Assessment revolution
New Scotland plans reval

By Bob Hagyard

Like it or not, New Scotland may be heading toward a comprehensive reassessment of properties in the town.

Last week the town board asked Assessor William Bailey to gather informal price quotes for the report's recommendations and 'to hurry its plans to upgrade the town's assessment practices.

The topic should be a hot one for New Scotland, with its large proportion of older housing stock that hasn't changed hands in years—and hundreds of new houses just completed, under construction or on the drawing board.

Bethlehem won't be hurried

By Mark Stuart

In recent months three separate court cases involving New York State courts and the U.S. Supreme Court—handed down decisions outlawing "Welcome Stranger" assessment practices.

But Bethlehem's assessor says the decisions won't force the town to hurry its plans to upgrade the town's assessment practices.

"That is not a directive to us personally," said Assessor John Thompson. "We do not now have, nor have we ever had, a 'Welcome Stranger' policy in this town."

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled that such an assessment is unconstitutional for property to be assessed for tax purposes based on recent sales value while similar property remains at lower assessments because it has not changed hands recently.

Town takes heat on bypass proposals

By Mark Stuart

Selkirk residents, disturbed by the prospect of having new roads built through their hamlet, came out in force Wednesday night at a public hearing to discuss the recommendations of the recently completed Rd. 9W Corridor Study.

Speaking before the Bethlehem Planning Board, several Selkirk residents disputed the reasoning behind some of the report's recommendations and even offered alternative solutions to solving the problems of heavy truck traffic on Rt. 396.

The Rt. 9W Corridor Study is currently being evaluated by the board under the terms of the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA) to assess any impact the recommendations would have. Once those impacts have been weighed, the planning board will pass the document back to the town board which will make any changes or modifications to the zoning code.

The report was compiled by the New York City-based planning firm of Buckhurst Fish Hutton Katz and is the result of a six-month study, during which time a building moratorium was imposed. On March 22, the town board approved a 90-day extension of that moratorium, moving the expiration date from April 17 to July 6.

Town Planner Jeff Lipnicky reassured the audience that there were no concrete plans for the new roads and that any roadway construction is between five to 15 years into the future. "At this point we're talking about a conceptual document," Lipnicky said. "It does not contain a detailed analysis of roads, it does not contain a detailed fiscal analysis,...but it is a planning document that provides a concept for growth in the Rt. 9W Corridor."

Several residents said they were suspicious of the report since they had not heard anything about the study's recommendations until days before the meeting. Lipnicky pointed out that several stories had appeared in The Spotlight as well as the Times Union.

Among the several recommended improvements, the report suggested the construction of a Northern Bypass and Southern Bypass through Selkirk to alleviate some of the truck traffic on Rt. 396 and Rt. 9W. The report also suggested a Thruway interchange of the intersection of Rt. 9W and Rt. 32 in Glenmont, zoning overlays for existing zones, and several collector roads to alleviate some of the direct residential access onto Rt. 9W.

Dan Donnelly of Selkirk presented a petition opposing the Selkirk bypasses and pressed the board for a reason why Selkirk residents should pay for the new roadways through a special assessment district when the traffic problems are caused by outside traffic.

Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler said he too was uncomfortable with the idea of imposing costs on a neighborhood "when traffic may be from areas beyond your control."

"I'm not so sure I or this board, agree with that (special assessment district) either," he said. Ringler said the idea was "only a suggestion" and that the Capital District Regional Planning Commission had suggested in a letter to the town that impact fees be charged on properties in the town.
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Voters to decide fate of bond

By Sal Privitera Jr.

Voters in the Voorheesville Central School District will go to the polls today (Wednesday) to decide on an $8.9 million bond issue to remove asbestos, correct fire safety violations and improve the both junior-senior high school and the elementary school.

District officials say that the most urgent of the asbestos removal and fire safety work must be done this summer no matter what voters decide, leaving a situation where there may be as many as three opportunities to vote on the same issue, depending on how the voters react to this prospect and what the board's intentions were before the last week of the campaign for passage of the bond issue.

The 20-year bond issue will fund $2,574,300 worth of asbestos removal from both district schools, including the elementary school cafeteria where a small section of ceiling fell two weeks ago. The ceiling material contained asbestos resulting in the cafeteria being closed, while district personal removed the material and made repairs.

In addition to the asbestos removal, the bond issue would finance the correction of fire safety code violations, building improvements and a four-classroom addition at the high school.

Voting will take place at the high school from 2 to 9:30 p.m. Any person who is a U.S. citizen and has resided in the district for at least 30 days is eligible to vote.

If the bond issue fails, the board has the option of including $2,606,000 worth of contingency work in the annual budget or holding a second bond issue vote after 45 days, which could include any combination of items ranging from the entire $8.9 million project to just the contingency items. Contingency items are work tasks the district must complete under state Education Department guidelines and cannot be voted down by district residents.

The contingency work includes asbestos removal and the installation of a new heating system at the high school as well as the correction of fire safety code violations in both buildings.

BC's budget hearing attracts crowd of 2

By Cathi Anne M. Cameron

What if you throw a party and nobody came? That must have been on the minds of Bethlehem Central School Board members last Tuesday night as they presented their new $25,055,973 budget for review and comment — to an audience of two.

After President Shelia Fuller welcomed the "standing room only crowd", and the board administered some personnel matters, Superintendent Leslie Loomis gave an audiovisual overview of the budget.

According to Loomis, five weeks of deliberations had resulted in a proposed budget of $25,055,973 — up 9.34 percent from last year's $22,916,010 figure.

Wage and benefit packages will make up 78.89 percent of the total budget, including 60.75 percent in salary settlements. Employee benefits will increase 29.83 percent, and Board of Cooperative Educational Services (BOCES) services for additional pupils will increase 19.9 percent.

The district expects to generate $5,864,300 in revenue, a good long time since 45 days would have expired. The remaining $19,191,673 to come from area taxpayers.

The tax rate would be $238,008 per $1,000 for Bethlehem residents, or an 8.3 percent increase.

In New Scotland, however, following two years of rate decreases, a double-digit increase of 19.1 percent is planned, to $329.13 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. Assistant Superintendent for Finance and Budget Fraun Zwicldbauer had previously attributed the higher New Scotland valuation to a "substantial increase in the true property value rate in the area.

Loomis reviewed the board's commitment to maintaining facilities with $106,000 in principal and $285,000 in interest on the second payment on the $4.6 million loan for renovations of the Clarksville Elementary School ceiling, and the new $1.6 million bond issue for general repair and renovation.

Loomis also detailed the bus renovation that will come before district voters. To manage increasing elementary enrollment, a $274,000, five-year bond is being sought for five 55-passenger buses and two eight-passenger vans.

In summing up, Loomis said the district had "a BC education is a very high quality education, and our board has worked at delivering that education at the lowest cost.

Board member Bernard Harwig, who is running for re-election, commented to Loomis that "the only problem with your presentation is where's the music?".

It is a matter unrelated to the proceedings, Harwig called the board's attention to the proposed BFI waste-to-energy garbage burn plant proposed for a site at the Port of Albany in Bethlehem, and its possible loss to the Clenmont Elementary School, saying that he was concerned about "how the plant will operate and continue to operate. Obviously, we intend to operate the Clenmont school for a good long time, so this could be an area of growing concern."

In other business, the board agreed to regret the retirements of Joan Hyde, an elementary teacher at the Hamagrill Elementary School, secretary to the superintenden since 1974, Loomis commended Mr. Hyde, saying that he had "never met anyone who has produced as much material, with such a perfect manner, that last she would be greatly missed by him and by the board."

The board also noted that the high school's 30th birthday party was completed in time for the upcoming production of The Sound of Music at the Delmar Armory, an annual club's field trip to Stratford, Ontario, to attend the Shakespearean Festival there in May.

The board will meet again on April 26, and the 1989-90 budget vote is scheduled for Wednesday, May 3.
Matters of Opinion

Stay tuned

Sometimes the TV cable industry must feel like a motherless child. Few of its patrons regard it affectionately here or elsewhere, despite the growing trend to desert the networks for cable programming.

A good share of the clouded picture can be attributed to the non-informative policies of the cable franchisers which add up, in many viewers' minds, to a high-handed, take-it-or-leave-it arrogance.

And, in turn, a lot of such an attitude can be traced to the way in which the industry's unique grip on so many local areas was given license by the deregulation aura foisted on us by the Reagan ideologues. It's of a piece with deregulation of the aviation industry (and its present woes) and that masterpiece of non-sense that led to the breaking up of the nation's most efficient public service, AT&T.

Inaccessibility, defensiveness, bureaucratic incoherence — all these have come to characterize the cable industry's posture, at least as it comes through to the viewers inquiring public.

The mysteries of the franchises baffle and frustrate the customers. Pay the public bodies which must try to bring a degree of equity into the letting and re-letting of a franchise, a dilemma which currently confronts Bethlehem town board. The square deal for residents in the face of what has to be virtual monopoly.

Support for BOU

The success of the auction sponsored by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited is a very good sign for the whole town. For it underscored a healthy growth of a community spirit and belief in the need for and acceptance of mutual responsibilities.

In any community where families tend to turn toward one another, rather than isolating each other with "That's your problem" attitudes, the future for all is bound to be more promising.

BOU itself was launched in the spirit of mutual help with problems. The support that it enjoys is a sign for its goals is encouraging indeed — and fully deserved.

Many happy returns

April is the cruelest month, proclaimed Thomas Stearns Eliot long ago, and many of us heartbeat, though not necessarily in the sense that he intended. April is the month of IRS and other tax deadlines, and while few people are likely to be forgetful of doing their taxes, it is a shared experience which must try to bring a degree of equity into the district mailings, and in the community meetings and in the district mailings, what that after the third year of the bond, the bond's impact would

Better signs on Kenwood

The preliminary work that's starting this week on reconstruction of the miracle mile of Kenwood Avenue from the Four Corners to the Toll Gate is a welcome development for the many thousands of motorists who travel it weekly.

After a long period of inactivity, the roadway received a peculiar kind of attention last spring when the Department of Transportation planted some signs quite unnecessarily announcing it to be a "Rough Road." That it is, an additional hazard to driving that ought to have been on a work schedule long since.

Now the usual inconveniences of dodging around work crews and turn-up segments will be temporarily added, but here's one plain case of the end justifying the means.

Soul searching on Safe Homes

Editor, The Spotlight:

As had been expected, I recently received my contract form regarding the "Safe Homes" project.

I spent a long time soul searching, soliciting the opinions of my children and other adults, and recalling the many letters that have been in your letters columns, school literature and the Capital District area newspaper. I also found myself more acutely at tuned of some everyday occurrences which were not, at first, a part of my view but left me frustrated, disconnected and sad.

The things such as: Drivers aggressive and sometimes dangerous behavior, especially during the heavy traffic periods and in fast food take out options; the space limited parking lots (in Delaware Park); the numerous observed able-bodied adults emerging from cars in spaces reserved for handicapped persons; the dearth of movie, recreational and/or social centers for youths, yet prolific all of our banking options bespeaking our town's affluence; the ever increasing fast food take out options; and the fragmentation and clutter of the district at 765-3313 to obtain factual information rather than rely on possible second hand misinformation.

Joseph A. Fernandez
President
Board of Education

Misconceptions on bond issue

Editor, The Spotlight:

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Secondly, regarding the tax rate increase related to the bond issue. No one on the board ever said that the special tax rate would be increased. What we are saying, however, in the community meetings and in the district mailings, is that after the bond issue is paid, the bond's impact would

Vox Pop

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Thirdly, one of the writers took issue with the estimated $125 per month tax increase by implying that it was an underestimate of the true costs. This perception is incorrect because the estimated cost includes all related fees for the consultants in addition to the construction costs. Also, in compliance with state law, all taxes will be competitively bid to the lowest possible cost.

It is our hope that residents who continue to have uncertainties regarding the details of the bond will consult their district representatives at the district at 765-3313 to obtain factual information rather than rely on possible second hand misinformation.

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School board candidates

All candidates for school boards are invited to submit statements of their positions for use on The Spotlight's editorial pages. Statements from candidates for the Bethlehem Central school board will be run in the April 19 issue and must be submitted by noon April 14. Statements from candidates for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school board will be run in the April 26 issue and must be submitted by noon April 21.

Letters from candidates for public office are subject to special rules and deadlines. All candidates are urged to contact the editors as soon as possible for a printed copy of the rules. Ed.

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Horatius takes his stand

I jotted down a quote that I read somewhere within the past few weeks. I believe that it probably came from the Columbia University Gradu-

ate School of Journalism, but I cannot appear to find the source — I was too struck by the words:

"If the press doesn’t make a lot of money, man, it isn’t doing its job." Inasmuch as I am not a member of the "Vox Pop" column (but rather what magazine mastheads like to enumerate as their "cultural and entertainment" writers), I felt free to add my own comment, which is as follows.

Readers of The spotlight this past winter have can have failed to note that some correspondents writing to the "Vox Pop" column have been a source of considerable consternation, leering old gent.

Accordingly, I published this past week in the pages of The New Yorker, a publication that makes a big thing of accuracy and precision obviously is a populari-

zation of "vox populi," or "voice of the people. It’s what might be called "cute." Just as headings such as "muffin" above the letters are incorrect. Why not be straightforward about it, and call letters "letters," which is what they are?

No, dyspeptically, I’ll move on to another of my little crusades (one I appear to be fighting altogether single-handed). That’s a new one word puzzle-makers would put it) and call letters, "letters," which is what they are.

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but others don't, which ones are
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determinations?

Personally I would prefer to
capitalize on methods such as
those demonstrated by Beehler's
Central High School Principal
Jon Hunter. His letters home
to parents complimenting chil-
dren for a job well done had more
of an impact for my reinforcing a
positive direction sense of self
worth, and goal setting with my
children than even he can proba-
ably imagine.

Should there come a time
when, as an individual family
reinforced by a community, a con-
tract is developed that encom-
passes the following, I will gladly
be part (though like my children,
I may slip from time to time):
• I will treat all others in the
same manner that I wish to be
treated.
• I will not judge people based
on their income, marital status,
clothing, health club members,
sie or contents of their homes,
etc.
• I will let your child in my
home (and I will be there) espe-
cially if I see that (s)he has been
drinking. I will not condone the
behavior nor will I decide that
(s)he or you is bad. I'll just call
you immediately.
• I will not use my family time
perpetrating character assassina-
tions for those who do not share
my point of view.
• I will not, short of illegal acts,
declare that the difficult choices
you make for yourself and family
are wrong. Neither will I suscumb
to your or my children’s pressure
to compromise my own values on
family.
• I will never give permission
to your child to be rude to you or
their teachers, even when it is the
desire of those who are wrong and insen-
sitive.
• I will respect your home. Please respect mine.
• I will not assist anyone to
break the law. And to each of my
children, I believe in you, love you and do the best always. At your best and worst, I hope you will do the same.

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Response on Voorheesville bond

Editor, The Spotlight:

A number of months ago, Mr.
Childs wrote a letter to the editor
to publicly denounce Superinten-
dent Louise Gonan and call for
her resignation.

I was troubled that someone
would take such a step without
ever approaching Mrs. Gonan
directly to discuss whatever is-
sues were at the root of his con-
cerns. But, everyone is entitled to
his/her opinion and our free press
will treat all others in the his/heropinionandourfreepress

I do not feel compelled or in any
way forced to write as a represen-
tative of the board or because
I think my vision or opinions are
better than anyone else’s.

Mr. Childs writes that his let-
ter “is not an assessment of any
individual board member” and
that he does not question board
members’ “genuine desire to do
what they perceive as necessary
for the well-being of the district.”
I, too, can write a disclaimer. I do
not wish to impugn Mr. Childs’
moves. I do not know what his
motive is. He is no doubt an honora-
ble man and, when he states he
wouldn’t attempt in any way to
persuade anyone to vote
either way” I take his words at
face value. Nonetheless, in read-
ing Mr. Childs’ letter I find I have
a number of questions.

-Contest 1
If Mr. Childs has "complete faith in the people...to do the right thing," why does he assume they cannot assess for themselves whether the board has acted in good faith with the people of our district? Why does he rehash much of which has already been written and discussed and then conclude that "many people don't take the time to thoroughly read an item," which seems to convey that others can't or don't act and think for themselves?

If Mr. Childs believes that "no one else is responsible for the public's perception of this board as a body except the board itself" then why does he go to such lengths to characterize everything the board has done as "negative tactics"?

If Mr. Childs trusts people to make the best judgements "when they are dealt with in a straight-forward manner," when presented with clean-cut facts, and when they are perceived to have the ability to make the hard choices responsibly..." then why does he not acknowledge the work and respect of the recommendations of the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee? Why does he ignore the fact that this committee and the total community have been invited to examine reams of facts, to question and share their thoughts in many forums?

If Mr. Childs feels that there needs to be a change in the board's "attitude" to deal with the public effectively and candidly, and in a positive manner," then why has he waited until the week before the bond vote to write an indictment of our efforts instead of coming forward or even making a phone call to offer his assistance, to present some constructive steps we need to take in order to get us on the work of making our school district the best it can possibly be for the sake of our children and our community.

Mary V.A. Van Dyn Voorheesville

Gonan: Bond is community effort
Editor, The Spotlight

Looking over my experiences in Voorheesville, I feel quite fortunate in having had the opportunity to work with so many people eager to give of themselves to promote quality education. For the past three years, we have been calling on our community members to join us in our efforts to plan for the future of our district.

From January to June, 1981, I can recall many meetings when the Facilities Planning Advisory Committee, comprised of residents, staff, faculty, students, and administrators, worked well into the night wrestling with the many building and program needs while maintaining a sensitivity to fiscal realities in order to develop a report for the Board of Education.

During the past three years, the board engaged an architect to assess the condition of the facilities, a certified consultant to test and report on the asbestos and thoroughly studied the Facility Planning Advisory Committee report in order to get forth prudent proposals which would provide for the continuation of the excellent educational opportunities in Voorheesville.

More letters on page 8

It is my hope that at this crucial time, after almost three years of cooperative study of our facilities and program, that the Voorheesville residents will continue to support the very productive partnership which is now developing between the school and community. Our children will be the beneficiaries of this mutual effort.

Lewis M. Gonan
Suptendent of Schools

ALBANY COUNTY SANITARY CODE NEW DWELLING WATER SUPPLY AMENDMENT NOTIFICATION

The Albany County Board of Health has amended the Albany County Sanitary Code to require the availability of a safe and adequate water supply prior to construction of any new dwelling or dwelling unit.

This amendment, effective May 1, 1988, requires the review and approval of individual water supplies, (consisting of drilled wells), prior to issuance of a building permit and construction of a new dwelling or dwelling unit.

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Is Selkirk being hooodwinked?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Speak now or forever hold your peace! Regarding the Rt. 9W Corridor study, so many Selkirk residents are unaware of how this may affect them — maybe because none of the homeowners involved were notified about the pending "sacrifice."

According to the survey maps, Selkirk will be nothing but a mass of roads and bypasses. The "path of destruction" will wipe out several homes, both new and old. They say this will increase the value of our land. Translated, this means we all will be reassessed because of this property value increase, and those of us who can't afford the increase in taxes will have to "donate" our land to help pay for their cause.

The proposed roads will cut through several properties, leaving "landlocked" parcels that will be of no value to the owners. Those whose homes will remain because of this property value increase, and those of us who will probably wish they had been destroyed, because the traffic noise through their backyards will be deafening.

Vox Pop

I find it strange that this proposed plan just appeared as of last August. Why weren't we told about this possibility when we were issued our building permit in 1987? The first we were aware of any plan of action was in the Feb. 22, 1988, issue of The Spotlight. We also learned about a meeting on Monday, March 6. All information (complaints, suggestions, etc.) had to be presented to the committee by Friday, March 10. Are we being "hoodwinked"?

If you want more information about this plan, for $6 you can purchase a booklet at Town Hall. I believe that all land owners should be notified by letter of any possible change regarding their property.

Ronald J. Selkirk

Selkirk

The horses are escaping!

Editor, The Spotlight:

The formation of a broad-based committee to assist in the development of a revised master plan for the Town of Bethlehem is a positive development. The fact that development proceeds at an accelerating pace during this process is unfortunate. The approval by the planning board of large developments without the guidance of the revised master plan will, to some extent, defeat the plan before its adoption. This ill-advised process will "release the horses before the barn door can be closed."

What are the risks inherent in this questionable process? Articles and letters in The Spotlight indicate that a primary concern of residents is preservation of open space. Several local offices were paraphrased in the Times Union on March 29 as indicating the importance of preserving open space. Yet, despite a clear directive in the New York State Town Law and in the town's subdivision regulations, there exists no town policy to require developers to preserve open space in each subdivision or, if illegal, to make payments toward the development of open space.

The courts have construed the provisions of state law on enjoining a plan by which open spaces are reserved in all subdivisions and are noted on the official map to ensure that they are never developed. There is no legal requirement that a builder be permitted to develop every square foot of his land. On the contrary, there is a heavy emphasis in the town's regulations and the New York State Town Law on preservation of open space.

Thus without a policy to preserve open space, as subdivisions are approved one area after another will be developed. Planning will be at the mercy of developers not according to an updated master plan.

What is the remedy? Moratorium should be declared on all subdivision and major site plan development in the town. Stop the action until the master plan and zoning law revisions are completed. New York courts have upheld moratoria that serve this purpose. It has been recognized that the moratorium is a necessary planning tool to permit careful revision of zoning regulations without the worry that ongoing development will defeat the purpose of revisions seven years before they are adopted. The moratorium would apply to all applications in process and would remain in force for a reasonable time to allow the development of the master plan and revision of zoning regulations. As development of the town proceeds at a quickening pace, the pristine meadows, farmland and wooded areas are being lost. These areas serve as habitats for birds and other wildlife and serve as a buffer between developments and town roads. These natural areas preserve the character of the town as a blend of suburban and country living. This is what people in the hamlet of the town and it is feared that unbridled development will forever change the character of the town. In balancing the economic interests of the builder and developer, every square foot in a proposed subdivision against the interests of the residents of the town, there is no contest.

The law requires preservation of open space and the courts of the town have clearly expressed their views on the subject. Let's wake up — close the barn door before all the horses escape!

James D. Cole

Delmar

According to Bethlehem Planning Board Chairman Ken Ringler, there is no Bethlehem law establishing open space specifications or procedures on the books at this time. He said that currently open space is addressed by the board on a case-by-case basis.

Sports Mart gets a boost

Editor, The Spotlight:

On Saturday, April 8, Boy Scout Troop 58 held its annual Spring Sports Mart, an Uniform Exchange. We wish to thank McDonald's of Delmar and Ravena for their support of this project.

We would also like to thank the school districts of Bethlehem, Voorheesville and Ravena-Coleman-Selkirk, as well as The Spotlight, Tri-Village Drugs, Tri-Village Little League, The Bethlehem Soccer Club and the Tri-Village churches for their help in spreading the word.

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Going down?

It's getting harder to argue for the bond market continuing much longer.

The simplest argument for recession may be the most compelling, though the least articulate. The Wall Street Journal (March 6) put it this way: "There's no economic law requiring expansions to come to an end. But they always do." Why? Because "economy" is a word for a myriad of activities, many in conflict with each other. Intuitively you can sense that the likelihood of maintaining such a juggling act is small. That's why more and more economists are wondering how much longer it can last.

Let's look at some specifics. I wrote about the inflation worry in the March 15 issue. That hasn't changed. The interest rate story is complicated and wise men differ, but here's my reading: The brave folks on Wall Street who push up prices every time there's thinking that higher returns are expected from cash than stock. Looking to the next year or so, maybe longer, I'm almost positive you're going to be paying less while never having to change because they can't maintain such a juggling act. The interest rate story has succeeded. That's because rising interest rates and inflation. They think, just because we are stalling you in the stock market. Why? Well, of 9 1/2 percent on Treasuries it's easy to put it this way: Rising interest rates and inflation and a slowing economy just so by raising interest rates, it's easy to maintain such a juggling act is small. That's why more and more economists are wondering how much longer it can last.

For a while, if they want, stock investors can look one way while bond investors look another; but eventually they will both have to look at the whole picture, and when they do, one of them will have to change because they can't maintain such a juggling act. At some point either stock prices are too high or bond prices are too low.

Activity. This makes it harder for companies to achieve increases in earnings, and this in turn makes it harder for us to pay even higher prices for these companies' stocks. Make us nervous enough and we'll sell.

The suggestion, of course, is that, if we're headed where it looks more and more like we're headed, then the increasing likelihood is for a flat stock market, if not a falling one. It's possible that we're seeing some early warning signals of just that. Most obvious is what happened in the stock market on March 17. From nowhere massive selling pressure emerged, with the Dow down more than 50 points in the first hour of trading on that was the fifth biggest ever. This is how the Wall Street Journal (March 20) to warn of a possible "global stock market crash rivaling October 1987." This strikes me as over-reacting, but you can worry about it if you like. If many people worry enough, we're going through a wave of selling pressure and panic...
By Mark Stuart

Concerns ranging from the need for "upscaled zoning" and a controversial area concerning its proximity to other major developments and the town's plans to extend the Delmar Bypass.

The development calls for 128 single-family homes along Orchard St. and of the Oliver Homestead were aired last Tuesday at a public hearing of the Bethlehem Planning Board to discuss the draft environmental impact statement for Cedar Ridge.

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Bob Kuhn, a Delmar resident employed by the state Historic Preservation Office, said the DEIS was wrong and that the Oliver Homestead is eligible and that the home is safe and worthy of being preserved regardless of whether or not the subdivision was approved.

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Brian Danforth, vice president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Association, urged the planning board to consider all three projects. He said Cedar Ridge would add 1,100 auto trips daily, Delmar Village would add 2,000 and Bethlehem Village would add 11,000.

Furthermore, Danforth pointed out that when completed, all three projects would add 15 percent more than the existing dwelling units currently in Slingerlands.

Sam Messina discussed the population figures for Cedar Ridge. Using Capital Region Planning Commission data, he said the development would mean 490 new residents as opposed to 414 in the DEIS, a difference of 15 people. He also said the town's planning board will be left with the task of evaluating the project's effect on traffic, school, fiscal and environmental impacts.

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BCRP questions Cedar Ridge impact

Although the public hearing was on the Cedar Ridge impact statement, at times it evolved into an attack on the town's planning process and standards.

The attack was led by members of Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning. Some speakers requested that zoning be implemented towadise with minimum lot sizes set between two and three acres per home, particularly for the Cedar Ridge project.

BCRP Chairman John Snodinsky was one of those who advocated "upscale zoning" in the Cedar Ridge project in his opening comments to the board. He also said the draft impact statement was inadequate since it did not address the project's effect on adjacent properties and that in the Cedar Ridge DEIS, as with any planning document, the consultant should not have been chosen by or paid by the developer.

Project Developer Art Brod explained that the DEIS contained information on four project proposals on the 93-acre tract. The primary proposal was for the 129-unit single family home subdivision under the existing A-A-R (Residential and A-Residential and mixed use consisting of A-Residential and clustering.

Opponents to the proposed project centered their comments on the cumulative effect of several similar projects. Some also said the DEIS did not address the project's effect on the Village of A-Residential and clustering.

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**GE generator plans to Board of Appeals**

By Mark Stuart

Plans for a $40 million gas-fueled, electric-generation project at the General Electric plant in Selkirk were presented to the Bethlehem Building Department last week and will be heard by the Bethlehem Board of Appeals at a public hearing next Wednesday at 7:45 p.m.

The project will require a special exemption request from the town. A site plan is being proposed by JMC Selkirk, Inc.

The facility is designed to provide all of the General Electric plant's electricity and projected project's electricity and projected wastewater.

The cogeneration facility will be located on 2.5 acres of the GE Selkirk Plastics property and will produce both steam and electricity. Steam will be used in the plant's plastic manufacturing and 79 megawatts of electricity will be sold to Niagara Mohawk Power Corporation. The facility will be fueled primarily by natural gas with low-sulfur oil or propane used as a back-up source.

The new facility is designed to replace the plant's existing environmental impact. The existing oil-fired boilers will be used only as a back-up source for steam. That system used 111 million gallons of oil in 1988, according to a GE report. The facility will be fueled by natural gas.

GE estimated that 100 construction jobs will be created over a period of 15 months. Twenty-five full-time permanent jobs will be created upon completion.

JMC Selkirk is a joint venture between General Electric's Plastic Division, Old State Management Corporation and J. Makowski Associates.

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By Allison Bennett

Jacob Jansen (Jansen means "son of Jan.") was born 1632 in Etten, North Brabant, Holland. He came to America by 1650 and settled at Kingston, N.Y., where he married Anna Maria in 1665. Their son, Peter Van Etten (Van means "from"), and his son, Johannes Van Etten, remained in the Kingston area. Johannes' son, Benjamin Van Etten, was baptized in Red Hook, N.Y., in 1730 and married in 1752. After the Revolutionary War, when the Patroon Van Rensselaer was advertising for settlers to come to his lands along the Delaware Turnpike, a highway which was not even in existence in 1787. Benjamin Van Etten is the man who built the stone house dated 1791, which today stands amid a cluster of later houses along the Delaware Turnpike.

An early Van Etten cemetery, which stands across the Turnpike Road from the house, has elegant monuments and an iron fence that are elaborate for a country farm burying ground. William Van Natta (another variation of the name), son of Benjamin, is buried there. William was the clerk of the meeting that was held on Feb. 15, 1835, to oversee the building of the church at Unionville. Prior to that date in 1791, a group of early settlers had banded together to form a Dutch Reformed Church congregation that built a sanctuary between the villages of Unionville and Fera Bush. The earliest grave in the little cemetery is that of John McHench, who died in 1814. The McHench family must have lived in the immediate area because one of the men married into the Van Etten family. Perhaps the two families joined together in opening and maintaining the little country cemetery.

While the Van Etten descendants continue to own the stone house, they built a larger frame house just to the west in later years. That property was sold to Joseph Markas in the first quarter of the 20th century and passed out of Van Etten ownership.

The little stone house is plain in style, but sturdily built to last for many lifetimes. The house was at one time used to shelter chickens and store feed and farm equipment. The chickens are reported to have roosted on the mantel.
The settle, Van Etten, lived here for a few years. The porch was usable a good portion of the sunny day. A heavy, two-part, wide doorway leads into the living room of the master bedroom, as do, and can be found among the circulating books.

Many of the paned glass were once fairly simple. For years the field was dominated by European publishers and their well-illustrated, comprehensive guides for the serious traveler. The guides published by Fodor (Stuttgart), Nagel (Geneva) and Muirhead’s Blue Guides (London) were, and still are, crammed with details of local history, art and architecture, and scenic features. The library is well-stocked with these guides, especially to Third World destinations. But with the increase in travel and tourism over recent decades, these traditional guides began to seem tedious and old-fashioned. One wonders how literally to take a traveler’s recommendations in a particular area or approach.

Eugene Fodor posthumously received his travel guide to Europe in 1936. More modern in style and format than his predecessors, Fodor’s Guides offered comprehensiveness, practical travel advice and information written by area specialists. Fodor now publishes 139 guides to countries and cities, 125 of which are revised annually. Fodor is the oldest American publisher in the field.

Temple Fielding published his guide to Europe in 1958 as an alternative to old-style travel books. His has evolved into a major source of information on Europe’s standards of middle and affluent life.

The library’s media center has a variety of producers. The tourism section has travel guides that can help you plan your next trip. Travel guides cover a wide range of topics, from backpacking to luxury travel, from budget to high-end accommodations. The library also carries travel videos, which can be found in the media center.

Wherever wanderlust leads you, save time and money by checking out a travel guide from the library before you go. Bon voyage.

Three-town GEIS
meeting postponed

Albany County Engineer Paul Conney has cancelled the April 12 meeting at the New Scotland Co-op to discuss the proposed generic environmental impact statement for the proposed GEIS for the towns of Bethlehem, Guilderland and New Scotland.

Cooney said that due to difficulties in obtaining town officials being able to attend, the meeting had to be postponed until some time in late May.

The meeting was originally scheduled for officials of the three towns to discuss a travel guide to the Caribou. There were concerns about the cumulative effect of new roadways and development in the Brunswick area.

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HALF MOON BUTTON CLUB, meeting. Beth­lehem Public Library, Delmar, noon, information, 439-2423.

BETHLEHEM NETWORK PROJECT, discussion on communi­ty, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9214.

ADVANCED APPLEWORK WORKSHOP, sponsored by Albany Public Library, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-4143.

SECOND COURSE CURRY, four course cur­ry, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Route 351, Delmar, information, 439-5405.

"MARRIAGE THAT GLOWS," sponsored by Delmar Reform Church, presented by Elizabeth Iseman, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9245.

LISTENING TO AND UNDERSTANDING YOUR CHILD, presented by Elizabeth Iseman, Bethlehem Public Library, Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 439-9214.

DELMAR PROGRESS CLUB, evening group, dinner and performance by Vtglope Rosa, Stone Inn Restaurant, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-6059.

NEW YORK INSTITUTE FOR PSYCHIC INVESTIGATION, speaker on. Albany Public Library, 161 Wash­ington Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 439-1007.


MEMBER RECEPTION, sponsored by Albany Police Athletic League, 416 Broadway, 5:30 p.m. Information, 425-7001.

"SALUTE TO GULDBERG," dinner, Polish Community Center, Washington Ave., 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-9000.

CAREERS IN COMMUNICATION, conference, sponsored by Women's Press Club of New York and Junior College of Albany. 140 New Scotland Ave., 8:30 a.m. Information, noon, 212-2546.

SOCIAL WORK IN AN AGING SOCIETY, supported by Greater Albany Project. 755 Washington Ave., 9 a.m. Information, 412-7729.

BONANDEE DANCE, with David Pliska, State University of New York, 7:30 p.m. Registration, 439-4328.

CAPITAL DISTRICT SKEIN SELLERS DEVELOPMENT, dinner meeting. Halfmoon 5 Corn­smiths, 1010 Atlantic Ave., Troy, 7:30 p.m. Information, 517-7500.

MEETING, Capital District Association of Racial Equality Owners of reduc­ing the high costs of insurance for people of color. Workers Comp­ensation Board, 415 Central Ave., Colonie, 8 p.m., Registration, 439-6003.

DELMAR FIRE DISTRICT COMMISSION, open meeting, Del­mar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4003.

BETHLEHEM OPPORTUNITIES UNLIMITED, open meeting. Town Hall, noon 106, p.m.

NEW SCOTLAND

TUNES, "Cole Porter's Flying Circus," Monday Love With the West­ervoere Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 767-4328.

MAGIC SHOW, by Doug Botzlo, Voorhees­ville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Information, 767-4328.

STORY HOUR, Voorhees­ville Public Library, 3 p.m. Information, 767-2791.

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"THE LYNX RESTORATION PROJECT," lecture, sponsored by Five Rivers Environmental Center, lecture center 5, State University of Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 453-1809.

SPRING LUNCHEON, Bethlehem Women’s Republican Club, awards and installations, Normanside County Club, 59 South 11:45 a.m. Information, 439-6028.

HALFWAY THERE," one hour drama on the problems of drug use, for parents and teenagers, Bethlehem Central Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar spaghetti dinner

The Ladies Auxiliary will hold a spaghetti dinner on Saturday, April 15, from 5 to 7 p.m., at the Selkirk Fire Company No. 3, Rt. 396, South Bethlehem.

Adults will be admitted for $5.50, and children for $3. Children under 5 will be admitted free.

For information call 767-9513.

Jane and Don Kenyon of Delmar will discuss, show and sell their handcrafted Kenyon Bears at the New York State Museum Shop this Saturday from 2 to 4 p.m. as part of the museum’s Teddy Bear Weekend. The Kenyon Bear is made from authentic patterns that date back to the Theodore Roosevelt presidency.

BETHLEHEM ARCHAEOLOGY GROUP, presentations by volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience on easy Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

PUBLIC HEARINGS, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on expulsions of Edward T. Domine and J. Seidle, Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELM LODGE, meets first and third Wednesdays, Old Center Inn, St. Rt. 9W, Guilderland, 7 p.m.

BETHLEHEM ELKS LODGE 2233, meets first and third Wednesdays. OESOUTHAM CHAPET, ORDER OF THE EASTERN STAR, meets first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

BETHLEHEM CHAMBER OF COMMERCE, breakfast meeting, The Old Center Inn. Guilderland, 8:30 to 11 a.m. Reservation 439-0312.

OPEN HOUSE, New York Farm Bureau, marketing warehouse, 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. Information, 734-9556.

MAHICANS: SALESMEN OR VICTIMS. Talk by Shirley Dunn, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Historical Association Museum, 114 Seidle.

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Ringer enters race for GOP nomination

By Mark Stuart

Kenneth Ringer officially announced his candidacy for the Republican nomination for the Bethlehem supervisor's post at a Tuesday morning press conference at the Albany Motor Inn in Glenmont.

Ringer is the second person to announce candidacy in the Republican nomination. Councilman Sue Ann Ritchko made her announcement on March 20, the same day Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said he would not seek reelection. Ringer's strategy appears to be to head off a primary fight by gaining a strong endorsement from party leaders, but it is not clear whether he can be successful at that.

"Many of my friends and colleagues believe that my approach to public service and my experience in management as a business person matches with many of Bethlehem's future needs and challenges," Ringer said in making his announcement. "For my own part, my candidacy represents an extension of my desire to serve my community."

Ringer said Gary Swan, a Glenmont resident who has been active in local party battles for the last four years, "will be a part of" his campaign, but stopped short of saying that Swan would serve as his campaign manager.

Ringer said that if he receives the endorsement of the Bethlehem Republican committee he would be prepared to run in a primary. If he does not receive the party endorsement, he said, Ritchko has said, "my commitment to seek this office will continue, if the process involves a primary challenge." The Republican committee is expected to make endorsements sometime in mid-May.

The political ramifications of Swan's participation in Ringer's campaign may reopen party battles that date back to the 1984 race for the 102nd State Assembly seat. Bethlehem GOP Chairman Bernard Kaplowitz and Swan both unsuccessfully ran for the Assembly seat but were defeated in the Republican primary by John Faso of Kinderhook.

Following that primary, the Republican committee endorsed Charles Fritts to run against Swan supporter Kenneth Hahn for Receiver of Taxes in the 1987 Republican primary. However, after Hahn won the two sides patched up some of their differences and Swan was reappointed as a member of the town's Board of Appeals.

Ringer faces the task of overcoming Ritchko's high visibility. She is a member and chairman of several town committees and holds the post of deputy supervisor. One development Republicans couldn't predict prior to last November, however, was BTR Realty's Bethlehem Village proposal. Along with a new shopping center, it is a $20 million pegged to a Supermarket as an anchor store.

In order to receive the necessary support, Ringer's first political objective is to convince Ritchko to support a trip to Ottawa planned in May.

The travel committee of the Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art is sponsoring a trip to Ottawa, Canada's capital city, from May 19 to 22.

The tour will take place during the Festival of Spring, when the city's four million tulip bulbs will be in bloom. The bulbs were given as a gift to Canada by the people of the Netherlands, whose Dutch royal family sheltered in Ottawa during World War II.

The tour includes transportation to Ottawa and return, three nights at the Westin Hotel and tours of Parliament Hill, Rideau Hall, the official residence of Canada's Governor General, a viewing of the new National Gallery of Canada and a sound and light spectacle on Parliament Hill.

There will also be visits to Kingston, former home of Mackenzie King.

The tour price is $392 per person. Information can be obtained by calling the Albany Institute, 463-4478. Majority of the Republican committee members that he is the right candidate. To that end, Ringer said he has personally written each Republican Committee member to request that they vote for him.

The keynote speaker will be Gary Swan. The club's new officers will also be installed at the luncheon.

A hot and cold buffet will be served between 12:30 and 1 p.m. The cost will be $30 per person, which can be paid in advance or at the door. Spaces are limited.

To make reservations, call 787-3345. All reservations must be made by April 19.

Meet the Candidates' night planned

The Bethlehem Parent-Teachers Association President's Council is sponsoring a meet the candidates night on Tuesday, April 25, in the Bethlehem High School auditorium. The three candidates, Bernard Havith, Marcia Roth, and George Sussman, will present their platforms and answer questions from the audience. The public is invited to attend.

Adams-Russell wants renewal

By Mark Stuart

Adams-Russell Cable Services of New York, Inc. has submitted a letter of intent to renew its cable franchise with the Town of Bethlehem.

As part of a voluntary process detailed in the federal Cable Communications Policy Act of 1984, the letter serves to give notice to the town that there is no reason to look for a different franchise and allows the town to continue any process of requests for improvements that may have already begun.

Adams-Russell is currently serving in the Town of Bethlehem under a 10-year franchise that expires Aug. 1, 1991.

As of December, Adams Russell had installed 4.5 miles of new cable extensions, which Smede said brings the total cable in Bethlehem to 544.

In addition, Smede said, a new character generator was purchased for the Bethlehem Public Library of use as a community calendar on the Bethlehem Channel, channel 32.

Adams-Russell is expected to submit its 1989-90 budget request to its parent company, Cablevision, over the next few weeks. Smede said. Phone calls to Smede during the past week to determine what improvements will be contained in the new budget and if any rate increases could be expected were not returned.

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The Town of Bethlehem Historical Association is looking for dealers of quality merchandise to participate in the annual tailgate sale scheduled to take place on the grounds of the Cedar Hill Museum, Rt. 144 at Clapper Road, Selkirk, on Saturday, May 20, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Rain date is Sunday, May 21. For information about the sale and display space, call 493-6450 or 707-9019.

RCS early dismissal
This Thursday, RCS students will be dismissed early so that they may participate in the annual tailgate sale scheduled to take place on Sunday, May 21. For information about the walk, contact Rev. Thomas Whitbourn at 756-6312.

Computers whizzes
This month, several A.W. Becker students have improved their computer skills and the staff wishes to acknowledge their successes. They are Elizabeth Fox-Solomon and Mike Sengenberger from Mrs. Carpenter’s class; Courtney Esters and Nancy McCamphua, Mrs. Maiorana; Christina Farenzok, Noah Lamoree, Michael Lintner and Stephen Schmitt from Mrs. Scuderi’s class; Joseph Adams, Perry Came, Melissa Albright and Omar Pelciano from Mrs. Barasch’s class; Helen Foley and Brent Dragon, Miss Wood, Brenda Engel, Mr. Selover, Kristal Burns, Valerie Duncan, Dawn Cameron and Sherri Pelcon from Mrs. Szczeranko’s class; Tara House, Lee Beers, Billy Shear and Gary Pigeon from Mrs. Neylan’s class; and Raine McCna, Mr. Gould. Four students will be selected for the school for March in reading was Brianne Searles; in math, Elizabeth Fox-Solomon, and in problem solving, Guy Pigeon.

Elks exalted ruler
Ken Parker has been elected Exalted Ruler of the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 for the 1989-90 term. Ken is likely best known for his coordinator of the Elks Deer Hide drive which collects skins to be sold to local hunters to state game officials for use in craft and rehabilitation projects.

Auxiliary card party
The Ladies Auxiliary of the Bethlehem Elks will be holding a card party, Thursday at the lodge in Cedar Hill beginning at 7:30 p.m. Tickets are available at the door and entertainment will be provided by male exotic dancers. Refreshments will be available.

Chicken supper
The Oneonta Reformed Church will be holding a chicken and biscuit supper on Saturday, April 22, with servings at 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. Reservations are required and can be made by calling 768-2015.

Growing plants
Tim Nicholson visited Mrs. Hunt’s first grade to share his knowledge of growing plants with the class. Nicholson talked to the children about what plants need to grow. He assisted each child in planting their own grass seed and explained how to create humidity by making a small greenhouse from a soda bottle. Nicholson enjoys his work and has some of his daughter’s classmates may choose mushroom work as a career.

4 to run for RCS board
Four Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District residents have filed petitions to run for the three board of education seats up for election this May.

Three board seats are up for election on May 17. Veteran board members Steve Berletic of Alcove and Wayne Furman of Ravena will seek re-election to the board. Board President Mark Sengenberger announced two weeks ago that he will not seek re-election.

All three board member’s three-year terms expire in June.

Also running for the board in the at-large election are Mona Selover of Coeymans Hollow, a former district teacher, and James Feurich of Selkirk.

Orchard Park to hear about ground water
By Bob Haygard
Groundwater data collected by the state department of Transportation will be aired before Orchard Park residents Wednesday (tonight) at 7:30 p.m. at New Scotland Town Hall. Tony Adamczyk of the state Department of Environmental Conservation, who has analyzed the DOT data, will be present with Ed Danely, manager of the state deposit just west of Orchard Park, and county health officials.

Two aquifers lie below Orchard Park. The deeper water source contains salt by nature; the one above it is suspected to contain salt leached in from the salt storage pile formerly on the state property.

New Scotland Supervisor Herbert Reilly has urged other town board members to attend. The board last week petitioned the state to cease all “activity which is producing contamination” and "provide direct assistance and support in the creation of a water district for Orchard Park.

Lifeguard test
The State University at Albany will host a state parks lifeguard test at 9 a.m. Saturday, at the university pool. Contact Cindy Mathis or Steve Dyer at 1-584-2000 for further information.

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By Ann Treadway

On a Sunday afternoon in January of 1989, David Laiosa of Slingerlands made a phone call he'd been thinking about for a long time. His wife, Joyce, dialed the number for him.

The call was to a State University at Albany math professor, an old friend, and it started Laiosa on his way to a mid-life career change. He had decided — after 17 years in the business world — to act on his childhood ambition to be a math teacher.

Last spring, Laiosa received a master's degree in education from SUNY, and he's now teaching math at Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, filling in as a teacher on maternity leave. He took the interim job after being a substitute teacher for two months last fall — in many different classrooms and school districts.

For a man turning 40 next month, with a wife and three children, the move from the salesroom to the classroom hasn't been easy. His first job was a permanent teaching job yet, Laiosa says he has no regrets about the career switch. "I knew there weren't a lot of teaching positions open in this area," he said, "and even for math or science teachers."

There may be teacher shortages in some areas of the country, but he was forewarned by Dr. Margaret Parrell, the SUNY professor he called for initial advice, that such shortages don't currently exist in the Capital District, Laiosa said.

But he's hopeful that a permanent position will come his way soon — and glad that he "had the guts," as his 14-year-old son, Michael, puts it, to act upon his desire for a change instead of just talking about it.

His wife supported the decision, too, even though their youngest child was just a month old when he made that first phone call. "She could tell I wasn't happy," Laiosa said, "and I had been talking about wanting to teach for a long time."

He was also inspired, he said, by the example of a friend, Robert Donnelly, who left a professorship at the State University at Albany High School to go into the priesthood.

Laiosa, a Rochester native, had actually enrolled at the State University at Albany in 1967 as a math education major, but switched in his junior year to a major in math and minor in computer science. "Who knew why?" he says now. "My wife thinks I didn't get enough encouragement, but may be part of it was my own fear."

He also remembers that teaching was not a popular career choice in those days because of its reputation for long hours and poor pay. "I thought I wanted a 9 to 5 job," Laiosa said.

The Laiosas, who met in college, married soon after graduating and moved to their present home. Michael was born a few years later, followed by Daniel, now 9, and Matthew, now 2. Dave Laiosa's first job was with General Electric, as a customer service representative in a distribution center. When GE wanted to transfer him to Boston four years later, he went to work for Sysco Frosted Foods in Albany, where he stayed for about 13 years.

He still works for Sysco, on an hourly basis, when he has time away from school duties (most recently, during the winter break in February). Indeed, it was his employer's willingness to let him work there on a flexible schedule that helped make his career charge possible. While earning the 39 credits he needed for a master's degree in education, from the spring semester of 1987 through the spring of 1988, he worked part-time at Sysco.

"And I'm sure I'll be back there this summer," he said, noting that the good relationship he has with management means he could probably be re-employed there any time he wanted.

But he has already turned his goal of a permanent teaching job in the area, in spite of the financial sacrifice it means to the family at this point. As a beginning teacher with a master's degree, he earns about $22,000 in the RCS school district. Some local districts have slightly higher starting pay rates."

That amount represents a big cut from his earnings after 17 years as a businessman, but even though he "bemoans the fact that we're broke," Laiosa said, he's also a happier person, and that means his family is happier, too.

Not that teaching is any piece of cake, as this newcomer to the profession is quick to point out. "I've had good days and bad days," he said. "And I know I've made some mistakes, particularly in the area of discipline."

Laiosa said he had always enjoyed good relationships with young people and thought that "being fair" would prevent discipline problems — but that hasn't always been the case.

Teaching, for him, has been both more frustrating and more rewarding than his previous work experiences, he said. The hours are long; besides working from 7:30 a.m. to 3 p.m. five days a week, he puts in an average of two hours every night and three to four hours every weekend, preparing lesson plans and tests, or grading papers.

"I'm getting more confident all the time," he said, "but motivating students, which I think is a teacher's number one challenge, is very difficult."

The personal rewards are also very great, Laiosa said. He's seen a few of his students improve their math marks dramatically — and that, he says, is "a very good feeling."

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Celebrating library week in Voorheesville

Library plans week of special events

The Voorheesville Public Library is celebrating National Library Week with something for everyone. The celebration, which begins Monday, includes silhouette festival for adults, a magician for all ages and an evening of modeling.

Special films for adults are being shown on Monday, and Tuesday and Thursday at 7 p.m. A special book discussion group will meet on Wednesday at 7 p.m.

Today (Wednesday) at 10 a.m., magician Doug Bartels will enter.

Voorheesville News Notes

Lynda Stadig 765-3041

Information to end the week, the Barbara Thomas Modeling Agency will present a program entitled "The Wonderful World of Modeling" on Friday, April 14, beginning at 7 p.m. Those in fifth grade, and up may sign up for this free program by stopping at the library or calling 765-2791.

Next week, during school vacation, special programs will be held. On Tuesday, a craft program will be held. On Thursday, the film "The Muppets Take Manhattan" will be shown at 2 p.m. Story hours will be held Monday, Tuesday, and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and again at 1:30 p.m. on Friday. All are welcome.

Breakfast scheduled

Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493 will hold its monthly public breakfast on Sunday, April 16, from 8 a.m. until noon at the Legion Hall in Voorheesville Ave. Chairman John Stansfield has announced a menu of sausage, eggs, home fried or fench toast with all the trimmings. Cost of the meal is $3 for adults and $2 for children under 12. All are welcome to attend. Proceeds will go to support Legion activities.

Vacation time

Parents of students in the Voorheesville Central School District are reminded that both the junior-high and elementary schools will be closed from April 17 until April 21 for Spring vacation. Classes at both schools will resume on Monday, April 24.

Use of facilities

To be limited

As a result of the work scheduled to take place at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and the Voorheesville Elementary School this summer, the use of facilities will have to be limited. Superintendent Louise Conlan and building principals are looking into this situation and forming plans. Realizing that the school facilities are an integral part of the community, the District will notify residents as soon as these plans are finalized.

Finalists named

Three members of the Class of 1989 at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High School have been named finalists in the Distinguished Young Scholar Scholarship Program. According to the National Merit Scholarship Corporation, sponsors of the program, finalists Colin Brice, David Larabee and Peter Mollin are in a select group of fewer than one-half of one percent of American high school seniors.

Program reminder

The Holdervan Garden Club will sponsor a program on flower arranging on Thursday, April 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The program, by On Thai, will be held following the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

PTSA sponsors skating

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor roller skating again on April 13, at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville. The program, by On Thai will be held following the business meeting starting at 7 p.m.

PTSA sponsors skating

The Voorheesville PTSA will sponsor roller skating again on Thursday, April 20, and Friday, April 21, in the grade school gym. Tickets are $3 for each day and will go on sale at the grade school today (Wednesday) at 8:30 a.m.

Bond

If the 20-year-bond issue is approved, the initial tax impact is projected above 2,317.84 percent or $8.75 per $1,000 of assessed valuation. The district is planning on using bond stabilization notes (DBNs) to reduce the initial tax impact.

The tax impact would increase again by 3.85 percent or $12.97 per $1,000 in the second year. Under the proposed bond issue plan, the highest tax impact could be in the third year when the principal payments begin and the additional 1.67 percent or $5.59 per $1,000. The tax impact would then decrease each subsequent year.

The safety violations from the 1987 state-mandated inspection include exit doors that are chained closed at night and inadequate air conditioning in the school. Improper exit windows at the elementary school and improper exits from the high school courtyard.

Elementary improvements include the relocation of services such as the library to the second floor, installing new grade levels and improving the bus waiting area. High school improvements include upgrading heating, adding the science and computer classrooms, and a new hot water heating system to bypass losing pipes in concrete flooring.

Naturalists search for signs of spring

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Garden Route Rd., Delmar, will sponsor a spring time walk on Saturday, April 15, at 1 p.m.

Center naturalists will lead participants in searching for signs of spring.

For information call 453-1306.
Spring dedication planned for library

By Lyn Staf

The Board of Trustees of the Voorheesville Public Library met on Monday, Apr. 3. At the meeting it was decided that the formal dedication originally planned for the spring will be held in the fall, giving library personnel time to adequately prepare the building and grounds for the ceremony. At that time a plaque will be dedicated marking the opening of the new facility. A definite date for the event has not been set.

To assist in this project, as well as with other aspects concerning the library, a "Friends of the Library" group is being formed. Trustees Marilyn Bradley and Jane Blessing announced that there will be an organizational meeting on Tuesday, April 25 at 7 p.m. in the library to get the group started. Those people who expressed an interest in joining such a group during the move will receive letters concerning the meeting. Anyone else interested in joining is also welcome to attend.

It was announced that the library will be celebrating National Library Week in grand style from April 10 through the 15 with a variety of activities for all ages.

Open Voorheesville library board seats

The Voorheesville Public Library has announced the appointment of J. Fredericks Volkwein to the seat on the library board of trustees vacated by Walter Baker Volkwein, a resident of Voorheesville, brings with him experience from his position as director of Institutional Research at the State University at Albany. The Library Board currently has two seats available, and interested candidates may pick up petitions, which must be returned by May 15, at the Library director’s office.

Food historian Peter Rose describes an "oatcake," a small Dutch cake popular in Colonial times, last Wednesday at the First United Methodist Church in Voorheesville. As part of the annual Arthur B. Gregg lecture sponsored by various local history groups, Rose spoke before an audience of 50 on "The History of Dutch Ways in Colonial New York."

Bloodmobile to be held at Legion

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Julie Nelson of Slingerlands was elected president of The Next Step, Inc., an alcoholism "recovery home" at 276 Sherman St. in Albany. Also elected were Doris Davis of Delmar, recording secretary; Katherine Loucks of Glenmont, treasurer; and Nevanne Merrill of Delmar, Helen Harris of Glenmont, and Desidee Dean Morgan of Glenmont were elected to the board of directors of the home.

Elizbeth Iseman, coordinator of the Bethlehem Networks Project, was elected president of The Next Step Inc., an alcoholism recovery home" of the Bethlehem Networks Delmar, recording secretary; was elected president of The Next Step, Inc., an alcoholism recovery home.

As an alcoholism recovery home; The Next Step provides 24-hour supervision, a home-like atmosphere, and an in-house recovery program. Residence is available on a referral basis for women seeking alcoholism treatment.

Linda Kelly

Cohen receives teaching honor

Marilyn Cohen of Delmar, a kindergarten teacher at the Bet Shira Hebrew Academy of the Capital District, was recently honored with the Kohl International Prize for Exemplary Teaching.

The prize is awarded by the Delcres Kohl Education Foundation to acknowledge teachers who have demonstrated the teaching skills necessary to motivate students to be life-long learners. Cohen will also be hooded as a fellow of the Kohl International Teacher Academy in recognition of her work.

Cohen has been a teacher at the academy for 15 years and established its full-day kindergarten program. She is a graduate of Russell Sage College in Troy. She also received the Editor's Award for his work as associate editor on the society's Monthly Weather Review. He has been on faculty at the university since 1987 and prior to that was a staff scientist with NASA.

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Glenn Pape
Accredited as financial specialist

Glenn Pape of the Ayco Corporation has been designated an "Accredited Personal Financial Specialist" by the American Certified Institute of Certified Public Accountants.

Pape, who joined the Ayco Corporation in 1988 as vice president of the firm's seminar group, is responsible for marketing and conducting educational programs. He resides in Delmar.

Visiting nurses recognized

In an awards presentation to recognize employees for their service and special contributions, the Visiting Nurse Association of Albany recently recognized Kay Gougel of Voorheesville, Claire Netzel of Delmar, and Maria Gervasio and Sherrie Almindo of Selkirk for their outstanding service to the organization.
The sky was a rich blue and the temperature moderate on this February afternoon walk, so I decided to spend a few extra moments noticing the nature that surrounded me. As my gaze wandered, one particular tree branch caught my attention.

Normally, there would be no reason to distinguish one branch from another; they all appear somewhat identical at that time of year. But, this one was different. It appeared rooted to the ground, as "special" but as what it really is - dead.

During a February afternoon walk, so I decided to spend a few minutes enjoying the nature that surrounded me. As I walked along, I noticed a particular tree branch that caught my attention. It appeared rooted to the ground, as "special" but as what it really is - dead.

We make decisions which give us what we want for the moment, but which tear us from our "roots." For the immediate, it may appear that we are "special" and can continue doing whatever we please with no serious consequences. But, ultimately, the truth will be made clear and the deadness of our actions will be evident.

In John 15:5-8, scripture provides a vivid picture of Christ's response to the question of how we should deal with life's struggles and to the source of fulfilling life. "I am the vine you are the branches. If a man abides in Me and I in him, he will bear much fruit; apart from Me you can do nothing. If anyone does not abide in Me, he is like a branch that is thrown away and withers; such branches are picked up and thrown into the fire and burned. If you abide in Me and My words abide in you, ask whatever you wish, and it will be given you. This is to My Father's glory, that you bear much fruit, showing yourselves to be My disciples."

As clear as the imagery of consequence is, so also is the promise of fulfillment that is made. Moreover, there is always a promised hope from God. No matter how radical our choices of rejection, there is always an openness to be restored and forgiven. In Romans 11, the apostle Paul speaks of his own people; those who have severed themselves from the "vine," he tells us. "...if they do not persist in unbelief, they will be gathered into, for God is able to gather them in again." Even when we have chosen deadness, God is ready and able to restore life.

If you have made those choices which have cast you off from the life-giving strength found in the vine, hear clearly that God wants to gather you in. If you know someone else who makes those choices, please share the Good News that restoration and forgiveness are available from a gracious God. Because — "there is always hope in God!!"

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Rev. Hess elected board president
Rev. Robert H. Hess of the Delmar Reformed Church was recently elected president of the board for the Interfaith Partnership for the Homeless.

The partnership, which has served the needs of the homeless in the Capital District since 1984, operates a 19-bed facility on Swan Avenue in Albany. Community support and participation are vital to the shelter program. For information call 434-8021.

Auxiliary to hear about children's aid
Nathaniel Adams Eliashberg Post 1040, American Legion auxiliary, will hear Joseph Griggs describe the children's miracle network at Albany Medical Center and Childs Hospital at 7:30 p.m. Tuesday at the post on Poplar Dr., Delmar.

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BC's big lumber is key to keeping crown

By John Belloni III

Without a doubt, sluggers Sean Lynch and John Reagan, literally the biggest men on the Bethlehem Central varsity baseball team, will once again be two of the Eagles' offensive "Big Men" this spring.

In non-league action last week, Lynch's two run single in the fifth inning helped BC rally from a 4-3 deficit as they defeated Bishop Maginn 5-3 in both team's season debut. Reagan (330 in 1988) batted in two runs with a first-inning double.

Winning pitcher Pat Doody did the distance, holding Maginn to three hits.

"We've progressed a lot as a hitting team," said BC Coach Ken Hodge. "We were hitting the ball very well in our pre-season scrimmages. We're with pat with baserunners—hopefully we can put pressure on a couple of runs that way."

Hodge definitely has a formidable roster to work with this spring. Most of last year's team that helped the Eagles win the Division title with a 15-7 record, are back this year. Rounding out the bullpen and the outfield are several first-year varsity players, none of whom are lacking in experience and most of whom played on Bethlehem Central's 1988 Gold

April vacation tennis camp

The Winner's Circle Tennis Academy of Southwood Tennis Club on Rt. 9W will conduct its spring break tennis camp April 17 through April 24. During the six day camp, students will have a choice of one hour, one-and-a-half hour and two hour clinic in morning or afternoon. Each session is grouped according to age and ability level. Two, four or six day programs are available. Instruction will be from WCTA's Southwood staff.

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Indian errors begin early season nightmare

By Josh Curley

Errors plagued all three of the RCS baseball team's games last week resulting in three losses at the hands of Ichabod Crane, Ballston Spa and Mont Pleasant.

The Indians were treated with a bad turn in the weather early last week against Ichabod Crane. In the top of the sixth inning with Ravena trailing 7-2, the Indians loaded the bases with no outs when the officials called the game on account of rain. Julio Colon led off with a shot from the mound with six inn-

ing, on account of rain. Julio
out and just two earned runs in
last week against Ichabod

Ravena traveled to the Motorola Tournament weekend but was only able to win one of its three games.

After a four-error second inning, RCS was already down by a score of 8-0. In the third, Mont Pleasant scored five more runs against starter Curt Van Derzee who gave up only one earned run.

Ravena never got back into the
game, "We just fell apart defen-
sively," said Coach Gary Vyn-

Dereza.

Offensively, the Indians were assisted by Shane Smith and Rich Waddingham who went two-for-
three and three-for-four respec-
tively. Cameron Smith knocked in two runs for RCS.

Like a recurring nightmare, Ravena was crippled on Saturday by an error-filled second inning against Ballston Spa in the con-

cluding five innings of the game. Ballston Spa scored eight runs while the Indians committed six errors on the field in that inning alone.

RCS coach Al Van Derzee said it was a strong push in the successive innings, including a five-run sixth inning and a three-un seventh inning. But it wasn't enough. Ballston Spa won the game 15-3.

Julio Colon went the distance in the loss and the team had a 14-hit total.

On a high note, the Indians did hold onto a lead in the game. Frank Malorana had three hits and a RBI; both Norm Wilsey and Todd Head had two hits and two RBI's; Van Derzee had a double and two RBI's and Colon and Shane Smith each had a RBI.

Ravena's Colonial Council season opener will be at Lansing-

burgh on Thursday. "There is a possibility we may have a chance of winning a district championship near the end of the season," said Coach Van Derzee.

"These games will go a long way to tell what the season will be like," said Coach Van Derzee.

At the old ball game

Nat Boynot, former editor/publisher of The Spotlight and an experienced baseball writer, has agreed to resume his weekly column on "Baseball at Heritage Park. Here is his opening pitch. Ed.

By Nat Boynot

Once more baseball has come north for a new season, bringing another reminder, whether no-

ticed or not, that we locals are indeed among the fortunate.

We have minor league baseball barely 20 minutes from the Four Corners in Delmar or Schenectady. That distin-
guishes us from the thousands of localities that do not have this treasured recreational resource.

Special sympathy goes to the dozen or so citizens of the Little Falls Mets in the minor league game. Ballston Spa did not have their minor league team taken away for any reason or another. The Mets, however, had Little Falls Old Orchard to name just a few.

And then there are places like Watertown, N.Y., where women's league, franchise, losing team, loss of their beloved teams, mustered such vigour-

ous protest campaigns that they saved their Class A Franchises.

You can add to this list the nearby Berkshires, where the Chicago Cubs last year unexpectedly removed their Double A Eastern League team from Pittsfield. That shock was softened when the owners of the Little Falls Mets in the Class A New York-Penn League, who happened to be Pittsfield residents, took advantage of the per-

fidity by moving their franchise to fill the void, so again the lights will be bright at a baseball park those summer evenings.

Two weeks after the season started, the Yankees won 17-7 at a score that solidified two of the majors as the best. Baseball is a close game in the major league, but the weather in Albany. At the other end of the score, on the same day, the future was made certain.

Now they've Meulens back in Albany, hoping he will have a chance to recover from the year's injury and step back into the lineup at the time, perhaps only a year or two away. That has been the most optimistic position of the year, but the weather in Albany. At the other end of the score, on the same day, the future was made certain.

Before he was sent up, Meulens hit .245 in 79 games with Albany, and was leading the league with 13 home runs, enough to be regarded by Eastern managers in the year they had the Yankees to be a star. He had to find out if he could do what the Yankees may keep him there if he finds himself roughing Double A pitching and nights on the farm.

This story has a somewhat different twist. Here is a player regarded as a sure shot for third base in the Bronx, perhaps only a year or two away. That has been the most optimistic position of the year, but the weather in Albany. At the other end of the score, on the same day, the future was made certain.

But he also had 97 strikeouts in 278 at-bats.

In Columbus he got off to a good start, but when he stumbled, picked himself up and went on to a season in which he hit .292, he dropped to .230 with only six home runs in 55 games. He also struck out 61 times in 209 recorded games.

I'm better off staying the whole year in Albany," he said the other day, "I want to have a chance to play this year, but I could still go up (to the stadium) from Double-A, but I'm no hero," (he's only 21)."

Whereas Sanders could be called cocky, Meulens exudes good-natured self-confidence. He's a fun-loving product of the Caribbean island of Curacao, where his status as a hero was enough to win him the right to be a professional athlete. He's a baseball-toting, Latin-american raconteur who also is certain to be a first-round pick in the June draft.

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James P. Burns
James P. Burns of Haverstraw, N.Y., father of Kathleen Bringle of Slingerlands, died April 3 at Good Samaritan Hospital, Suffern.
The son of the late Thomas and Margaret Rattley Burns, he was born in New York City and was a graduate of Manhattan Prep, Fordham University and Hunter College. He taught social studies at Port Chester High School for many years until his retirement in 1972.

Through the years he played violin and viola in professional orchestras around the New York City area and was active in the musicians' union. Two years after his retirement, he was a member of the viola section of the Jackson-ville (Fla.) Symphony Orchestra.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine MacDonald Burns; two daughters, Margaret Hamilton of Haverstraw and Kathleen Bringle of Slingerlands and five grandchildren.

A requiem mass will be held today (Wednesday) at Village Drugs, Stewart's, Daily Grind in Albany.

A Brooklyn native, he grew up in Saranac Lake and earned bachelor's and master's degrees from St. Lawrence University, where he was a three-sports varsity athlet, a member of the Alpha Tau Omega chapter and the Kiocoo, the senior men’s honor society.

He came to Cosymans in 1932, leaving in 1941 to join the staff of the United Service Organization in New York City, later in Albany, until his retirement in 1978.

He was a member of the St. Lawrence University Hall of Fame.

Survivors include his wife, Catherine Lenney Kunz of Delmar; a son, Michael Kunz of Fairbanks, Alaska; two daughters, Alexia Kunz of San Francisco and Kathy Jackson of Atlantic; and five grandchildren.

Funeral services will be at the convenience of the family. Burial will be in St. Mary's Cemetery, Portad, under arrangements by Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Association, 85 Watervliet Ave., Albany, 12206.

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Tweedie-Sachs

Mr. and Mrs. Ronald W. Tweedle of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Janet Marie, to Michael Sachs, son of Morris Sachs of Boston and Mrs. Florence Sachs of Framingham, Mass.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Rochester Institute of Technology, is employed as an industrial engineer for Ames Department Stores of Hartford, Conn.

A May 28 wedding is planned.

Kathleen Brown and Matthew Mantaro

Brown-Mantaro

Mr. and Mrs. Neil Brown of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Kathleen, to Matthew Mantaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Mantaro, also of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Vassar College, and is currently a third-year medical student at Albany Medical College. Her fiance, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Clarkson College, is employed by Techno Instruments as a sales engineer.

An Aug. 5 wedding is planned.

Four Rivers plans evening walk

Five Rivers Environmental Education Center will offer an evening walk on Friday, April 21, at 7 p.m. at the center grounds.

Center naturalists will give a short talk on some of the seldom seen, but often heard, haraods of spring such as toads and frogs.

An easy walk outdoors will then be led in search of some of these hidden, tiny creatures. The walk will last for approximately one hour.

Pre-registration is required. To register, call 457-6092.

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Boy, Andrew John, to Maureen and John E. Downen, Voorheesville, March 29.


Girl, Kara Anne, to Lee and Rob Nolan, Slingerlands, March 22.

Boy, Nicholas Stewart, to Cristina and Arthur Kelly, Delmar, March 20.

Boy, Branden Edward, to Donna and Bert Carkner, Selkirk, March 15.

Boy, Patrick John, to Linda and John Meany, Delmar, Feb. 10.

Bellevue Hospital
Girl, Emily Rose, to Lisa and Michael Brennan, Delmar, March 14.

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Chicken-n-Biscuit Supper

The Onequaethaw Reformed Church of Feura Bush is sponsoring a "Chicken-n-Biscuit" supper on Saturday, April 22.

Creamed chicken on homemade biscuits, mashed potatoes, gravy, and all the trimmings will be offered at three different servings, 4:30, 5:30 and 6:30 p.m. on Saturday. Donation of $6.75 for adults, $2.50 for children under 12 and $1 for children under 5 will be collected.

Reservations are necessary, as there is limited space. For reservations, call 768-2015.

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about may be instructive: In 1977, 28 homeowners, mostly newcomers, sued Guilderland in State Supreme Court. Judge Edward Conway went beyond the relief sought and ordered a town-wide reassessment. After some delays, in 1979 Guilderland hired a Scotia consulting firm, Armstrong Assessment Administration, with the necessary computer equipment to crunch the numbers. By the end of that summer, all the data was in and Guilderland’s first full-value roll was filed in time for the September 1980 school tax.

The assessor’s office was computerized. Since then, three updates have been completed at Town Hall: one later in 1981, then in 1985 and again earlier this year. In other words, once every four years.

“If we see drastic changes, we’ll do it sooner,” says Guilderland Assessor Shirley Royak. “It depends on the real estate market.”

A running file is kept of all real estate transactions. When it’s time to update, each property is paired with five comparable properties that have recently sold in Guilderland. The computer may flag properties for field checks.

For Guilderland, much of the hardware and software was reimbursed through state funds early in the process. But that kind of money may not be available for New Scotland.

Says Supervisor Herbert Reilly: “We put $10,200 in this year’s budget for reassessment, expecting (state) reimbursement. But it doesn’t look like we’re going to get five cents of that.”

With that $10,200, the town would have reassessed 132 parcels in Clarksville — selected because it is a densely populated area with mostly older housing — then the Village of Voorheesville, which receives its assessment data from the town.

And if New Scotland goes with 100 percent assessment? “We’ll have to finance it through the budget,” says Reilly, “probably have to go to bond anticipation notes, then bonds. What I hate about that is, it’s a lot of work. We’d have to go to the people and say, ‘We’re running up a debt and we’re nothing to show for it, just figures on paper.’”

The estimates requested from the assessor’s office would serve as benchmarks should the town board decide to put the job out to bid.

As a result of other board action:

• Michael Hotaling will succeed Peter Van Zetten on May 31 as town highway superintendent and civil defense director. Hotaling, a Voorheesville resident, is Van Zetten’s assistant. Van Zetten, who plans to remain in this area, served 15 years as highway chief.

• The board will express its opposition to the proposed Merco plant in Westerlo through letters to state officials at the request of County Legislator Charles Houghtaling of Feura Bush. New Scotland lies a few miles downwind from the site, where mercury batteries would be melted down for recycling. The site also lies in the watershed on Basic Creek reservoir, which is indirectly a public water source for Feura Bush.

• The town will petition Bethlehem a third time to have the 13 homes in Heldervale IV included in the Bethlehem Sewer District.