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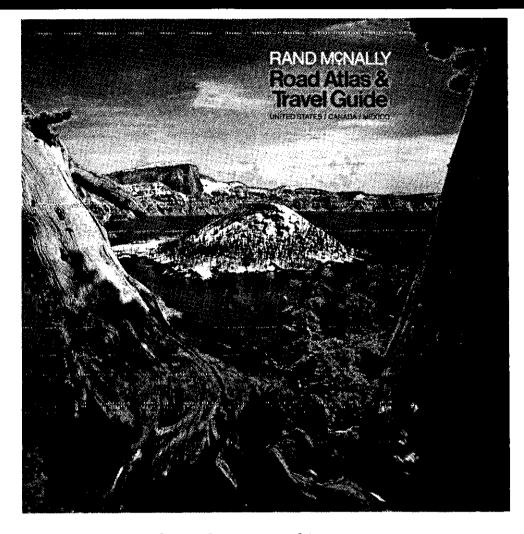
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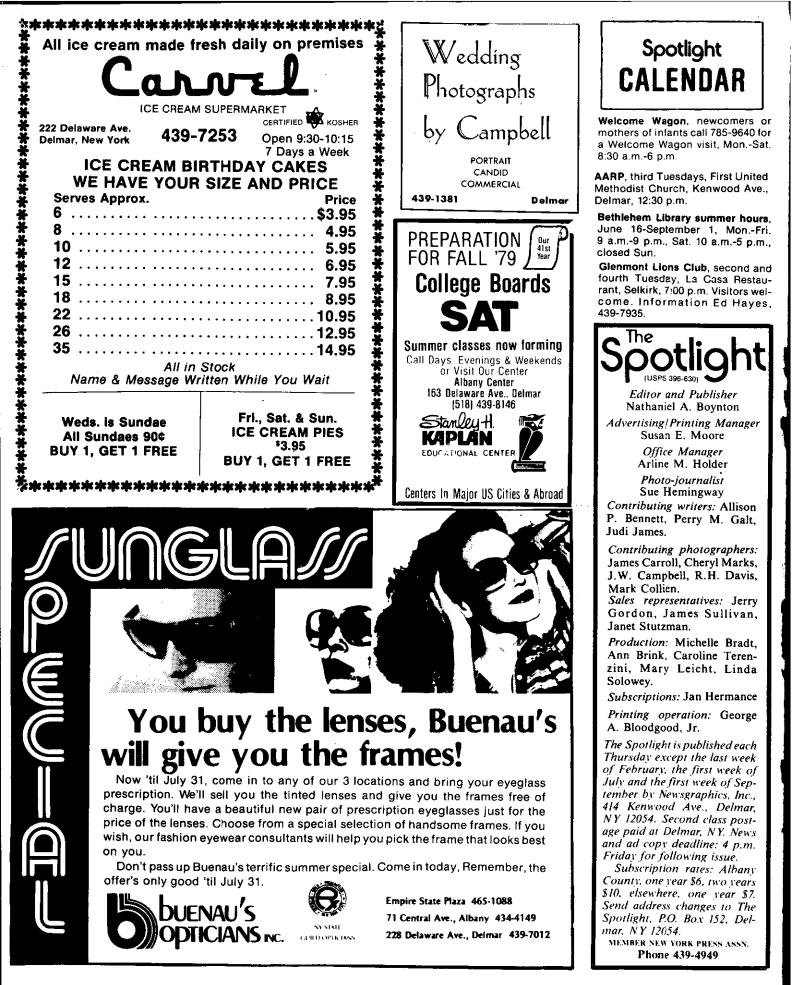
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Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Thomas School parking lot, Delmar.

Summer Star Walk, star stories and telescope watch, cancelled if rain or overcast, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 8:30 p.m., 457-6092.

Career and Educational Counseling, with Sr. Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Public Library, 10-noon and 1-2 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Ten-Year Reunion, Voorheesville Class of '69, Western Tpk, Golf Club, Rt. 20, Guilderland, 6:30 p.m.



In Glenmont, the Spotlight is sold at 5-A Superette, Heath's Dairy Store and Van Allen Farms. Poolside Disco Dance, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Admission 50 cents with park ID card.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

Cedar Hill School House Museum, "Summer Toyland" exhibit featuring dolls, dollhouses and toys, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2-5 p.m.

Voorheesville Class of '69 Reunion, Bring-your-own-everything picnic at Thacher Park, 11:30.

MONDAY, JULY 23

Life Planning for Women, Session I, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 to noon, Pre-registration required.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office open, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 10-3, 439-9902.

TUESDAY, JULY 24

Special Story Hour, France, grades K-3, Bethlehem Library, 2-2:30.

Life Planning for Women, Session II Bethlehem Library, 9:30 to noon. Pre-registration required.

Lecture V, Classical Mythology in the Western Tradition, Bethlehem Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 25

Evening on the Green, Carol Friedman and Joan Mullen, folk and classical music, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.



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Life Planning for Women, Session III, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 to noon. Pre-registration required.

Films, "The Doughnuts" and "The Magic Rolling Board," Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2 p.m.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office open, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 10-3, 439-9902.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem town board, to consider establishing a speed limit of 35 mph on Kenwood Ave. between Cherry Ave. and New Scotland Rd. and also a stop sign on Pheasant Lane as it intersects Woodstream Dr., Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Dr. and Mrs. Charles O. Doudney, 80 Parkwyn Dr., Delmar for a variance to maintain a six-foot fence, Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

Folk and classical music, Carole Friedman and Joan Mullen, harpsichord, guitar, voice and Chinese zither, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m. THURSDAY, JULY 26

Life Planning for Women, Session IV, Bethlehem Library, 9:30 to noon, pre-registration required.

Film, "Murder on the Orient Express," Voorheesville Public Library, 7:15 p.m. Free.

FRIDAY, JULY 27

Farmers' Market, 9 a.m. to 1 p.m., St. Thomas parking lot, Delmar. Career and Educational Counseling, with Sr. Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Public Library, 10-noon and 1-2 p.m.

Punkintown Fair, rides, goodies, booths, on Rt. 85A, next to firehall, north of New Salem four corners. Opens 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 28

Pond Exploration, "Watery Worlds," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2 p.m.

Punkintown Fair, rides, goodies, booths, on Rt. 85A, next to firehall, north of New Salem four corners. Opens 6:30 p.m.

SUNDAY, JULY 29

Cedar Hill School House Museum, "Summer Toyland" exhibit featuring dolls, dollhouses, and toys, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 2-5 p.m.

MONDAY, JULY 30

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office open, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 10-3, 439-9902.

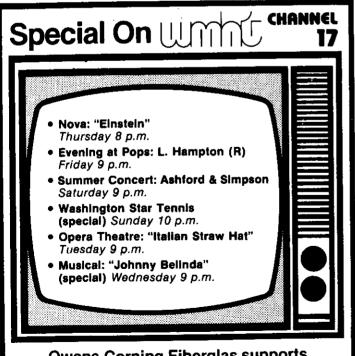
TUESDAY, JULY 31

Career and Educational Counseling, with Sr. Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 6-8 p.m.

Free Puppet Show, Bethlehem Library, 451 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 2-2:30 p.m.

Lecture VI, Classical Mythology in the Western Tradition, 7:30-9 p.m., "Bethlehem Public Library.

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—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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

- "Minnie's Boys" (Marx Bros. musical), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, through July 22, (Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 5:30 and 8:30, Sun. 7 p.m.). Tickets, PO Box 204, Chatham 12037, phone 1-392-9292.
- "Much Ado About Nothing" (Shakespeare), University at Albany Summer Theatre, Main Stage, July 12-14, 18-21, 25,-Aug. 2. 457-8606 or Community Box Office, 458-7530.
- "Butter and Egg Man" (George S. Kaufman comedy), Berkshire Theatre Festival, Stockbridge, July 19-22, 26-29. Ticket information and curtain times, 1-800-223-0120 toll free.
- "Shenandoah" (musical), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, July 25-Aug. 5 (Wed.-Fri. 8 p.m., Sat. 5:30 and 8:30, Sun. 7). Tickets, PO Box 204, Chatham 12037, phone 1-392-9292.
- "Ghost Train," University at Albany Summer Theatre, July 24, July 26-28, 31, Aug. 2-4. 457-8606 or Community Box Office, 458-7530.

ART

- "People, Places and Spaces," unusual exhibit of color photographs taken by 28 Arbor Hill elementary pupils on funded project, Albany Institute of History & Art, **through Aug. 15.**
- Mohawk-Hudson Regional Exhibition, University Art Gallery, State University, **through July 29.** Gallery hours: Tues.-Fri. 10-4, Thurs. till 8, Sun. 1-4.

Third Annual Creative Therapy Exhibit and photography exhibit by Arlen Westbrook and Hugh Hewitt, Center Galleries, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **July 19-Aug. 10.** Gallery hours Sun.-Fri., 12-4, closed Sat.

Exhibition, State University College at Potsdam permanent collection, The Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Albany, **through Aug. 4** weekdays 9:30-5:30, Sat. 1-4.

FILMS

- "Patton" (George C. Scott), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., July 24, 2 and 8 p.m. Free.
- "The Phantom Toll Booth" (Disney classic), Albany Public Library, 328 Delaware Ave. branch, July 27, 7 p.m. Free.



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BETHLEHEM

Town to monitor water violations

A growing number of complaints that Bethlehem residents are violating the town's odd-even lawn sprinkling regulation may force town officials to start ticketing offenders.

"We know there are a lot of people abusing the regulation," a water department official said this week as the mid-summer dry spell continued to parch lawns and gardens. "We're doing our best to notify people when they're in violation, but it's somewhat disturbing to realize that many people are not cooperating."

To date there has been no move on the town's part to issue court summons to offenders, but Supervisor Tom Corrigan hinted this week that the amnesty period may be drawing to an end. "So far we've just been ringing doorbells and warning people," he said Monday. "But it's possible that a second complaint may bring a summons."

Under the water conservation ordinance adopted by the town board March 10, 1978, violators can be fined up to \$50 for the first offense and up to \$100 for subsequent offenses.

Meanwhile, Bethlehem Water District No. 1 continued to pump from its two deep wells in the town of New Scotland at the rate of 200,000 gallons per day per well.

Paul D. Wagner, superintendent of the water district, said the pumping was a normal procedure for this time of year, when rainfall is at a low point and consumption at its highest. At this time last year, Wagner said, the pumps were set for 500,000 gallons per day per well



Residents of the Kenholm area of Delmar have set up a "neighborhood watch" at the suggestion of Bethlehem police. More than 95 homeowners and parents responded to a police invitation to attend "briefings" on residential security conducted by Officer Fred J. Holligan, right, of the town's Crime Prevention Unit and Officer Richard Vanderbilt of the police youth bureau. Police were "very pleased" with the turnout at two meetings, one at the Kenholm poolhouse, a second at the police headquarters. The area has been particularly hard hit by vandalism and thefts in recent months.

in order to maintain an adequate level in Bethlehem's 1.2-billion-gallon reservoir in New Salem.

But last year the pumping came under heavy fire from several residents of New Salem, who contended the water district's action in drawing a million gallons a day had caused the wells supplying their dwellings to run dry. That was in the late fall, and when the pumping was modified and later discontinued, the private wells came back.

So far this year there has been no report of residential

water problems in the affected area.

As of Monday, the reservoir level stood at 390 feet, only three feet and an estimated 150 million gallons below capacity.

Despite the prolonged dry spell, Wagner said the district envisions no immediate problems.

In the town supervisor's office, Corrigan said the town and the city of Albany had tentatively agreed on terms of the proposed contract under which Bethlehem would purchase water from the city as a supplemental water supply.

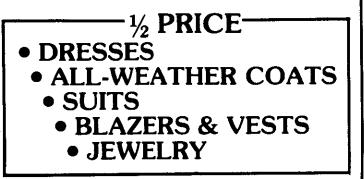
Writing workshops start

Bethlehem Library is sponsoring writing workshops for interested people who have completed grades 7-12. Cynde Gregory gives helpful advice in how to improve prose and poetry writing skills. Beginners as well as experienced writers are welcome. The free workshops are held Thursdays from 7 to 9 and will continue through Aug.16. Gregory will also be available Thursdays from 1-3:30 PM for private consultations. Public funds for this project were made available in part by the New York State Council on the Arts.

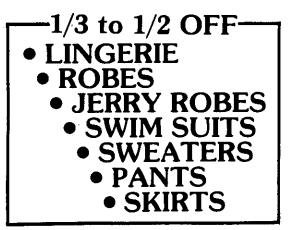
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DELAWARE PLAZA

BETHLEHEM 3 youths jailed in break-in wave

Bethlehem police have closed out at least three burglary cases with the arrest of three Delmar teenagers.

Inspector Richard LaChappelle said an 18-year-old youth and a 16-year-old companion were apprehended inside a Delaware Ave. service station shortly after 4:30 a.m. last Tuesday.

Police investigation resulted in the arrest of another 16-yearold Delmar youth, LaChappelle said. Their names were withheld under the youthful offender statute.

The youths were taken into custody on burglary charges. but larceny charges were added prior to their arraignment before Justice Roger Fritts in Bethlehem town court. The youths were committed to Albany County Jail in lieu of bail pending a court appearance in Bethlehem.

Police records showed the 18-year-old, was one of four youths facing possible trial in Albany County Court on two felony indictments each as a result of the Memorial Day vandalism at the Bethlehem Middle School. He and three 17-year-old boys have been free on \$5,000 bonds pending court action.

Police credited the alertness of a neighbor for last week's arrests. Responding to a report that a man was seen climbing through a window of Quinn's Mobil station at 241 Delaware Ave., Elsmere, at 4:35 a.m., Officer John R. Cox, Jr. positioned himself to cover both exits of the building until assistance arrived. When Officers Cynthia Reed and Robert Samsel reached the scene, Cox entered through the same window and apprehended the two youths inside.

The arrests enabled police to close their files on recent breakins at the Delaware Plaza Liquor Store, in which 26 bottles of wine were stolen the week before, and the Delmar Beverage Center, and an attempted break-in at Van Dyke's Northeast appliance store.

Lions club elects

Richard C. Clark of Delmar is the new president of the Bethlehem Lions Club, with John F. Thompson as first vice president. Other officers installed at the June 15 meeting were Patrick Waters, second vice president; John Gardner, third vice president; Sylvester J. Bower, secretary; Robert E. Morton, treasurer; Russell Stembel, lion tamer; Joseph Silverman, tail twister: Carlton A. Brown and Charles Gunner, directors for two years, and Y. Eugene Levine and Russell Hanson, directors for one year. Maynard E. Goyer is the immediate past president of the club, which meets the first and third Wednesdays at LaCasa Restaurant, Selkirk,

Punch and Judy coming

The Bethlehem Library will present Elizabeth Conley and the Portable Poppet Players on July 31 at 3 in a performance of "Punch and Judy." Due to the special nature of the show, children must have completed kindergarten to attend. It is not recommended for preschoolers. Free tickets may be picked up at the Library after July 23.



ELSMERE Girl, 9, found after 8½ hours

Bethlehem police are pressing an investigation into an alleged sexual assault on a 9year-old Elsmere girl who disappeared after riding her bike to a nearby store to buy a half gallon of raspberry sherbet.

The girl was found walking on the D&H railroad track near her home at 5:20 a.m., eight and a half hours later and one hour after police had suspended an all-night search to await daybreak Sunday. Police declined to release the girl's name or address.

According to reports, the incident unfolded this way:

The girl was sent to the store several blocks away by her mother about 9 p.m. Saturday. She left home riding a boy's bike.

When she failed to return in a reasonable time, her mother called police. Police found the carton of half-melted sherbet in a wooded area near Delaware Plaza, and a short time later discovered the girl's sandals deeper into the woods.

Police immediately called in every off-duty officer in the department to intensify the search of the vicinity and enlisted volunteers from the neighborhood who assisted in combing the area.

A state police bloodhound was dispatched from the Troop G headquarters in Loudonville, but the dog was unable to pick up the scent because of the high temperature and high humidity.

Police and volunteers searched the area until 4:30 a.m., when they suspended the effort to be resumed after daybreak. Fifty minutes later Officer Paul Roberts, checking the area near the railroad rightof-way, found the girl walking along the track.

When the girl gave an account of being sexually abused, she was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for examination. There was no report of physical injury, and police did not release details of the girl's narrative as the investigation continued.

Study project rewarded

A Delmar resident is one of three State University at Albany graduate students whose management analysis project has earned the university a \$5,000 cost reduction incentive award from the National Association of College and University Business Officers and the U.S. Steel Foundation. Carl R. Bangert, working with fellow students from Huntington Station, L.I., and Schenectady, helped to devise a simplified tuition and billing plan that is expected to save the university as much as \$43,000 during the next year.

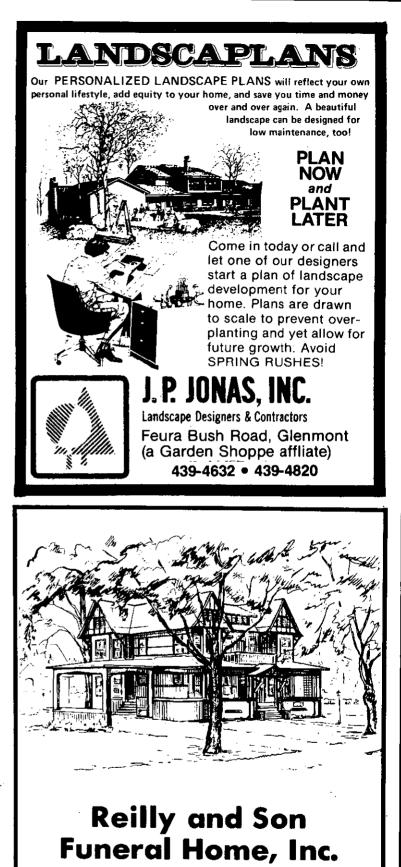
The students began their work in the summer of 1977 as a general analysis of the university's business operations, but soon focused on student accounts procedures. The result was a series of recommendations that reduced paperwork and duplication. The new procedures will take effect this fall.

Since completing the project, Bangert has taken a job with the Armstrong Cork Co. in Lancaster, Pa. He is a graduate of Siena College.

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NEW SCOTLAND

Carl accepts bid for supervisor

Frederick W. Carl, prominent New Salem businessman, has accepted the Democratic nomination for supervisor in the New Scotland town elections in November.

Carl this week confirmed an unofficial report that he would make the run against Stephen P. Wallace, Republican incumbent seeking his fourth two-year term.

Carl's nomination is expected to become official tonight (Thursday) when New Scotland Democrats gather for their annual party caucus.

At a meeting of the town Democratic committee on June 18, party leaders endorsed incumbent Kenneth Tice of Voorheesville and Sharon Boehlke of Unionville as candidates for the town council. Tice, who will be seeking a second four-year term on the town board, and Herbert W. Reilly, Jr. of Voorheesville represent the minority on the council, in which the Republicans hold a 3-2 margin.

The caucus action tonight will formalize the principal election contests on the November ballot: Carl and Wallace for supervisor, and Tice, Boehlke, Wyman Ousterhout and William J. Wenzel in a four-way race for the two council seats "up" this year.

Carl, 44, owns and operates the New Salem Garage, which is one of the largest Saab and Subaru delerships in this section of the state. His father took over the agency in the late 1940s and Carl has been operating it since 1967.

Carl denied reports that he has been a registered Republican. "I've never registered

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Frederick W. Carl

Republican," he said this week. This will be his first venture into politics. "I'm looking forward to it," he told a customer at the garage.

Basketball clinic set

The town of Bethlehem will offer a series of basketball clinics for students entering grade 8 weekdays from July 23 to Aug. 3 at the Elm Ave. park outdoor courts. In case of rain, classes will meet at the Bethlehem Middle School. For information, contact Nelson Harrington, 439-9204. There is a \$13 fee for the program.





Planners study park potential

Recent additions to the town of Bethlehem's Hudson River park have increased its size to some 60 acres and substantially enlarged its potential as a recreation area.

Town board members viewed aerial color slides of the riverside tract at last week's regular meeting, along with a conceptual diagram of a potential layout prepared by Edward Kleinke, town planning consultant.

The park has some wooded areas, some open space and sufficient land to accommodate cross-country skiing, jogging, a nature trail, a second ballfield and an enlarged parking area. A boat-launch and marina are possible, Kleinke told the board, but may not be practical because of the tide, river current and heavy wakes from passing ships and boats.



Skylab was the big topic last week at Hamagrael School playground, where recreation assistants Jenay Benenati, Nancy Dugan, Sue Collins and Mike Lewis discovered the youngsters can be quite creative when given a cardboard box. Sue Hemingway

June Salesperson of the Month



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VOORHEESVILLE PTSA ranks TV's best and worst

A year-long examination of current television shows by the media action committee of the Voorheesville PTSA has produced an evaluation of network programming that clashes sharply with nationally publicized ratings.

The Voorheesville committee included one intensive week of early-winter TV monitoring of all weekday shows between 3 and 11 p.m., plus weekend and evening programs. The evaluations were made from the standpoint of suitability for children during family viewing hours.

In this context, the poorest rating of the 10 programs judged most objectionable went to *Charlie's Angels* and *The Newlywed Game*, both produced by ABC, the network that has consistently led established national popularity ratings for several seasons. Of the 10 shows that drew the most unfavorable criticism, ABC was the worst offender "with five, with four on NBC and one on CBS.

Also given poor ratings were Vegas, Soap and Three's Company (ABC); Rockford Files, \$1.98 Beauty Show, Dating Game and Dallas (NBC) and Cheap Show (CBS).

Ranked as the best shows, but not necessarily for all children and all ages: Muppets, Happy Days, Mork and Mindy, The White Shadow, Disney, The Partridge Family, The Waltons, Little House on the Prairie, and Family. Closely followed by Donny and Marie, and Sha-Na-Na. This list represents both national and local programming as of April this year.

All shows were evaluated for graphic, or gratuitous violence, over-all incidence of violence, gratuitous sex such as "jigglies" and suggestive references, poor role modeling, and sexual and racial stereo-typing. The committee will continue to watchdog key offenders, as well as news shows. The latter will be evaulated for reporting items of poor taste, as defined by the PTSA standards, and for graphic portrayal of violent crimes.

Locally, the committee took two direct actions stemming from the survey. The panel:

• Censured WRGB, the NBC affiliate in Schenectady, for airing such shows as \$1.98 Beauty Show and particularly The Dating Game, the latter shown in an after-school time slot.

• Sent special acknowledgement to Sears Roebuck and Co. for dropping sponsorship of *Charlie's Angels* and *Three's Company*.

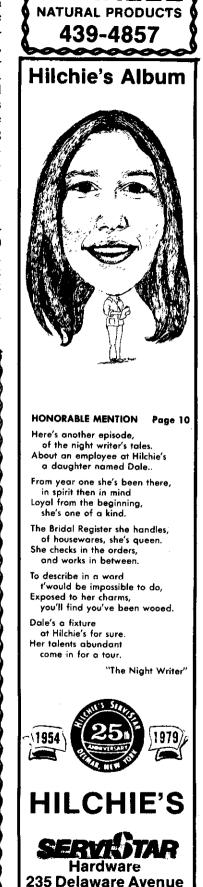
The committee plans to request national and local sponsors to "carefully evaluate" the shows they presently are sponsoring. A list of the worst and best sponsors will be made available in the fall, a committee announcement said.

Star walk planned

A guided program, "Summer Star Search" will be given at 8:30 p.m. Friday at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. This program is cosponsored by the Albany Area Amateur Astronomers and will include stories of the stars as well as a close-up glimpse of the stars through telescopes. Bring a flashlight and a mat to sit on. This program will be cancelled in case of overcast sky or rain.

Plane burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of a \$220 altimeter and a compass valued at \$80 from the instrument panel of a light plane parked at South Albany Airport, Selkirk. The plane is owned by Rudolph Morin, Elsmere.



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Rev. Joyce B. deVelder

Methodist appointments

Rev. Warren Beaven of Delmar has been appointed vice chairman of the communication committee of the Troy Conference of the United Methodist Church. The coordinating agency of the 346 churches in the conference also named Rev. Luther Patton of Slingerlands chairman of the planning and research committee.

Pool dance set

The town fo Bethlehem will sponsor a pool concert from 8 to 11 p.m., Saturday, July 28, at the Elm Ave., Park, Delmar. The concert will feature the band, Roody Utah. Admission will be \$1. Photo I.D. cards will be required for admission.

DELMAR Church ordains woman minister

Joyce Borgman deVelder was ordained to the ministry of the Church of Jesus Christ at a 4 p.m. service Sunday at the historic Delmar Reformed Church, where she has served as an associate in ministry since 1976.

Rev. deVelder, 29, is the first woman to be ordained in the Reformed Church in this part of New York State. Her ordination had been delayed because of the church's traditional interpretation of the word "person" as being a male.

A native of Fremont, Mich., Rev. deVelder was graduated from Hop College, Holland Mich. in 1972 with a BA in religion. She earned a master of divinity degree at Western Theological Seminary in Hollan, Mich. in 1976.

She and her husband, Dave deVelder, manger of the Getty station at Delmar Four Corners, moved here when the Delmar Reformed Church invited her to their ministry. They now live behind the church building at 77 Adams Pl., Delmar.

On special program

Walter Ashe, 7 Bedford Ct., Delmar, is one of 31 high school students from many parts of the United States attending the two-week allexpenses-paid Preface engineering program at RPI, Troy, this week and next. The students qualified by earning national rankings in the top 2 percent in mathematics tests and the top 6 percent in verbalskills.



Perserverance pays for town

At long last, New York State has recognized the rural town of New Scotland's request to lower the speed limit on a segment of Krumkill Rd.

A letter from the State Dept. of Transportation to Steve Wallace, town supervisor, has authorized a cut in the speed limit from 55 to 45 miles per hour between Font Grove Rd. and Schoolhouse Rd.

Wallace has been hammering at the state for a reduction to 40 mph, and each time the DOT has rejected the request. "I even rode in the car one day while they (state officials) saw how hazardous the road was," Wallace said last year, "and even then, they turned us down."

The DOT did not explain its sudden change of mind. The letter merely stated that the department had "reevaluated traffic conditions" in granting the oft-repeated request for a reduction. The letter mentioned only that the action was taken "in response to several requests."

DAR honors students

In award ceremonies in area schools, Tawasentha chapter, DAR, has awarded honor cards to students for "the most outstanding progress in attendance, punctuality, courtesy, personal neatness, school citizenship, sportsmanship and achievement." Award winners from Bethlehem Central Middle School are Scott Bonanno, Jenny Branley, Anthony Cardona, Paul Concra, Kathleen Devane, David Jones, Philip Komisky, Nina Lenipert, Michael Mielor, Paula Meuller, Eric Patrick, Lori Schimanski, Thomas Thacher, George Turinsky, Jenny Warren, Michael Whitney, Jean Winkler from Grade 6, Kelly Burke, Patrick Davis, Deborah Deenston, Christine Fardham, Rebecca Friedlander, Leah Galloway, Marnie Harvith, Kim Hostetter, Robert Irvine. Margaret Kerness, Kara Mackey, Janet Shaffer, Timothy Sullivan, Maria Vitillo and David Young from Grade 7, and Lisa Apicelli, Stephanie Dempf, Evelyn Diegel, Steven Gordori, Scott Gravlee, Mark Guarino, Donna Handwerger, Lisa Haven, Sung Kwou, Heidi Lempert, Shari Petronis, Edward Radzyminski, Michael Schrempf, Warren Sunderland from Grade 8.

Bethlehem Central Senior High School students cited are Ann Czerw, Harold Glasser, Robert Heineman, Martin Mancuso, Leslie Matthews, John Nyilis, Tyrell Roehn, Grace Shen, Andrew Sherman, Glenn Swanson, David Tedeschi and Adam Yarinsky from Grade 11, and Robert Burda, Michael DeAngelis, Michael FitzPatrick, William Garber, William Howard, Sarah Harves, Susan Hiengerford, Michael Lewis, Amy Ludik, Daniel Narahara, Mark Peek, Jean Quinn, Charles Schanz, Donald Shaw, John Spellman, Frank Tracey and John Wheeler from Grade 12.

From Voorheesville Elementary School, Michael Larabee, Mary Beth Manning, Adam Greenberg, Peter Fisch, Edward Mitzen and Brian Culnan now hold DAR recognition for their outstanding progress.

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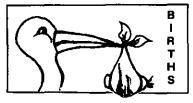
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Girl, Ashley, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Ross, Glenmont, July 3.

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Girl, Melissa, to Mr. and Mrs. John Nuttal, Delmar, June 24.

Girl, Amber, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Kaminski, Jr., Voorheesville, June 19.

Albany Medical Center

Girl, Dawn, to Mr. and Mrs. Danny Lynch, Delmar.

Boy, Roger, Jr., to Mr. and Mrs. Roger Griffiths, Selkirk, June 15.

Boy, Anthony, to Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Meagher, Feura Bush, June 19.

Boy, Adam, to Mr. and Mrs. Richard Boehler, Slingerlands, June 23.

On hospital board

Vincent O'Leary of Slingerlands, president of the State University of New York at Albany, has been appointed to the St. Peter's Hospital board of trustees.

NEW SALEM Firemen prepare for Punkintown

It's time for the Punkintown Fair again, the colorful funfest put on each year by the New Salem Volunteer Fire Dept. at the fairgrounds opposite the fire station on Rt. 85A, New Salem

The dates this year are July 27-28 and Aug. 3-4. The fair opens on Fridays at 7 p.m. and Saturdays at 6:30. If one of the four nights is rained out, the fair will be resumed the weekend of Aug. 10-11.

All of the attractions at Punkintown are owned and operated by the fire company. Jack Magrew, fair chairman has promised a wide range of attractions, including games, rides, sweetmeat treats, food and refreshments for young and old.

The fair, administered by volunteers from the fire department, ladies auxiliary, friends and neighbors, serves as a fundraiser, with proceeds used to meet the department's operating expenses.

Cadets on cruise

Two cadets from this area were among more than 700 aboard the training ship Empire State from the State University Maritime College on a six-week training cruise to the Canary Islands and Spain. Timothy E. Ritz, son of Mr. and Mrs. David J. Ritz Jr., 66 Feura Bush Rd., Delmar, and Frank P. McGinty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Peter J. McGinty, Glenmont, returned with the ship to the campus pier at Fort Schuyler in the Bronx July 9.



SLINGERLANDS

Board rejects fence petition

Daniel Baker and Ronald Daniels purchased the property at 1320 New Scotland Rd. Slingerlands, one year ago, apparently unaware of Bethlehem's zoning ordinance that prohibits fences higher than four feet unless they are of the see-through variety.

They tried to give their place some privacy protection, as it is located adjacent to the Ross refreshment stand on a busy highway. They spent \$1,000 to construct eight sections of 6foot solid fencing of natural wood on the west side and 100 feet on the north side along the highway.

Without this fence, they contend car lights from snack stand customers buying ice cream at dusk glare into their windows. They feel that without this fence, Ross's stand hinders the use of their yard and takes away their privacy.

The arguments for and against this fence came to light at a public hearing last month on the owners' petition to the Bethlehem board of appeals for a variance after they had been cited for a violation of the zoning ordinance. Among the arguments: hecklers and passers-by would negate any privacy for sunbathing, and the hazard of the highway to children and pets. The petition was supported by Dominick DeCecco, president of the Slingerlands Homeowners Assn.

Last week the board of appeals, after more than five weeks of deliberation and discussion, denied the variance. In a three-page legal statement, the board noted the "inconvenience" and privacy factors in relation to the snack bar next door, but declared that "a natural hedge, shrubbery, evergreens or a combination thereof, especially in combination with a four-foot solid fence which could be placed nearer the house....would provide more than adequate privacy for the occupant."

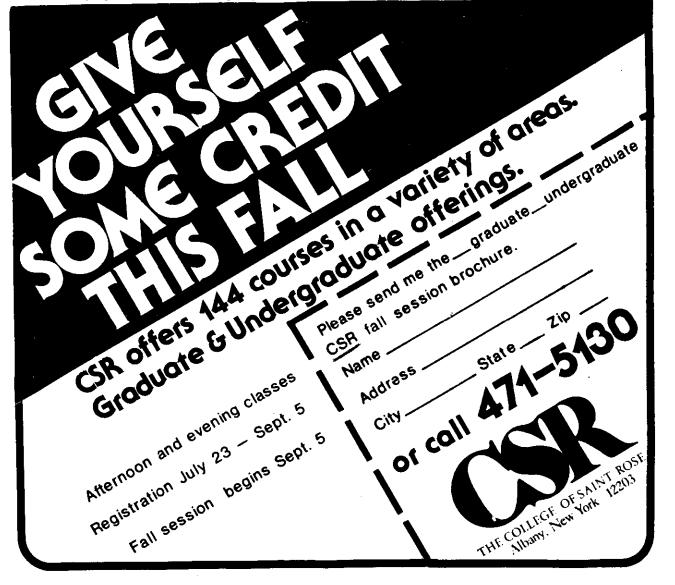
The board noted the fence "gives the premises a stockadelike appearance and obstructs the vision of motorists exiting the adjacent premises." The board said that the \$1,000 cost was "self-imposed" and that the "inconvenience to living on a heavily traveled road and adjacent to a commercial use" was not adequate ground for a variance they said was "not in harmony with the intent and purpose of the ordinance."

In other actions the board:

• Granted a special exception for the Big M Truck stop, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, for a canopy over diesel pump islands that will be relocated, and to construct a 10 x 10 concrete block building and additional fuel storage.

• Granted a front-yard variance to Glenford H. Craft for a grocery store in an existing structure on Clapper Rd., Selkirk.







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Bethlehem booters split

Bethlehem Soccer Club's under-10 teams received a jolt last week when the previously undefeated Tornados lost to Clifton Park, 3-0, and The Falcons were blanked by Niskayuna, 4-0.

The Bethlehem Stars whipped East Greenbush B, 9-1, in the under-12 competition Sunday, with Peter Blaustine booting home four goals and Dave Spinosa two. Brett Zick had three goals and Paul Doyle and Matt Dunmore two apiece as the Stars took East Greenbush A, 9-0, Thursday, after gaining a 2-2 deadlock with Guilderland in the last 13 seconds.

The under-14 team, as yet unnamed, whitewashed Waterford, 5-0. The Golden Eagles defeated Albany, 7-4, with Mark Dean getting a double hat trick. The Bald Eagles won by forfeit when East Greenbush A left the field after a disputed call.

Bethlehem's under-16 team has droppd from the league because of poor attendance at practice and games.

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BASEBALL Blue Jays eye league playoffs

Amidst the growing pains of the Capital District Baseball League's first season are commications problems that sometimes obscure the league standings and hampers publicity that would enhance hometown appreciation of high-caliber baseball.

Delmar's Blue Jays had a home-and -home series with Saratoga cancelled last weekend only a few hours before the Saturday game was to start at the BCHS diamond. A disappointed Manager Rudy Toffenetti had hoped to solidify Delmar's position atop the Southern Division of the league at 7-3.

The Blue Jays have a tough assignment this Sunday when they play at Schuylerville, where the home team leads the Northern Division with a 12-2 record. Toffenetti hopes to have his ace, John MacDonald, on the slab.

Regardless of whether the scheduled Saratoga games will be forfeited to Delmar or rescheduled, the Blue Jays definitely have a shot at the league playoffs, probably against Schuylerville.

On college team

Karen Webster, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frederick Webster, Delmar, was a member of the Morrisville College softball team this past season. A graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she played second base for the team, which had a 5-2 regular season record and placed third in the Region III tourney.

Secretary retires

Mrs. Clara Maher, 102 Adams Pl., Delmar, has retired as secretary to the building department of the town of Bethlehem after 15 years' service. Mrs. Maher was secretary to the board of appeals from 1964 to 1966, then worked for Arthur Zautner, then building inspector. She has worked with three building inspectors in her 13 years with the department.



Rudy Toffenetti

SWIMMING **4 Dolfins qualify** for state meet

Four members of the Delmar Dolfins have churned their way to the Empire State Games swim championships to be held in Syracuse next month.

At the Region 1 qualifying meet July 7-8 at the Clifton Knools pool, Donna Schulz qualified for three events in the scholastic division and Kim Meinert two events in the open division.

Donna will represent the region in the 100-meter backstroke, 200-meter backstroke and 400-meter individual medlev. Kim will swim the 100meter and 200-meter backstroke events in the open division.

Other qualifiers are Jay Henahan in the 1500-meter freestyle, scholastic division, and Kathleen Henahan in the 400-meter individual medley in the open division.



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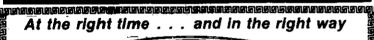
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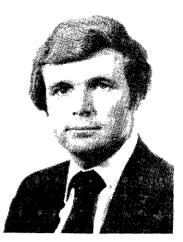
Five Rivers Ltd, will sponsor a summer Explorer Program of nature study and ecology for children at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, beginning on Monday, July 23. There will be three oneweek sessions, Monday through Thursday from 9:30 a.m. to noon. Designed for children entering grades 1-6 in the fall, the program will be activity-oriented, including nature hikes and games. The sessions will examine plant and animal life in the forest, meadow and stream. A registration form with additional information will be sent upon request by calling the Center at 457-6092. The registration fee is \$12 per child per session. The three sessions, each covering the same material, will be held July 23-July 26, July 30-Aug. 2 and Aug. 6-Aug. 9.

Plane pilot sought

Police are tracing the identification of a low-flying plane that circled the Little League baseball complex at Magee Field on Kenwood Ave., Glenmont, at a height of 100 to 200 feet and also "buzzed" several residenced in the Kenwood Ave., Elsmere Ave. and Delmar Bypass area.

Earns PBK key

Carol Ann Bruso, 104 Orchard St., Delmar, was inducted into Phi Beta Kappa at SUNY-Binghamton on May 27.



Terry J. Reynolds

Attending college conclave

Terry J. Reynolds of Elsmere, dean of students at Siena College, is among 70 top-level administrators throughout the nation attending the prestigious Institute for College and University Administrators in Vail, Colo., this week. The institute, sponsored by the American Council on Education, was established at Harvard University in 1955 to provide professional development for the nation's top-level college and university executives.

Reynolds, who supervises a staff of 20 professionals, has been dean of students at the Loudonville college for the past six years. He holds degrees from both the State University College at Fredonia and SUNYA. He, his wife, Gail, and son, Drew, live at 76 Salisbury Rd.





Peter Mayone and Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Mayone get a welcome in their new store from Supervisor Tom Corrigan and Bethlehem chamber of commerce vice president Ed Danner in Glenmont.

Puppets at park

their cars.

Children of all ages are

invited to bring their parents

and friends to the Elm Ave.

Park in Delmar for a puppet

show on Thursday, July 26.

Elizabeth Conley's Partable Poppets' Playhouse will stage

performances at 6:30 and 7:15

in the grassy area by the pool

complex building. Admission

is free and parking at the park is

free to residents with town of

Bethlehem seals displayed on

Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park

will be the site of a horseshoe

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teams and all participants must

be at least 16 years of age.

Participants must sign in Be-

tween 12:30 and 1 p.m. on

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Horseshoe Tournament

BUSINESS

Mayones launch new enterprise

Mayone's Wines and Liquors store has arrived in Town Squire shopping plaza, Glenmont, good news for many nearby customers. Andrew Mayone, Jr. and his wife, Carol, and brother, Peter, have set up for business. The late Andrew Mayone Sr. was in the liquor business in the 1940s. This is a first for his offspring, although Carol and Andy operated Bartke's Restaurant in Ravena for five years.

Carol is the store manager. Andy sells real estate for Hallenbeck Realty and Peter works full-time in the vending business.

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Kathryn Morton engaged

Mr. and Mrs. Robert E. Morton of Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Kathryn, to Kenneth A. Ivory, son of Mr. and Mrs. Reginald H. Ivory of Vineyard Haven, Mass.

Miss Morton, a 1972 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, received her bachelor's degree in elementary education from Wheelock College in Boston. Presently, she is teaching at the Tisbury school on Martha's Vineyard. Her fiance is a 1970 graduate of the Martha's Vineyard Regional High School and served four years with the United States Coast Guard. He is employed by the Martha's Vineyard Hospital.

A summer wedding is planned on the Vineyard.

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Sallie Downer

In college post

Sallie Downer of Slingerlands has been promoted to assistant dean for student development at the Junior College of Albany. In her new position she will assist in policy formation and planning for special projects, and will be responsible for orientation. academic advisement and counseling. She will assume her duties July 2. Formerly coordinator of student affairs at JCA, she holds a master's degree in administration, planning and social policy from the Harvard School of Education. She earned a BA in psychology from Baldwin-Wallace College, Ohio, where she was dormitory director. An accomplished cello player, she is originally from Cincinnati.

On the cover: A sizeable crowd thrilled to the air show at South Albany Airport Saturday. Gusty winds, however, hampered the balloonists in inflating their big "bag" and the event had to be called off. but the gusts didn't bother stunt pilot Pete Esposito.

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Mary Lou Bennett

Mary Lou Bennett engaged

Mr. and Mrs. William D. Bennett of 80 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Mary Lou, to John Terko, son of Mrs. Robert Terko and the late Robert Terko of 21 Bedell Ave., Delmar.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Russell Sage College. Her fiance is a graduate of the State University of New York at Brockport.

Delmar couple to wed

Mr. and Mrs. G. Allan Wellbrock of Greenock Rd., Delmar, announce the engagement of their daughter, Carol Ann, to Richard Bruni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Richard Bruni, 136 Hudson Ave., Delmar.

The future bride is a graduate of Maria College and is employed by Albany Medical Center School of Nursing. Her fiance is employed by Monro Muffler and Brake in Guilderland.

A spring, 1980, wedding is planned.

Plan July wedding

Mr. and Mrs. David Flansburg of Westerlo announce the engagement of their daughter, Beth Mary, to Patrick Michael Patterson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Patterson of Glenmont.

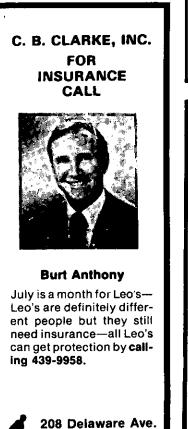
The prospective bride is a graduate of the Water Hoving Home for Girls and plans to attend Evangel College in Missouri in Spetember, A July 28 wedding is planned.

Enlists in Reserve

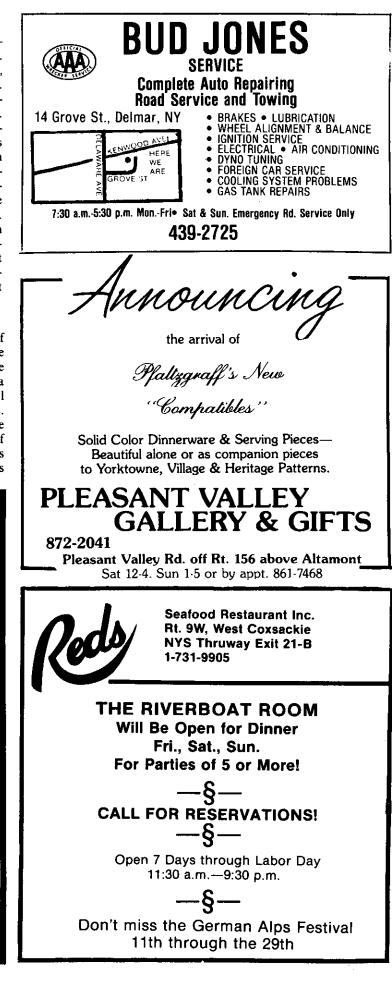
Lynn P. Millspaugh, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert C. Millspaugh, 533 Wayne Pl., Delmar, has enlisted in the U.S. Army Reserve with the assistance of Army Recruiter Sgt. Patricia Himelrick of the Albany Recruiting Station. She is a 1974 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and attended the University of Pennsylvania. She enlisted for the 364th General Hospital, U.S. Army Reserve, Albany, as an X-ray specialist and is scheduled to receive basic training at Fort Jackson, S.C. and advanced individual training at Fort Sam Houston, Tex.

On PTA panel

Mrs. Marjory C. O'Brien of Delmar was named to the nominating committee of the Capital District PTA at a recent meeting of the regional group in Slingerlands. Mrs. O'Brien is a member of the Bethlehem Central board of education and has served as president of the Slingerlands PTA.



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Setback for the blind

Editor, The Spotlight:

At the present time we have a son who has attended the New York State School for the Blind (NYSSB) for a number of vears. In addition to blindness, our son has additional disabilities which challenge his future development and educational progress.

His struggle with this challenge will be made even more difficult by the current and active effort of the New York State Education Dept., through the office of Louis Grumet, to close the New York State School for the Blind after the 1979-80 school year. SED would like to close the school and move some of the "programs" to other locations. A suggestion to move one program for multihandicapped children to Monroe Developmental Center (Rochester) has been offered for consideration.

As parents of a blind child at NYSSB, we feel very strongly that the quality and expertise of these programs do not lie in materials and equipment which can be moved easily. The



quality and expertise of programming which our son has received comes from his teachers and houseparents. People cannot be moved as easily as curriculum guides. We all know that replacing these people with other similarly certified teachers will be difficult. Most certainly, the knowledge NYSSB's teachers have gained regarding the individuality of our children cannot be replaced, but only slowly regained by a new teacher at a valuable time expense to our children. Depending upon the number of disabilities a blind child has, actual experience and not certification is most important. Replacing the loving care and understanding by NYSSB houseparents and staff will be very difficult.

SED wants to act in accordance with our children's best interest. However, it is somewhat removed from the front line of exchange that takes place between parents, teachers and handicapped children. The proposal to move a program from a location that is familiar to our children, to one that is not, demonstrates very little sensitivity to what has become a sense of pride and accomplishment to the present majority of blind multihandicapped children at NYSSB. These children have struggled to master their environment and have developed a tremendous sense of independence in moving from one place to another on the school's campus. For some of these children, chang-



NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, July 25, 1979 at 8:00 p.m. at the Town Offices, 393 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Dr. and Mrs. Charles O. Doudney, 80 Parkwyn Drive, Delmar, New York for a Variance under Articles XII and XIII of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to permit maintenance of a 6 foot fence at premises, 80 Parkwyn Drive, Delmar, New York.

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ing their surroundings may not be detrimental; for many, it will mean starting over in one area at the expense of new learning in a different area.

A recent survey of developmental centers across New York State indicated that there are many blind lower functioning children whose combination of disabilities entitles them to the expertise offered at NYSSB. Although the "most appropriate and least restrictive" concepts of mainstreaming apply to these children, lawsuits are still being filed by parents of children in developmental centers against SED in order to get their children into NYSSB.

SED has moved very slowly in recognizing and responding to the needs described in this letter. It has impeded the expansion of the multihandicapped population and limited a scope of services available at NYSSB, making the school financially and educationally inefficient. Those services available at NYSSB could focus upon facilitating the mainstreaming of more capable blind students. It has failed to make necessary building modifications that would facilitate the movement of students who are physically impaired and who have been in attendance at NYSSB for years.

If you feel as we do, please contact your legislators, school districts, or the office of the commissioner of education, Gordon Ambach, at the SED. 474-5844. Our combined effort may cause SED to seriously reevaluate its plan to close the school.

Mary and Steve Browne Вегпе

In defense of cats

Editor, The Spotlight:

The letter in the July 12 Spotlight re: cats sounds as if the writer (probably female) is a bird-lover and a cat-hater. I happen to love both.

There are two cats in my household and although they are always trying, rarely do they ever catch a bird. As a matter of fact, I believe it was a veterinarian who said, "A cat cannot catch a healthy bird." Whether true or not, birds have a better than equal chance to get away from a cat, as their eyesight is better and they can fly.

As for a cat "screeching" on your window sill, it sounds farfetched to me. When a couple of toms meet, it is generally on the ground unless, of course, one of them had climbed a tree to escape. As for a cat "soiling" your window sill, unless it is on ground level (as a basement or cellar window), cats do not "soil" things off the ground. As for cats sitting on your car, I doubt if they scratch it; maybe leave a few paw prints behind.

So much for cats. As for the leash law, it is to prevent dogs from wandering into yards where they can do significant damage and dirt, and also to keep them from causing car accidents when they amble across the road. And it prevents them from chasing bikes and maybe even biting the rider. I have been both threatened and bitten by dogs while riding my bike. Never have I been chased or bitten or kept awake nights by a cat. Or almost run my car off the road to avoid one. Let's have a little truth, O.K.?

Name submitted Selkirk

'Fuel' for firemen

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Slingerlands Fire Department would like to express their appreciation to McDonald's of Delmar for their generous contribution of hamburgers and orange drink to the firemen at the Long Lumber fire on June 25. It was especially thoughtful since the hamburgers were cooked during the peak dinner hour.

We would also like to give special thanks to Joyce Mc-Can of McDonald's, who not only took care of providing the food and drink, but also accompanied Auxiliary members to the fire scene and made sure there was sufficient food for all the firemen.

> Lynne L. Lenhardt Corresponding Secretary

Delmar



Community Corner

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