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

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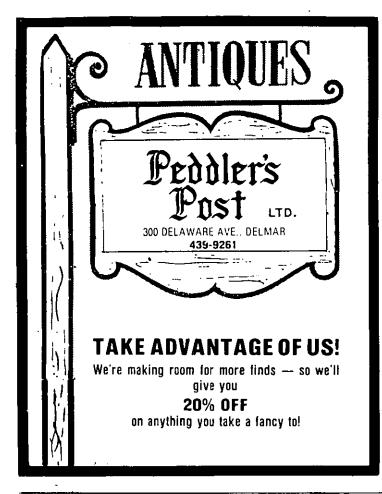
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Bethlehem Lions Club meets first and third Wednesdays at LaCasa, Selkirk, 6:30. p.m.

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

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

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

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, 9:30 a.m., once or twice a month, at Bethlehem Public Library. Information, 767-2094.

Rolary 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. Prus Church, Loudonville, 462-6916 or P.O. Box 23, Albany.

Historical films, Community Room, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon, bring lunch, free coffee. Albany chapter, Railroad Evangelistic Assn. meets third Saturday of each month, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:15 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.

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THURSDAY, AUGUST 5

Summer band concert, Elm Ave. Park, 8 p.m.

An Evening with Dr. Seuss, Clarksville Community Church, 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 6

Go Fly a Kite... but make it first, Bethlehem Library, 2-4 p.m. Open to 4th grade and up.

An Evening with Dr. Seuss, featuring two short films, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Punkintown Fair, Aug. 6-7, Fairgrounds, Rt. 85A, New Salem, 7 p.m.

Firemen's Fair, Aug. 6-7, Firehouse, Glenmont Rd., Glenmont, 7 p.m.

MONDAY, AUGUST 9

"Everything you always wanted to know about pets," grades 2-5, Bethlehem Library parking lot, 2-3 p.m. Bring a pet. Prizes.

Karate demonstration, led by Al Cannella, 8 p.m., Bethlehem Library.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 10

Gulded walk, "Summer Wildflowers," Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., 7 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 11

Evening on the Green, featuring James Gosch, magician. Lawn behind Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. Raindate Aug. 13.

Wednesday feature film, Walt Disney's "Brighty of the Grand Canyon." Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Slide-lecture by Sas Colby, nationally known artist-teacher, Capital District chapter, Embroiders' Guild of America, Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. Free, public welcome.

Public hearing, Bethlehem Town Board, on the proposed Carstead Dr. extension of Water District No. 1, town hall 8 p.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Eugene and Margaret A. Mirabelli Jr., 29 Bennett Ter., Delmar, for variance to add a room on the south side of their residence, town hall 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 12

Clarksville family film night, Clarksville Community Reformed Church. "Johnny Tremain." 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 13

Family Film Night, "Johnny Tremain," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 14

Open reunion for all Bethlehem Central High School graduates, sponsored by the class of '61. Picnic at Sunny Acres Day Camp, noon to 4 p.m.; dinner-dance at Quality Inn, 7:30 p.m. 439-9736 or 439-9277 for reservations.

🖉 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

- "Hay Fever," Noel Coward comedy, final production of SUNYA summer theater season, Performing Arts Center, State University at Albany. Aug. 4-7, 8 p.m. Box office in lobby, 457-8606 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m.
- 8606 between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. "Fiddler on the Roof," Mac-Haydn Theater, Chatham Fairgrounds, Aug. 4-8, 8 p.m. (Sunday 7 p.m.); "Carousel," Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, Aug. 11-15. Tickets PO Box 204, Chatham, N.Y. 12037 or phone 392-9292.
- "6 Rms Riv Vu," contemporary comedy, JCA Theater Arts, Junior College of Albany, 140 New Scotland Ave., Aug. 5-8, 8 p.m. 445-1725. "Promenade All," Woodstock Playhouse, through Aug. 15, 8:30
- "Promenade All," Woodstock Playhouse, through Aug. 15, 8:30 p.m. (Sunday 7 p.m., matinees Wednesdays and Saturdays 2:30 p.m.) 914-679-2436.

MUSIC

Vocal recital, Patricia Danzig, Guggenheim Pavilion, Rensselaerville, Aug. 8, 8:30 p.m. 797-3477.

Concert, organist Larry Young, Capital District Jazz Society, at N.O.D. Lounge, 1925 Curry Rd., Rotterdam, Aug. 14, 9 p.m. 434-6369.

EXHIBITS

Albany Institute of History & Art, Sanford R. Gifford mini-exhibition of watercolors and Catskill and Italian sketches, also "Albany Old and New," watercolors by Gordon Howe, through Sept. 10.

HISTORIC TOURS

Walking tour of historic Washington Park and Second St., Troy, narrative by Nancy Connell, Aug. 7, 1 p.m. (Rain date Aug. 8), assemble RCCA, 59 Second St.

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^{393 DELAWARE AVE.} Up-zoning in Bethlehem: a parcel success

Few matters on the public agenda in Bethlehem are as sensitive as zoning and the interactions of residents and developers, which explains why any change in area classifications takes a long time. Last week the town board completed the procedural cycle on one major zoning proposal and advanced a second proposal one more step along the route.

The first action saw the board authorize a change in the classification of a large tract in Slingerlands north of New Scotland Rd. from Residential A to Residential Double-A. The proposal, previously approved by the town's seven-member planning board and thrashed out at a public hearing by the town board, involves a sizeable area extending from Font Grove Rd. north of the D&H tracks to the Slingerlands By-pass west of Blessing Rd. The size of the area is believed to be in excess of 250 acres.

Double-A zoning restricts future residential building to a minimum lot size of 10,500 square feet and permits duplex units. Under the Single-A classification multiple-unit dwellings are permitted and residential building is permitted on lot sizes as small as 8,500 square feet.

Opponents of the petition contend the up-grading limits the types of homes that can be built, and thus detracts from the market value of their land. Most of the hamlet of Slingerlands is zoned Double-A with the exception of sections along New Scotland Rd. and Kenwood Ave. east of the toll gate intersection.

In a separate action, the town board tabled a recommendation by the planning board to upgrade a rectangular section of Glenmont from a mixed quilt of light industrial and Residential A to a solid block of Residential A. The procedure is routine pending the board's next move: setting the date for a public hearing.

Three weeks ago members of the planning board took a "walking tour" of the area as part of their discussions on the proposal by citizens of Asprion Rd. to assign a more uniform designation to the area. The land in question — 116 acres — lies between Rt. 9W and the Thruway and between Glenmont Rd. and the southern boundaries of properties on the south side of Asprion Rd.

The homeowners who filed the original request two months ago told the planning board at an informational meeting in town hall on June 22 that further industrial development would worsen what they consider a hazardous traffic situation on Rt. 9W. They also expressed fears their properties were in danger of becoming "islands" surrounded by commercial and industrial developments, a situation they said would have an eroding effect on the market value of their holdings.

BETHLEHEM Planners huddle with educators

Members of Bethlehem's board of education and town planning board are getting together this week or next in an effort to resolve an impasse over prospective traffic problems on Van Dyke Rd. just off Delaware Ave.

School officials are opposed to a 35-lot residential subdivision proposed by Slingerlands developer Wolf Krahmer on 13 acres west of Van Dyke Rd. opposite the side entrances of Bethlehem Central High School. The board feels the plan would amplify what it considers an already congested traffic situation and would pose safety hazards to hundreds of students using the area daily when school is in session.

Planning board members suggested the school permit widening of Van Dyke Rd. and also use school property to construct a new driveway for bus traffic. The school board rejected both proposals. Krahmer has offered 12 to 15 feet of his land to the town for widening the road on the west side. Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn said widening the road would bring traffic too close to the building and construction of a new driveway for buses would be too expensive.

DELMAR Sheaffer sees red on light

When the State Department of Transportation failed to give the town of Bethlehem a green light to install a traffic signal at the intersection of Delaware Ave. and Adams St., Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer saw red.

DOT turned down Sheaffer's request, saying its own studies



Mary Lou Bartolotta of Livingston, Columbia County, Democratic candidate for the 102nd Assembly District seat in November, met with Bethlehem's town Democratic committee Thursday. From left: Milt Mercado, her campaign manager; Bill Burkhard, her coordinator for Bethlehem, and Ken Thacher, town Democratic chairman.

of the intersection showed only half the requirements for a signal. The rejection didn't take with the supervisor, who told the town board at its regular meeting last week he was asking the DOT to reconsider the request. He said he based his appeal on the fact there have been several accidents at the corner, and it is used regularly by emergency vehicles from the Delmar Fire Dept. stationed 300 feet from the intersection.

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Embroidery lecture

Capital District chapter of the Embroiderer's Guild of America will offer day workshops and an evening slidelecture next Wednesday and Thursday with Sas Colby, wellknown fabric artist-teacher from Berkeley, Calif. Ms. Colby creates unusual and imaginative costumes and clothing, masks, banners and boxes from precious fabrics of silk, velvet and satin. Friends are welcome at the evening slide lecture Wednesday at 8 in the Bethlehem Library.



BETHLEHEM School libraries offering service

Elementary schools in the Bethlehem Central school district are inviting pupils to borrow books from school libraries this summer. This is the schedule of times when the libraries will be open: Clarksville - Mondays, 9 a.m. to noon; Elsmere — Tuesdays, 1:15 to 3:15 p.m.; Glenmont - Wednesdays, 1 to 3 p.m. and Slingerlands — Tuesday, Aug. 10 and Monday, Aug. 16, 1:30 to 3 p.m. Hamagrael's schedule was unavailable at press time, but those pupils or parents may call there (439-4905) for the information.

This is the first year arrangements have been made for weekly summertime use of the elementary school libraries, and school officials hope many children will take advantage of this close-to-home access to many enjoyable books. Much summertime use is made of school playgrounds and recreational facilities, but the vacation is also a wonderful time for youngsters to make good use of the contents of school libraries.

Glenmont fair continues

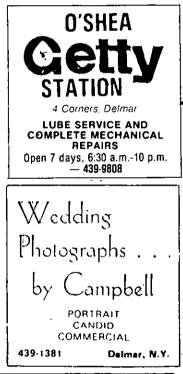
Glenmont's friendly firemen are preparing for another weekend of fun and games, including the "Moon Walk" for children, at their 20th annual firemen's fair. The action gets underway at 7 p.m. Friday and Saturday, with a country auction scheduled for 1 p.m. Saturday as a special feature at the fairgrounds. Charles B. Fritts is fair chairman for the sponsors, Selkirk Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2.

Kick the weed

American Cancer Society is sponsoring a Stop Smoking program Tuesday and Thursday evenings from 7-9 p.m., during August at Memorial Hospital, Albany. A \$5 registration fee is charged to cover cost of materials. Information 449-8722.

BC '61 outing

Bethlehem Central Class of 1961 is planning an outing and dinner dance for their 15th reunion on Saturday, Aug. 14, at Sunny Acres Day Camp. The picnic and outing will be from 12 noon to 4 p.m., followed by a dinner dance at Quality Inn starting at 7:30 p.m. Members of all other classes at BC are invited. For information and reservations, call Esther Cornell, 439-9736, or Judi Von Ronne, 439-9277.





LaLeche meeting

The Albany Central La-Leche League will meet Thursday, Aug. 12, at 8:15 p.m. at the home of Mrs. Richard Koch, 119 Fairview Ave., Albany. Mrs. Robert Bray will lead a discussion on "The Family and the Breast-fed Baby."

Karate demonstration

Bethlehem Karate Club and Al Cannella, a second-degree black belt, will lead a free karate demonstration sponsored by the Bethlehem Public Library at 8 p.m. Monday.



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Birth announced

A second child and first son has been born to Mr. and Mrs. Jack H. Christenson of Ilion. Mrs. Christenson is the former Paula Dorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John L. Dorman of Delmar.

On DAR panel

Mrs. S. Benjamin Myers of Delmar was a member of the judges panel for the annual state history award given by the Daughters of the American Revolution. The 1976 winner was Lisa Minella of Pelham.

Israel student speaks

Kenneth B. Segal, 60 Brockley Dr., Delmar, will be the speaker at the Aug. 12 luncheon meeting of the Retired Mens Fraternity at the Holiday Inn, Rt. 5, Albany. He will talk on "What It's Like Being an American Student in Israel." He will enter the New York University Law School graduate program in tax in September.

'Early bird' worship

Delmar Reformed Church will hold a special 7:30 a.m. "early bird" worship service on the five Sundays in August for its more active parishioners who plan outings or other summer activities that might cause them to miss church. Rev. Gerard Van Heest, pastor of the church at Four Corners, will conduct the services in the chapel in the Education wing.

"We plan an informal service," Rev. Van Heest said. "Golf slacks and sport shirts will not be out of place."



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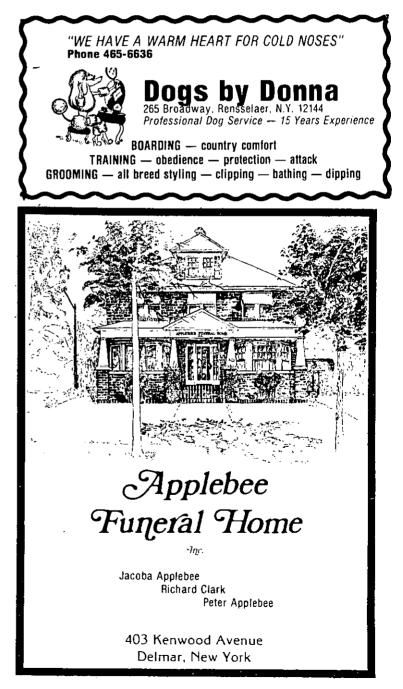
Turbotrains

The first two of seven turbine-powered passenger trains for the New York-Albany-Buffalo corridor are expected to go into service by Aug. 16, according to the State Department of Transportation. The American-built French-designed turboliners are capable of 125-mph speeds on good trackage, but state officials say it will be several years before the tracks on the upstate run can be improved to meet those standards. In all, there will be seven turbotrains in service by the end of this year.

Altamont Fair nearer

Premium books containing entry blanks for Altamont Fair exhibitors have been mailed to more than 1,000 past exhibitors, according to Stu Rombough of the fair association. Rombough expects "a trememdous increase in new exhibits, due in part more than \$20,000 in prize money in a dozen categories.

The 1976 fair opens Aug. 16 with a bicentennial program. A circus royale free grandstand show will be featured daily through Aug. 21.



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Delmar girl wed

Nancy Isbister, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John W. Isbister of Delmar, was married to David Wickster, son of Mrs. Elizabeth Wickster and the late Dr. George Z. Wickster, in a garden wedding in Oak Park, Ill., June 19. The bridegroom is a field training officer in the Oak Park Police Dept.

Slingerlands cadet on 'Eagle' crew

Cadet James B. Brewster, son of Mr. and Mrs. Benjamin Brewster Jr., 1719 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, participated in "Operation Sail '76" as a crew member aboard the Coast Guard training ship, Eagle.

Aboard the three-masted, square-rigged sailing ship since May, Cadet Brewster crewed as the Eagle raced from Bermuda to Newport, R.I., previous to arriving in New York City for the Bicentennial celebration.

A 1973 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, Brewster is a member of the



Cadet James B. Brewster

Coast Guard Academy class of 1977.

One of the world's remaining 20 "tall ships," the Eagle led 15 other tall ships in review before a flotilla of 50 modern warships in New York Harbor and partway up the Hudson River on July 4. Among the events included in their four-day stay in New York was a parade in the city, in which Eagle crewmembers and officers joined those of the other tall ships.





Rev. Frank T. Rhoad

Guest preacher here

Rev. Frank T. Rhoad, pastor emeritus of the Second Presbyterian Church of Amsterdam and now a resident of Delmar, will be the guest preacher at the Delmar Presbyterian Church for the first two Sundays in August. The services will be at 10 a.m.

Paquin campaign gets early start

Guy Paquin, Clarksville businessman running for Albany county clerk on the Democratic ticket, has appointed a full slate of campaign staff members in one of the earliest campaign starts in recent years.

Paquin has named Dennis Ryan campaign manager and Mrs. Shirley Brown press secretary. Others on the staff include Marie DiLello, Paul O'Brien, Paul Oliver, Norman Dent, Russ DuBuc, Marcia Aronowitz and Phil Minnisale.

Tom Hammill has been appointed coordinator for Bethlehem and Herb Reilly Jr. for New Scotland.

Paquin is opposing Paul Cardamone of Albany, the Republicans' youthful nominee, in what could shape up to be one of the most spirited of the races in the November voting.

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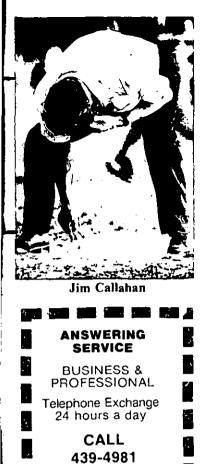
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Tomboys honor veteran umpire

They were throwing things at the umpire Friday night at the Bethlehem Tomboys' picnic at Picards' Grove ... Jim Callahan, the ump in question, needn't duck, however. Compliments and verbal bouquets were flying his way as players and their families thanked him for the hours of volunteer time he has given them.

Employed full-time in the mail room of Albany Medical College, Callahan never misses a Tomboys' game. The East Greenbush resident is always accompanied to the games by his Number One Fan, wife Arlene.

Baseball is second in his life only to his family. Ever since he missed out on a career on the diamond due to a football injury Jim has been working as an umpire, more often than not as a volunteer, for the past 45 years.



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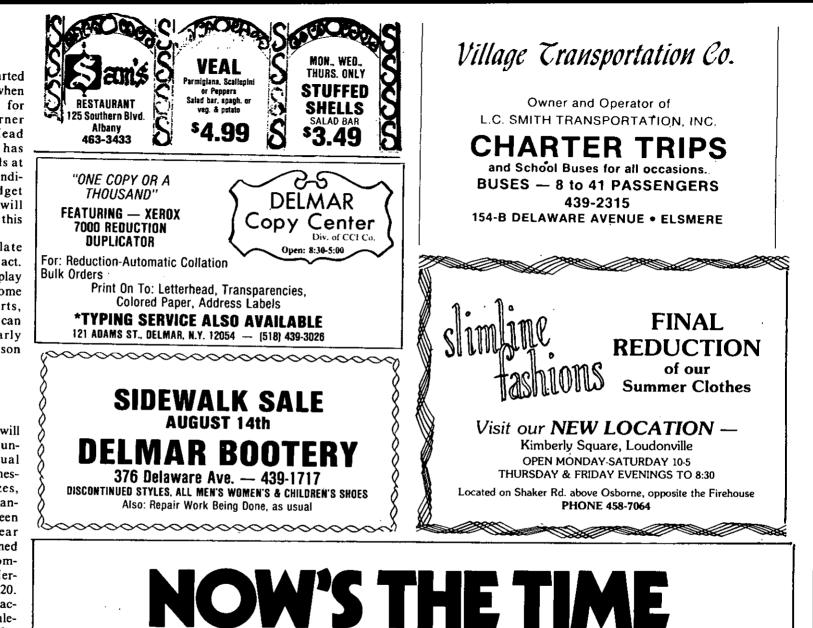
Practice starts for Pop Warner The football season started this week in Delmar when smooth-checked aspirants for the town's two Pop Warner teams began practice. Head Coach Bob Verstandig has been directing daily drills at Hamagrael School for candidates for the junior midget and midget elevens that will play in the county league this fall

There is still time for late registrants to get into the act. Boys 10-13 who wish to play organized football are welcome at Hamagrael in T-shirts, shorts and sneakers, and can register anytime up to early September. The league season starts in mid-September.

Outing for GOP

Bethlehem Republicans will gather at Murray-Jennex Sunset Park for the 17th annual GOP steak roast on Wednesday, Aug. 18. Door prizes, athletic events and a guaranteed good time have been scheduled. Tickets this year are \$13.50 and can be obtained from any member of the committee or ticket chairman Merwyn K. Atwood, 439-5720. Proceeds support all GOP activities in the town of Bethlehem including support for local, county, and state candidates.

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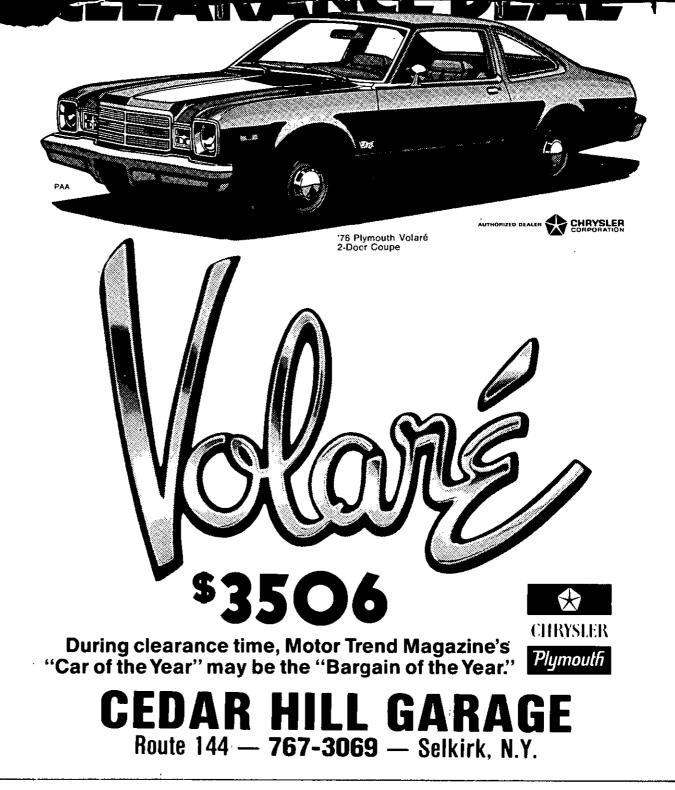


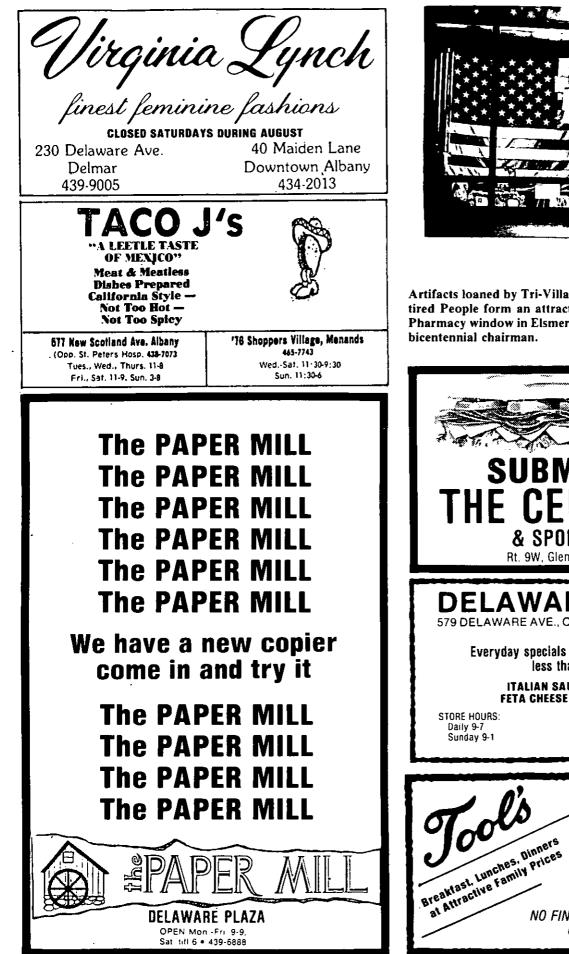
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Girl Scout camp

A special one-week session of day camp, with bus service from Latham, Colonie, Loudonville and Bethlehem as well as part of Albany, has been added to the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council schedule.~ The session will begin Monday at Camp Is-Sho-Da in East Greenbush. Girl Scouts and non-Scouts may obtain information or register by calling the Hudson Valley Council in Delmar, 439-4936.

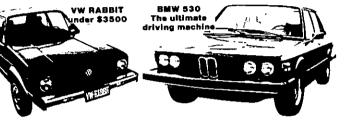
SPORTS **Dolfin swimmers** collecting medals

Delmar's talented Dolfins came home from the second annual Marlboro invitational swim meet with a carload of medals and ribbons, including 10 golds and 10 silvers. Robin Neff won three gold medals, Janet Shaffer had a gold, silver and bronze, Ken Neff two golds and Douglas Shultz a gold and two silvers.

Robin, Janet and Douglas did their damage in the 9-10 age group. Robin won the 50-vard freestyle, 50-vard backstroke and 100-yard in-

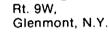


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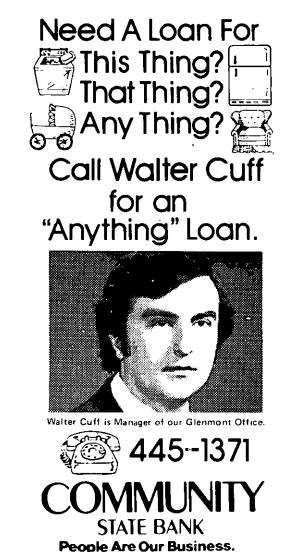
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dividual medley and anchored the first-place Delmar 200-yard freestyle relay. Janet swam a leg on that relay, won the 50yard breaststroke, was second in the 50 free and third in the 100 IM. Douglas won the 100 individual medley, placed No. 2 in the backstroke and breaststroke sprints and swam on the winning 200-yard freestyle relay foursome.

Ken Neff won the 100 free and 100 backstroke in the senior boys division. Other gold medalists were Jessica Follett in the girls' 14 diving, Becky Friedlander and Kathleen Henahan with Janet and Robin on the girls' 9-10 relay, and Scott Apicelli, Matt Holland and David Young on the 9-10 boys' relay.



In keeping with their own professional quality in tennis club management, the proprietors of the Tri-City Racquet Club announced the opening of their new outdoor complex





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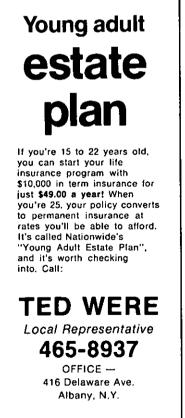
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with a full-fledged press conference last week. Sandy Bookstein and Lee Aronowitz laid on a tennis demonstration on their four mint-condition Har-Tru courts and a buffet reception for the newshawks.

The Knickerbocker News and Troy Times Record were there, along with the scarred old Spotlight scribe, and Channel 6 turned up with a reportercameraman team. Lee missed it because he was playing that other summer game, the one with sticks and that funny little ball, with Howard Nolan, but Sandy handled the TV articulation and the MC chore with ease.

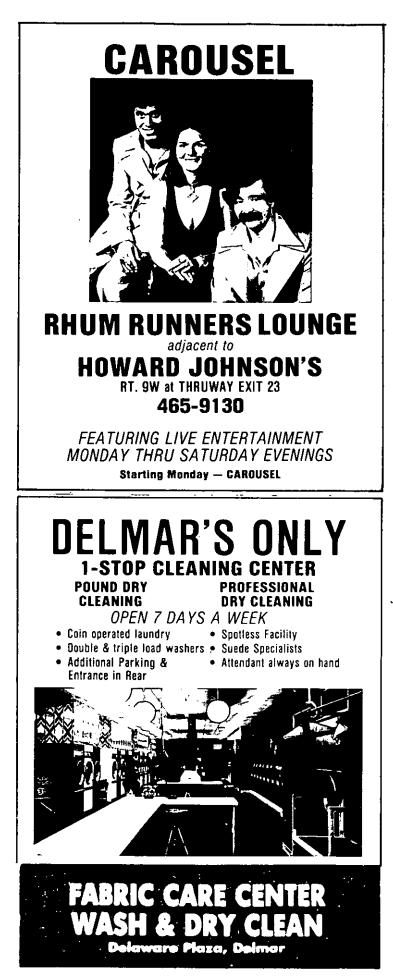
The courts are magnificent, adding one more facility to the area's growing list of new tennis playpens. There will be two more next spring.

Meanwhile work progresses on Southwood's new annex and Capitaland's eight-court shed, which is rising in record









speed on Rt. 155 in Guilderland. Next will be the new hard-surface layouts at Elm Ave. Park in Delmar and the New Scotland town park on Swift Rd.

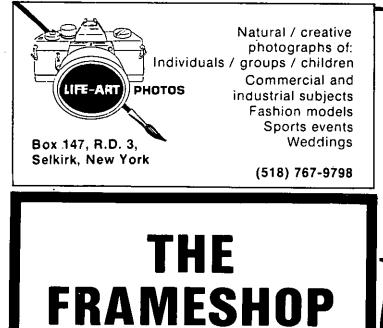
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On the tournament scene: Schenectady Racquet Club is hosting an Eastern Tennis Assn. sanctioned junior girls tournament this weekend, starting Friday. If anyone wants to see the caliber of Long Island, New Jersey, Westchester and upstate girls who spend the summer in disciplined competition playing for Eastern rankings in four age divisions, stop over on Curry Rd. at Thruway Exit 25 and get an eyeful.

Just to give you an idea: early entries include Susan Hartsell of Rochester, ranked 13th in the East in girls 14 and under, Marian Gengler, ranked 12th in the same category and sister of Margie Gengler, who captained Princeton's undefeated team a year ago before marrying Stan Smith of Wimbledon fame, and Sandy Fleischmann of Sag Harbor, L.I., No. 8 in girls' 16 who has played here previously. One of the features should be Chrissie= Stearns, an 11-year-old protege from Glens Falls whose father, Stu Stearns, is the pro at Glens Falls-Queensbury and well known to Delmar players.

The Troy Open will also be on next weekend, finishing up in that wonderful new complex at Prospect Park so comfortable for spectators as well as players.

Tennis Shorts: Cathy Vedder-Joanna Merritt, who are expected to play in the Bethlehem Open next month, have won two women's doubles titles — the Guilderland Open and Burnt Hills Open . . . Gene and Tom Gould also may come here seeking fresh blood after winning at Burnt Hills and the Troy Closed . . . Larry Linett, 16-year-old Albany County singles champion and top local scholastic star, has become a tennis columnist for the Knick News, a hopeful sign the Albany papers will start covering local tennis.



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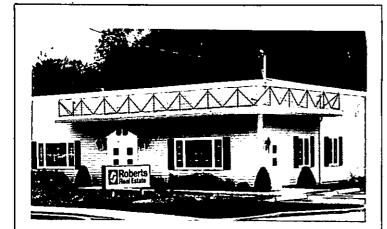
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Delmar Carolyn Smith

Unfortunately "simple bike paths" cost approximately \$40,000 a mile, according to authorities. The town's bicycle safety council is working on the matter but progress is slow. In the meantime the town has asked the county to widen and pave the shoulders of Elm Ave.

We agree with you — something should be done. If a path were built now it would insure bike safety for years to come. If such foresight had been applied years ago it would not be necessary to install bicycle facilities in roadbeds wide enough only for automobile traffic.

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