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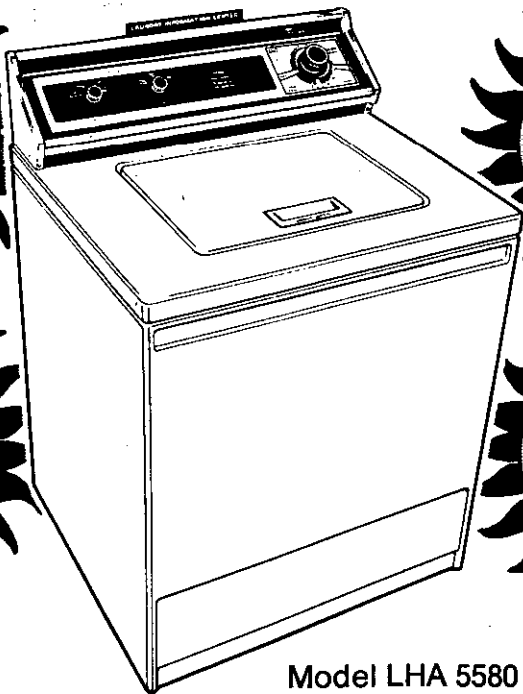
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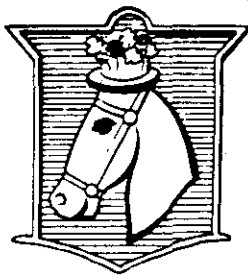
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Buffet Supper, Jerusalem Reformed Church, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, 4:30 on.

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Film, "Benji," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

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WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 13

Public Hearing, Bethlehem town board, to consider an extension to Water District No. 1 to be known as Chadwick Square Extension, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem town board, to consider amending traffic ordinance designating Frederick Pl. at Union Ave. and Brockley Dr. as stop intersections, and designating a no-parking zone on northeasterly side of Euclid Ave. from NYP-NYT Pole No. 4 to Delaware Ave., Bethlehem town hall, 8 p.m.

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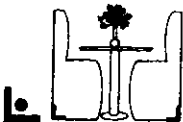
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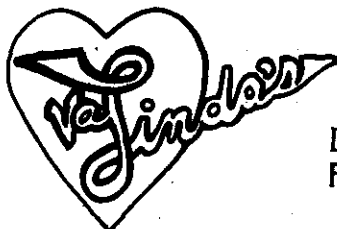
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Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps, performing at the Elm Ave. Park, 6:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 15

Farmer's Market, St. Thomas parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 16

Chicken Bar-B-Q, Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32, 4-7 p.m. Information, 439-4314.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 17

St. Matthew's Golden Age chapter, Voorheesville, monthly meeting, home of Mrs. Lillian Kirchner, New Scotland. A picnic will follow. Call 439-3333 for details.

MONDAY, AUGUST 18

Free Career and Educational Counseling, Bethlehem Library, by appointment, 1-4 p.m.

Film, "Hatari," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

Bicycle Safety Program, presented by Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau, Bethlehem town hall, 445 Delaware Ave., 7 p.m.

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Film, "Showboat," Voorheesville Library, 7:30 p.m.

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"Guys and Dolls" (musical), Spotlight Players Community Theater, Columbia High School, East Greenbush, **Aug. 8-9**, 8:15 p.m. Tickets \$2.50, reservations 477-5691.

ART

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Convent sale stirs a hornets' nest in neighborhood

The impending sale of the St. Thomas Church convent at 360 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, to a state agency as a residence for mentally retarded adults has drawn strong protests from homeowners living in the immediate area.

People living in the neighborhood filled the Community Room of the Bethlehem Library Thursday in a hastily called informational meeting set up by the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Services, an Albany-based unit of the O.D. Heck Center in Schenectady, at the request of concerned citizens. It was the third such session in Bethlehem, but the first to focus on the Kenwood Ave. dwelling. A similar public meeting was held in town hall last October on the proposal to establish a residential facility at 397 Delaware Ave., and another in North Bethlehem in May on a proposal to lease the Kinder Lane nursery school property for the same purpose.

Neighbors of the convent property were vocal in declaring that they didn't want such a facility in their neighborhood, and a number of them expressed strong resentment that they were not notified that the property was being sold as a residence for the retarded.

Their frustrations were valid, inasmuch as the sale procedure presumably is in its final stages and there are no apparent legal roadblocks available to citizens as a last resort. Both the Kenwood and Delaware Ave. sites are



Former convent has been sold to the state

expected to be ready for occupancy by eight to 10 adults each in the spring after extensive renovations.

Much of the bitterness voiced Thursday centered on complaints that there had been little or no advance notice that the deal was being consummated.

Rev. James Daly, pastor of St. Thomas Church, pointed out that reference to the proposed sale of the convent property had appeared several times during the past few months in the church's parish bulletins, and had been approved by the parish council. A *Spotlight* article in the Oct. 25, 1979 issue reported that the convent was being considered by Eleanor Roosevelt program officials as one of two sites in Delmar. On July 17 the *Spotlight* reported the price for the sale had been agreed upon. Several articles also have appeared in the *Albany Knickerbocker News*.

On July 14, Father Daly

declined to disclose the sale price saying the transfer had not been closed. Over the past weekend, Father Daly told the *Spotlight* that four real estate appraisals had placed a value of approximately \$70,000 on the convent property. "This has been posted on the bulletin board at the parish house since last December," he said.

Town officials said that they knew of no law requiring the owner of a private property to notify neighbors of an impending sale. A town hall hearing was held on the sale of the former town office building at 397 Delaware Ave. to meet the legal requirement involving sale of public property.

Robert R. Henderson, 2 Furman Pl., was said by Delmar neighbors to be the author of an informational flyer distributed prior to last week's meeting, and a petition reportedly signed by 34 persons stating that residents

objected to the institution's coming to the Delmar address. Henderson did not return several calls and a member of his family said he did not want to talk to a reporter.

The typewritten statement circulated among the neighbors said that the presence of a residential facility for the retarded would reduce property values in the immediate area and that increases in traffic and parking congestion from staff members and visitors would "change the whole character of the entire neighborhood and the marketability of our homes will be severely affected."

"We, the citizens of the neighborhood, are entitled to enjoy our residences in a neighborhood we selected to live in," the statement continued. "We do not have to accept such a drastic change in our residences adjacent to our properties or within our neighborhood which reduce our property values."

The statement also declared that "community residences is a term used in place of mental institutions to fool the people in the neighborhood when these groups try to sneak in. The state offers top dollar for residences like this because they have a hard time buying them. The seller receives a terrific price." The statement went on to say that "once they are in, it is too late to change and absolutely no way to stop them if they decide to change the operation of state-owned property."

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Henderson, an engineer with the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation, was the first speaker from the audience at Thursday's meeting, but was asked by Supervisor Tom Corrigan to hold his comments until the Roosevelt Center's representatives had finished their opening presentation. Present from the agency were Aletha Crowder, chief of service and Karen Lopiccolo, community planner, both of whom had assisted in the previous presentations in Delmar and North Bethlehem.

At that point Rev. Leon Adkins, minister of the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, assumed the role of moderator for the meeting. Henderson and a number of other persons subsequently spoke, along with several students who have served as volunteers in the Eleanor Roosevelt program. Apart from the teenagers, who stated the typical resident of a Roosevelt facility was not a menace to community security, and one nearby neighbor who spoke in favor of the sale, most of the speakers voiced

objections or were non-committal.

Mrs. Crowder repeated her earlier statement that it was customary for the agency to set up an advisory council from the community. She also offered to schedule a smaller meeting at a later date to accommodate more detailed questions and "more specifics as to the program itself."

After the meeting she said some half dozen persons had given their names as willing to serve on the council. She added that because some neighbors in an area with no backyard fences who had swimming pools had raised the question of fencing in the convent property, she was considering establishing the local committee immediately instead of the normal procedure of waiting until the facility was ready to begin operations.

"It seems important at this point to establish good relations with neighbors promptly," she said. "I know they can help us get started."

The two-story frame dwelling, which has served as the residence of Sister Mary Frederick, principal of St. Thomas School, has been occupied by the Sisters of the Holy Names since 1969.

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Uphill battle for swim club

Voorheesville's struggling swim club is paddling itself toward the end of another less than triumphant season that will end with the Adirondack district meet in Delmar Aug. 8-10. The team is plagued by problems that won't go away, the worst of which is a lack of community support. Mark Applegate, one of the three coaches, put it this way: "The community doesn't want to get involved. It's not football, baseball or basketball."

The lack of community, and specifically, of parental support and involvement may be related to the club's 3-2 record. Less than half of the parents come to the home meets, and the crowd grows even sparser at away meets. Nadine Bassler, another coach, feels that "if the kids got more support, they might have more initiative to do well." Linda Henzel is the third coach. According to Mark, even the most successful swimmers "get very little recognition as compared with their counterparts in the more popular sports."

A reflection of the community's attitude toward swimming can be seen in the attitudes of some of the swimmers as well. Many of them don't realize that practice is "not just something to do for two hours a day," said

Mark. They don't realize that they "must be totally dedicated." Both coaches agree that there is a competitive edge missing from the attitude of many of the swimmers.

VSC was founded in 1972 by Mrs. Mary Fyffe. The club has had to deal with many problems throughout its history, but it seems that the progress that has been made in past years is deteriorating. In 1978 there were 48 swimmers in the club, and this year there are just 23. This puts the club at a tremendous disadvantage, because most of the teams they compete against have an average of 50-60 swimmers.

The decline of high school swimming in the community also reflects on the club, the coaches say, because it lacks the core of dedicated older swimmers who in the past helped coach as well as compete for the club. Money is a familiar problem, but it seems less devastating than size and lack of parental support.

The club's funding comes from Kiwanis and the fee the swimmers pay to join the club. When asked how much of a factor the facilities themselves are, Mark said they don't play an overly important role. "Bethlehem doesn't have the best pool," he said. "It's the cooperation

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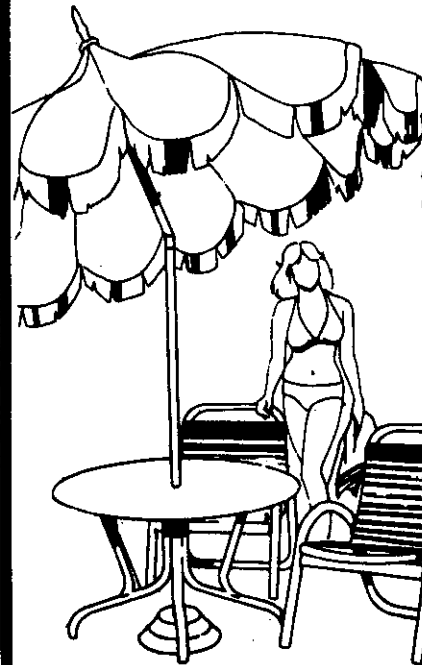
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Although the club is in need of more overall support from the parents and the community, there are some parents who are very active, according to Robert Hampston, the club's President. Hampston said that "about a half dozen parents are pretty much committed to the swim club."

There are also some other sources of community support besides Kiwanis. Vasco, the Voorheesville Athletic and Social Community Organization, has helped out with insurance. Vasco's function is to support community activities, and it was the original organizer of the swim club. Hampston said that Voorheesville High School has also been very cooperative.

Despite all its problems, VSC does have some very capable swimmers. Nadine feels there is "a lot of talent to

be tapped" among the team members. Dirk Applegate, a 15-year-old, recently got two second place finishes in the Junior Olympics, and he is the captain of the Scholastic Division swim team for the Empire State Games to be held in Syracuse this August. Some other swimmers that have tremendously improved are Patty O'Connell, Scott

Applegate and the Martins—Chris, Christine and Jill.

The reason that some of these swimmers have succeeded, despite the odds against them, is "because of their own motivation," according to Nadine. Mark's theory is that once a swimmer finds out what it's like to win—once he gets that med-

al—an itch to win develops, and "they have to get something to scratch that itch."

Adds Nadine: "Swimming is one of the hardest sports. You're in there by yourself. Nobody knows how difficult it is until they get in and try it themselves."

Kristine Halloran

Takes training post

Cynthia Kraus, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jerry Kraus, 31 McKinley Dr., Delmar, has taken an executive training position with Saks Fifth Ave., New York City. She is a May graduate of Syracuse University.

BICYCLE THEFTS

July 29 - Delmar (no address given), rear patio of residence, not registered.

Aug. 2 - Elm Ave. Park, not registered.

Church supper set

The Glenmont Pentecostal Church, Kenwood Ave. and Rt. 32, will host its second annual chicken barbecue on Saturday, Aug. 16, from 4 to 7.

Dog show cancelled

A children's dog show scheduled for last Saturday was cancelled by Bethlehem recreation officials due to an insufficient number of entries.

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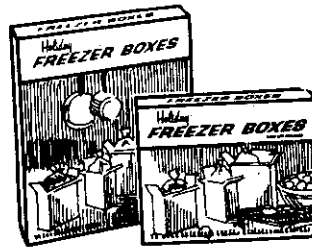
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Receive law degrees

James E. Williams and E. Tacy Jester, son and daughter-in-law of Catherine B. Pelone, 135 Adams St., Delmar, were May graduates of Catholic University School of Law, Washington, D.C.

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GE plant notes 14th anniversary

The Noryl Products Dept. of General Electric Co. recently celebrated its 14th year as an advanced materials supplier of thermoplastic resin to the engineered plastics industry.

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Furniture stolen

A chaise and a folding chair were stolen from the rear porch of an Orchard St. residence the night of July 24, according to a Bethlehem police report.

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Easy (bike) riders go interurban

If you find yourself with some spare time this summer, try riding a bike from Montreal to Voorheesville.

Sound crazy? Maybe so, but that's exactly what two local youths did. Adam Clark of 1 Glenn St., Voorheesville, and Josh Greenberg of Krumkill Rd., New Scotland, both 14, made the trip in just two and one-half days.

Why did they do it? "I was bored," said Adam, "and he (Josh) had to get his bike from Montreal. It was at his aunt's house." So the boys took a train to Montreal and rode their bikes back to Voorheesville.

One of the first obstacles they encountered was how to get Adam's bike on the train. They had been told they couldn't take a bicycle aboard, but that didn't stop them. They took the bike apart, put it in a suit bag, and placed it on the baggage rack above the seats. "I smuggled my bike" to Montreal, said Adam. Once there, they spent one night before starting out on their 320-mile marathon.

On the first day of the junket, Adam and Josh rode from Montreal to Plattsburgh. The second day was spent between Plattsburgh and Lake George, and they arrived home before the third day was over. The route they

chose was Rt. 217 out of Montreal to Interstate 87, then Rt. 9 all the way to Colonie.

When they got to Plattsburgh, Adam and Josh couldn't find a motel room anywhere. They were fortunate to meet a woman who owned a motel, and who offered them the use of her laundry room for the night. "After we borrowed her shower and she washed our laundry, a man cancelled his reservation," said Adam, and they got a room after all.

Adam rode a 10-speed Lambert bicycle, and Josh, who is presently on vacation, rode a Raleigh Supercourse. They survived on fruit and

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water while they were riding. Except for some dogs chasing them, Adam remembered just one frightening experience. When they were walking their bikes across the Mercier bridge in Montreal, which Adam said outdid the Brooklyn, and a "truck passed, the whole bridge would shake."

The boys kept each other going during the long ride.

Adam said he would have been bored if he had made the ride alone. They did encounter quite a bit of rain, about seven hours of it, and their feet got very chapped, according to Adam.

As for their parents' reactions: "My mother and his father thought we were insane," said Adam. "Adam's father, who used to ride his



Bike tourists Adam Clark, left, and Josh Greenberg.

bike to Maine every year, thought it was a fantastic idea and said he wanted to come with us."

about \$110 on the trip, and Adam said his parents became his sponsors.

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Voorheesville News Notes

Maryann Malark 765-4392

The open date in Voorheesville's summer concert series at Evergreen Memorial Park this Sunday has now been filled by a group called J.B. and Company. The concert starts at 7 p.m.

Suburban Propane Sales and Service Center, Albany, has announced that Rich Langford of Voorheesville has successfully completed five days of study and practice in an advanced LP-gas technology training course at the Suburban Propane training center, Charlotte, N.C. He was among 15 employees selected from the company's 122 sales and service centers to attend the course. Rich, a former distance runner, is a member of the village board of trustees.

Werner W. Berglas, superintendent of the Voorheesville school system, was recently named president of Phi Delta Kappa, an international honorary professional fraternity.

VOORHEESVILLE Church doubling present space

It has taken members of St. Matthew's Catholic Church less than two decades to outgrow the new, modern church on Mountainside Dr., Voorheesville, and now they're spending \$299,000 to double the size of their building.

The church—a long, narrow structure with center aisle typical of Catholic churches built in the Fifties and Sixties—will undergo extensive renovations in the next six months. Last weekend St. Matthew's parishioners went to mass at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church on Maple Ave., where they'll worship temporarily until well into the winter.

"This has been eight years coming," says J. Michael Brennan of Swift Rd., New Scotland, chairman of the parish council's building committee. "We're setting it up to increase the size of the liturgical space, provide adequate space for religious education, and make room for special

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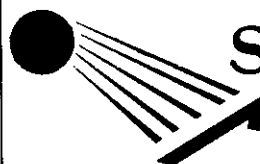
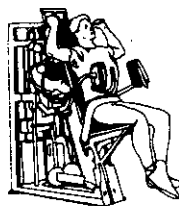
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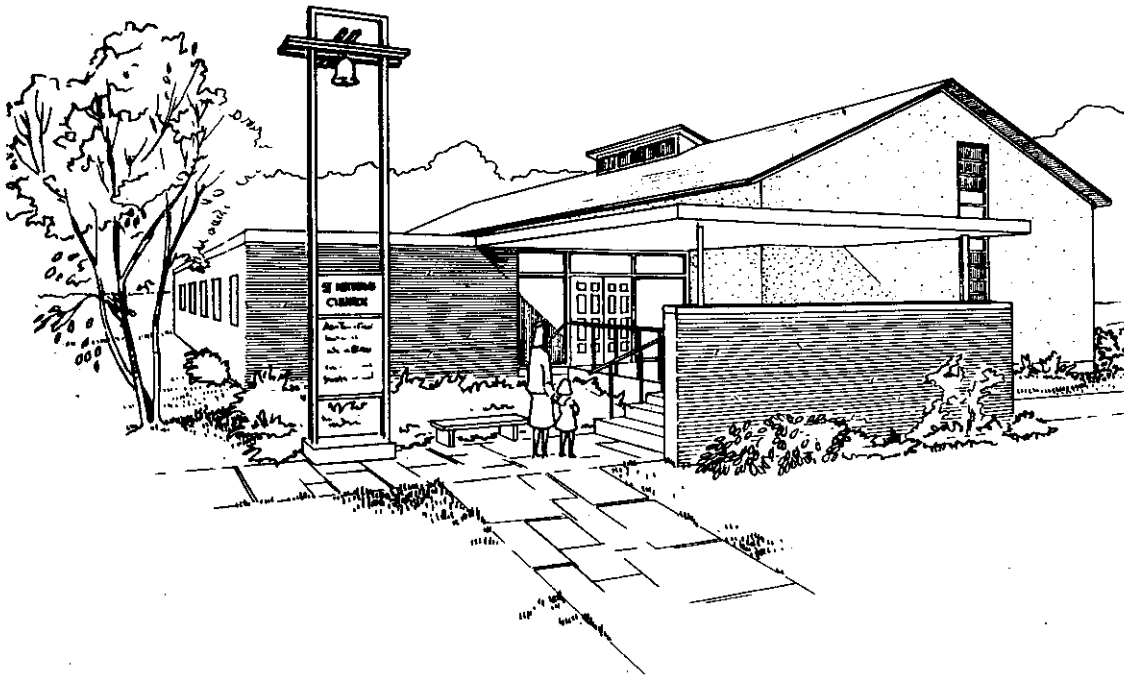
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Architect's rendering of expanded St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville.

the church. Now T-shaped, it will become rectangular in shape. The altar, instead of being straight ahead for a worshiper entering the front door, will be to the right side, Brennan said. The new part, he added, will be separated from the old by a folding partition, and classrooms will be formed by the partitions.

To save energy and cut down on heating cost, insulation will be added to the present building, and a skylight will be installed in the peak of the roof to enhance the natural light on the altar.

Ground for the project was broken Thursday. The contractor is Michael Bartholomew of New Scotland, a member of the parish.

Any old uniforms?

Do you have any Red Cross uniforms, posters or other memorabilia in your attic? Has anyone in your family served as a Gray Man or Gray Woman, canteen worker or nurse for Red Cross? The Albany Area chapter is on a hunt for old uniforms and artifacts for the American National Red Cross centennial celebration to be held in the spring of 1981. Mrs. Robert H. Birchenough of Slingerlands is in charge of Red Cross uniforms, which may be loaned or given to Red Cross and which should be labeled with the owner's name and probable date.

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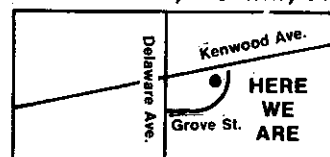
The renovated church will also have a chapel separate from the main part of the church, and a kitchen, something it doesn't have now. To provide all this new space, contractors will extend the building on the parish house side approximately 42 feet from the present east wall, which is 79½ feet long, Brennan said.

The renovations will change the arrangement of

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Saturday's annual Sidewalk Sale at Delaware Plaza "will be the best and biggest" of recent years, according to Ken Schenkel, president of the Delaware Plaza Merchants Assn.

To document his superlatives, Schenkel said that the sale will have a record number of participants ("nearly everybody") and that the hours have been extended. Most stores in the shopping complex will open at 9:30 and keep their displays outdoors until at least 5:30, Schenkel said. "We'll also have a lot

more merchandise than in the past," he added.

Among the innovations is a sidewalk dispensary for egg rolls provided by Danny Lee's restaurant.

Some stores plan to put out some merchandise on Friday, Schenkel said. Parking places have been reserved for the handicapped.

Bicycle safety

The town of Bethlehem Police Youth Bureau will present a bicycle safety program, Monday, Aug. 18, at the town hall. The program, which begins at 7 p.m., will include a film and a discussion of the State Vehicle and Traffic Law.

Driver, 18, charged

An 18-year-old Westerlo resident was arrested on four charges when he appeared in Bethlehem justice court Thursday to answer a summons for drunken driving. Bethlehem police said he was charged with second-degree bribery, resisting arrest, obstructing governmental administration and unlawful possession of marijuana, but declined to release further details because the incident is still under investigation. The man, whose name was withheld pending possible youthful offender status, was arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts and released in the custody of his attorney.

Correction

Robert G. Conway, Delaware attorney whose return to private practice in Albany was reported in this newspaper last week, previously practiced with his father, the late John J. Conway, and brother, Edward S. Conway, a State Supreme Court justice, before joining the state attorney general's office. It was erroneously reported he previously practiced with his father and uncle.

A Bethlehem chamber of commerce announcement of a new board member should have identified Gloria (Toni) Lasher as being with Glenn Lasher Fuel Oil Service, Selkirk.

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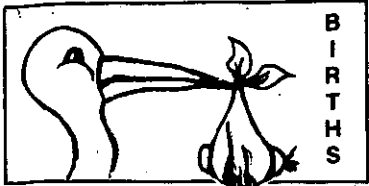
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record set by the Delmar Fire Dept. of overall champions for four consecutive years.

Store theft probed

Bethlehem police are looking for a thief who twice has taken a batch of sporting knives from a locked storage cabinet at the K-Mart store in Glenmont. There was no sign of forced entry on either occasion, police said.

ELSMERE

Police seek moonlight dippers

The youthful urge to take a dip in the ol' swimmin' hole is as old as time, but suburban backyard pools are off-limits.

At least that's the view taken by Bethlehem police and at least one Elsmere homeowner, who surprised a group of four to seven youths swimming in his pool at 2 a.m. Saturday.

When he appeared, the youths took off in a hurry, climbing a fence. One of them apparently injured himself when he ran into a tree stump, according to the homeowner's report to police.

The report stated that the homeowner received a series of phone calls, in the first of which a male voice advised him to "better leave us alone." When the resident asked if anyone was hurt, the answer was "no."

Police are investigating the incident. Earlier this summer, six youths were arrested for climbing the fence and taking an after-hours swim in the Kenholm community pool not far from the site of last week's incident. A police spokesman said that two more arrests are pending, and

all eight will then face a court appearance in town hall on charges of criminal trespass.

Local students chosen

Betsy R. Brisee and Henry L. Peyrebrune of Bethlehem Central High School have been chosen from thousands of eligible students to attend the New York State Summer School of Arts. Betsy studied last month at the School of Visual Arts at SUNY at Fredonia under the direction of James Ridlon, noted artist and professor of visual arts. Peyrebrune is currently attending the School of Orchestral Studies, where he takes classes with the first chair players of the Philadelphia Orchestra.

Plant 'collector' sought

Bethlehem police are looking for someone who likes potted plants, especially Impatiens plants. Plants were stolen from two homes on Woodmont Rd. around midnight Thursday. A Roweland Ave. resident reported a clay flower pot and a hanging flower pot was taken from the front porch the same night.



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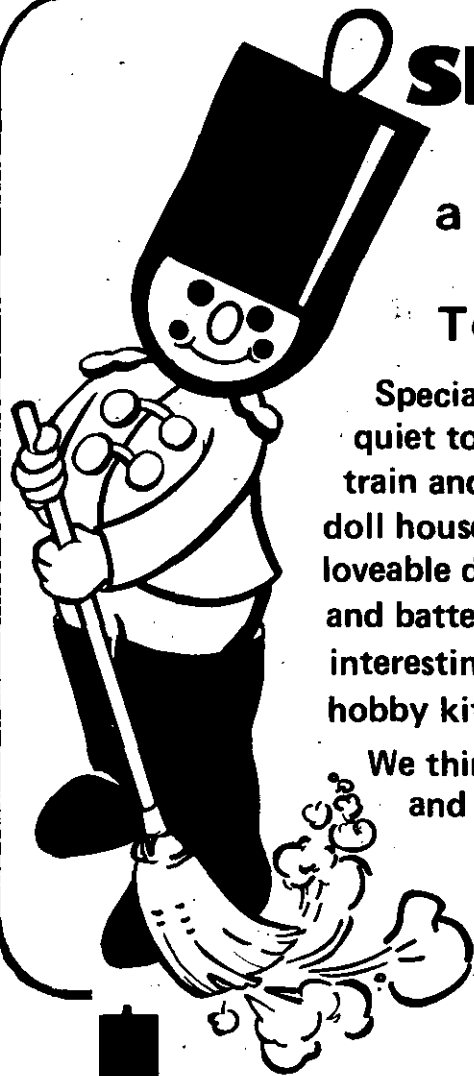
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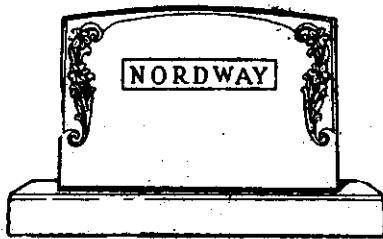
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Timothy Youmans of New Scotland has been awarded one of 10 Gildea scholarships sponsored by the National Council for Geographic Education at the University of Houston. He will use the \$1,000 award for his senior year at the State University College at Brockport, where he has been on the dean's list each semester and earned a 4.0 average last semester. His plans include graduate work in urban and regional planning at the University of North Carolina.

Burglary nets antiques

Bethlehem police are investigating a burglary at a residence on Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, in which more than \$4,200 worth of antique furniture, collectibles and a silver trophy were taken between 10:30 a.m. and 4 p.m. Thursday. Police said entry was gained by breaking the window of an outside door and kicking in a porch door.

Civic theater elects

Kay Cassell, Bethlehem librarian, has been elected director of education of the Albany Civic Theater. Dick Harte of Delmar and Meryl Ruckterstuhl of Slingerlands have been named members of the theater's board.

VOORHEESVILLE

Postoffice moves down the street

Zip 12186 has a new address as of last week—34 Main St. Voorheesville Postmaster John Fredette and postal clerks Martha Kugler and Joyce Mosher completed the move over the weekend and everybody likes the new and expanded quarters.

But Fredette says it could be only a temporary move. He is hoping the U.S. Postal Service will carry through on its intentions to draw up specifications for a new building and put the specs out for bid in another eight months or so.

Meanwhile village postal patrons can enjoy an expanded stamp window facility, more counters and 110 additional boxes. The new location has 350 boxes to replace the 240 old ones at 22 Main St., and the move from 1,000 to 1,500 square feet of floor space has done a lot to alleviate the cramped conditions down the street.

"It came about very suddenly," Fredette said last week. "We were notified in April we had to move, and we only got this building a couple of weeks ago. We didn't have much time."

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the building at 22 Main, confirmed that he had notified the postal service by letter on April 28 that he did not want to renew the lease expiring May 31. Dergosits, who is renovating his building preparatory to opening a retail outlet for his heating and air conditioning business (New Salem Heating, Inc.), said he extended the lease for two months to give the postal authorities extra time to find a new site.

At 34 Main the postoffice occupies a building that is in the process of getting a new owner. Donald Meacham, Voorheesville attorney who is the current owner, said the two-story frame structure is under contract for sale to

Barry Zwack, a Voorheesville businessman.

The building, believed to have been erected shortly after the turn of the century, formerly housed Brate's food market and Empie's grocery store. Its most recent tenant was Shirley's Ceramics, which has moved to Delmar.

Opens new practice

Dr. Ann Kieler of Bethlehem Terrace Apartments, Slingerlands, opened an office for the practice of ophthalmology July 24 at St. Peter's Professional Building, Albany. Dr. Kieler received her MD degree from the Georgetown University Medical School, Washington, D.C.

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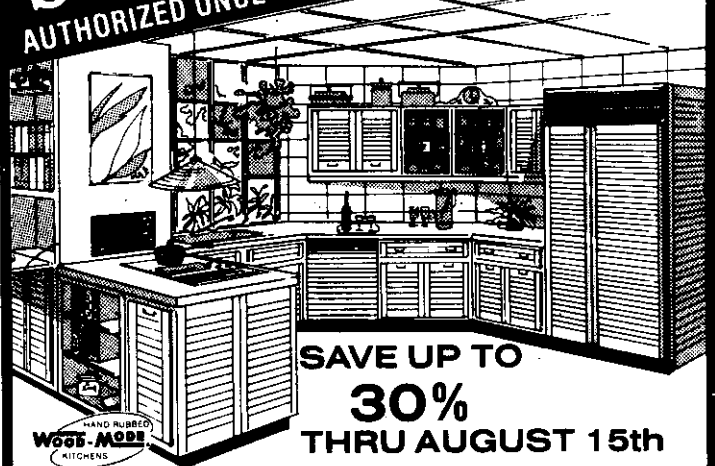


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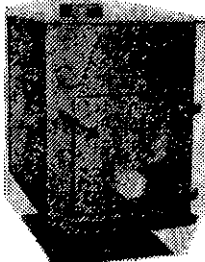
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Servicemen in the NEWS

Two local servicemen, Senior Airman Peter R. Kling of Voorheesville and Airman James J. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, of Delmar, recently participated in Global Shield 80, a Strategic Air Command (SAC) exercise involving a number of air bases.

Kling, son of Mr. and Mrs. Paul G. Kling, 84 Altamont Rd., participated at Grisson AFB, Peru, Ind. Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. William Roberts, 584 Delaware Ave., was assigned to the exercise at Minot (S. Dak.) AFB. The exercise was designed to test the ability of SAC forces to react to emergency wartime conditions.

Marine Cpl. Christopher B. Selkirk, son of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald J. and Judith Selkirk of Selkirk, has been awarded the Good Conduct Medal. He is currently serving at the

Marine Corps Air Station, Yuma, Ariz. He joined the Marine Corps in January 1977.

Navy Engineman Fireman Recruit George N. Geel, son of Mr. and Mrs. Barend G. Geel, of Scutt Rd., Feura Bush, has completed the basic engineman course at the Naval Training Center, Great Lakes, Ill. A 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, he joined the Navy last January.

Church concert Tuesday

Sweet Spirit, a summer outreach ministry of Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush, will present their "premiere" concert on Tuesday, Aug. 12 at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave., Delmar. Sweet Spirit is a group of 23 vocalists who combine music, comedy and drama in religious themes. This summer they will perform their contemporary style of music throughout New York, Pennsylvania, Ohio, New Jersey and Maryland.



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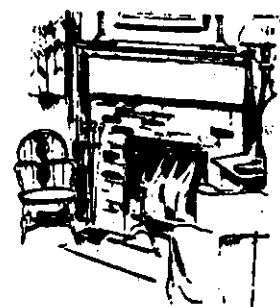
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St. Lawrence University - David E. Potter, Cynthia J. Rodgers, Delmar.

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Sandra Butcher

Concert at park

The Village Volunteers Fife and Drum Corps of Bethlehem will perform at the Elm Ave. Park Thursday, Aug. 14. The program starts at 6:30 p.m. in the natural grassy bowl-shaped area, just outside the winter warming area.

SPOTLIGHT PROFILE

Fencer, 37, eyes state championship

Susan Shipherd isn't sure how she became interested in fencing, but that interest influenced her choice of colleges and will lead her to the Empire State Games in Syracuse this month.

Mrs. Shipherd, now 37 and the mother of two, first fenced at Elmira College under an "excellent" coach she called "Mr. Z." After two years of competition there, she transferred to SUNY at Albany, where she joined the newly formed fencing program. With college behind her, new interests stole her attention: a job in Manhattan, marriage, and children—a boy, J.P., now 14, and a girl, Jillian, now 11.

Living in Ithaca, Mrs. Shipherd didn't fence for several years until she moved to her Salisbury Dr. home in Elsmere seven years ago and started again at the YWCA. Last fall, when a friend

suggested she return to competitive fencing, she thought, "Why not?"

"I figured," she recalled, "if I don't do it now, I'll be too old in a few years. And it's really fun."

The sport of fencing uses three weapons—foil, epee and sabre, but women are allowed to compete only in foil. When she fences, Mrs. Shipherd wears a mask, a T-shirt, a half jacket on the side exposed to the weapon, a padded jacket, a lame (the French term for a metallic jacket) and white knickers. "It's very hot," she admitted.

She also uses an electric foil with a wire running through her glove, down her body and out the back, which connects to a light. When she "touches" her opponent, the foil tip is depressed, the impulse runs down the wire to the light, which flashes on, and the judges record one "touch"

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When Mrs. Shipherd fences at the YWCA, she fences with men, and at her Wednesday night class at SUNYA, there's only one other woman. But in competition, she can only face women.

"This may sound sexist," Mrs. Shipherd says, "but I think men and women fence differently. They both have to be fast, but women have more finesse...it's more technically correct."

Her coach is Frank Collins,

who comes from England and studied under Mistro Santelli, one of the masters of fencing. Mrs. Shipherd obviously admires Santelli: her equipment, ordered from New York where Santelli now teaches, bears his name and she says, "To take a lesson from Santelli...it's like God coming down."

Outside of fencing, Mrs. Shipherd divides her time among other activities. She teaches sixth grade religious education at St. Thomas, is a Democratic committeeman and does research at Albany Medical Center. She also belongs to the Hudson Berkshire Division of the Amateur Fencers League of America, which oversees all the tournaments. Although she plays no other sports, she often tries to run and ride a bicycle, which she says uses the same leg muscles as fencing.

Mrs. Shipherd earned a bronze medal in June at SUNYA, where she qualified for the Empire State Games. She leaves next Wednesday for Syracuse and the five-day Games, and has been practicing three nights a week for them. "My family has been very supportive," she commented.

Most of the people going to Syracuse are high school or college age, but that doesn't bother her. "If I fence well, even if I come in last, I'll be happy," she insists. "There are people who continue into their 50s and 60s...maybe I'll be one of them."

Denise Woodin

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BASEBALL

Blue Jays claim spot in playoffs

A doubleheader sweep of Schuylerville's defending Capital District League champions has apparently earned the Delmar Blue Jays the league's first-half crown and a berth in the playoffs.

The Blue Jays, out-hit in both games Sunday at the BCHS field, eked out 8-7 and 4-3 victories that had everybody on edge. In both games, which counted in the first-round because of several rainouts, the Blue Jays erupted for big bursts in the first inning, then lay back while the visitors made things tense.

Take the opener: seven runs for Delmar in the first frame on four walks, an infield error, George Rafferty's triple, Mike Usher's double and a three-run homer by Eric Felter down the right field line. Three innings later Schuylerville had cut the lead to 8-6 against John MacDonald, added a run in the sixth off Jeff Rose, and had the bases loaded at 8-7 in the last inning with two outs when Rafferty made a long running catch in center to end the game.


The pattern continued in the nightcap: four runs in the first walk, infield bobble and consecutive singles by Felter, Steve Wallack and Usher. They got only one hit the rest of the way while Ward Phalen was being touched for three runs and seven hits, one of them a lead-off triple in the fifth by Toby Youngblood, Schuylerville second base-

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man, who was 6-for-6 on the day with a walk, including three doubles, before being stopped in his last time at bat.

The Blue Jays, who earlier in the week dropped a 7-0 decision to Schenectady's R&R Pools in Delmar, had a Wednesday night date with the Pools at Central Park, and will play a return double-header at Schuylerville Saturday.

Wins athletic award

Julie Besteman, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been named recipient of the Kay Tiemersma Award at Calvin College, Grand Rapids, Mich. The honor is given annually to the outstanding senior female student athlete at Calvin. She was on the Calvin's state championship track team for one year, the tennis team for two years, and the field hockey team four years. She was the leading scorer for the field hockey team three years, and the state's leading scorer two years. She holds the record for most goals scored in one game (6), and had 22 goals this past season as she led her team to a Division III state championship. The squad moved on to regionals where they qualified for nationals, and finished 10th in the nation among Division III schools. Julie is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Marvin Besteman, Dykeman Rd., Delmar.

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Music awards

Andrea Blanchard, a Bethlehem Central High School senior, has been named recipient of a Music Award from the New York State Federation of Women's Clubs.

Senior Music Awards, announced at a recent BCHS Awards Assembly, and based upon musicianship, citizenship, and service to the school, went to Robert Heine-man and Carolyn Smith (Choir), Andrea Blanchard (Orchestra), and Naomi Mendel (John Philip Sousa Band)

Center changes name

The Albany International Center, which is headed by Mrs. Donald Eberle of Slingerlands as president of the board of directors, has changed its name to the International Center of the Capital Region, Inc. The center arranges visits to homes and businesses for foreign professionals and provides hospitality for foreign students and visiting merchant seamen. In recent years the center has been active in immigration assistance for new immigrants and Vietnamese refugees.

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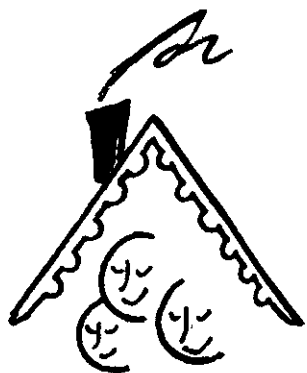
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TENNIS

Juniors to vie for net crowns

A recent surge in junior tennis activity in the Capital District is expected to upgrade the caliber of Bethlehem's annual junior championships next week.

The Bethlehem Tennis Assn. will sponsor its annual junior tournament by age groups starting Tuesday at the Middle School courts in Delmar. There will be singles and doubles brackets for boys and girls in age classifications of 12 and under, 14 and under and 16 and under, with an open-age bracket in mixed doubles. Any junior player residing in the town or enrolled in the summer program is eligible to enter. Mrs. Eileen Jones, 439-2845, and Mrs. Aussie Shayegani, 439-6419, are accepting telephone regis-

trations. Entry deadline is Saturday, Aug. 9.

A number of local juniors are expected to move directly from the town championships to an Eastern Tennis Assn. sanctioned junior tournament Thursday and Friday, Aug. 14-15, at the Middle School. This tournament, directed by Bethlehem tennis coach Phil Ackerman, will be the third in a series of five sanctioned junior events sponsored by the ETA that will count in Eastern age-group rankings. Entries for the Bethlehem event may be phoned to Ackerman at 482-3608.

Bethlehem juniors have already made an impact on the ETA events. Two Delmar players reached the finals of the first tournament at Albany High School in the girls' 16-and-under, with Kathleen Bragaw defeating Ann Weber, while Laura Tread-

way of Delmar won the girls' 14-and-under tourney. Last week in a similar event in Troy, Jeff Elletson of Delmar reached the semifinals in singles and finals in doubles in the 18-and-under division.

Other local players competing in one or both of the sanctioned tournaments were Sheila Gould, Molly Treadway, Judy Van Woert, Aryan Shayegani, Jody Jones and Kristen Jones, the latter at age 7 the youngest player in the tourney.

The ETA series will wind up later this month with events at Schenectady and Glens Falls.

Young swimmers active

Three members of the Delmar Dolphins brought home six ribbons in the Woodlin Invitational AAU "B" swimming meet at Glenville for younger swimmers who have attained national B-meet speed standards. Meredith Dix won the girls' 8-and-under 25-meter freestyle and the 25-meter breast stroke. In boys' 8-and-under, Drew Patrick had a second, fourth and fifth place in 25-meter events and earned an "A" time award in the 25-meter breast-stroke. Shawn Flynn was sixth in the 25-meter free-

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Enters law school

John Scott Robinson, son of Mr. and Mrs. Earl J. Robinson, 146 Mosher Rd., is enrolled in a "live-in experience" with a below-poverty family in Washington, D.C. as an orientation requirement preparatory to entering Antioch School of Law in Washington in the fall. He was named to the Dean's List at SUNY-Albany for the spring semester.

BASEBALL

GE nine sweeps Babe Ruth titles

The General Electric team that made a shambles of the Bethlehem Babe Ruth baseball league's seasonal race in winning the flag by four full games proved in the playoffs that it was no fluke.

Powered by Rob Kistler's home run and double and Stu Alloway's two clutch singles, GE outscored Main Care, 9-5, in the final of the post-season tournament. Both batted .667 in the tourney.

Other hot hitters were Tom McTague of Main Care with six hits during the tournament, Corson Maley of Skippy's Music with a homer and three singles, and Mike Tangora of Blue Cross-Blue Shield, who clouted a home run.

In the annual awards ceremony Saturday at the Middle School diamond, Daniel House, commander of the Bethlehem VFW post, the tournament sponsor, presented the tournament trophy to John Elliot, General Electric manager, and a memorial plaque to Mrs. Doris Field, widow of Darwin Field, who had been a Babe Ruth manager in 1979 and a strong supporter of the league for many years.



Stu Alloway, hard-hitting catcher of the General Electric Plastics team, takes temporary possession of the Bethlehem Babe Ruth championship trophy donated by the Bethlehem VFW post. Looking on are John Elliot, manager of the winning team, left, and Daniel House, post commander.

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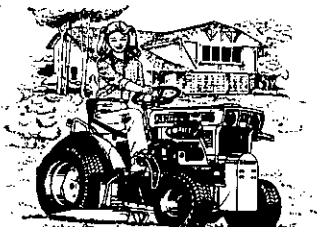
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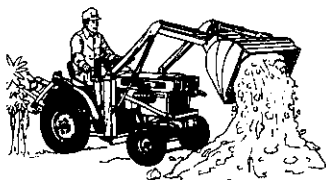
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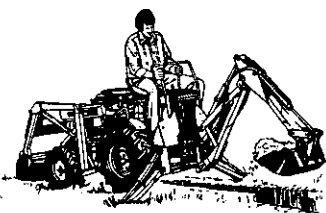
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Eileen Mary O'Toole, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Daniel F. O'Toole, 89 Kenaware Ave., Delmar, became the bride of Timothy Vance Sorrows, son of Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Sorrows, North Little Rock, Ark., in a 6:30 p.m. ceremony July 26 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar. Rev. Kenneth Gregory officiated.

The bride, given in marriage by her father, was attended by her two sisters, Kathleen Colasurdo of Albany, matron of honor, and Patricia Caulfield of Oakland, Me., and by Jennifer Drew and Lisa Kranz of Delmar and Tama Sorrows, of North Little Rock, sister of the groom. Tommy Sorrows, brother of the groom, was



Mrs. Timothy V. Sorrows

ring bearer. Ben Jones of Dix Hills, N.Y., was best man, and ushers were Travis Sorrows and Terry Sorrows of North Little Rock, brothers of the groom, and Daniel O'Toole

of Schenectady, Michael O'Toole of Albany and Timothy O'Toole of Delmar, brothers of the bride.

A reception followed at the Aurania Club, Albany. The couple took a wedding trip to Hilton Head Island, S.C.

Mrs. Sorrows is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Oswego. She is a computer programmer with Jacuzzi, Inc., Little Rock. Her husband also graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Oswego, and is a claims adjuster for Farmers Insurance Group, Little Rock.

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Twenty five swim clubs from an area stretching from the Canadian border to Utica, Oneonta and Poughkeepsie will send teams to Delmar for the three-day meet Aug. 8-10. Counting unattached participants, there will be 497 swimmers and 28 divers entered in 100 events, starting at 4 p.m. Friday and continuing all day Saturday and Sunday from 8 a.m. on. It's the eighth straight year Delmar has been selected for the prestigious meet.

Diving competition is scheduled for Saturday from 1:30 to 4. Award ceremonies will follow the final event Sunday.

The main pool will be closed to the public at 4 p.m. Friday and all day Saturday and Sunday except between the hours of 2 and 4 p.m. The diving tank will be closed all day Saturday and Sunday. The park's L-shaped pool will be open during regular hours all three days of the meet.

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Masons win playoff

Wally Safarik pitched a no-hitter and fanned 14 to lead the Delmar Masons to a 4-0 win over Price Chopper Monday in a playoff for the Bethlehem Recreation League championship. Bill Newman had a homer and two singles for the Masons.

The two teams finished in a tie at the end of the regular season after each was upset in their final outings. Dirty Nelly Designs, which had only once in 14 starts, upset the Masons, 5-4, and Delmar Honda shocked Price Chopper, 10-8, on Neg Norton's grand slam.

Gymnastics sweep

Beth Schoenfeldt made a clean sweep in Bethlehem's summer gymnastics show, taking first place in the vault, unevents, beam and floor exercises. The competition, last week at the high school under the supervision of Ken Hodge, was the climax of the three-week advanced summer gymnastics class. Other competitors place in the following events: vault — Vicki Manion, 2nd; Susan Elleston, 3rd; Tina Cleveland, 4th; Jackie Reide, 5th, and Heather Taft, 6th. Unevens — Vicki Manion, 2nd; Debbie Brownell, 3rd; Lisa Rehbit, 4th; Sarah Conley, 5th; and Debbie Blodgett, 6th. Beam — Debbie Brownell, 2nd; Anne Peyrebrune, 3rd; Colleen Teal, 4th; Jackie Reide, 5th;

and Tina Cleveland, 6th. Floor exercises — Lisa Rehbit, 2nd; Debbie Brownell, 3rd; Jackie Reide, 4th; Colleen Teal, 5th, and Sarah Conley, 6th.

Shoplifter sought

Bethlehem police have been given a description of a woman who put a stainless steel fork and spoon and other small items in a shopping bag and walked out of the Village Shop at Delaware Plaza at 1 p.m. Friday. The items were valued at \$20.

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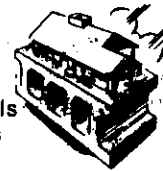
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Vox Pop

Vox Pop is open to all readers for letters in good taste on matters of public interest. Letters longer than 300 words are subject to abridgement by the editor, and must be signed. Names will be withheld on request.

Access for handicapped

Editor, The Spotlight:

The front steps of the Delmar post office are being repaired. This is an opportunity to make this building accessible to the public, all the public, which includes aged and handicapped people.

While Mr. Betke, the postmaster, is to be commended for his work in trying to make the post office accessible, the proposed plan to have the handicapped person come "around back" by the dumpster at the loading dock, come up a ramp with no landing, ring a bell and wait for someone to answer the door is unacceptable. This arrangement does not provide the handicapped person with proper access to the building and its services. It appears that the government engineers found a ramp "out back" and called it access.

There has been inadequate consideration of alternatives to make the post office properly and fully accessible to anyone unable to climb two flights of stairs for whatever reason. Please make known our opinion on this important matter.

Jarey Lee Cortright
 Delmar

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

One-year PBK?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Can it be? That society born and organized in the cauldron of the American Revolution, encouraged by student revolutionaries from 1776 through the post-Korea

and pre-Indo-Chinese years now charters community college units of SUNY?—That society which once insisted on excellence in the liberal arts and humanities, which chartered only those colleges which maintained high academic standards, which insisted on award of its symbol only to those who contributed in all ways to the well-being of academe, now bestows its honor upon freshmen at our two-year schools?

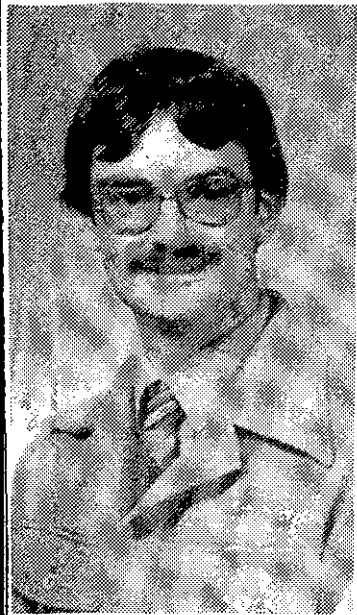
Perhaps it can be. For we recall the changes brought on in selection standards by the Indo-Chinese war despite our concern with matters more important to the body politic. For a time, until the development of the "new" curricula (reading, writing, and arithmetic), the students selected from among their ranks those students believed entitled to the Phi Beta Kappa key. In 1979, but not in 1980, there were strange odors emanating from the Herkimer County Community College, but there must be some rational explanation for the report in the Voorheesville News Notes which reports on the award of a Phi Beta Kappa key to a freshman one year after his graduation from the Claydon Bouton Jr.-Sr. High School. Much magic flows from that seat of learning, but not so much as to lend credence to the story which appeared in your issue of July 24.

Perhaps you will see fit to provide your readers, especially those who have high hopes for the future of Phi Beta Kappa, an explanation or a correction?

Paul Richards
 Voorheesville

Somewhere en route to The Spotlight someone switched a Greek letter. A Herkimer Community College spokesman confirmed this week that the college has no Phi Beta Kappa chapter, but instead has a chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, described as a national honor fraternity for American junior colleges.

Ed.



Craig Denegar

Takes college post

Craig Denegar, son of Mr. and Mrs. H. Russell Denegar of Delmar, has been named director of sports medicine at the Virginia Military Institute, Lexington, Va. Denegar, a 1974 Bethlehem Central graduate, holds a masters degree in athletic training and sports medicine from the University of Virginia. He served one year as director of sports medicine at Hampden Sydney College in Virginia.

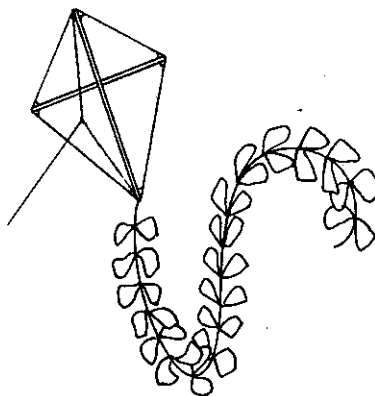
Found keys? Call Hilchie's.

Orchestra moving

The Delmar Community Orchestra will begin its 1980-81 season by moving into the new Bethlehem town hall. At this location, members will have room for their own music library and storage space for some of the orchestra's larger instruments. The Delmar Community Orchestra, which started 35 years ago, will also have a good-sized auditorium for concerts in the town hall. The orchestra, composed of local musicians of all ages, rehearsed each week for many years at the Delmar United Methodist Church. New members are welcomed.

Church supper Saturday

The Consistory and the Women's Guild of the Jerusalem Reformed Church will hold a buffet supper on Aug. 9 with continuous servings from 4:30 on. The menu includes assorted meats, cheeses and salads, baked beans, ice cream and homemade cookies. Tickets are \$4.50 for adults and \$2 for children. Proceeds will go toward repairs on the church steeple. The church is located on Rt. 32, Feura Bush. For reservations, call 439-5662.



Community Corner

Pride and Excitement

Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park swim complex will be the site of the Adirondack District AAU swim meet on Aug. 8-10. Host team will be the Delmar Dolphins, who practice regularly at the park's pools. Some 500 competitors are expected to swim and dive in almost 100 events.

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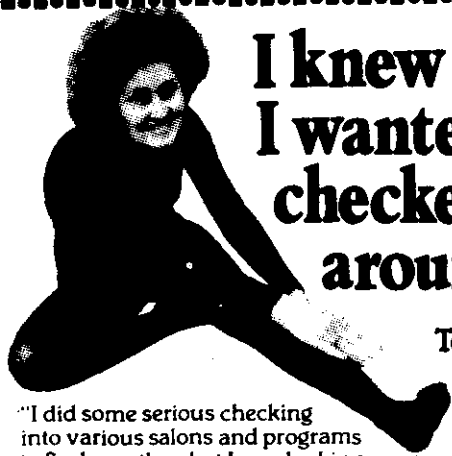
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