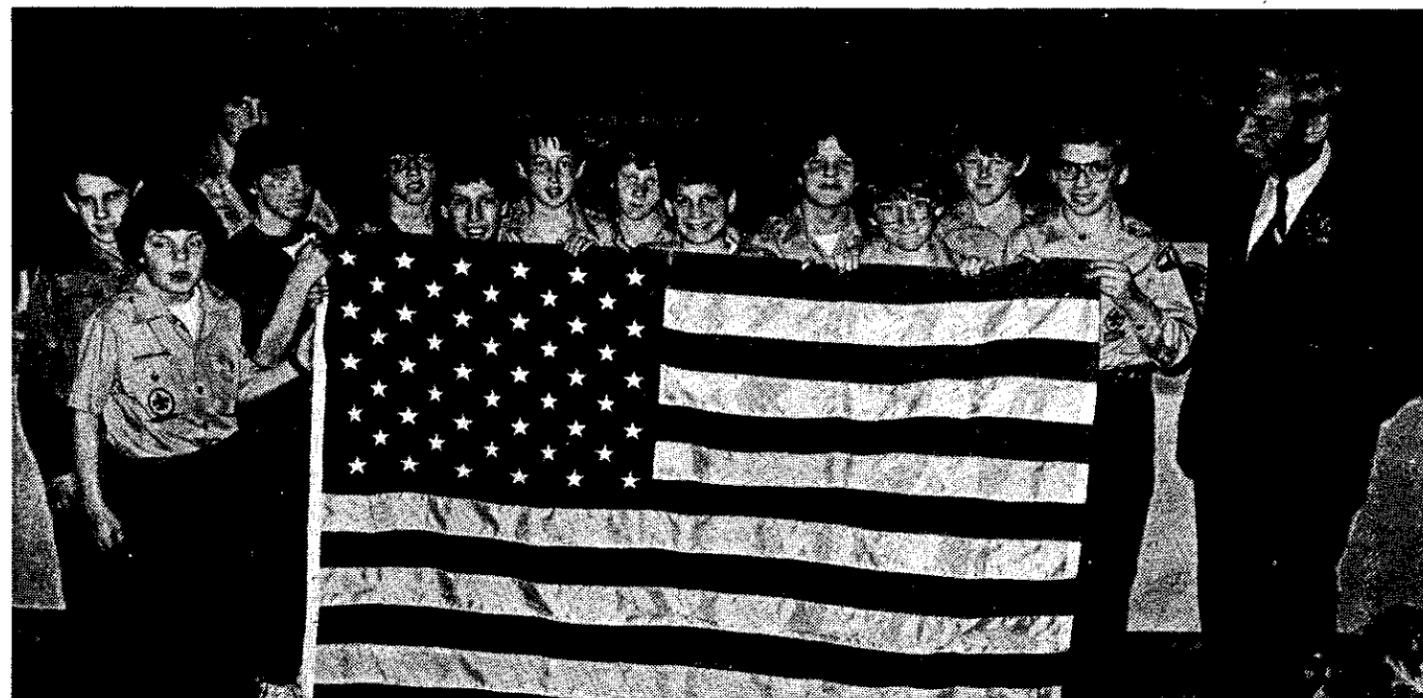
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