

Ambulance district is vetoed

"We're sort of back to square one," said Linda Schacht.

Possibly, and possibly not. Members of the Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Service were understandably disappointed to learn last week that Gov. Mario Cuomo has vetoed the legislation that would have allowed the company to form as an independent district, with its own taxing powers.

As one member pointed out, it's difficult enough to man an ambulance with qualified volunteers without having to send people out to raise money all the time.

"We can survive, hopefully, for a year on the money we have," said Mrs. Schacht, the newly elected president of the Bethlehem volunteer group. "We had promised not to do another fund drive, but we may have to do something."

The situation is hardly unique. A number of volunteer ambulance services across the state — including the Voorheesville squad — had seen the legislation passed this spring by the State Assembly as an answer to difficult times.

The bill would have allowed a volunteer ambulance service to establish itself on the same basis as a fire district, with the power to levy taxes, elect its own commissioners and provide compensation coverage for its members.

The volunteers had been trying with little success to get the bill passed for 13 years, but did succeed this year — thanks in part to the active lobbying of Charles Wheeler, a South Bethlehem resident and director of the convention center at the Empire State Plaza. That victory, however, was short lived.

Cuomo's veto carried the endorsement of four different state commissioners plus the state Conference of Mayors, the New York State Firefighter's Association and the Professional Ambulance Association of New York.



There were strange goings-on at the Bethlehem Public Library recently when a "Cosmic Costume Cavalcade" drew a crowd of costumed earthlings to the Community Room there. At left, an Ewak (alias Adam Hornick) was caught by the camera under a poster showing another "Star Wars" star, Yoda. At right, Christine Lancaster's antennae are tuned in to the happenings. Tom Howes



Even more devastating was the fact that the veto was on constitutional grounds, said Wheeler. According to the state Comptroller's office, the Constitution specifically prohibits the creation of new political subdivisions with the power to levy taxes.

If there is a bright spot, it is that most of the governor's veto message dealt with the "hodgepodge" of laws that now govern fire and ambulance districts. There has been, said Cuomo, "a proliferation of political subdivisions" and the proposed law "is not a solution to the problem."

Cuomo said he has asked the Secretary of State's office to develop overall legislation to restructure volunteer fire and ambulance districts.

That leaves the Bethlehem district, which serves the same area as the Selkirk Fire District with crews rotating between the three firehouses on a weekly basis, with several choices.

Maintaining the status quo may be a

short-term option but unacceptable over the long run, according to both Wheeler and Mrs. Schacht. So if the possibility of new state legislation doesn't pan out the organization will have to look at options it has already rejected once.

Last year, the town had agreed to consider passing legislation that would establish the service as a district similar to a water or sewer district — a rather cumbersome arrangement that would at least allow it to levy taxes through the town. That possibility went as far as a public hearing last year before it was laid aside in favor of the new state law.

A third choice is to become associated with the Selkirk Fire District and receive tax money through the district.

Either way, said Mrs. Schacht, "we lose some of our independence."

Mrs. Schacht said the service's board of directors has already begun discussing options and hopes to have a plan ready when the full organization has its next meeting in late September.

Clarksville to get water?

New Scotland's Topic of the Year — Water — bubbled to the top of a special (and unpublicized) meeting of the town board this week.

There were three major developments at the 9 a.m. session Tuesday.

- The board called a public informational meeting for Tuesday, Aug. 23, to discuss an engineering survey for a proposed water district in Clarksville. The meeting will be held at 7 p.m. at the Clarksville Community Church.

- The board authorized a \$150,000 bond issue to finance installation of a proposed 6-inch main for the newly established Swift Rd. water district. The bonds will be retired by residents of the district, but will be backed by the town's credit.

- Four property owners on Swift Rd. demanded through an attorney to be exempted from the new district and from the bond issue.

It was the first time that a survey conducted by the town's engineering consultant, Ronald H. Laberge, in Clarksville had appeared on a town board agenda. Laberge's report estimated the cost of the proposed system at \$1.28 million, of which an estimated \$300,000 would be for the excavation of rock.

Laberge said a preliminary survey showed two possible sources of water — tapping the existing aquifer in the area, and pumping water from a subterranean source in the network of caves that run for three-quarters of a mile near the center of the hamlet.

"It looks pretty good," Laberge told the board, but he conceded two major roadblocks: the need for federal funding for 75 percent of the cost of the project, and the difficulty of meeting a tight deadline (Sept. 30) to establish the district and complete the application for funding.

No boundaries were set for the proposed district. Laberge also said that

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Oh, those mixed-up villages!

Quick, how many villages are there in the Tri-Village area? Can you name them?

Three, you say, Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands.

Wrong.

The answer: none.

Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands are communities, or hamlets, derived from settlements. In the early years of the century they looked just like villages that were near each other, strung along the Delaware and Hudson track from Albany to Altamont, Oneonta and Binghamton. They started off in the 19th century as railroad stations named by the D&H.

Today they are blended together in an area that has become loosely known as the Tri-Villages. The boundary lines that separate them are vague and undefined, but many townspeople proudly claim residency in one or another. They know where the unmarked boundaries are.

One thing they do agree on: the state doesn't know where those lines are, or which is which. The Dept. of Transportation has placed name signs willy-nilly: with the best of intentions, the state has moved Slingerlands half a mile or so to the east on both ends of the hamlet.

But there's no way to say where the line really is.

All three communities have one common political heritage. They are in the Town of Bethlehem, which has elected officials that make laws, levy taxes, pave and plow the streets, issue dog and marriage licenses, maintain the town parks, administer the water and sewer systems, decide on zoning variances and pick up garbage.

Bona-fide villages handle these kinds of functions, too, but Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands don't. The nearest legitimate villages are Voorheesville, a political entity situated in the Town of

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Park opens Saturday night

In a one-night-only experiment, the Bethlehem Town Park on Elm Ave. will stay open Saturday night, Aug. 20, to 11 p.m. for swimming, food and live music by Strange Anatomy.

The park is open to all, but the move is aimed specifically at the town's teenage population and the frequent complaints that there is too little to do after dark. A petition drive by two Delmar mothers to keep the park open after the usual 8 p.m. closing time drew 719 signatures, and town officials agreed — somewhat reluctantly — to the one-day trial.

"We want to stress that there is a need for involvement," said Marion Harwick, one of the organizers. Help is needed in publicizing the event, organizing and cleanup, she said. Volunteers can contact Mrs. Harwick at 439-3403 or Holly Billings at 439-6885.

"I'm sure they'll be looking closely at Aug. 20 before they make any decisions on next year," Mrs. Harwick added. A decision to open the park at night on a regular basis would require town board approval since there is additional cost for pool lifeguards, other attendants and for utilities. One possibility that has been discussed, Mrs. Harwick said, is to try three three-day weekends early next summer and see how that is received.

The first night should have a strong draw. Strange Anatomy, the Delmar rock group that already has a local following, will head the bill, and other local groups may join in.

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□ Mixed-up villages

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New Scotland, and Altamont, ditto in the Town of Guiderland.

The Town of Bethlehem has other hamlets or communities besides the so-called Tri-Villages. There's Glenmont, for example, which in recent years has blended into Elsmere. Then there are places like Selkirk, South Bethlehem, South Albany, Beckers Corners, Van Wies Pt., Cedar Hill, Normansville and Bethlehem Center.

Hard to tell where these places, too, begin and end. The Skycrest and Elm Estate developments off Elm Ave. (Delmar?) are miles from Selkirk, but they have the Selkirk zip code.

For that matter, houses along Oakwood Rd., Kenwood Ave. between Oakwood and the Bypass, and the Hoyt Ave. vicinity have Glenmont addresses though they're remote from the area popularly called Glenmont. So is the Job Corps Center along the river, which also is considered to be in Glenmont for lack of a better identification.

Where does Delmar end and Slingerlands begin? What are the boundaries of Elsmere?

The answers depend on who's talking. Slingerlands, populated by a breed of citizen famed for fierce resistance to commercial and ecological invasions, sits astride the Bethlehem-New Scotland town line, hence a sizable portion of Slingerlands residents owe political allegiance to New Scotland and pay school taxes to the Voorheesville school district.

Slingerlands people consider their geography contains the area west of the Normanskill behind the Blue Cross building and west of Cherry Ave. as far as the Stonewell area at the confluence of Rts. 85 and 85A. But the DOT baffles strangers and newcomers by placing the Slingerlands identification sign on the east deep into Delmar territory on Kenwood Ave. at Kilmer Ct., east of Kenaware. On the west, the state road sign is almost in the middle of the hamlet, on New Scotland Rd. a mile and a half from the Stonewell area of Slingerlands. If the state is to be believed, no one west of Fisher Blvd. lives in Slingerlands, which might come as a surprise to several hundred of the people who get their mail via zip 12159.

It also might shock people in the Woodgate development to discover they live in Slingerlands instead of Delmar, just as it does Heldervale homeowners to be told by the road sign they don't live in Slingerlands.

Elsmere is Elsmere east of the Delaware Ave. railroad underpass and north of Delaware Ave. It's also Elsmere east of Elsmere Ave., which includes both sides of Delaware Ave. to the Normanskill, the Kenholm area and everything in between.

But not Normansville, maybe not



Fernbank Ave. East and certainly not Elsmere Ave. on the south side of the Bypass. That's got to be Glenmont, along with Colonial Acres and the areas along Feura Bush Rd. to the east. The town map places the Glenmont label close to the river, down by the Niagara Mohawk generating plant, the other side of Bethlehem Center from the Garden Shoppe.

All of this leaves the rest of Feura Bush Rd. in Delmar. That includes Lauralana Estates and some of Elm Ave., but not all, and just how much, no one really knows.

Zip codes, which are governed by the geography of rural delivery routes, and school district boundaries, which are governed by school bus routes, compound the confusion. The Bethlehem-Ravena school district line bisects Skycrest. New Scotland, for instance, has parts of five school districts, five different zip codes and four telephone exchanges. The same kind of confusion reigns there, but to a lesser extent.

New Scotland's relatively small population, largely rural except for Slingerlands and Voorheesville, lives in or near the hamlets of Unionville, Feura Bush, Clarksville and New Salem, leaving only the hamlet of New Scotland itself to misty definition.

The hamlet of New Scotland, which also has state highway signs placed at random, embraces vaguely the area along Rt. 85 between Stonewell shopping center and Swift Rd., although some Bullock Rd. people consider themselves in Slingerlands, and the New Scotland town hall has a Slingerlands mail address along with a Delmar phone number.

And so on. Nobody does much worrying about it, even the Glenmont people who have Albany phone numbers and pay Bethlehem taxes, the New Scotland next-door neighbors who have the same mail carrier and phone exchange but different school districts, the New Scotland next-door neighbors who have the same zip code and school district but different telephone exchanges, and people who don't know whether they live in Delmar, Elsmere or Slingerlands, officially or unofficially.

It's always been this way, and it's going to stay this way. Just don't put much stock in those highway signs, especially the one on Kenwood Ave. in Delmar that says "Slingerlands" and the one on New Scotland Rd. that implies you're entering Slingerlands when you've been in it for some time.

Perry Galt

□ Water

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his firm had taken an income survey, and that approximately 80 percent of the residents surveyed favored the proposal. The survey was conducted, he added, without any determination of cost estimates.

The appearance of Swift Rd. property owners and their attorney produced several strong exchanges of dialogue in what had been expected as a routine procedure — approving the bond issue for the town's newest water district.

Alan P. Joseph of New Salem, an attorney practicing in Albany, said the inclusion of four households that already have public water was a "shocking concept." The property owners, he said, "should not have to pay for something they already have." Kenneth Buzzard, one of the protesting residents, declared: "We were told we would not be included. I feel we have been misrepresented."

But no one could pinpoint who had told the residents they would not be in the district, which was formalized last October.

Frederick C. Riester, town attorney, observed that he knew of "no procedure under which the town board can grant an exemption." Supervisor Steve Wallace said he knew of no exemptions.

But Joseph produced a legal document that showed exemptions granted to two properties on the east side of Swift Rd., those of John F. and Paula Adams, and of Patrick and Ann Calabrese, last March 23.

The four properties have had for some 40 years access to the main Bethlehem

trunk under Rt. 85 via a 2-inch galvanized line. The district is proposing a 6-inch main from the Rt. 85 connection.

Joseph and Buzzard also stated that the state department of Audit and Control did not have two documents required for approval of a water district. The district was approved by the State Comptroller Oct. 21, 1982.

Wallace ended the dialogue by assuring the residents that the board "will explore whether we can do this (grant exemptions)." He then added: "We also want to know what documents have not been filed."

The board adjourned with the matter temporarily resting on a conference to be arranged between the attorneys, Riester and Joseph.

Lost and found

Bethlehem police are investigating the disappearance — and partial reappearance — of cash receipts from the Hess service station on New Scotland Rd. last week.

On Wednesday, according to police reports, the station's manager reported the loss of four envelopes containing a total of \$696.50 in cash — the previous day's receipts that should have been deposited in the station's drop safe at the end of each of the day's shifts. The manager also reported that an envelope containing \$200 had turned up missing earlier in the week.

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Town seeks sidewalk funds

Acting on the principle that you have to spend money to make money, the Bethlehem Town Board agreed last week to hire an engineering firm that specializes in obtaining grants for municipal projects.

The agreement requires the town to put up between \$1,000 to \$2,000 immediately in hopes that Laberge Engineering and Consulting Group Ltd. will be able to nail down a \$400,000 grant for the town, probably to build new sidewalks in the Delaware Ave. area.

The firm is also interested in doing the town's engineering work on whatever project is finally approved, its representative William LaClair told the board. If the project makes it through the state's prescreening process to the final round the complete application would cost the town about \$4,500 to \$5,000, he said.

"We pride ourselves on finding a way to get funds," LaClair said. A recent example, he said, was the Feura Bush Water District, for which LaBerge obtained a major federal grant that made the project feasible. But, he added, grantsmanship will always be a chancy business.

"We have in the past, I have to tell you, not always been right."

This time, Laberge has its eye on a specific pot of money — New York State's new Small Cities program, under which the Secretary of State's office will make available to municipalities under 50,000 up to \$400,000 in federal Com-

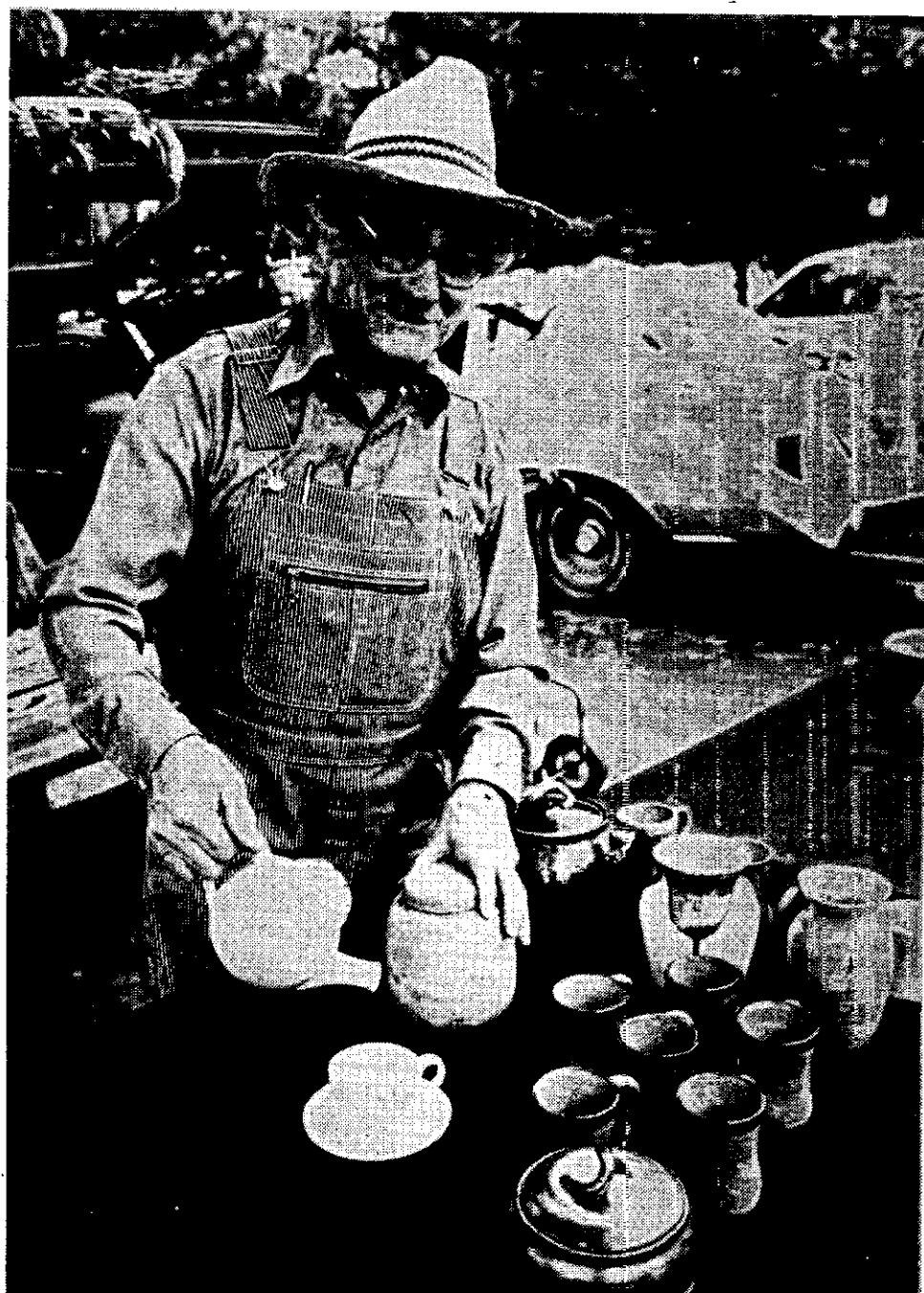
munity Development and Jobs Bill funds. The program has yet to be approved by the State Senate — action is expected this fall — but the state is already establishing procedures and guidelines, and communities that get ready now should have an edge, LaClair said. "It is going to be very competitive," he said.

Projects that follow the intent of the federal Jobs Bill in stimulating employment will probably get priority treatment, he said.

Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan said he and LaClair have talked about senior citizen housing and the town's proposed new transfer station on Feura Bush Rd. near Waldenmaier Rd. as possible candidates, but found the former too expensive and the latter not labor-intensive enough to qualify.

The sidewalk proposal came to mind, he said, because the last sidewalks built in the town were done under the old federal WPA program, also designed to put people back to work. The town could build sidewalks on Delaware Ave. west from Hudson Ave., where they end now, and on other nearby streets, such as Kenwood, Adams and Becker Terr., he said.

The board approved a resolution hiring Laberge and agreed to set Oct. 26 the date for a public hearing based on LaClair's guess that there should be concrete proposals by then.



William Skidmore of Delmar has been exhibiting his wheel-thrown pottery at the St. Thomas Church farmer's market for four years. The produce-and-crafts sale takes place every Friday from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. in the church parking lot during the summer and early fall.

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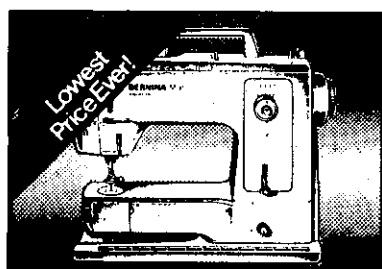
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Registration is \$10. For information, call 456-0077.

Time to give blood

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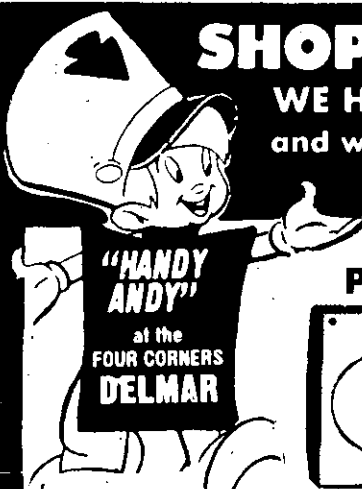
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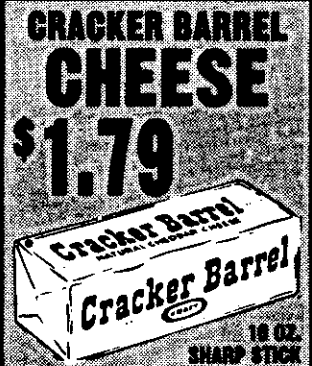
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Board moves on burned-out house

Bethlehem has moved one more step toward declaring the situation at 41 Catherine St. in Delmar an emergency and taking over the burned-out building there.

But the former resident of the house, who apparently has regained title to the property, says there is no emergency. "The plans are ready, the builder is ready," said Alan Offstein Friday. He is simply waiting for the town to issue him a building permit so the work can start, Offstein added.

Offstein's latest deadline is Aug. 24, when the town board will hold a hearing at 7:30 p.m. to decide whether to invoke a never-before-used town law giving it the power to repair or demolish unsafe structures. Under the 1981 law, the cost of such town-financed work could then be levied against the tax rolls for the property. In fact, town officials say, if it

School's Out picks board

A group of Bethlehem residents and business people were recently elected to the board of directors of the newly formed School's Out, Inc., a non-profit after school activities program.

Officers are: president, Bonnie Cohen, training director for the Center for Women in Government; vice president, Marty Cornelius, formerly an employment interviewer with New York Telephone now serving on the board of the Hamagrael Home School Association; secretary, Linda Russell, teacher at Wildwood School; treasurer, Marvin Elliott, vice-president and manager, Key Bank, N.A., Delmar, and vice-president, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; legal counsel, Barry Gold, Gold and Syman-sky. Other members of the board are Jeannie Petersen, director of Christian education, First United Methodist Church; Nancy Ray, policy director, State Commission on Quality of Care, Peter Merrill, president, Professional Kitchen Designs, Ltd. and president, Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce; Holly Green, school psychologist, Ballston Spa Schools; Happy Scherer, team leader, Rensselaer County Unified Services for Children and Adolescents; Fred Newdom, executive director, New York State Chapter, National Association of Social Workers; and Robert Hendrick, Bethlehem councilman.

The board is planning a fund drive, spearheaded by Pete Merrill and Marvin Elliott, to raise \$5,000 in start-up funds for the program, which aims to be self-sustaining by 1984.

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comes to that it is more likely the town would end up owning the property.

The building was badly damaged in a fire last January, and has been vacant and at times open since then while Offstein and builder Marcel St. Onge contested ownership. Up until last week, St. Onge was in control and had cleaned out the building and gutted the fire-damaged section.

But, Building Inspector John Flanigan told the board, last week Offstein regained control in a legal settlement, making St. Onge's building permit invalid. Flanigan asked the board to start the hearing process, but emphasized that he believes the house can be rebuilt.

In other action last week, the board:

- Reappointed Supervisor Tom Corrigan, Councilwoman Ruth Bickel and Assistant Comptroller George Mann to the town Industrial Development Authority, which was revived for another 10 years by action of the state legislature this spring. The agency had been due to go out of business because it had never issued bonds in its 10 years of existence, but now has a potential client for an asphalt storage business at the Texaco tank farm in Glenmont. Corrigan said Friday he is still waiting for Suit Kote, the company that made the application, to present a specific bonding proposal.

- Rescheduled a public hearing on a rate increase for Mid-Hudson Cablevision from Aug. 24 to Sept. 28 at the company's request.

- Accepted the resignation of Marie Oakes, clerk of the town justice court, after 16 years of service "with regret." "When she first came here she brought her own typewriter," remarked Corrigan. Barbara Hodom was appointed to fill the \$13,332 per year position.

Trip to Montreal

The Tri-Village Chapter of the A.A.R.P. is arranging a four-day trek to tour Montreal Wednesday to Saturday, Sept. 7-10. There are still six vacancies open for the tour, which will take in such sites as Old Montreal, Notre-Dame, McGill University, the Olympic facility, St. Joseph's Oratory and the St. Lawrence River.

The tour is not being sponsored by the national A.A.R.P., and it is not responsible for any claims or liabilities connected with it. For more information and package prices, call Joseph Van Ronne at 439-9037.

- Accepted two deeds for new highways in the Woodside South subdivision. The streets are an extension of Caldwell Blvd. and Daniel St.

- Passed a memorial tribute to Edward H. Sargent Jr., the County legislator and former planning board chairman who died Aug. 7.

No chief yet

The Bethlehem Town Board has tentatively picked a new police chief, but has delayed announcing its decision pending confirmation of the candidate's civil service status, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Monday.

The board met in executive session Wednesday and made its decision from three finalists, the product of several months of weeding out of applicants and interviews by Corrigan, Safety Commissioner Ralph Tipple and Councilman Robert Hendrick. The final dozen applicants were interviewed by town board members and a panel of citizens.

Corrigan said the board's choice has passed a county-level civil service examination for a chief's position in a New York State municipality, but the town needs to be sure that that test is recognized by the state.

When the town started advertising for a chief this spring it specified that the job would go to someone who is already a chief or on a local list for chief, and with at least 15 years in a command position.

Orchard St. gets variance

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals has informally granted a variance from the side yard provision of the town zoning ordinance to Anthony and Ida Catalano, 17 Orchard St., Delmar, so that they could construct a chimney on the side of their house.

The board's ruling came last Wednesday after a public hearing held on the application. Three area residents spoke in favor of the proposal. None were opposed.

The board also voted to increase the fees it receives on applications for variances and special exceptions from the zoning ordinance. Commercial applications will entail a \$50 fee and there will be a charge of \$100 for industrial applications. The fee for residential applications will remain at \$25.

The board's next meeting is Aug. 24 at 8 p.m., when it will hold a public hearing for Francesco Livoti, 21 Maple Ave., Slingerlands, who is requesting a variance from the front yard provision of the zoning ordinance so he can enclose a front porch.

Bicycle thefts

Aug. 8 — Kenaware Ave., Delmar, not registered.

Aug. 9 — Town Squire Shopping Center, not registered; Town Squire, not registered (recovered); Rt. 9W, registered.

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Signs of change in county legislature

By Susan Guyett

Republicans say a number of factors have come together in Albany County politics this year that could give the GOP more of a chance than usual to create some changes within the 39-member county legislature.

And, by the way they've been acting, nobody seems to believe this more than the legislature's Democratic leadership. Consider:

- **Reapportionment.** The realities of the 1980 census forced the reapportionment of the legislative districts. While the number of legislators remains the same under the newly drawn boundaries, Democrats had to cut out districts within the city of Albany and create new districts in the Republican-dominated Town of Colonie. Trying to make the best of it, the majority Democrats tried to break up Republican strongholds. In at least three instances they carved up the county so that incumbent Republicans would have to run against each other. Despite this, there are opportunities for Republicans to gain some ground if things fall in their favor.

- **The death of Erastus Corning 2nd.,** Albany mayor and county Democratic leader. His absence for almost a year

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prior to his death left room for some political wounds to fester, especially within the city of Albany. There have been more and more instances of Democrats breaking ranks and siding with Republicans. To offset these defections, the Democratic leadership had to make deals with two Colonie Republicans to get the votes they needed for a recent road bond issue.

- As for the future, the Democratic organization faces the real possibility that not only will the Republicans advance or hold their ground in the number of legislative seats they hold but that insurgent Democrats within the City of Albany might win seats. A number of party regulars are being challenged in primaries and some could win. Insurgent Democrats can be about as untrustworthy as Republicans, to regular Democrats way of thinking.

- **Republicans have been more aggressive than usual in challenging issues in court, creating publicity and a certain amount of embarrassment for the Demo-**

cratic leadership. They have challenged the resignation of an Albany legislator on the grounds that it was fraudulent and they have questioned the election of his replacement with little success. They have more effectively challenged the road bond issue, temporarily halting the proposed road improvement plans. Few groups are as paranoid about county activities as the Republican leadership in the legislature.

The actions of the Democratic leadership in the county legislature indicate that they too see the possibility of Republican inroads.

The Republicans along with two defecting Democrats recently helped defeat a bond proposal for the expansion of the county jail. Democrats need two thirds to adopt any bond issue, that is any spending project too big to pay for out of the current operating budget. The Democrats have 26 elected legislators in

office and independence by only one or two Democrats can be costly when all votes are needed. It either forces private deals with individual Republicans or, as in this case, defeat.

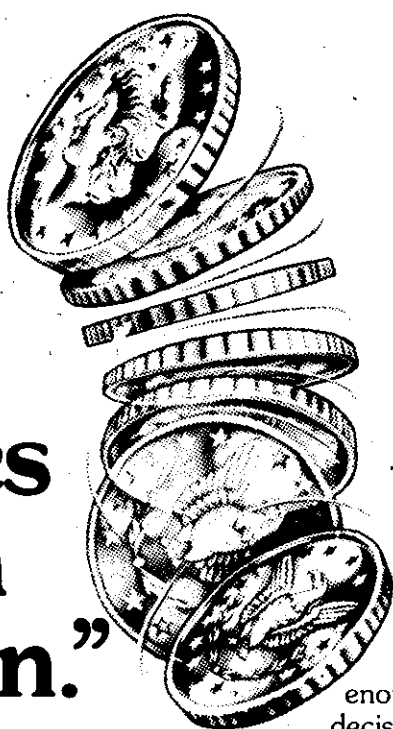
A Democrat is expected to be appointed to fill the Bethlehem seat opened following the death of Legislator Edward Sargent. In order to keep the seat, that Democrat would have to be elected in November.

The loss of the jail proposal gave the Republicans an opportunity to hold their own public hearing earlier this month on the jail expansion issue with the expressed purpose of obtaining more information on the subject. Most major Democrats stayed away from the hearing, claiming it was political. The hearing was covered by newspaper and television.

Will any of these factors measure up to anything this November? Only the voters will decide. In the meantime, however, the Democrats' leadership has been acting shaky. Oh, it's not the yelling back and forth at the legislative meetings; that always went on. It's not even the name calling and the disrespect they seem to have for each other, for that too is not new.

It's the feeling that the Democratic

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Kassy Schultz, 7 months o'd, seems somewhat unbelieving of the sounds although her mother, Suzanne, knows it's "Straight Ahead," a jazz quartet that performed Sunday in Voorheesville's Concert in the Park series. At right, Larry Vernon applies himself to the vibraphone. "Straight Ahead" also has Michael Lampkin on piano, Ray Miller on bass and Camille Morin on drums.



Tom Howe

leadership is overreacting and being over-protective. It's also that the legislative machinery doesn't seem to be as well oiled as it once was and that the leadership's maneuvers are obvious and mean-spirited and that problems within their own ranks might reach higher than a couple of dissatisfied Guiderland Democrats who have flown the coop.

For example, the Democrats flatly refused to allow a Republican to sit on a panel that will conduct a public hearing on the stalemated sheriff's department contract. So a three member panel was named, consisting of one Cohoes and two Albany Democrats, all three of whom are facing primary challenges this September. The Democratic arguments for no-

appointing a Republican were voiced by Finance Committee chair Harold Joyce, who said, "We don't want to get into partisanship."

The Republicans saw things differently. Minority leader Gordon Morris of Bethlehem claimed that Joyce "has arranged for the highest form of partisanship" only by appointing Democrats exclusively.

There's no chance that the Republicans are going to gather a majority vote in the legislature next year no matter how high their electoral expectations are. But just enough change could force the Democrats to negotiate more with Republican leadership, and that in itself may have the Democrats nervous. With enough votes, Republicans and dissatisfied Democrats could sustain a veto by the county executive. The executive might be more likely to use his veto power under the county charter if there is a chance for him to do it without incurring Corning's wrath and for it to be sustained on the floor of the legislature.

House searched

A Crannell Ave., Delmar, resident came home at 1 p.m. Tuesday to find a strange bicycle on his front walk, and the door open. Inside, the resident told Bethlehem police, there was evidence that someone had searched several rooms. Later, about \$100 in cash and a ring was found to be missing.

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Boy, Timothy Dean Jr., to Linda and Timothy Veltman, Delmar, July 20.

Boy, Richard James Jr., to Nancy and Richard Franze, Clarksville, July 21.

St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Elizabeth Kate, to Louise and Thomas Walmsley, Selkirk, July 12.

Girl, Bria Amity, to Diane and William H. Clarke, Delmar, July 21.

Girl, Kirsten Verity, to Sharon and Alan Otis, Delmar, July 25.

Boy, Jacob Charles, to Susan and Frank Weber, Clarksville, July 26.

Boy, David Douglas, to Darlene and Douglas Bauer, Slingerlands, July 27.

Girl, Amy Marie, to Marianne and Thomas Lenseh, Voorheesville, July 28.

Boy, Nicholas Hetherington, to Susan and Richard Taylor, Delmar, July 30.

Boy, Michael Christopher, to Stephanie and Michael Hedrick, Voorheesville, August 1.

Girl, Jamie Nicole, to Mary and John Schaffer, Voorheesville, August 2.

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All weather track sought for school

By Lisa Zenzen

Ken Kirik says the Voorheesville Central School District has always been cooperative, except for one thing. He still wants a track.

The Clayton A. Bouton High School cross country and track coach told the board Aug. 8 the 200 plus children on the six running teams need an all-weather track. With his request Kirik brought an all-points verbal feasibility report, a track coach from Cohoes High School, some members of the school district and 250 to 300 signatures, more of which were in someone else's back pocket.

There haven't been any home track meets in 17 years, Kirik said, drawing an analogy with the basketball team playing in the parking lot. He outlined the benefits — from use by all teams for conditioning to use by the community — and even had some answers to possible objections, such as cost.

King Paving Co. of Schenectady gave Kirik a price of \$103,000 for a 400-meter all-weather track with six 42-inch lanes, including a four-foot chain-link, mesh fence. That, however, did not include architectural fees and relocating fields, since the track would interfere with two softball fields.

While Kirik said the architectural fees and designs would be an added 15 percent, or a total of \$119,000, Superintendent Werner Berglas said the total price could be around \$130,000 because of the relocation of softball fields. Kirik said he believes King Paving Co. would come down in bidding. The track could be completed in five days.

Berglas said state aid could fund 58 percent of the project. If, for example, the

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track cost \$130,000, the state would pay \$77,000 in 1984-85, leaving the district to come up with \$53,000 in the budget or through bonding.

The board discussed whether the track would be voted on as part of the budget or as a separate referendum. Board members Peter Ten Eyck and Ann Balk were cautious about the proposal in light of educational progress, and the recent Regents recommendations. If the 20 days were added to the school year, Ten Eyck said, that would add \$300,000 to the operating budget.

Joe Fernandez was reluctant, however, to pit "ABCs vs. sports," a point on which David Teuten agreed. Teuten suggested the issue be re-petitioned and stand alone.

John McKenna told those present that the board need not be convinced of the benefits of a track, and that the issue will be considered.

In another discussion of the Superintendent's report, McKenna and John Zongrone volunteered for a subcommittee to meet with Berglas on the community-wide substance abuse program. Parent Effectiveness Training will be asked to provide background and assistance, and it is hoped that people could share in a positive discussion. Berglas, McKenna and Zongrone will get in touch with groups and Berglas said he hopes to begin in the fall.

In his report, Berglas also mentioned the guidance plan, to be voted on at the

September meeting. One of the points, as required by the new Regents regulations, is formalized guidance at the elementary school level. The duties — reading coordinator and compensatory education coordinator, administrative functions in the guidance program and responsibilities of the principal when he is not available — will be handled by the assistant principal. At present, most of this is done; the shift, Berglas said, is from administrative to guidance.

The buildings and grounds report contained two incidences of vandalism. One occurred July 29, when the bus garage was broken into. Tools and a trash can were missing, later found across the creek. The items were left there and police staked out the area. A 17-year-old youth was arrested. Windows were broken in the elementary school building and the garage. The garage was broken in again Aug. 6, but nothing was taken.

The board also approved the following:

- The appointment of Thomas Kurjan for varsity girls volleyball coach. He presently coaches boys' volleyball and junior varsity girls' volleyball.

- A tax collection account with Key Bank. The vote was 6-1, with Teuten opposing the measure.

- The 16-page junior-senior guidebook, for students and parents, and the revised student guidelines, passed 7-0. The guidebook will be distributed sometime in September.

- Free and reduced price meals policy.

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The Town of Bethlehem is usually willing to put up with door to door salesmen and other solicitors, just as long as they have a town permit and behave themselves. Last week, a young California man found himself \$50 poorer and persona non grata after he failed to follow those rules.



Joe Kraemer demonstrates thespian skills at a workshop conducted Friday at the Voorheesville Public Library. The class for would-be performers was taught by storyteller Mary Murphy.

Tom Howes

According to Bethlehem police reports, Officer Marvin Koonz responded to a complaint on Glenmont Rd. about a too-persistent solicitor. He recognized the man as "a person I had warned in the past regarding his selling technique," Koonz said in his report. After consulting with his superiors, Koonz confiscated the man's town permit.

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Change of pace

This week the Concert in the Park series continues with a change of mood and a change of day, when internationally known gospel singers Wayne and Arlene Thomas present a special concert on Friday, Aug. 19. The Thomases, who have appeared on both radio and television, will entertain with a program of spiritually moving songs including "Smile God Loves You," which has become their theme song. (During the course of the evening Wayne Thomas relates a moving testimony of how his life has changed from being a successful night club singer whose life was controlled by the bonds of drugs and alcohol to his present and more rewarding career.) This special performance was arranged with the assistance of Rev. William James, pastor of the Mountainview Bible Church of Voorheesville.

On Sunday, August 21 the regular Sunday concert series resumes when the newly formed pop rock group "Fortunes" makes its first public appearance. The quintet, which plays top 40's commercial rock by such artists as Billy Joel, The Pretenders and Quarter Flash, consists of talented musicians who have previously played with a variety of other bands. Included in the group are Voorheesville residents Becky Ray, lead vocalist, and Mike Gapp, lead guitarist. Rounding out the group are Bill McLeod from Albany, who performs on keyboard, and drummer Mike Long and Mike Martin on bass, both of whom are from Colonie.

Those who miss these young musicians in the park will have a chance to see them at the Mad Hatter in Gunderland where they open on August 25 in their first professional engagement.

Both concerts begin at 7 p.m. and will be held in the George Hotaling — Evergreen Park.

Lilies

Next week's movie at the library also has a spiritual side to it, tempered with a bit of humor and a lot of joy as the summer film festival continues with "Lilies of the Field," Wednesday, Aug. 24 at 2 p.m. The movie stars Sidney Poitier, who won an Oscar for his performance as

a handyman, and tells the moving story of a group of foreign nuns who persuade Poitier to build them a chapel in the Arizona desert. Running a little over an hour and a half the movie with its joyous mood and music is sure to appeal to all ages.

Parents are reminded of the double feature especially geared for the younger set featuring the Disney cartoon "Winnie the Pooh and Tigger Too," scheduled to be shown twice today (Aug. 17) at 2 and 4 p.m., and the Sherlock Holmes mystery "Terror by Night" scheduled to be aired once at 2:30 p.m.

Book Trekkers are also reminded that this week marks the last leg of their trip, as the Summer reading club holds its last meetings on Thursday, Aug. 18 for grades K through 3 and Friday, Aug. 19 for grades 4 through 6. Both meetings will be held at the lower level of the library beginning at 3:30 p.m.

Next week all those members who have attended at least one meeting this summer are invited to join in the fun at the end of the summer parties to be held on Thursday, Aug. 25, for primary grade students and Friday, Aug. 26 for intermediate grade students. Both parties begin at 1 p.m. and will feature refreshments and some surprises.

4-H at the fair

Those who take advantage of the numerous activities at the Altamont Fair this week are reminded to keep their eyes open for the many interesting projects entered by the members of the two 4-H groups from Voorheesville.

According to Gladys Chamberlain, leader of the "Lucky Four-Leaf", her group of 13-year-old girls are displaying stuffed animals made as part of their child care class, as well as other sewing projects.

The dozen members of Cheryl Appleby's group "Osborne Corners" have entered a great many individual works ranging from produce to animals to electrical projects, as well as a special group project. The students ranging in age from 8 to 18 are especially proud of this year's joint endeavor, which documents the group's many community

service projects during its 50-year existence.

Osborne Corners is looking forward to the Golden Anniversary of the group which will be celebrated with an open house to be held at the Cooperative Extension Resource Building in Voorheesville in October.

Summer soccer ends

Summertime activities in Voorheesville are winding down. Another popular endeavor sponsored by the village of Voorheesville that finished its summer run last week was the summer youth soccer program. The program began the end of June and ran every Tuesday and Thursday evening, weather permitting, at the elementary school. A good number of primary grade students received instruction in the basics of the game, emphasizing the concept of team work.

After several lessons on dribbling and passing, the young soccer enthusiasts divided into teams to use what they had learned. Director of the program, Brian McKenna, and his assistants, Brer Bissell and Mike McCarty, as well as a large corps of parent volunteers, were the ones responsible for getting these young Peles off on the "right foot."

Tenth reunion

As August rolls around many students look forward to seeing fellow classmates in the fall, yet one group especially excited about the prospect is the Class of 1973, which is planning its 10th reunion. To mark the occasion a dinner-dance is scheduled at the Century House on Nov. 25.

And although that may seem a long way away, interested members of the class are urged to respond by Sept. 1 as a definite commitment must be made by that time. Those members of the class of 1973 of Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior High are asked to contact committee reunion members Debbie (Duncan) Applegate at 765-4046 or Bonnie (Morrison) O'Shea at 438-3245 for more information. Other members of the class on the committee are Chuck Farley, Steve Applegate, Cathy Goedtel, Mimi (Dedrick) Kazukensus and Mary (Higgins) McQuade.

Art at Key Bank

Residents who happen by the Key Bank in Voorheesville may well recognize

the many watercolor wildflowers decorating the walls, as well as the name of the local artist who painted them. For the next few weeks Voorheesville's own June Cohen will be displaying her art work at the local bank.

A science teacher at St. Mary's School in East Greenbush, Mrs. Cohen has long been adept at drawing flowers from a biological standpoint. Her hobby "blossomed" several years ago when she turned her talent into extra income to help finance a trip to her native England. Since that time her delicate and detailed work has been exhibited in many locales, including the Delmar library, as well as St. Peter's and Bellevue hospitals.

Nature festival planned

Everything in the outdoors from live hawks and birds of prey, fossils and active bee hives to caving exhibits, marine animals and nature walks will be featured at Naturefest '83 on Thursday, Aug. 18, from 1 to 9 p.m. at Thacher Park. The day-long festival of natural science and outdoor education events, displays and activities will be free, but parking is \$2.50. "Shortstraw," an old-time string band, will play from 5 to 6:30 p.m. for nature buffs who bring a picnic supper.

Naturefest '83 cosponsors include Five Rivers, Heldeberg Workshop, the Utica Zoo and McDonald's. The day's raindate is Aug. 19. For information, call 584-2000 or 872-1237.

Guiderland festival set

The Guiderland League of Arts is inviting artists and craftspeople to participate in its 10th annual Fall Arts Festival, Sunday, Sept. 11, at Tawasentha Park in Guiderland.

Entries for exhibitors in both fine arts and crafts are due by Aug. 31. Forms have been mailed to all past exhibitors. New exhibitors can obtain entry forms by calling 861-5338.

The Fine Arts and Crafts Competition offers \$300 in cash awards. Community and youth competition with ribbon awards will be a separate category. An extensive area is available at this outdoor show where artists and craftspeople may set up booths to display and sell their work.

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Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

Town of New Scotland, Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

THE SPOTLIGHT Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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.

THEATER

"The Lion in Winter" (student production of James Goldman's comedy), Junior College of Albany, Second Floor Theater, Aug. 19 and 20, 8 p.m.; Aug. 21, 2 p.m.

"Write Me a Murder" (Frederick Knott's twisty thriller), Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 375 and 212 in Woodstock, through Aug. 21, Tuesday-Saturday 8:30 p.m., Sunday 7 p.m., 2 p.m. matinees Thursday and Sunday. Reservations, (914) 679-3436.

"Pinocchio" (children's theater), Woodstock Playhouse, Aug. 20, 11 a.m.

"Sugar!" (musical adaptation of "Some Like It Hot"), Mac-Haydn Theater, Chatham, Aug. 17 through Aug. 28, Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday 5 and 8:30 p.m. and Sunday 2 and 7 p.m. Reservations, 392-9292.

"Jack and the Beanstalk" (children's theater), Mac-Haydn Theater, Aug. 19, 20, 26, 27 and Sept. 2 and 3, 11 a.m.

"The Comedy of Errors" (Shakespeare & Company do Shakespeare on the lawn at The Mount, Lenox, Mass.), through Aug. 27, Tuesday-Saturday 8 p.m. Reservations, (413) 637-1197 or 637-3353.

MUSIC

"Werther" (Jules Massenet opera performed by Lake George Opera Festival and sung in English), Queensbury Auditorium, Glens Falls, Aug. 17, 8:15 p.m., Aug. 20, 2:15 p.m. Reservations, 793-3858.

"The Adventures of Friar Tuck" (new American "Comedy in Music" presented by Lake George Opera Festival), SPAC Little Theatre, Saratoga Springs, Aug. 18, 19, 20, 23, 25, 27 and 28, 8:15 p.m., Aug. 21, 2 p.m. Ticket information, 587-3330.

John Cerniglia, pianist, St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, Aug. 19, 12:15 p.m.

Pine Orchard Artists Festival: "Night on Broadway II," Aug. 20; "Night in Vienna II," Aug. 18 and 19; and New Wine Singers, Aug. 21, 8 p.m. Palenville. Reservations and information, 678-9286.

Silver Cloud Jazz Festival, with Chico Hamilton, Philly Jo Jones and others, Rondout Country Club, Accord, Aug. 20. Information, (914) 331-4183.

DANCE

Joyce Trisler Dancecompany and Calck Hook Dance Theatre, Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass. (take Exit 2 off Mass Pike, Rt. 20 east) through Aug. 20 (Tuesdays 7:30 p.m., Wednesdays and Thursdays 8 p.m., Fridays 8:30 p.m., Saturdays 2 and 8:30 p.m.) Ticket information, (413) 243-0745.

All That Glitters, Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass. Aug. 23-27.

The William Carter Dance Ensemble, Woodstock Playhouse, Aug. 22. Information and tickets, (914) 679-2436.

ART

"Alice Neel — Work from the 20s, 30s, 40s and 50s" (contemporary portraitist), Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through Aug. 28. Information (918) 758-6822.

Artists in the Franciscan tradition (more than 300 works on display and for purchase), Foy Campus Center, Siena College, Loudonville, Aug. 15-19.

"The Flowering of Tin" (American country paintings and tinware), Museum of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany.

"Photography: Art of the State," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Oct. 2.

"Painting as a Pastime: The Paintings of Winston Churchill," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany.

"Community Industries of the Shakers . . . A New Look," New York State Museum, through Jan. 8.

Small Scale Outdoor Sculpture at Chesterwood, the summer home of sculptor Daniel Chester French, Stockbridge, Mass., through Oct. 17.

"Malden Bridge Pottery" (works by Michael Lancaster and Barbara Harnack), Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Sept. 30. Information, 283-1100.

Jenness Cortez (seventh annual Saratoga exhibition by local racing artist), Saratoga Holiday Inn, Broadway, through Aug. 22, 9-11 a.m.

Brian Dickerson (artist in residence at Institute on Man and Science, Rensselaerville), through Sept. 15.

Architecture on Paper (American and European drawings from New York State collections), Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., through Aug. 21.

1983 Artists of the Hudson-Mohawk Region, Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace, through Aug. 21.

M.A.S.S. (Major Albany Sculpture Sites), two-year outdoor sculpture exhibition by New York State artists at Riverfront Preserve, Albany.

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Bethlehem Board of Education meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

Voorheesville Board of Education meets second Monday of each month, 8 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

New Scotland Landfill, open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall.

Bethlehem Landfill, open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required, permits available at Town Hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

Bethlehem Recycling town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Susan Richmond, 439-5744.

Assemblyman Larry Lane's district office, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, open Mondays 10 a.m. - 3 p.m.

Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Mon.-Fri. 8:30 a.m.-noon. Call 439-2238.

Tri-Village FISH, 24-hour-a-day voluntary service year 'round, offered by residents of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands to help their neighbors in any emergency, 439-3578.



"The Chieftains" will present traditional Irish music at the International Celtic Festival Friday through Sunday at Hunter Mountain. The group performs on traditional instruments such as the harp, uilleann pipes and bodhran.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).

Voter Registration: You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

American Legion meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 8 p.m., except July, August.

Bethlehem Women's Republican Club, third Monday at Bethlehem Public Library, except June, July, August and December, 7:30 p.m.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Bethlehem Elks Lodge meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesday in July and August).

Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Selkirk Firehouse No. 2, Glenmont Rd., 8 p.m.

Children's Movies, "Winnie the Pooh" and "Terror by Night," Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m.

Bethlehem Republican Steak Roast, committee-sponsored festivities and food, Picard's Grove, New Salem, 1 p.m. Information, 439-2807 or 439-6461.

Boys' Junior Tennis Tournament, round-robin style and skill events for players under 18' sponsored by town and BTA at Bethlehem Middle School courts, 8:15 a.m. Registration, 439-4132.

La Leche League, discussion group for mothers interested in learning about pros and cons of breastfeeding, third Wednesday, home of Ellen Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Delmar Fire District regular meeting, third Wednesday, Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Clarksville Boy Scout Troop 89 meets Wednesdays at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2977.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Summer Reading Club, children in grades K through 3, Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

Naturefest '83, day-long festival of natural science and outdoor education events, displays and activities, Thatcher Park, 1-9 p.m.; music by "Shortstraw," 5-6:30 p.m. Free admission, \$2.50 parking fee. Information, 584-2000 or 872-1237.

New Scotland Kiwanis Club, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens meet every Thursday at the Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Summer Reading Club, children grades 4-7, Voorheesville Public Library, 3:30 p.m.

Concert in the Park, gospel singers Wayne and Arlene Thomas, George Hotelling-Evergreen Park, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Free.

Recovery, Inc., self-help for former mental patient and those with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30.

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"Strange Anatomy," an all-Delmar rock group, will be the drawing card for the first night use of the Elm Ave. Park pool complex in the Town of Bethlehem. The park will remain open until 11 p.m. Saturday especially for teens though everyone is welcome. The trial night is in response to petitions from town residents.

Farmer's Market, fresh produce and crafts, St. Thomas the Apostle Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m. Fridays.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Evening Swimming-Rock Concert, trial late-night swimming and "Strange Anatomy" concert, Elm Ave. Park pool complex, open to 11 p.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Concert in the Park, top 40's rock group, "The Fortunes," George Hotelling-Evergreen Park, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Free.

Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum, special Bethlehem House artifacts display, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, summer Sunday hours 2-5 p.m. through October.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

Delmar Kiwanis meets Mondays, at Starlite Lounge, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Al-Anon Group, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

Overeaters Anonymous meets Mondays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Red Cross Bloodmobile, St. Thomas School auditorium, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-7 p.m. For appointment, call 462-7461, 439-4754 or 439-5042. Walk-ins also welcome.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

"Singin' in the Rain," classic film musical, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

Delmar Rotary meets Tuesdays at 6 p.m. at Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 24

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

Public Hearing, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Francesco Livoti, 21 Maple Ave., Slingerlands, for variance to permit construction of enclosed porch at premises; Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

"Lillies of the Field," movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

New Scotland Elks Lodge meets second and fourth Wednesdays at Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 25

New Scotland Town Civic Assn. fourth Thursday each month, Room 104, Voorheesville High School, 7:30 p.m. Discussion of pertinent town issues. All residents welcome.

"Wetlands Ecology for Land-lubbers," indoor-outdoor program at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free. Program will be canceled if it rains. Information, 457-6092.

Summer Reading Club Party for members in grades K-3, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 26

Summer Reading Club Party for members in grades 4-7, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m.

Final Preschool Storyhour of the summer, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 28

Concert in the Park, home-town talent, George Hotelling-Evergreen Park, Voorheesville, 7 p.m. Free.

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Society, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 30

"Kelly and Me," classic musical film, Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 31

"And Now, Miguel," children's movie, Voorheesville Public Library, 2 p.m. Free.

Altamont Fair, at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Abbreviated HVCC Registration, "on-the-spot" admissions for those with transcript, residence certificate and \$595 tuition-application fee, Hudson Valley Community College, Guenther Hall, 9 a.m.-3 p.m.

HMRRC "Hour Run," sponsored by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club at Albany State campus, 6 p.m. Information, Mark and Judy Boyer at 489-2053.

FRIDAY, AUGUST 19

Altamont Fair, at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 10:30 a.m.-11 p.m.

Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking, Seventh-day Adventist Church, 110 Western Ave., Albany, 7 p.m. \$10 registration, 456-0077.

International Celtic Festival, three days of Irish-Scotch-Welsh music featuring "The Chieftains," Hunter Mountain, Rt. 23A. Information, 263-3800.

SATURDAY, AUGUST 20

Garrison Art Fair, professional craftsmen and artists, music, theater and refreshments, 10

Sabosa Lake George Boat Ride, Capital District black organization sails aboard the Mohegan, 7-11 p.m. \$20 tickets, bus transportation from Proctor's Arcade, Schenectady, and Cultural Education Center, Madison Ave., Albany. Information, 783-5000.

Altamont Fair, at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

Contra and Country Dancing, Tawasentha Park, Rt. 146, Gunderland, 8:30 p.m. \$3.50 admission; information, 765-4193.

New Baltimore Flea Market, District 1 Park, New Baltimore Rd., 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Raindate: Aug. 21.

SUNDAY, AUGUST 21

Altamont Fair, at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-9 p.m.

Cohoes Firematics Competition, volunteer fire departments compete, Ford Tractor plant, Rt. 9, 3 miles south of Latham Circle, 11 a.m. Free.

MONDAY, AUGUST 22

HMRRC Cross-Country Race, 4.25-mile course set up by Hudson-Mohawk Road Runners Club, Tawasentha Park, 6 p.m. Information, Mark or Judy Boyer, 489-2053.

TUESDAY, AUGUST 23

Farmer's Market, Tuesdays at St. Vincent de Paul Church, 900 Madison Ave., Albany.

Empire State College Information Session, faculty and representatives answer questions about SUNY degree program, 155 Washington Ave., Albany, 4 p.m. No appointment necessary.

"Dogs of War," film starring Christopher Walken, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m. Free.

Autograph Party for Local Author Joseph Finder, who wrote "Red Carpet: The Connection Between the Kremlin and America's Most Powerful Businessmen," Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

Pine Bush Trail Ride, begins at Willow Stables, Willow St., Gunderland, 9 and 11 p.m. \$10 registration, limit of six riders per tour, novices welcome. Information, 482-5432.

"The Geological Evolution of the Moon," science lecture at SUNY's Atmospheric Sciences Research Center, Whiteface Mountain field station, Memorial Highway, Wilmington, at 8:30 p.m.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 17

Student Orchestral Concert, Russell Stanger conducts symphony, string orchestra and wind ensemble from Summer School of the Arts, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, noon-1 p.m., 7:30-9:30 p.m.

Elderly Health Care Lecture, University of Wisconsin professor on "Survival Stories: Aging and the Literary Imagination," Albany College of Pharmacy lecture hall 110, 8 p.m. Free.

Altamont Fair, at the Altamont Fairgrounds, 11 a.m.-11 p.m.

THURSDAY, AUGUST 18

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

Alzheimers and Related Disorders Association, mutual support for victims' family and friends, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

a.m.-6 p.m., Garrison Art Center, Rt. 9, 10 miles north of Peekskill, across from West Point. Information, (914) 424-9886. Continues Sunday.

Thompson's Lake Roast Beef Supper, Thompson's Lake Reformed Church, Rts. 157 and 157A, East Berne, 4 p.m. Information, 872-0353.

Athens Street Festival, arts and crafts displays, ethnic foods and foot races begin at 11:30 a.m.; evening concert, 7 p.m.; Athens, Rt. 385, 25 miles south of Albany. Information, 945-1711.

Chili Cook-off, 25 compete to make the best chili to benefit the Cerebral Palsy Center, S. Manning Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m. \$25 entry fee on a first-come basis. Information, 482-8861 or 458-8810.

Glens Falls Antique Show, two-day affair at the Glens Falls Civic Center, Rt. 9 from Exit 18 of the Northway, noon-11 p.m. \$3 admission. Information, (914) 834-9233.

Outdoor Comic Theater, Mettawee River Theater Company performs medieval Irish saga "The Voyage of Braun" with music, mime, dance and puppetry, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, 6:30-8 p.m. Free.

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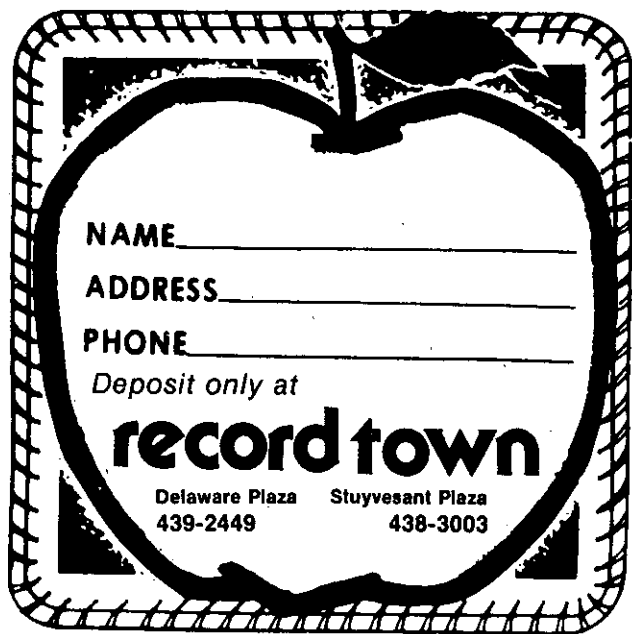
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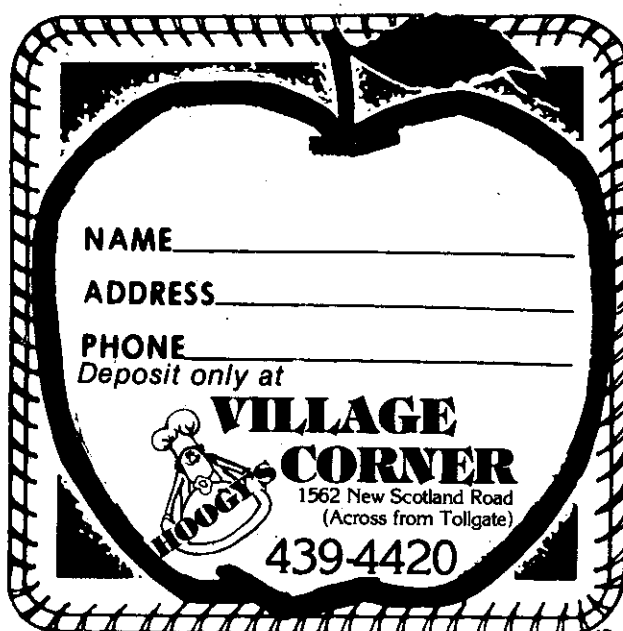


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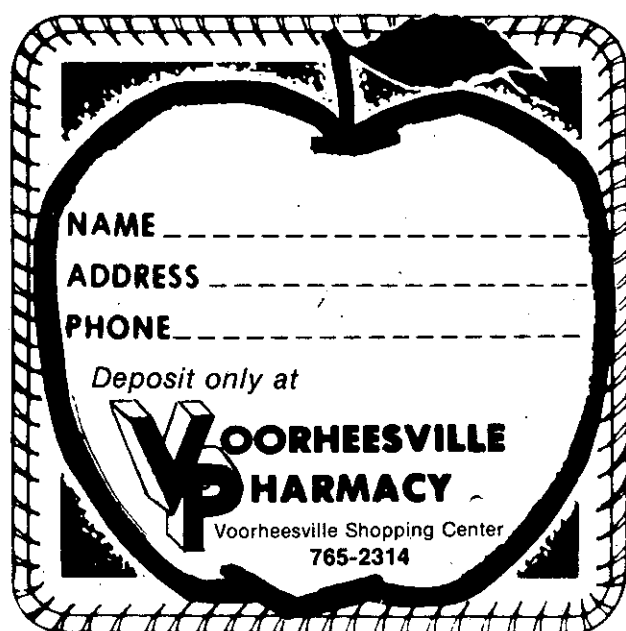


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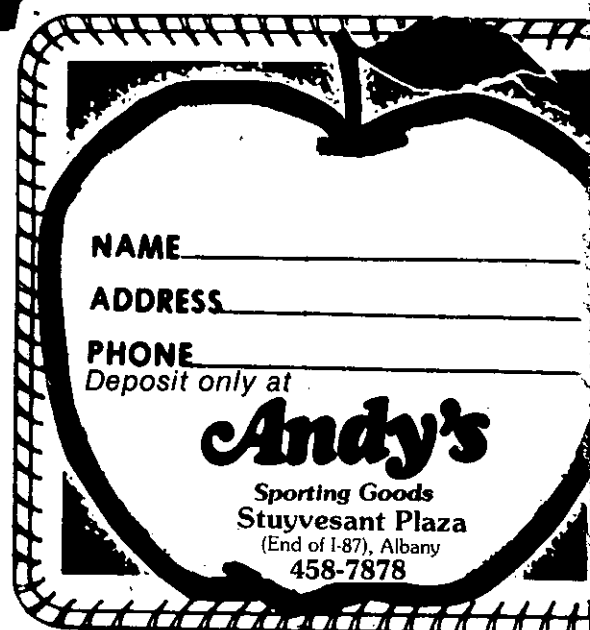
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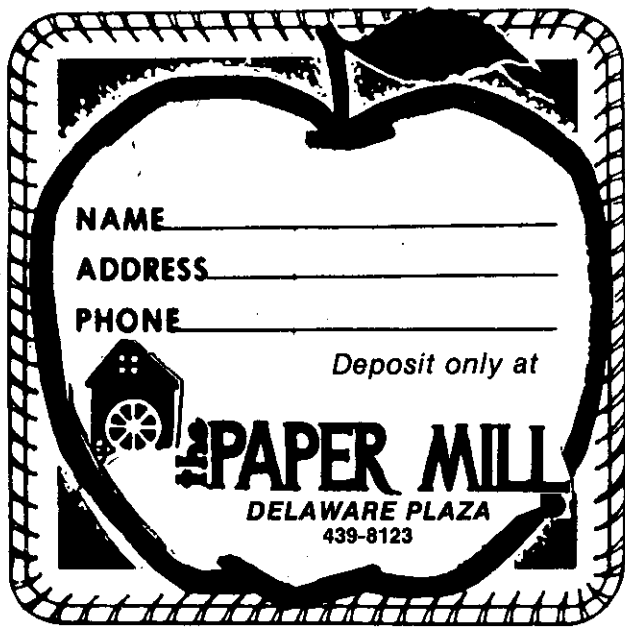
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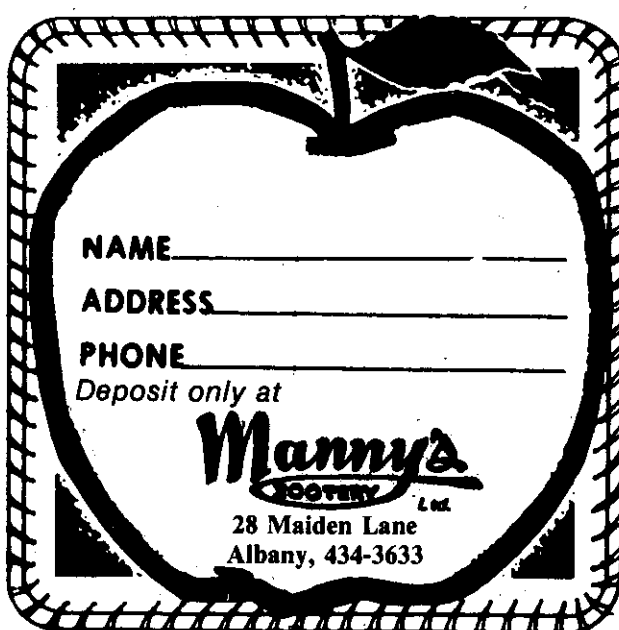
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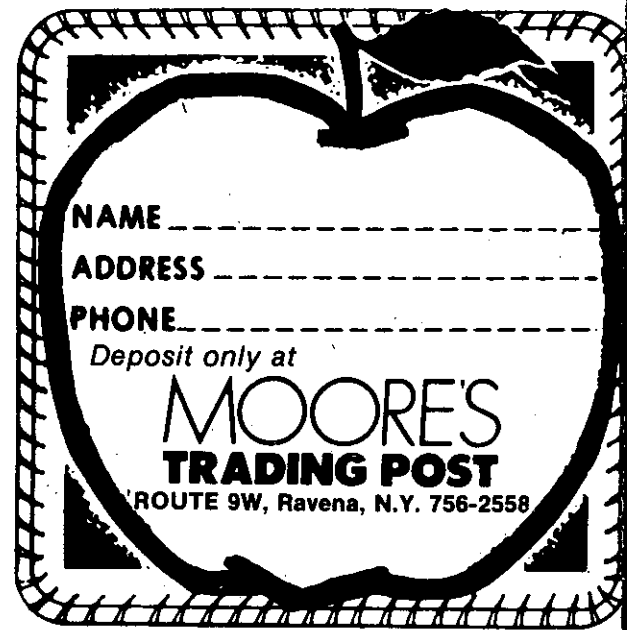
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New state laws designed to help cable companies crack down on theft of services go into effect Sept. 1, and the local cable company says it will give malfactors until Aug. 26 to convert to legal systems.

Gov. Mario Cuomo recently signed into law four bills actively supported by the state Cable Television Association that will help stop theft of cable television services. The amended portion of the penal law will more strictly define "theft of telecommunications services" and strengthen the industry's ability to deal

with cable theft.

The new legislation provides that theft of any cable T.V. services will be at least a violation and that theft of any services in excess of \$100 will be a Class A misdemeanor. Consumers or dealers who sell or use decoders or descramblers to jam or tamper with cable signals will be guilty of theft offense.

Penal law amendments, which have already gone into effect, provide cable companies with civil law remedies to stop service theft and to collect damages for theft.

George Smede, general manager of Bethlehem Video, which holds the franchise for Bethlehem, New Scotland and Voorheesville, said the new laws are "effective tools."

"With cooperation of our local law enforcement officials, I expect the theft of service problem in our franchise area to be drastically reduced," he said. "We will provide an amnesty period through Aug. 26 for anyone with unauthorized services or illegal converters to call and establish an account or to exchange illegal converters for proper units," Smede said.

Frosh in a day early

Incoming freshman will go back to school a day early for a special orientation session at the Bethlehem Central High School on Wednesday, Sept. 7, from 7:30 to 10:50 a.m. The ninth graders will report to homerooms and run through a condensed schedule.

Bus transportation will be provided to riders according to the routes prescribed in the "Central Highlights," which will be mailed later this month.

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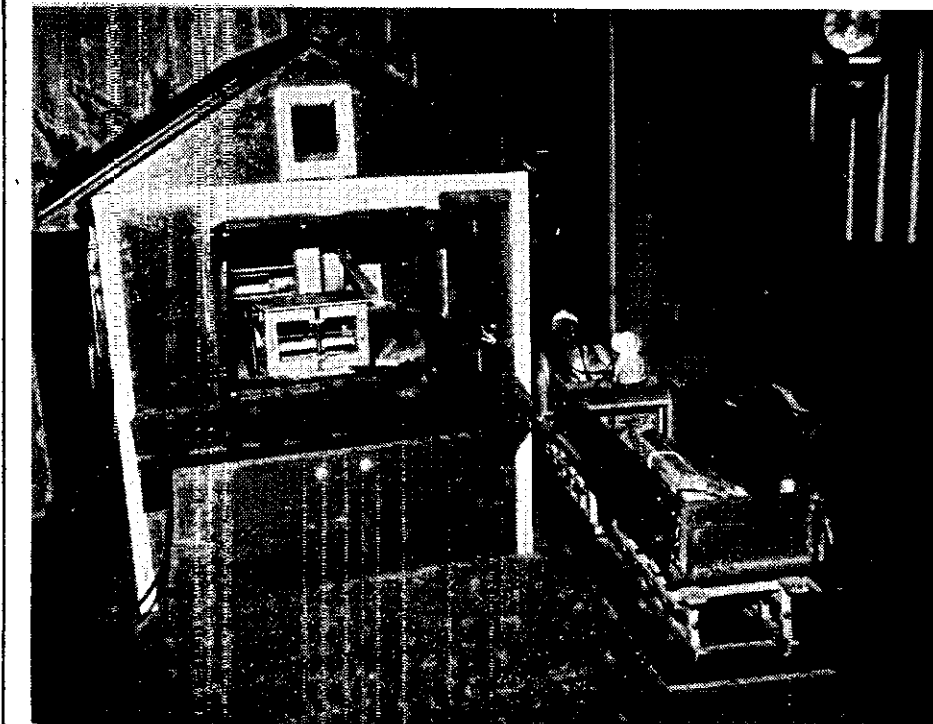
"Wetlands Ecology for Landlubbers," an indoor-outdoor program that will investigate the importance of freshwater wetlands to both man and wildlife, will be hosted by the Five Rivers Environmental Center on Thursday, Aug. 25, at 7 p.m. Wildflowers and wild fowl will highlight the evening.

The program, which is free, will be cancelled if it rains.

Rogers is burglarized

Rogers Sporting Goods at Delaware Plaza suffered a loss estimated at nearly \$14,000 after burglars broke in Wednesday night and made off with a large quantity of merchandise.

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Tom Howes

ports, the burglars apparently gained entry by prying open a rear door at the plaza, then punching a hole in the wall to the store. They took a cash register and its contents, keys and about \$12,114 worth of merchandise, according to the store's inventory, which ran three pages.

Five drunk drivers stopped

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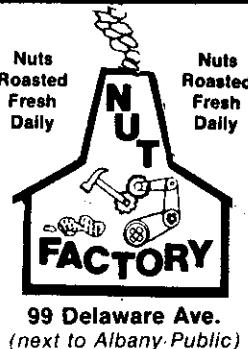
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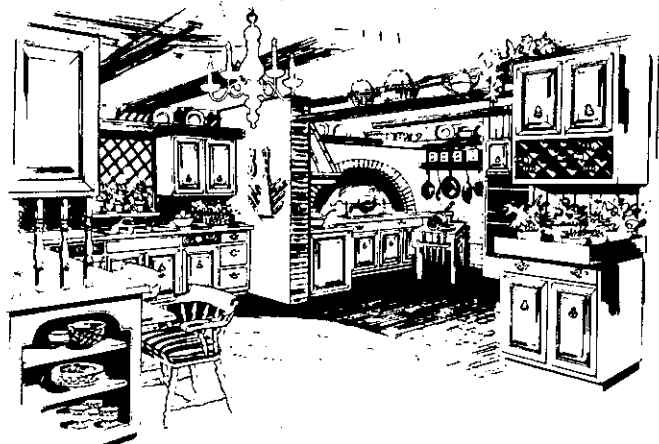
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Almost all lawns have some thatch, a layer of undecomposed organic matter. Thatch can be healthy for a lawn, but an excess can impair your lawn's health and looks, and should be removed, either chemically or mechanically.

Thatch usually consists of grass stems and the root masses of the grass, the thatch is one quarter of one half inch thick, and is not visually noticeable. The thatch helps account for that nice, springy feeling when you walk on the lawn.

Thatch protects the lawn by providing shade and lowering soil temperature during the day. It helps retain heat energy at night, protecting the lawn from frost and low temperatures. It also helps protect lawns against drying winds and excess water loss, while providing a continuous recycling of nutrients for the grass.

If, for any of several reasons, the cycle of thatch decomposition slows down or stops, or thatch accumulates faster than it can be broken down and absorbed, a layer of thatch can build up and adversely affect the lawn.

Excess thatch can make grass root systems too shallow, leaving the lawn more susceptible to drought, winter kill, insect damage, and disease. It contributes to pest problems, and interferes with proper watering, causing excess run-off and reducing the effectiveness of many pesticides.

One of the culprits responsible for

creating excess thatch is cool temperatures, which slow down the natural biological breakdown of the layer. Too much or too little fertilizer, excessively acid soil, increased use of certain pesticides, and new varieties of grass which produce greater amounts of stems, roots, and rhizomes also contribute to an excess thatch problem.

Those who need to de-thatch their lawn can use a machine which mechanically cuts into the thatch with revolving blades and lifts it to the surface, where it can be raked away.

Cool-season grasses such as Kentucky bluegrass, fine fescue, and perennial ryegrass, should be de-thatched in the early spring or late summer. Warm-season grasses should be de-thatched in late spring or summer.

In addition to mechanically removing thatch, the soil pH can be adjusted to the level of 6.0 to 7.0 to help alleviate the problem. Adding lime to acid soils

increases microbial action so that decomposition and decay occurs faster. Lime should be added only after a soil test has been done. To maintain a healthy, attractive lawn low in thatch, properly fertilize, water, and mow the lawn.

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The selling of Sadie Hawkins

We guys would hang out in front of Ma's Pizza Parlor in the mid-Fifties stacking up stories of conquest to see who was "cool" and who was not. The way those tales of prowess were recounted, that is, the words, the tone of voice, the body stance, the hand movements, the entire stage presentation on that curbside usually determined who scored the evening's high points.

Those streetcorner performances brightened whenever a buddy drove by and spotlighted our stage with his beams and blaring horn. With the flair of stars we honored our mobile audiences by yelling out their names, waving, or presenting other equally recognizable gestures. We all stood a bit taller for having been hailed on the street of our adolescent showcase.

But when a girl drove by in either her own car or her parents' car, well, that was a different story. You see, in the Fifties girls didn't drive cars except to go to work on weekends, to take their mothers shopping, or to practice perpetually for a driving test that was hardly ever passed. The automobile was still being reserved as a privileged symbol of male mobility and status. Females remained largely dependent on the men and boys with the sacred Driver's License to whisk them off to see the world and show them the sights.

As a reaction against intrusion on male turf, any girl who drove a car around town, especially to cruise just for the fun of it, became a target for male criticism and a suspect of already suspicious male egos. We figured something had to be wrong with a girl who drove her own car. She had to be compensating for some flaw. She was probably ugly. If she happened to be pretty, then she was probably dumb. If she were pretty and smart, then she was probably loose-moraled. If she were pretty, smart and upright, then she was definitely too rich for our blood and out of reach anyhow.

We felt the same way about girls who

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



called us on the telephone or asked us out on a date or insisted on going Dutch Treat at the soda shoppe. Something had to be wrong with these forward females. They weren't taking their proper place in the scheme of things as we knew it, so they had to be compensating for some basic deficit which made them less desirable than their square-pegged contemporaries.

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About twenty years before our streetcorner soirees at Ma's, a cartoonist by the name of Al Capp encountered our dilemma with one of his characters, Sadie Hawkins. Sadie was the notably unattractive daughter of Hekzebiah Hawkins, one of the original settlers of the hillbilly community, Dogpatch, Lil Abner's stomping grounds.

Sadie was already 35 years old and unattached with no prospects in sight. So Hekzebiah, the irritated patriarch of the Hawkins clan, grabbed the bull by the horns, namely, the Dogpatch bachelors by their beards, and herded them at gunpoint into the Hawkins' homestead. As per old Hekzebiah's instructions, when he pulled the trigger the bachelor billies scattered like buckshot. A moment

later the gun reported a second time and that's when Sadie took off after the hightailing eligibles with zeal in her eye, sweat on her brow and marrying on her mind. Whoever she caught got the dubious distinction of escorting her down the aisle of Dogpatch life for the rest of their days, whether he liked it or not.

The idea for role reversal of the sexes caught on after a few annual Sadie Hawkins Days in Mr. Capp's popular comic strip. Small communities and colleges began holding their own Sadie Hawkins Days, dressing up in hillbilly garb and granting girls the privilege of doing the asking and the courting of the guys. According to the 1976 World Encyclopedia of Comics, nearly 1,000 such events were still being held annually throughout the United States that year.

By the 1980's considerably more than a few people had taken the selling of Sadie Hawkins as a serious matter, and not all of them were 35, ugly, and fathered by gun-toting hillbillies. In truth, given the state of sexual equality we have come to realize today, I would say that nearly every day is Sadie Hawkins Day, or pretty darn close. Even my 13-year-old son is receiving calls from young Sadies on the telephone or passing by on their bicycles.

Men have lost their monopoly of power over recruiting their female companions and initiating romantic relationships. The Sadie Hawkins Syndrome now places the male in the lineup to be screened and perused, and then either pursued or rejected as too ugly, too dumb or too loosely moraled. If he is rich those flaws might be tolerated, but he probably has to be very rich to get by with such marks against him.

On a typical summer evening it is now as common to see a group of gawking girls hanging out in front of Ma's Pizza Parlor (recently renamed "Pa's Pizza") as it is to see a group of equally gawking guys (now across the street in front of the

video gameroom). First moves in making a date, on that date and at the end of that date are being made by girls as often as boys. Girls have proved themselves just as capable as guys in putting gas in the car, making reservations at the restaurant, picking the date up, asking the guy if he wants to dance, and paying their own way.

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Many 1980 fellows don't like thoroughly modern Sadie; some do just fine with her. Many girls are having a heyday with their equal ground next to the guys. Yet some little ladies maintain the older values of being prim and proper, shy and unassuming, cautious and not too flirtatious. They still believe in letting the man do the chasing (until they catch him).

Whatever the bias, I believe it is not long before a few small groups of lonely, unattached and unattractive men put their psychiatrically shrunken heads together and, urged on by their family matriarchs, declare "Harpo Marx Day," ... and the chase goes on.

GOP women mail bulletin

The Bethlehem Women's Republican Club this week mailed out its bulletin and program for the 1983-84 year to all enrolled Republican women in the Town of Bethlehem. Included in the bulletin is a listing of programs for the year, dues information and also important voter information.

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Teens, adults set Games marks

By Julie Ann Sosa

The Adirondack Region finished the sixth annual Empire State Games in Syracuse with by far its best showing ever; its haul included 110 medals, of which a record high 37 were gold. Local athletes, ages 13 to 55-plus, accounted for more than their share of wins and records.

Earl Hauf, Melissa Martley and Janet Shaffer are teenagers. Carol and Don Andersen, Mary Lou Schulz and Joseph Dedrick are adults, and over 40. All set records at the Games last weekend en route to gold medals.

Hauf, a senior at the Christian Brothers Academy who lives in Glenmont, won golds in the 3-position small bore scholastic rifle team and individual competitions. Although he beat the Section 2 shooting champ to win the individual title, he was unhappy with his 537 score. "I wish I could have scored better. I wanted to top the record," said Hauf. He tied the 557 record in team competition. Among Hauf's other laurels is a second place at the Nationals, which were held in Camp Perry, Ohio.

Martley, a Bethlehem Central junior who is going into her third year on the boys' varsity diving team, was seeded second-to-last going into the scholastic girls' diving competition, but she won the 1-meter board finals with a score of 356. She broke the record by more than 30 points. She fell out of contention for a medal on the 3-meter board when she missed a back two-and-a-half — only her second in a meet. Martley, who lives in Glenmont, was 12th of 70 divers at the Junior Olympics prequalifiers this year.

This was her second year at the Games.

Shaffer, a Mercersburg Academy (Pa.) senior from Delmar, was a winner in the Syracuse University pool lanes. She reclaimed her former Games record in the 50-meter freestyle by edging 100 winner Theresa Sestak of Central in 27.13. She was also fourth in the 100-meters in 1:01.6, and just missed qualifying for finals in the 200-meters. Last year, Shaffer was a two-time silver medalist in her first year of open swimming.

Dirk Applegate of Voorheesville swam a personal best in the 100-meter free, 55.3, for a fourth in the open division. He was also fourth in the 200-meters in 2:03.6, slower than the clocking that won him the same event at the District meet in Bethlehem the week before.

Almost 270 adults, ages 21 to 83, competed in the second annual masters' swimming at the Burnet pool in Syracuse. The older swimmers had to compete in four months of meets to qualify for the big meet. Carol Andersen of North Bethlehem showed the way. She set a meet record, 1:52.67, in the women's 40-44 100-meter backstroke. She also won the 50-meter backstroke and was second in the 50-meter back and 50 and 200-meter free. Husband Don set a record in the men's 40-44, 50-meter breast in 37.83. He picked up another win in the 50-meter back, a second in the 100-meter back and thirds in the 50-meter free and 100-meter breast.

Schulz, mother of her swimming teammate, Doug, blazed to records in the 50-meter butterfly in 48.04 and the 200-meter free in 3:09.04. She was a silver medalist in the 400 and 1,500-meter free

paces and a bronze medalist in the 100-meter free. She practiced daily for the 40-44 division racing at the Elm Avenue Park pool lanes.

In the 45-49 age group, Dedrick of Voorheesville swam to a record-worthy win in the 50-meter fly in 41.90. He was second in the 50 and 100-meter breast and 200-meter individual medley, and third in the 50-meter free.

Glenmont's Lisa Gasstrom was first in the 100-meter free, second in the 50-meter version, and third in the 50-meter back and 200-free in the women's 25-29 group. Also placing in the top three were Barbara Riedel of Delmar, Women's 25-29; Linda Simkin Salsberg of Selkirk, women's 35-39; and Irving Bonawitz, men's 55-59.

Wrestling was this area's other formidable strength. Shawn Sheldon, who moved to Voorheesville from East Greenbush recently, is in contention for a spot on the 1984 Olympic team. He won gold medals in both the 114.5-pound Greco-Roman and freestyle wrestling weight classes. He may postpone his freshman year in college in order to train for Los Angeles. Adirondack teammate Jeff Genovesi, a Voorheesville High junior, lost weight in time to win the 123-pound Greco-Roman grappling. He was fifth in the freestyle. Genovesi began varsity wrestling when he was in eighth grade.

Elizabeth Kirk of Delmar turned in a gold-medal performance in women's open judo. A member of the Guilderland Judo Club, she won the open weight class.

Kurt Boluch of Clarksville, a Bethle-

Spotlight SPORTS

hem Central standout now at Cornell, was fourth in the open men's hurdles in 54.36. Long jumper Marisa Weaver just missed qualifying for semifinals in the girls' scholastic long jump, placing ninth.

And finally there was Jillian Shipherd of Elsmere. Mom Susan finished a disappointing 14th in the women's open foil, but her 13-year old daughter was a reputable 8th of 15 competitors in her second Games competition. Jillian, the region's only entrant in the scholastic division, has been fencing for less than two years. "I wish there was more local competition. I walked in and qualified for them (the Games). Some City kids went through 37 rounds of fencing," decided the young semifinalist.

Church Softball

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Tape player stolen

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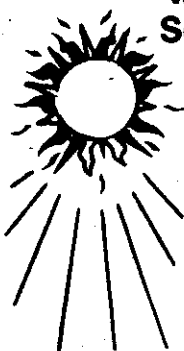
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Swimmers will do laps Saturday at Bethlehem's Elm Ave. Park as a benefit for the Leukemia Society. From left, Mary Connolly, director of the event; Victoria Graf, a lifeguard, and Julie Green, pool coordinator, pose with a poster announcing the event. Tom Howes

Archers plan shoot

The Rockowana Archers have scheduled a bowhunting shoot at animal faced targets, from ducks and rabbits to deer and bear, on Saturday and Sunday, Aug. 27 and 28, at their lands on Picard Rd., a half-mile beyond Picard's Grove in New Scotland. Shooting time is 8 a.m.

Also in preparation for the fall hunting season, the Archers will host a series of free hunter safety courses. The dates for the classes are undecided, but they will include field archery work on a course where shooting distances range from 15 to 240 feet.

Any state certified instructor can use the Archers' land for classes free of charge. For information, call Art Hatch at 765-2254, Bob Weatherwax at 355-1299 or George McKim at 355-6855.

New sidewalks on Elm

A section of Elm Ave. that parents of students walking to and from Bethlehem Central High School say is unsafe will get new sidewalks this fall, according to Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

The sidewalks will be installed by town Highway Department crews from Longwood Dr., where they now end, to Tierney Dr., near the Lutheran Church, he said. The town is working now to obtain the necessary easements, he added.

Last winter parents petitioned the Bethlehem Central School District for bus service for students walking the Elm Ave. stretch. They were turned down by the board, which suggested that they talk to the town about making the walk safe.

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Give it a try

Editor, The Spotlight:

This is an open letter to the 719 people who signed the petition to extend the Elm Avenue Park hours:

It was your signatures that convinced the "powers that be" to give us a trial at evening park hours on Aug. 20. (See p. 1). The lines are already forming to say "I told you so!" if only 23 people show up!

I would not like to be left holding this bag. All I did was put out blank petitions. You signed them. Now be there. Please. All of you.

See you at the pool.

Marion Harwick

Delmar.

Generous servings

Editor, The Spotlight:

A grateful thank you to the Veterans of Foreign Wars who have served our country well and are still serving by their generous consideration of us senior citizens.

The barbecue the VFW held on Aug. 4 under the direction of Commander Daniel House was a treat no senior citizen of Delmar should have missed.

The menu was delicious barbecue

chicken along with baked beans, salads, assorted pickles, sliced tomatoes, sweet corn, rolls, coffee, tea and an invitation to go for seconds.

But shouldn't it be we, the senior citizens, who should be doing for our veterans? They too are now becoming senior citizens who have served us well.

A heartfelt thanks to Commander House and all his workers for a most delightful lunch. God's blessing be upon you all.

Name Submitted

Delmar

No party line

Editor, The Spotlight:

Ed Sargent was a gentle and compassionate man. As chairman of the Bethlehem Planning Board he was always willing to listen patiently and consider the concerns and problems of town residents. As a county legislator he was deeply respected by both the Republicans and Democrats because he came to symbolize a commitment to serving one's constituents and conscience rather than one's party. That did not mean that he was any less a Republican but he was more a man of conscience. If loyalty to his conscience conflicted with loyalty to his party, party loyalty was sacrificed.

Given what Ed came to stand for, it is all the more regrettable that Tom McPheeters chose Ed's passing as an opportunity to again engage in partisan editorializing against Bethlehem Democratic candidates. Without ever having spoken with me about my candidacy for the 35th Legislative District, Mr. McPheeters simply assumed how I would vote as a County Legislator should I have

an opportunity to do so. Apparently, it is difficult, if not impossible, for Mr. McPheeters to understand what Ed Sargent symbolized — nonpartisanship.

That Ed was a Republican did not mean that he always voted with his fellow Republicans, as town Republicans knew so well. Similarly, the fact that I am running on the Democratic ticket does not mean that I would vote a straight party line. What Mr. McPheeters doesn't understand, or chooses not to understand, is that while party affiliation may be significant at the state and national level for distinguishing between the policies of the candidates of those parties (and there is a major question about that), it tells us very little, if anything, at the local level. It certainly would not explain, for example, why Ed intended to vote for the prison bond issue in opposition to his party's position, nor does it indicate how I would vote on that issue should I have the opportunity to do so.

Knee-jerk party voting, whether by Republicans or Democrats, is what Ed Sargent rejected. It was that fact which made him so highly respected within his community. It is a standard to which we could all aspire. It is certainly the one which I have set for myself.

Thomas J. McCord

Glenmont

Book discussions set

Avid readers who want to critique books can get together to talk about what they have read as part of the Bethlehem Public Library's two book discussion groups that will meet on Tuesdays, Sept. 13 and 20, at 10 a.m. and 7:30 p.m. respectively. The topic for discussion will be Anne Tyler's "Dinner at the Homesick Restaurant."

To get a copy of the book or find out about the two groups, call the library at 439-9314.

Named 'outstanding'

James Jay Dunn, son of James and Sherwood Dunn of Clarksville, has been selected to be among one of the "Outstanding Young Men of America," an awards program sponsored by the U.S. Jaycees. The men, ages 21 to 36, were nominated by political leaders and educators for their community service, leadership and academics.

Dunn, who graduated from Bethlehem Central and Emory Riddle College in Florida, was an Air Force captain before becoming a pilot for the United Postal Service. He now lives in Charleston, S.C.

Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

August 21, 1958

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce, behind president Leo Rook, is actively seeking new industry for the town's non-residential areas. A representative from Niagara Mohawk, courted by chamber spokesmen William Schoonmaker and George Laird, spoke to last week's Chamber meeting about what his public utility could offer the town.

Handy Andy has started a dynasty. The Bethlehem Babe Ruth team has become a three-time champion by edging Delmar Pharmacy in the top of the seventh inning, 4-3, just before the play-off game was prematurely ended due to darkness. Handy Dandy closed in on the league-leading Pharmacists by winning their last three games to force the decider. Don Roberts had the winning RBI.

August 15, 1963

The First Methodist Church of Delmar is growing and changing to stay abreast of the times and its expanding congregation—which now numbers 1,850. A \$425,000 building expansion program, begun in May, is already well under way and due to be completed in February. It includes a new educational unit, fellowship hall, lounge and kitchen. Also, Rev. Robert Thomas is the new pastoral leader and Ray Freeman is new director of Christian education.

August 22, 1968

Ann Reardon, Bethlehem Central elementary reading specialist, recently served as a consultant to the Harcourt Brace and World Book Company workshop.

In a Spotlight interview with Kenelm R. Thacher, the recently elected chairman of the Town of Bethlehem's Democratic Party, the 34-year old Delmar resident cited a "broader tax base" as the answer to what he calls the town's "tax strangulation." He felt the key to the problem lies in "industrial development," and objected to the town board's decision to purchase a 65-acre tract of land on the riverfront for a park since it is ideal land for industry. Thacher, who replaced Philip R. Murray as chairman, is leading 994 Bethlehem Democrats. There are 8,259 registered Republicans.

August 23, 1973

Ronald McDonald arrived at the McDonald's on Delaware Ave. amid flashing lights and police escort. Hundreds of children came to watch his magic show

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Clifford Hendler, son of Mr. and Mrs. Irwin Sander of Devon Rd., Delmar, is completing a five-week stint as a summer intern for Congressman Sam Stratton. Hendler, a junior at Yale University, worked at Stratton's Washington office with another district intern.

August 17, 1978

Extensive refurbishing of the former Delmar Elementary School got under way last week as a preliminary step toward a full renovation of the building. The contract cost is \$25,000, plus an additional \$8,000 for repointing the brickwork on the school's north wall. The school was purchased last year by the Town of Bethlehem for possible use as a town hall or community center.

There have been some recent hitches in New Scotland's first dog leash law, but last week's town meeting went smoothly. The town board enacted the new ordinance, Local Law No. 1 of 1978, with a 4-1 vote. Only Democratic councilman Herb Reilly voted nay. In contrast to a June meeting that packed the boardroom with upset citizens, Wednesday's meeting was short and half empty. Impounding procedures still have to be worked out.

Correction

Ed Dominelli is chairman of this year's Bethlehem GOP Steak Roast, not co-chairman as reported last week. The roast is being held today (Wednesday) at Picard's Grove in Voorheesville.



Cynthia Reed-Kowalik and Frank Kowalik

Cynthia Reed married

Cynthia Ann Reed, daughter of Bertie and Faith Reed of Delmar, was married June 18 to Frank Kowalik, son of Frank and Irene Kowalik of Amsterdam. He also is the son of the late Florence Wanik.

Both the bride and groom are police officers, the bride with the Bethlehem Police Department and the groom with the State Police, stationed in Chestertown, near Lake George.

The ceremony was performed in the Delmar Reformed Church. Suzanne Reed, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Debra Gilham, Rosemarie Cartelli and Judy

Moran. Best man was Michael Klusacek and the ushers were Michael and Mark Reed, brothers of the bride, and Bradley Wanik, brother of the bride, was ringbearer.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Hudson Valley Community College, and has been on the Bethlehem force five years. Trooper Kowalik is a graduate of Amsterdam High School and has been with the State Police seven years. Officer Reed-Kowalik said her husband has applied for a transfer to a substation closer to the Town of Bethlehem since she must live in the town. She said that although they did not meet in the course of their police work, it is a frequent topic of conversation for the two of them now — when they can get together. "Their hours are worse than ours!" the bride declared.



Mr. and Mrs. Edward Mueller

Both the bride and the groom are Bethlehem Central graduates. She works for A.J. Britt Word Processing Trans. Inc., and he is employed by Bethlehem Steel.

The couple will reside on Van Wies Point.

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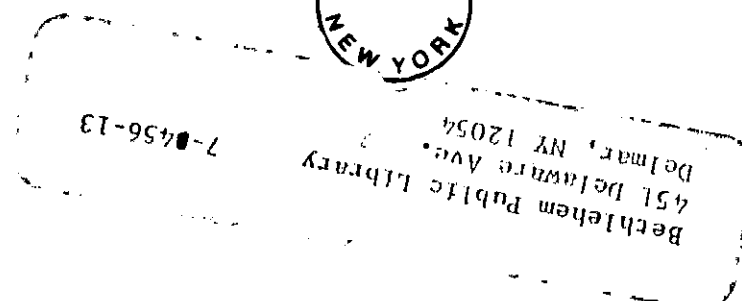
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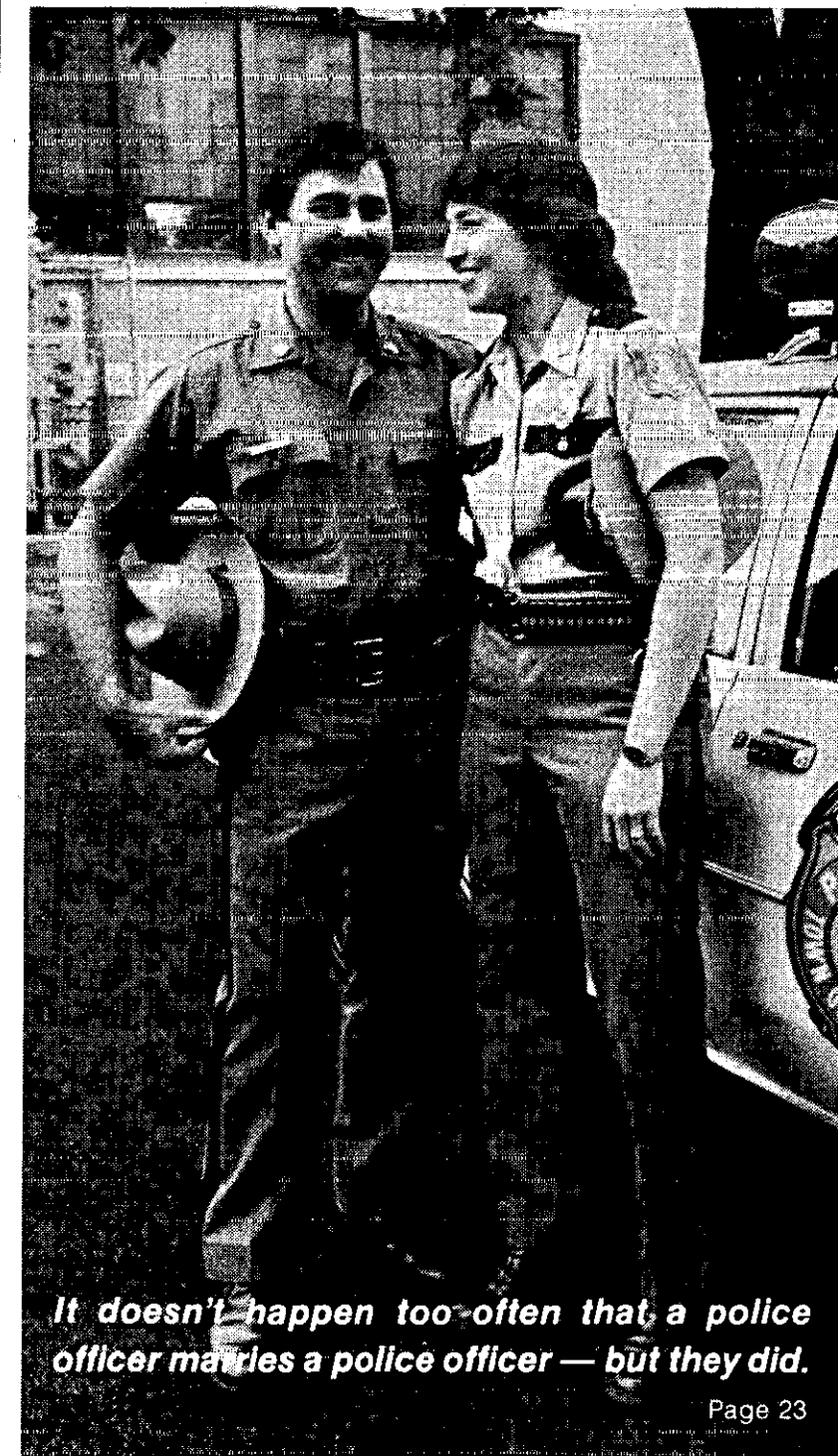
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