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Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post #3185, Veterans of Foreign Wars, meets the third Monday of every month, at the Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

The Albany County Pistol Club, Winnie Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan, 439-3301.

Monarch Club of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 P.M.

Onesquethaw O.E.S. meets on the first and third Wednesday of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

Glenmont Homemakers meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church, 8 p.m.

Sports Car Club of America, first Wed. of each month 8:00 p.m. at the Center Inn, Glenmont, Marie Corrin, 869-6948.

Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library.

Rosary — St. Thomas Church, Adams Place, Delmar, every Thursday at 11:45 a.m.

Bethlehem Recycling Program (paper, cans, glass), Town Garage, 114 Adams St., Delmar. Mon. thru Fri., 8 a.m. - 4 p.m. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles clean w/metal removed.

Empire Motor Sports Club, every Thursday at 8 at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Lee Beauregard — 456-0019.

Citizen Band Radio Club, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Danny Oat-hout, 463-0804.

Bethlehem B.P.O.E. 2233, first and third Wednesdays, 8 p.m. at the Lodge in Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. Ladies' Auxiliary second Wednesday.

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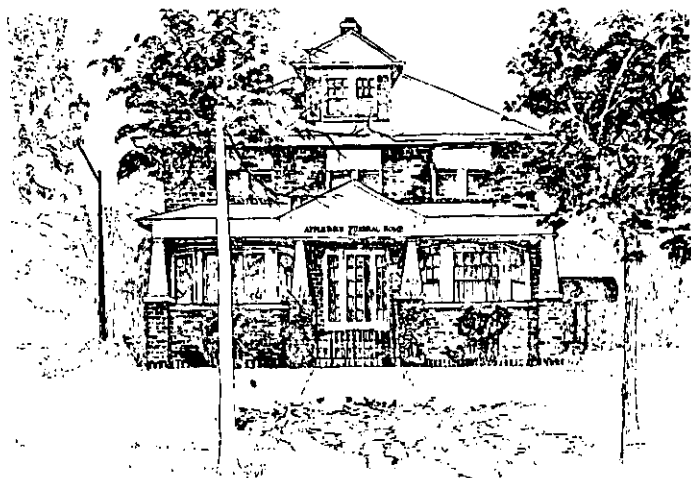
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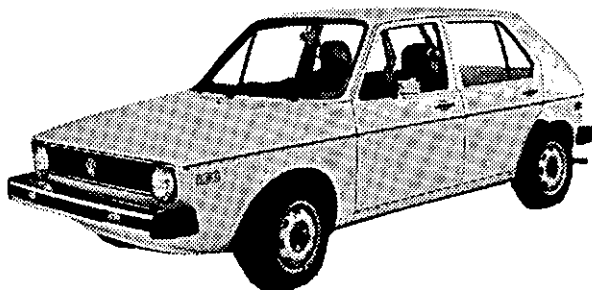
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Rotary Club of Delmar meets every Tuesday night 6:15 at Schrafft's Motel.

The Delmar Community Orchestra rehearses every Monday evening from 7:30-9:30 at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar.

Gam-Anon, for wives of compulsive gamblers, meets Wednesdays 8:15 p.m., St. Pius Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

Historical films, Community Room, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon, bring lunch, free coffee.

Paper Drive by Youth Groups of Methodist and Reformed Churches, second Saturday of each month. Bring papers to Town Parking Lot next to Applebee Funeral Home, 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Papers will be picked up from the elderly or infirm if you call either church office.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, 114 Adams St., Delmar. School year schedule, Monday-Friday, 1:00-4:30 p.m. Telephone 439-2238.

Glenmont Lions Club meets 2nd and 4th Tuesdays at La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Info: Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

Bethlehem Lions Club meets first and third Wednesdays at La Casa, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

AARP meets 12:30 p.m., third Tuesday of month, Delmar First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Avenue, Delmar.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, third Wednesday noon of the month at Bethlehem Public Library. For information 872-0068.

Kiwanis Club of Delmar, Mondays at 6:15 at Center Inn, Glenmont.

THURSDAY, JUNE 24

Last day of school for all Bethlehem Central Pupils.

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Strawberry Supper, Onesquethaw Reformed Church, 4:30, 5:30, and 6:30 p.m. reservations: Mrs. Elwood Vanderbilt 768-2213.

Class of '71 of Bethlehem Central, fifth year Reunion, Center Inn, 8 p.m.

Free Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem High School, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

Bethlehem Grange will hold its annual meeting and election.

MONDAY, JUNE 28

Babysitting workshop for grades 6 and up, 9:30-2 p.m., Bethlehem Public Library. Bring lunch, drinks provided.

TUESDAY, JUNE 29

Guided walk, "Ferns for the Beginner," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JUNE 30

Public hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, to consider the Planning Board's recommendation to amend the town zoning ordinance by rezoning a part of Slingerlands, bounded north by the Normanskill, east by a line parallel to New Scotland Rd., south by the existing Residence AA zone, west by the Town of Bethlehem line, from a Residence A District to a Residence AA District. Bethlehem Town Hall, 7:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 4

Family Day at Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, sponsored by Bethlehem Bicentennial Commission, 10 a.m. to dusk. Liberty pole, tennis round-robin, barbeque, jazz band, patriotic ceremony, softball and baseball exhibition games, kiddie films.

TUESDAY, JULY 6

Public hearing, Bethlehem Planning Board, on application of the Mariana Trust of Wilmington, Del., for approval of the proposed Apledoorn subdivision, located south of Delaware Ave. on the west side of Van Dyke Rd. and opposite the Bethlehem High School property. Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

Guided walk, "Ecology of the Old Field," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 7

Evening on the Green, featuring the Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, lawn behind Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Rain date July 8.

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Mocker Bros. Realty of Selkirk, for variance from Art. V-A of Zoning Ordinance to move existing LaCasa Restaurant sign from its present location on Rt. 9W, to a site near the intersection of Thacher St. and Rt. 9W, a move necessitated by the state's need for that property in constructing a road and bridge. Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 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. Telephone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"1776," musical opening eight-week season by The Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham Fairgrounds, **June 30-July 4**, evenings 8 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m., Saturday matinee 5 p.m. Subscription tickets, senior citizen discounts, group rates, write PO Box 204, Chatham, N.Y. 12037. 1-393-9292.

Jack Albertson, dancer-singer-comedian, and Della Reese, song stylist, Colonie Coliseum Theatre, **through June 27**, 8:30 p.m. 785-3393.

MUSIC

"An Evening of Barbershopping," Schenectady Electric City Chorus, Saratoga Springs Racing City Chorus, Sweet Adeline's River Valley Chorus, plus quartets, benefit Clover Patch Camp, Niskayuna High School, **June 26**, 8 p.m. 382-4530.

Andy Williams, benefit concert for Hospitality House, at Colonie Coliseum, **July 1**, 8:30 p.m. 438-6844 or 785-3393.

EXHIBITS

"Mourning Becomes America," 200 paintings, pastoral watercolors, embroideries, jewelry, pottery, porcelains, engravings, Albany Institute of History & Art, **through July 18**.

Guyette Historical Doll Collection, Colonie Center, **July 1-10**, Monday-Saturday 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m., Sunday, 12-5. Free.

"Coming of Age in America," photography exhibit, Chapel and Cultural Center, RPI, 2125 Burdett Ave., Troy, **through Aug. 2**, 10 a.m.-11 p.m. weekdays, 12 noon-11 p.m. Saturdays and Sundays.

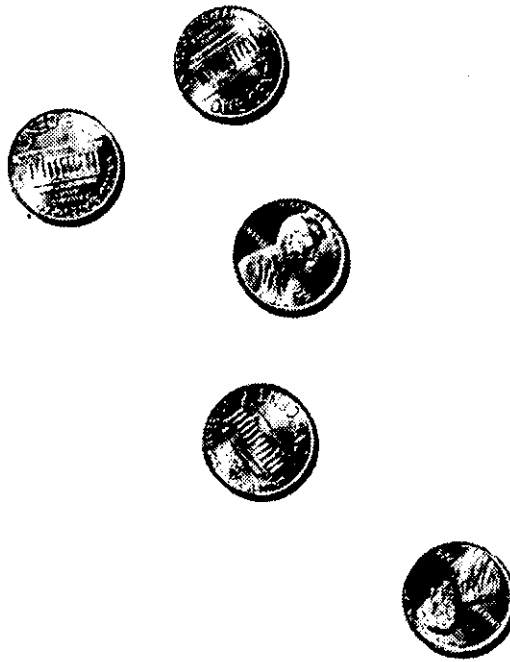
LECTURE

American Studies Institute, Dr. Robert Zangrando, "The Way We Never Were," Filene Hall, Skidmore College, **June 29**, 7 p.m.

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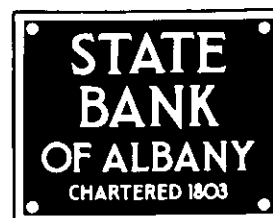
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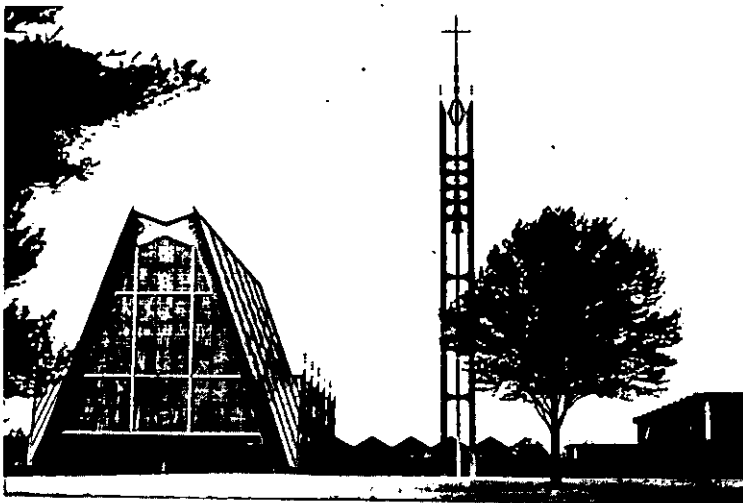
GLENMONT

Seminary scenario: too little, too late?

An air of tension hung over semi-rural Glenmont this week as worried residents pondered their next moves in a community-wide effort to block a federal government takeover of the sprawling Our Lady of Angels Seminary as a rehabilitation center for 275 disadvantaged metropolitan youths.

The plan to move the federal Job Corps training program from its present urban facility in Queens to the seminary has disturbed the tranquility of the historic riverside area along Rt. 144. The U.S. Department of Labor reportedly will lease the grounds and buildings from the Vincentian Fathers, a Roman Catholic order, for \$400,000 a year.

Nearby residents are especially irked at federal representatives who allegedly reneged on an earlier promise to hold



an informational meeting before making any commitments. Instead, the community woke up one day last week to find the government advertising for bids on a variety of extensive conversion contracts, equipment and renovations. A com-

plaint to Bethlehem town officials brought Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer into the act; he obtained on-the-spot agreement from federal officials to hold a public informational meeting in the town hall. It was set up for Monday of this

week with little time for advance notice, and too late for this week's Spotlight press deadline.

Two days after scheduling the meeting, Job Corps administrators took out a 22-column-inch "help wanted" display ad in the Albany Times Union. The ad sought counselors, vocational instructors, classroom teachers, a food service manager, health service personnel, security guards, warehousemen, clerks and cooks for a "residential vocational training school located in suburban Albany."

These developments left Glenmont residents wondering on the eve of the hearing whether the die was already cast and whatever move they make now will be too little too late.

Glenmont residents feared that Job Corps youth, who have an average of a fifth-grade education, will be restless and boxed in the isolated environment of the seminary, which is miles from the nearest ice cream parlor, bowling alley or tavern. Job Corps members are ages 16-21, of both sexes, and would reside at the facility while being trained in such vocations as welding, radio repair, auto mechanics, painting and carpentry. They would also have the opportunity to qualify for a high school equivalency certificate.

Neighboring property owners feared the youth, most of them from inner-city core areas and unable to find a niche in their communities, posed a security threat in the area. They feared the incidence of vandalism and theft would in-

BETHLEHEM BICENTENNIAL

The fourth: festive family day at park

More than the 199 previous Fourth of July, this is the most special, and Bethlehem is going all-out to make it a day to remember for all citizens of all ages. Sunday, July 4 will be a festive Family Day celebration at Elm Ave. Park, with something going on from 10 a.m. till dark.

For an opener there will be a dedication of a Liberty Pole, which will become a permanent marker at the park. In 1776 the pole served as a meeting place for the Sons of Liberty, who met there to discuss their

grievances against the government. The 1976 version has been donated to the town by the Bethlehem Rotary Club.

At 10:30 there will be a round-robin tennis tournament conducted by the Bethlehem Tennis Assn. for teams consisting of a parent and child, first for experienced players, later for novice teams.

A central barbeque pit will be available to families who wish to grill their own hot dogs and 'burgers from 1 to 6 p.m. For those who don't feel like making or carrying their picnics, the Bethlehem Business

Women are sponsoring a Guertze-catered chicken barbeque for a \$3 donation.

At poolside there'll be Skip Parsons' Dixieland Jazz Band with old favorites from 1 to 6, with an interruption at 2 p.m. for a patriotic ceremony Bethlehem Tomboys will play an exhibition softball game at 3 and there will be an exhibition baseball game by Bethlehem Recreation League teams at 4.

At dusk kiddie films, including the Three Stooges, will be shown at dusk, along with aquatic demonstrations.

crease, primarily because there were no outside distractions.

Town officials maintained a wait-and-see posture prior to Monday's session. Sheaffer said he had visited a Job Corps facility in New Jersey sometime ago and was not impressed.

"I feel these people have nothing to offer the town of Bethlehem, and the town has nothing to offer them," he said. But there was some question as to what action the town could take if it were to oppose the changeover. There was also a possibility that the institution, currently tax exempt, would lose at least part of this exemption.

Job Corps officials, accustomed to meeting resistance in whatever locality they select, insist the members are not "delinquents." They contend neighborhood opposition tends to dissipate once the community becomes more aware of the program.

There were strong economic cross-currents in the situation. The seminary has been hard-

pressed for funds and has had difficulty meeting a \$38,000 annual fuel bill, a \$17,000 Niagara Mohawk bill and basic maintenance costs of a reported \$120,000 a year. Albany County officials were reported as interested in bidding for federal contacts of up to \$2 million annually to administer the program. Residents raised the question of whether the government, supposedly pinched by reduced budgets, was justified in making a multi-million-dollar investment in an isolated upstate facility for inner-city youths when New York City has a wealth of empty buildings seeking tenants.

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VOORHEESVILLE

Voters to ballot on budget items

Voorheesville Central board of education took quick action in the wake of the overwhelming defeat of the district's 1976-77 school budget.

The board promptly adopted a contingency budget of \$3.26 million, containing only state-mandated expenses. The austerity budget reflects a slash of approximately \$140,000 from the \$3.4-million document rejected by district voters by a 2-1 margin on June 8.

Cut from next year's budget, unless restored by taxpayer petition, were interscholastic sports, student supplies and materials, purchase of library books, local support for the school lunch program, field trips for students, and free use of grounds and buildings by local organizations. There was also a drastic cut in school busing: students in grades kindergarten through 8 living within two miles of their school and students in grades 9-12 living within three miles of the high school would have to walk or arrange their own transportation.

Ironically, the cuts, which may have a more severe emotional impact on many Voorheesville households than economic, will cumulatively save only \$13.80 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. This means the estimated tax rate for New Scotland residents, who comprise 87 percent of the district, will be in the neighborhood of \$131.70 per thousand, compared to \$101.12 for the expiring 1975-76 budget and \$145.50 for the bombed-out 1976-77 budget. In other words, if district voters reject all eight potential petitions, there is no way taxpayers (not voters) can avoid coughing up a 30.2 percent tax hike.

On the other hand, if the majority wants interscholastic sports they will have to ante another \$3.30 per thousand assessed valuation, and if they want classroom supplies in science, industrial arts, reading,

art and home economics, they must come up with another \$3.50 per thousand. The other options will cost them only another 50 cents or a dollar each.

Originally the district was shocked by a budget calling for a tax rise in area of 42 percent. The board attempted to explain their bind: cutbacks in state aid, inflated operating costs and the evaporation of a "slush fund" stashed away for an anticipated new school. Fewer than one fourth of the voters attended informational sessions explaining the fiscal crisis; the others buried the budget at the booths.

Citizens have until 5 p.m. Monday to submit petitions to reinstate any of the eight non-contingency items. The items submitted will go the voters in a special election July 20. In a mailing this week a board publication declared that "further cuts in the budget seriously threaten the education program of the students of this district."

Admitted to West Point

Ronald J. Beebe, son of Mr. and Mrs. Walter Beebe, formerly of Weisheit Rd., Selkirk, has been selected by the U.S. Military Academy for admission to the class entering in July. He was captain of the RCS cross country team last fall, transferring to Colonie Central High School when his family moved to Colonie.

Delmar banker promoted

Jean H. Cleary of Delmar has been appointed an administrative assistant at the City and County Savings Bank by the bank's board of trustees.

Ms. Cleary attended Burroughs Business School. She is co-chairman of the membership committee of Bethlehem Business Women, chairman of the women's committee of the American Institute of Banking and a member of the Kenwood Barat Guild and St. Thomas Church choir.



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Ben Franklin's "autograph" and a food booth was never without customers. Among those circulating among the exhibits were Uncle Sam and several 'Indians.'

The combined fifth grades collaborated on the event and parents helped with the costuming. The teachers, who had been planning since last fall, also dressed in period costume. While the men looked a bit too warm, the women were all for their Bicentennial garb. "Frankly," said one in a long calico dress, "you can get away with a lot under one of these!"

Ann Eberle

Church delegate named

Rev. Gerard J. Van Heest, pastor of the Delmar Reformed Church, was a delegate to the 170th general synod of the Reformed Church in America last week at Fairleigh Dickinson University, Madison, N.J.

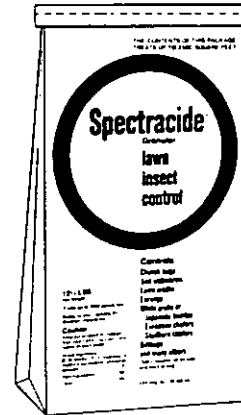


Liberty pole goes up in the schoolyard at Voorheesville.



Photos by John Howell

Steve Sippel emulates town crier at Voorheesville event while Kathleen Weaver contemplates cool bicentennial costume.



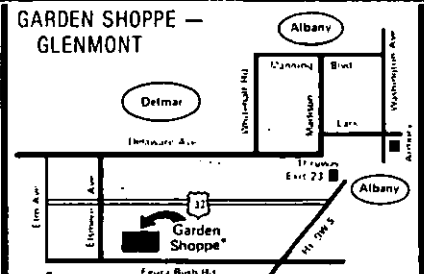
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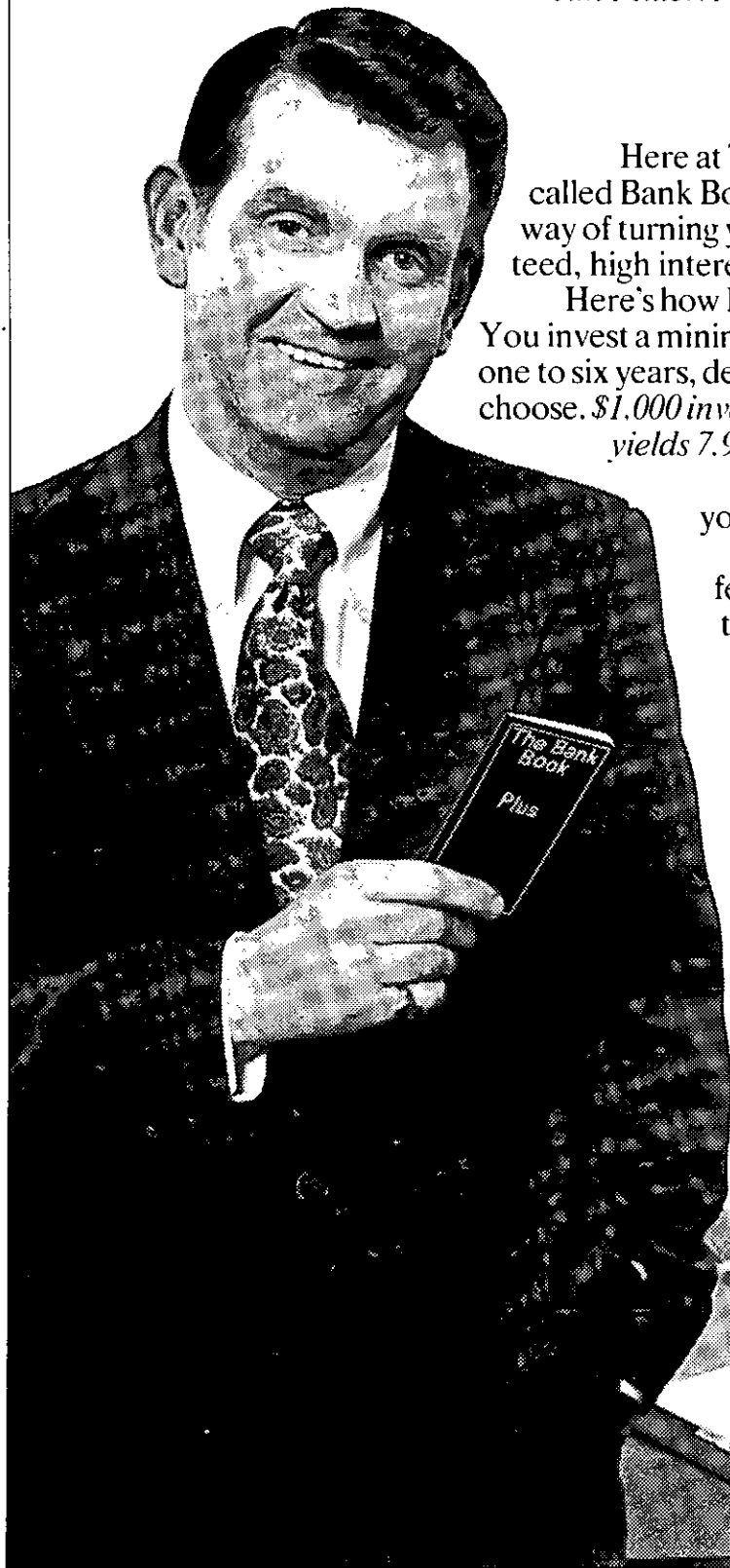


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A daylong procession of aggrieved taxpayers has heaped a record workload on Bethlehem's town assessor and the citizen board of assessment review. Property owners, most of them affected by the town's systematic reassessment procedure, flocked to the annual Grievance Day hearing in the town hall last Tuesday and filed more than 175 complaints, more than double last year's total and the highest number since the procedure was mandated by the federal government in 1970.

Sidney M. Kaplan of Sling-erlands, chairman of the three-member review board, said it was the first time in those seven years the board had to return a second night to process the grievances. He attributed the turnout to the prevailing economic crunch rather than the reassessment.

"People are hurting," he said.

Town Assessor Gilbert E. Houk of Selkirk has been conducting a reassessment of the town by sections, a routine procedure designed to eliminate inequities under changing conditions. "Let's face it, that's an impossible job," observed Kaplan, "but the effort must be made. The people were sin-



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cere, there was no unfriendliness."

Serving with Kaplan on the board are Richard B. Haverly and Rodger J. Fryer of Delmar. Their report is filed with the assessor's office in time to meet the July 15 deadline for tax roll corrections to take effect.

Records tumble in swim meet

Three Long Island swimmers set 10 of 17 new records as the Delmar Dolphin Swim Club and the town of Bethlehem hosted the AAU Long Distance swim meet at BCHS pool June 12. Twelve teams were represented in 25 events.

One of the new marks stayed in Delmar as the Dolphins captured the 880-yard boys' relay. Jenny Smith, a local swimmer from Troy, broke two records.

Other firsts went to Dolphins Jay Henahan in the 11-12 boys' 200-yard free and Janet Schaffer in the 10-and-under girls' 200-yard freestyle. Second places were won by Janet Bowman, Jay Henahan and Jeff Mackey (2) in various events. Others who placed included Andy Neff, Ann DeBerri, John and Mike Nyilis, Drew Hyde, Bob Holland, Kathleen Henahan, Douglas Schulz, Erin O'Connor and Andrew Blank.

The Dolphins will be holding daily practices starting Monday and will swim dual meets against neighboring clubs. The district meet will be held at the town pool in late August.

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Lyndhurst clears its final hurdle

Wolf Krahrmer and John Wheeler, Slingerlands land developers, now have clear sailing on the first phase of the huge residential subdivision that neighboring property owners feel will change the character of their community.

Slingerlands residents, who last year filled the Bethlehem town hall hearing room to overflowing on several occasions in a bitter struggle to block the development, known as Lyndhurst, had yielded to the futility of the situation long before the town planning board gave Wheeler and Krahrmer the green light to start building. When the go-ahead came officially last week, not a resident of Slingerlands was in the audience.

Earlier the board had indicated it would meet with a panel of citizens led by Mrs. Sandra Peterson-Hardt, one of the most vocal of the resistance group, to work out several points before granting final approval. The meeting never came off. Mrs. Peterson-Hardt reflected the neighborhood's frustration by commenting tersely: "What's the use?"

With that surrender board members moved quickly to grant approval to Krahrmer, local financier, and Wheeler, local builder, to build the first 34 of the projected 150 homes, 11 of them two-family dwellings. Phase One of Lyndhurst will be built on a 16-acre section of the 62-acre tract, behind the present Surrey Mall-Middlesex development.

During the height of the controversy several hundred Slingerlands householders bombarded the board and the developers with barrages of protesting statements, contending the development would have a major impact on traffic patterns, drainage, child safety, and residential density and property values, and would substantially alter the character of the area. At one point the Association of Slingerlands Neighbors announced it was in-

vestigating the feasibility of a move that would have Slingerlands secede from the town of Bethlehem and incorporate as a village. The proposal later was scuttled when it was found the expense of maintaining a separate government would be prohibitive.

In approving the final plan for Lyndhurst Phase I, the board imposed several routine restrictions on the builders. They involved construction procedures and water and sewer systems.

Pre-natal rescue for swan family

Cover photo by Life Art

It could have been a genuine 'swan song' except for the fast action of a family who knows its birds. Eight years ago the Robert Joels purchased a pair of European Mute swans while the birds were still cygnets. The pair matured at age 5 and began building their nest on a small island in the Joels' farm pond in Slingerlands. Usually the island provides a safe nesting site away from such predators as foxes. This spring, however, the five eggs were threatened when heavy rains raised the level of the pond. The Joels rescued the eggs and moved them to an incubator before the big nest of sticks was washed away.

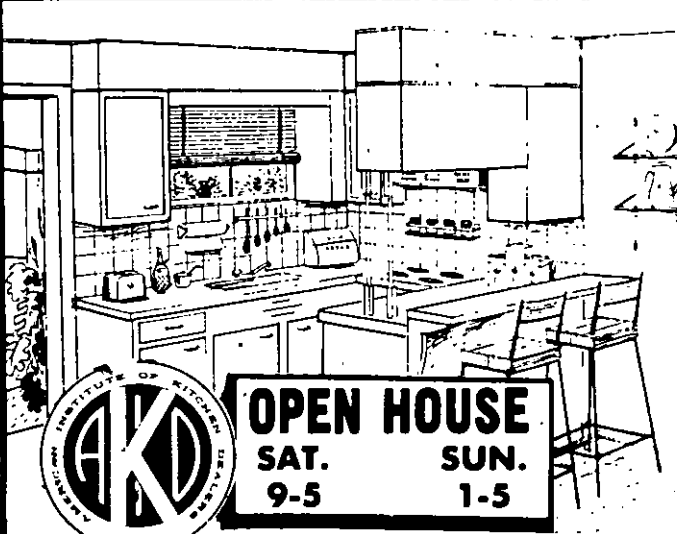
Twenty-four hours later, when the water had subsided, the Joels rebuilt the nest taking care to make it the swan regulation size of 36 by 45 inches. Once the eggs had been placed in the new refuge the parent swans once again took charge, warming them, turning them daily and keeping them moist. Two weeks later four little cygnets hatched and after the customary two days in the nest the entire swan family vacated their man-made home and took to the water.



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Families will find themselves in a tug-of-war over just where and how to spend their Bicentennial Fourth of July, there are so many choices this year! In addition to the festivities planned for the Town of Bethlehem (see page 7), here are some of the events that will be vying for attention:

July 1-4 will find the New York Festival Barge at the Port in Albany. The 250-foot floating museum is the country's largest bicentennial project and includes craft demonstrations, short films and light entertainment in addition to its exhibits.

The New York State Museum at Empire State Plaza will open its doors to the pub-

lic for the first time on July 1 with an exhibit of "The Adirondack Wilderness" and a special bicentennial exhibit entitled "Forces," which indicates how the forces of materialism, diversity and change shaped New York State society.

Evenings at the Plaza will include the museum's opening ceremony, concerts, fireworks display and a folk festival, winding up July 4 with the Albany Symphony and Lake George Opera Festival. All the events are free to the public.

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Adding to everyone's dilemma of which place to be for the holiday weekend is Operation Sail. On July 4, New York Harbor will be the rendezvous point for 225 vessels from 30 nations. The flotilla will include clipper ships, windjammers, brigs, barks, schooners, sloops and naval vessels. The Albany International Center is sponsoring a motor coach trip to Op Sail which will leave Albany at 7 a.m. and return in the late evening. Seats have been reserved at Battery Park near the World Trade Center for an unobstructed view of the parade of ships. A box lunch will be provided and dinner at Mama Leone's is included.

There will be some difficult choices to make, but this July holiday promises to be outstanding no matter who wins the family tug-of-war!

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Barbeque July 4

Bethlehem Business Women's Club is sponsoring a chicken barbeque July 4 from 1 to 6 p.m. at the town park, Elm Ave., to raise money for the club's scholarship fund.

A donation of \$3 will be asked. Profits will go towards two \$350 scholarships and a \$100 savings bond awarded each year by the club to graduating Bethlehem girls.

Vacation bible school

Glenmont Community Church has scheduled its annual vacation bible school for the week of July 26-30 for children age 4 through Middle School. Information, call 434-2369 or 465-6957.

New piano method

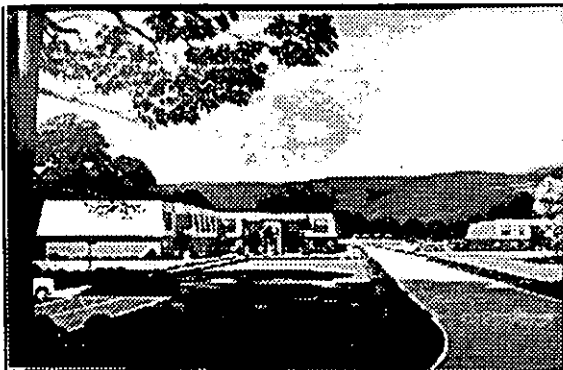
Three Bethlehem piano teachers have joined a contemporary instruction group affiliated with the National Pace-Setter organization. They recently completed classes at the College of Saint Rose, Albany, in the method endorsed by the National Piano Foundation. Dr. Robert Pace of Columbia University is educational director of the foundation.

The teachers, Bailey Bloom, June McQuide and Eloise Paddock, are currently interviewing children from age 7 for fall placement.

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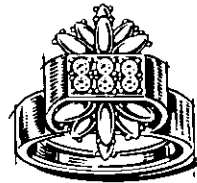


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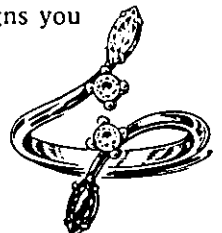
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New YES hours

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service will observe summer hours from 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m. five days a week starting Monday. Telephone answering service will cover the afternoon hours.

Tomboys' Lynda hits grand slam

Lori Riccardo fanned 11 batters in a Bethlehem Tomboys intermediate game and Terri Plunkett nine in a minor league contest. Home run hitters were Katie Fitzpatrick, Laurie Pelham, Mary Reagan, Tracy Symons and Cindy Veltman in the majors, Mary Howell, Sue Marden and Sandy Vogel in the intermediates and Lynda Stokoe in the minors, Lynda's coming with the bases full.

Standings as of June 20:

BETHLEHEM TOMBOYS

Majors

	W	L
Cohn Yaguda	4	1
Metroland Bus	3	1
Atlantic Cement	1	3
Eden Park	1	4

Intermediate

Riccardo Studio	4	1
Farm Family	3	1
PBA	3	2
GE Plastics	2	3
John Germann	0	5

Minors

Mead's Corner Inn	3	0
Keller's Mobil	2	1
Kiwanis	2	1
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Farm Family	7	2	Mullens	5½	2½
C.Y.C.	5	4	Main Care	4	4
Price Greenleaf	4	5	Bennetts	2½	6½
Gen. Electric	3½	5½	Meyers Funeral	2½	6½
McCarrolls	2½	6½	Spotlight	½	7½

INTERMEDIATE LEAGUE

American			National		
	W	L		W	L
McCarrolls	8	1	Bennetts	8½	½
Farm Family	7½	1½	Meyers Bike	6½	2½
Price Greenleaf	4	5	Roberts	4	3
Kiwanis	3½	4½	Main Care	½	5½
Gen. Electric	3	5	Spotlight	½	6½
C.Y.C.	2½	6½	Mullens	½	6½

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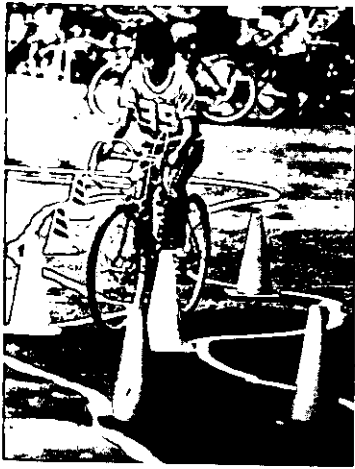
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Chris Baker negotiates zig-zag course in Voorheesville bicycle rodeo as James Harding waits at the starting line.

Photos by John Howell

VOORHEESVILLE A lot of action in bike rodeo

It looked like the perfect day for a bicycle rodeo on Monday, June 14, at the Voorheesville School. The course was neatly outlined in lime dust, the bright neon-red cones were strategically placed and several school buses blocked the entrances to the side parking lot. On hand were Sheriff John McNulty Jr., Ed Dodge of the State Police and a member of the State Education Department's Special Education Division. Don Otterness, science coordinator for the Voorheesville Elementary School, and other staff members guided some of the sixth graders as they put up models of highway signs.

This year's rodeo was to be much more elaborate than that of recent years. The sixth graders would have their bikes inspected for safety, would take a written test and identify the signs before actually riding through the prescribed course. There they would be graded on hand signals, control of the bike and, on the final straight-away, the bicyclist with the slowest time would win.

Unfortunately, just when the classes came outside and as the spectators (lower grade students) lined up for the "show," big black clouds formed over-

head and there were ominous rumbles. Big rain drops dispersed the audience and performers, but later in the day the rodeo was completed.

Award winners were Barbara Baldwin in the rodeo full course with bike, Jim Harding in the speed and accuracy course and Mike Wilk in the short course, without bike.

The purpose of the bicycle rodeo is to promote safe bicycling and remind students to keep their bikes in good repair and with proper adjustments of seat and handlebars.

Delmar girl winner

Sandra Vaughn, 724 Delaware Tpk., Delmar, has been named Albany Panhellenic Assn. scholarship winner for 1976 by Mrs. Robert Friedlander, Delmar, scholarship committee chairman. Sandra is No. 3 in the Bethlehem Central graduating class, and will enter the New York State College of Agriculture and Life Sciences at Cornell University in the fall.

Among Panhellenic officers installed at the group's annual picnic in Guilderland this month were Mrs. Fred Baker, secretary, Mrs. James Tate, corresponding secretary, and Mrs. Russell Johnson, scholarship treasurer, all of Delmar.

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Kathleen O'Neill, 4 Burhans Pl., Elsmere, has been named winner of a New York State PTA Jenkins Memorial Scholarship for Teacher Education. She will graduate from Bethlehem Central High School this week and will enter the State University of New York at Oswego in the fall.

Kathy was selected as Bethlehem's candidate in the statewide competition for the four-year scholarship in early spring and then went through a screening process and several interviews.

Honored at Dartmouth

David R. Kinnard of Orchard Park, formerly of Delmar, has been named one of 10 senior fellows at Dartmouth College for academic 1976-77. He is the son of Dr. and Mrs. William V. Kinnard.

Senior fellows are a select group of students, numbering no more than 12 in any given academic year, chosen by a special faculty committee to

pursue courses of independent study during their senior year at Dartmouth. Kinnard is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School.

Radio celebrating '76

Albany FM radio station WAMC will air the National Public Radio tribute to the 200th July 4 — 19 continuous hours of American music and comment unbroken by commercials. The program, featuring jazz, symphonies, marches and folk music plus commentaries on history, literature, arts, politics and voices of famous people, will start at 6 a.m. July 4. WAMC is 90.3 on the FM dial.

Wins AMC awards

Desmond R. Del Giacco, son of Mr. and Mrs. Rudolph Del Giacco, 36 Greenleaf Dr., Delmar, was awarded the Alumni Assn. Medal and the Arthur W. Wright Award at the annual awards ceremony last month at Albany Medical College.

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Camp session awarded

Leslie Warren of Game Farm Rd., Delmar, is one of two Albany area youths named by the Albany County Audubon Society to receive a week's sponsorship at Camp Colby.

Leslie, 13, attends Bethlehem Middle School. She has served as a volunteer at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, helping out with younger children in the summer programs.

Located near Saranac Lake, Camp Colby offers a program which includes studies of aquatic life, basic ecological principles, hunter safety, small boat safety and swimming. The program is run by the State Department of Environmental Conservation.

Summer hockey planned

A six-week summer hockey school will be held for the first time at the Albany Academy arena, beginning Tuesday.

The program will be divided into two age groups, which will meet every Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday. Group I, for 8- to 13-year-olds, will meet from 7:15 to 9:15 p.m. Group II, for 14- to 18-year-olds, will be on the ice from 9:30 to 11:30 p.m.

Gene DelVecchio is director of the summer hockey school. Fred Erickson, Jack Decloe, James Pollock and Dennis Hasso will teach the program.

Completes basic training

Navy Seaman Apprentice Kenneth E. Harris, son of Edward R. Harris of Stone Rd., Glenmont, was graduated from recruit training at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. A 1975 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central High School, he joined the Navy in January 1976.

Marine ends training

Marine Pvt. Caleb J. Hodges, 20, son of Mr. and Mrs. Otho Hodges, 34 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, was graduated from recruit training at the Marine Corps Recruit Depot, Parris Island, S.C. A 1975 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Marine Corps in December, 1975.

Win grants for music

David Brickman and Julia Hartheimer of Delmar have won two of 12 supplementary grants for summer scholarships sponsored by the Albany League of Arts, and Michael Sharp of Delmar has won one of five full-tuition scholarships. The grants are underwritten by the League's Van Olinda Fund with assistance from the SUNYA Theater Dept., Skidmore College Art Dept. and Miss Betty Warren of the School of the Arts at Malden Bridge.

The grants to Brickman and Hartheimer are in orchestra and the scholarship to Sharp is to attend SUNYA.

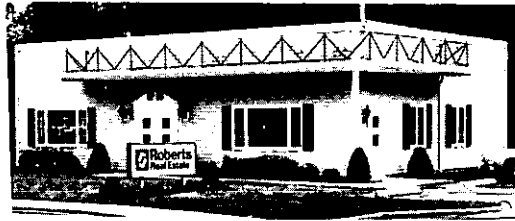
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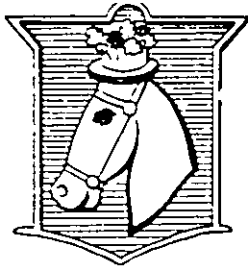
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Completes Navy course

Navy Fire Control Technician Third Class Frank P. Sorell Jr., 23, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank P. Sorell Sr. of Ravena, has completed the basic enlisted course at the Naval Submarine School, Groton, Conn. He is a 1971 graduate of Christian Brothers Academy, Albany.

Summer in Israel

Jill Baker, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William Baker, 50 Brightonwood Rd., Glenmont, will live abroad this summer with a family in Israel. Jill, who will be a senior at Bethlehem Central High School next year, is among more than 1,800 students who will travel abroad as members of the Experiment in International Living, an organization dedicated to international cross-culture exchange for more than 40 years.

Tennis workbook program to start

A new technique of tennis instruction will be applied to the summer tennis program sponsored by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. for youth 9 to 17. The program will utilize a workbook method devised as an easy-to-follow lesson plan for both student and instructor.

To give the program a boost, the Bethlehem Tennis Assn. paid the expenses of the four instructors to attend a two-day teacher training workshop at Princeton University conducted by the authors of the workbooks. Co-supervisors of the Bethlehem program are Patricia McCall and Bill Minnock. Working with them will be Beth Anderson and Chip Pitt.

The workbooks will be on display in the board room at

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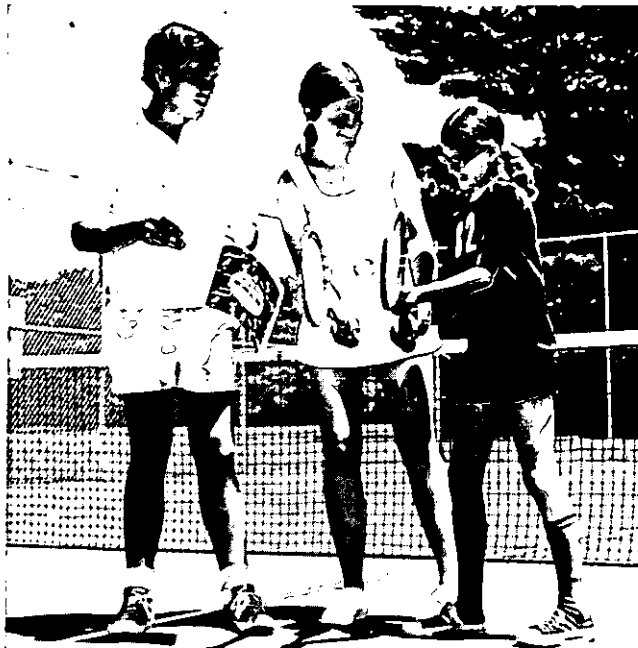
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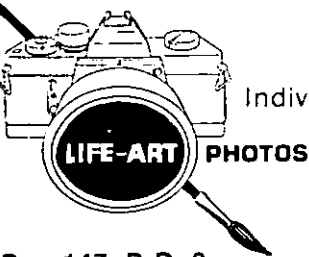


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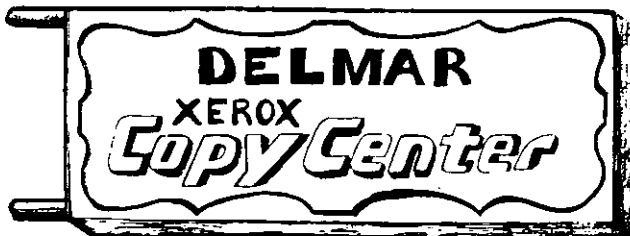
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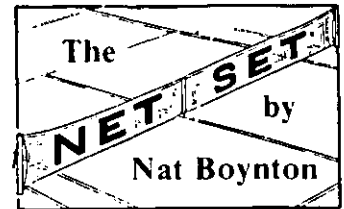
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the Bethlehem Library from 7 to 9 p.m. June 23-24. There will be pre-registration for the summer tennis program at that time at a cost of \$11.50 per student. Registration will be limited and will also take place the first two days of the program. The workbooks may be ordered at a cost of \$2.95 for Unit I, and \$3.25 for Unit II. The instructors and members of the Bethlehem Tennis Assn. will be on hand to discuss the workbook method and answer any questions.

Eve Kraft and John Conroy, co-authors of the workbooks, have been hailed by Tennis Magazine as "two of the game's greatest coaches." They are co-directors of the Princeton Community Tennis Program and also are co-chairmen of the U.S. Tennis Assn. education and research committee.



Tennis watchers — a growing segment of the population — will have their day in the sun figuratively and literally this weekend when carloads of vagabond tennis players descend on the Schenectady Racquet Club. The occasion is the annual summer invitational, with prize money put up by Jack Boyajian of Country Liquor.

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In the cast assembled by Tony DeOrio are the likes of Mike Fishbeck, a finalist in the \$5,000 Americana tournament at Colonie last winter, Philip Krajcik, an Austrian Davis Cup player, John

Hughes, ranked No. 2 in New England, and Gary Edelman, a ranking Eastern player from Bayside, L.I. Dirk Durkin of Buffalo, who won the New York State hardcourt championship in Utica two weeks ago, will also be on display, as will most of the Hampton Institute team that just won the NCAA Division 2 title.

The women's draw features two strong Buffalo players, Ingrid Howie and Paula Shifel, and a 13-year-old Connecticut prodigy, Martha Roberts, who has an Eastern ranking. Martha played in the Schenectady Open junior championships



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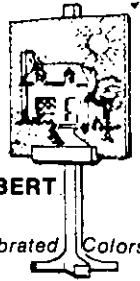
One of the newest and best wrinkles of the tennis "explosion" is the summer day camp for junior players of all ages, which means toddlers on up. Some of the region's best teaching professionals will be on the faculties, such as Jim Dumas at Southwood, Bruce Negri at Tri-City and Reid Robson at Schenectady Racquet. With school getting out, the tennis camps are ready to start, so call the club nearest you for rates and schedules.

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Tennis Shorts: Three Bethlehem names made the list of 1976 club champions at Tri-City Racquet Club: Jeff Goodman won the boys' 12 singles and Dave Talmadge-Ed Taylor the men's doubles consolation in the spring tournaments . . . Jim Potter of Delmar and Cornell is helping Jim Dumas with the Southwood tennis camp this summer . . . Frank Romeo is two weeks ahead of schedule in construction of the Capitaland Tennis Club, the area's newest indoor complex, on Rt. 155, Guilderland . . . foundations were poured this week . . . Southwood and Colonie Tennis Club will have new managers by fall . . . Keep your eyes on Tim Lewis, Voorheesville's rising tennis star, who easily won the Tri-City Racquet Club boys' 14 championship . . . Tim is the son of Bob Lewis, SUNYA varsity tennis coach . . . Tri-City is putting in six outdoor Har-Tru courts, four of which are scheduled to be ready by July 4.

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A builder's view

Editor, The Spotlight:

In regard to your June 10 article titled "Homebuilders 9, Neighbors 0," may I suggest a followup article with this heading and information: "Neighbors 10, Spotlight 0."

Facts: two Slingerlands residents, not a contingent from Slingerlands and Delmar, spoke. Theirs was a languid argument lasting less than five minutes and it was against apartments on the land across the tracks from this site. None of the neighbors spoke, if they attended. The planning board considered the project and voiced no objections to it. The character of the area is already multi-family.

Your article misinforms and it is not objective. It deals un-

fairly with the members of our planning and zoning boards, the contractors that have built the fine single and multiple-family residences this community boasts, our own residents who have become newlyweds or empty-nesters and want apartments, and the town and school boards when budget approval time rolls around.

As a former residential developer, I know the long-term benefits diversified housing brings to a community, and it makes my heart sing to see Bethlehem cautiously moving again in this direction.

Also, won't you please try a little harder the next time you deal with multi-family housing to make the residents of these units feel at home in Bethlehem.

Van Wies Point *Bill Strong*

Mr. Strong should re-read the article for objectivity. The facts were accurate, including these items: (1) a delegation of the Albany area builders' association, an industry group, was at the session to support the industry's objectives, and (2) the board of appeals approved the apartment cluster after denying the request of a nearby resident to convert a portion of his basement to a one-bedroom apartment and the request of a landowner in a comparatively rural section of town to build a similar apartment cluster. Both these petitioners have taken the board to court.

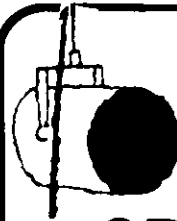
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Editor, The Spotlight:

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Delmar *Name submitted*



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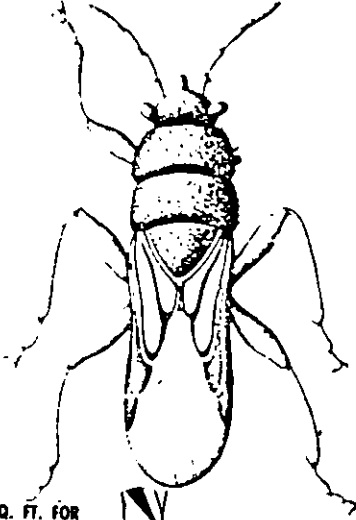
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