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## Board opts for contingency

By Caroline Terenzini

Six of the seven members of the Bethlehem Central school board voted without hesitation last Wednesday to adopt a contingency budget totaling \$15.8 million for the district for 1984-85. The motion was made by board President Sheila Fuller, who said she favored a contingency budget "in order to preserve any program for our children."

The decision last Wednesday followed the second rejection by voters of a spending proposal from the board.

John Clyne, a veteran of more than 20 years on the board who had opposed both of this year's budget proposals, was again odd man out in favoring further cuts in the budget proposal — this time by a committee of persons whom he suggested be "selected for their prestige and know-how."

But other board members saw no need for a committee. "You're a man of great business experience and you went through this budget," board member Bernard Harvith said. "With all your expertise, you've never come with \$100,000 (in cuts). If we appointed God Almighty and six MBA's," that group couldn't devise a satisfactory budget, Harvith said. He pressed Clyne for his

suggestions for budget cuts: "It's put up or shut up time, John."

Clyne then suggested a 2 percent cut across the board, except for contractual and other obligations. "Sure," said board member Marjory O'Brien, "cut Niagara Mohawk back 2 percent. We'll just tell them we won't pay it."

"What you're suggesting, John, is an absolute charade," board member Robert Ruslander said. "It's mumb-jumbo."

The decision to submit nine propositions to voters on July 11 followed a similar scenario, with six board members in favor and Clyne opposed. Whether to submit propositions following adoption of a contingency budget is up to the board, although citizens can petition the board to do so. The propositions are intended to allow voters to authorize expenditures that by law cannot be included in a contingency budget. These are: new or replacement equipment, busing beyond state requirements, interscholastic athletics costs (except coaches' salaries), library books and "nonessential" improvements to buildings and grounds. Which expenditures are submitted and the manner in which they are represented are decisions of the board.

The motion on the propositions was raised for reconsideration by Harvith when it appeared that Clyne had voted in favor the first time around under the belief that the motion concerned only the number of propositions.

More debate arose when Harvith suggested increasing the contingency budget amount to reflect "at least some" of a possible loss of \$390,000 invested with the Lion Capital Group of New York City, which has filed for bankruptcy. Harvith suggested that taking the possible loss into account in this budget would be a conservative fiscal approach, but both district Supervisor Lawrence Zinn and Business Administrator Franz

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Zwicklbauer spoke against such a move, with Zinn expressing concern that "people are going to view it as 'you're sticking it to us'."

Nonetheless, the board initially approved the addition, with Clyne abstain-

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## PBA, town clash on overtime

By Tom McPheeters

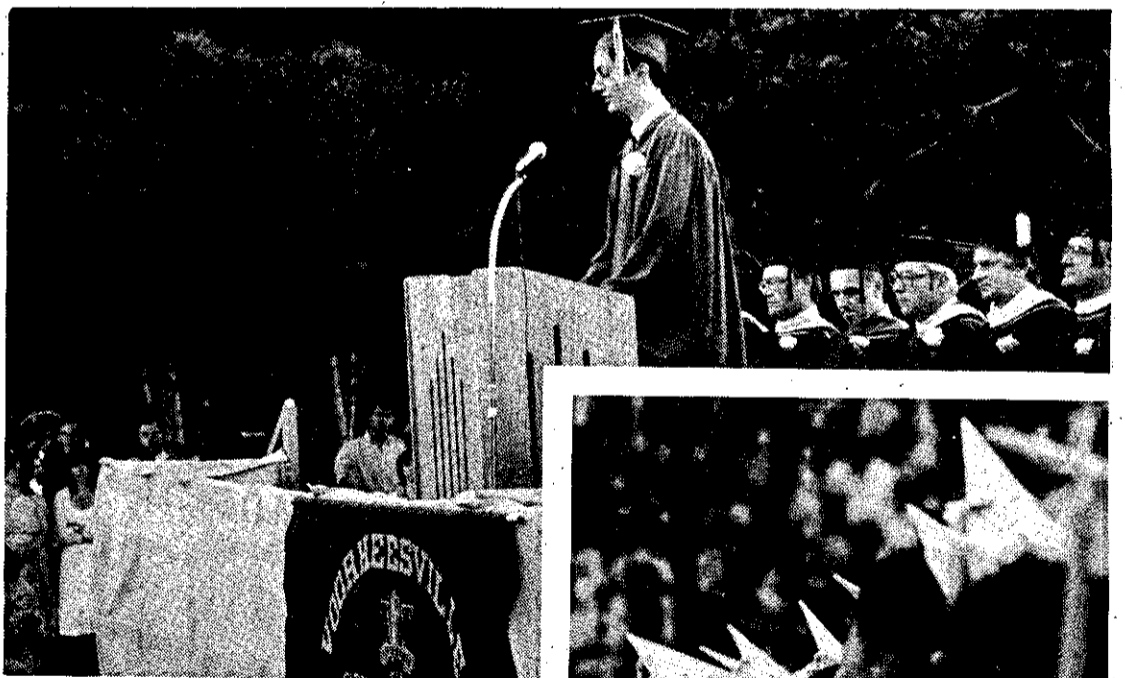
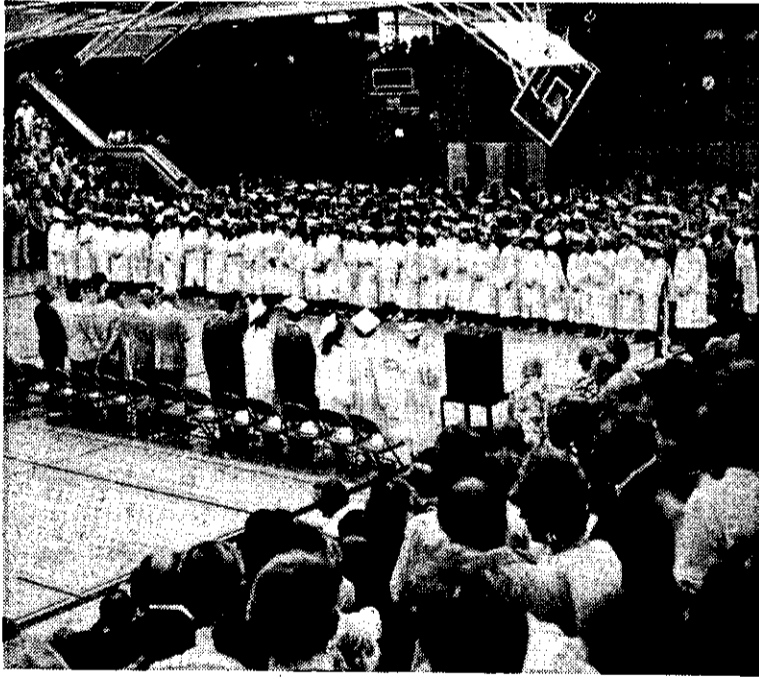
The opening act in the Bethlehem police overtime tug of war got underway Monday with a civil service hearing for officer Marvin Koonz at town hall.

While town officials tried to limit the issues in the hearing to a simple question of insubordination, rank and file police officers appear to be concerned that a new era is beginning in their relations with the town. At the least, it is evident that new Chief Paul Currie is exerting a degree of control not seen in the department in several years.

"I think it's union busting . . . a power play," said Police Benevolent Association President James W. Haker, whose own civil service hearing on the same charge comes up July 9. About a dozen officers were on hand to observe the Koonz hearing, which was open at the officer's request.

The hearing concluded Tuesday morning with hearing officer Francis J. Higgins deferring decision. He indi-

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Friday was Graduation Day at local high schools. Bethlehem's, left and on the cover, was indoors, but outdoors at Voorheesville, right, Edward Volkwein was valedictorian, and at RCS, lower left, Melissa Helo was salutatorian. In all, there was joy and, lower right, an occasional tear.

Tom Howes, John Childs



# Police overtime

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cated that he would first review a transcript of the proceedings, which should take some two weeks to prepare. Koonz has been on suspension without pay since shortly after the June 4 incident that led to his charges; since the town can only keep an officer on unpaid suspension for 30 days, he is expected to go back on duty later this week pending Higgins' decision.

The suspension stems from Koonz' refusal to work at the police station on June 4. He had been ordered to appear as a witness at a trial in Bethlehem Town Court, next door, and had returned from vacation to do so. When the case was settled in a plea bargain agreement, making Koonz' continued presence unnecessary, the shift commander, Sgt. Richard Vanderbilt, ordered him to stay on duty; Koonz refused.

That refusal stems from longstanding practice in the Bethlehem Police Department, as Koonz' attorney, Matthew Clyne, sought to establish at the hearing. Under the terms of the PBA's contract with the town, officers are paid a minimum of four hours at time and a half if they work overtime. In the past, officers called to testify in court or work other special duties have been free to leave when those duties are concluded — whether or not four hours have expired.

Police overtime has been a longtime concern, but it is still not clear how serious a problem it is. A town official estimated last week that police overtime ran between 20 and 25 percent of the department's budget in 1983, but no figures were available because there is no separate line in the budget for overtime. Police Chief Paul Currie said Tuesday a total of 628 hours of overtime were paid

for court appearances alone in 1983, which (based on the salary of a patrolman with three year's experience) would mean about \$9,000 in salary alone.

According to testimony from Currie and other ranking officers, it appears that the new chief attempted to change the longstanding policy without formally changing department rules. Koonz and other officers testified that the first clash came Memorial Day, when a dozen officers who had been ordered to work on parade and traffic control were told, after the parade was cancelled, that they would have to stay on duty for four hours to collect their four hours overtime pay. (The Spotlight incorrectly stated last week that the officers had volunteered for the duty).

None of the officers stayed, and none collected for the full four hours. In testimony Monday, Currie was asked by Clyne if he knew the Memorial Day incident would draw grievances from PBA members.

Currie recalled his reaction: "Fine, this is normal procedure."

Haker has said the PBA plans to ask the Public Employment Relations Board to assign an arbitrator to rule on the PBA contract clause.

Currie testified that he told his two shift commanders, Capt. Roy Cooke and Lt. Fred Holligan, on the morning of June 4 that henceforth officers would have to work the full four hours when they came in for overtime. Clyne had earlier established that there was no written directive on the change, and much time was spent at the hearing debating whether it was in effect a change in departmental rules.

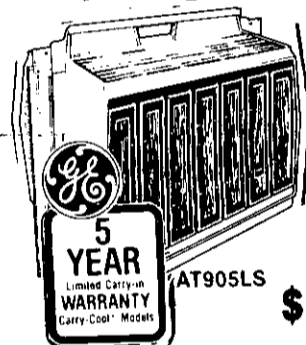
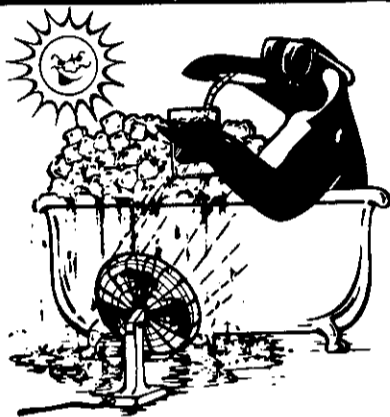
"Basically, what we are saying is that the unilateral implementation of overtime is contrary to long-time practice of the department, and is also contrary to statute," Clyne told Higgins.

Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz maintained that the only valid issue to be decided by the hearing is whether Koonz disobeyed an order.

Koonz testified that when Sgt. Vanderbilt "first asked me to relieve him for a little while on the desk, I said yes." But Vanderbilt said Koonz first asked him if he would be required to work the full four hours. When the sergeant said yes, he testified, Koonz said "that's ridiculous."

Vanderbilt said another officer on overtime, Anthony Arduini, had already been informed of the four hour rule and had agreed to stay. The 3 p.m. to 11 p.m. shift usually has three officers on patrol, and was up to strength that night, Vanderbilt said. He planned to put Koonz on the desk and Arduini on patrol; after first appearing in town court himself, Vanderbilt said, he planned to go on the road to supervise his shift. He said there was "no emergency that I was aware of."

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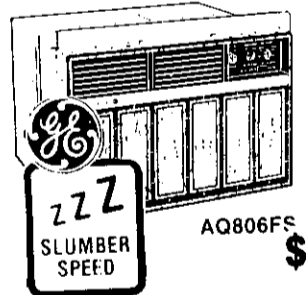


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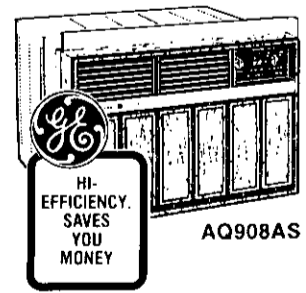


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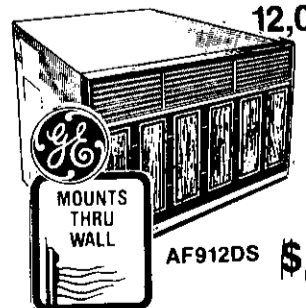


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### Principal named

Cheryl MacCulloch has been named the new half-time principal at Bethlehem Central's Clarksville Elementary School. She also will be a half-time teacher at the school.

Mrs. MacCulloch, an Albany resident, taught in the district 13 years before going on sabbatical leave in 1982-83 in order to take an internship in the central administration as part of her doctoral program at the State University at Albany. She has a bachelor's degree in education from the State University College at Oswego and a master's degree in curriculum and instruction from SUNYA. Mrs. MacCulloch previously taught science and math at the middle school.

At Clarksville, she succeeds Dorothy Whitney, who served in the principal's post seven years and who now will be principal at Elsmere Elementary School.

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# What contingency, propositions mean

The contingency budget adopted June 20 by the Bethlehem Central school board totals \$15.77 million, and requires a tax rate of \$154.33 per \$1,000 assessed valuation in Bethlehem (up from \$151.23 per \$1,000) and \$258.58 per \$1,000 in New Scotland (up from \$254.72).

The board also will ask voter approval July 11 for nine propositions. If all nine are approved they would add \$756,000 to the budget, bringing the total tax levy to slightly higher than it would have been with the defeated June 13 budget.

The difference is because the transportation proposition includes \$19,500 to restore the 5:15 p.m. bus run and the telephone purchase proposition includes a \$9,000 disconnect fee assessed by AT&T. Further complicating the numbers is the fact that if the telephone proposition is defeated \$55,000 must be put in the contingency budget to finance continued rental of telephones.

Under state law, a contingency budget must provide for maintenance of an educational program, with salaries and fringe benefits according to contracts, plus whatever else is deemed necessary for the "health and safety" of the school children. A contingency budget, however, may not include any replacement or new equipment purchases. State aid is provided for aidable equipment or capital expenses if authorized in a proposition.

Residents are to receive a district mailing giving details, but the propositions briefly are as follows:

- Three new school buses, \$91,500.
- Microcomputers, \$28,000.
- Other office and instructional equipment, \$86,174.
- Library books, \$28,000.
- Transportation at the current level (excluding all field trips and senior citizen trips), \$189,741. (If this proposition fails, children in grades 1 through 8 within two miles of school must walk, and high school children within three miles must walk.)
- Interscholastic athletics (except coaching salaries, which are in the contingency budget), \$90,222. (If approved, this proposition would authorize paying for busing teams to away athletic contests and for such costs as marking the fields for home contests.)
- New telephone system, \$73,517. This proposition includes the purchase of telephones; a \$5,500 consultant's fee for a feasibility study, preparing bid specifications, reviewing bids and making a recommendation; and a \$9,000 termination fee being assessed by New York Telephone Co. The purchase is intended to provide an annual saving each year of \$58,000. If the proposition is rejected, \$55,500 must be added to the contingency budget to pay for the current telephone service. About \$15,000 in state aid is expected if the purchase is made.
- Operation and maintenance (including new chalkboards for Glenmont Elementary School), \$26,300.
- Capital projects (including roofing work at three school buildings, structural repair under a wing at the high school, and work on the heating system at the high school), \$118,800.

## Administrators get pay raises

The Bethlehem Central school board has granted 6½ percent raises to its three top administrators and also to Roger Fritts, attorney for the district, and Dr. Dale Harro, school physician. The action is effective for the 1983-84 school year and thus does not immediately affect the 1984-85 budget, which the board also acted on that night.

The raises bring Superintendent Lawrence Zinn's salary to \$58,000, Assistant Supervisor J. Briggs McAndrews to \$46,800, and Business Administrator Franz Zwicklbauer also to

\$46,800. Fritts's salary for his work for the district was raised to \$6,400 and Dr. Harro's pay, to \$6,900.

The action was taken following an executive session that went into the early morning hours Thursday, and there are conflicting reports on whether the vote was unanimous. Board member John Clyne said following the meeting he voted against the raises for Zinn, McAndrews and Zwicklbauer, but two other board members and one administrator present at the meeting said later they are sure Clyne voted with the majority.

## Board opts

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ing from the vote: "You're trying to trick me into voting for this thing!" he told Harvith.

Harvith countered: "I must admit I'm completely mystified as to what you expect us to do."

"I don't care whether you do anything," was Clyne's rejoinder. "You're in enough of a mess now."

The board later rescinded this decision, following a lengthy executive session that kept members at the table until 2:30 a.m.

Earlier in the evening, the board was unanimous in adopting a resolution joining the district to litigation by a creditors' committee of 32 school districts and other entities seeking to recover funds invested with Lion. After Clyne complained that the wording of the resolution left the district liable for as much as \$500,000 in legal fees, Roger Fritts, attorney for the district, said the resolution could be altered to stipulate that the district would pay the lesser of 1 percent of the fee or \$5,000. "The creditors' committee may take a look at it, but they won't throw us out meantime," Fritts said. The committee, represented by Anderson, Russell, Kill and Olick of New York City, is seeking a total of \$38.8 million.

With these funds frozen while the bankruptcy is sorted out, the Bethlehem school district will be forced to add about \$300,000 to its annual early July borrowing (which last year totaled \$1 million), Business Administrator Zwicklbauer said. The district annually borrows because its fiscal year begins July 1, but tax payments are not due until the end of September and tight budgeting has meant an inadequate surplus on June 30 to carry the district over the summer months, Zwicklbauer said. This year, the \$50,000 surplus anticipated in April has evaporated and the district, in fact, has

found it necessary to delay some large payments to vendors.

The board unanimously approved a motion by Barbara Coon that a task force be formed to assess the district's Challenge program for gifted students, with a report and suggestions due in November. But it delayed formation of an ad hoc committee to formulate a specific investment policy for the district, pending decisions being made by the state legislature that could produce investment guidelines. Zwicklbauer said the present district policy is comprised in two sentences and requires a quarterly report to the school board on investments. Such a report, has, however, been made monthly to the board, he said, listing the amount and type of each investment, where it is placed, and the interest rate.

Jed Wolkenbreit, who lost his bid for re-election in May, in a farewell to the board lamented that the community appeared to "have lost sight of the collective good." In comments clearly aimed at Clyne, Wolkenbreit said, "It is wrong to use respected status in this community to single-handedly bring down this budget. It is wrong to campaign against this budget when no single constructive suggestion was made to cut this budget." And, he chided other board members, "We sat back and allowed this to happen."

## Negotiation group to meet

A committee formed to review the negotiations process between the Bethlehem Central School District and the 230-member Bethlehem Central Teachers association is slated to meet July 10. Members representing the BCTA are William Cleveland, Gordon Molyneux and Ellen Ottis, all association officers; Donna Varriale and Nancy Patterson. District Superintendent Lawrence Zinn, Asst. Superintendent J. Briggs McAndrews, board president Sheila Fuller, and board members Robert Ruslander and Marjory O'Brien also are members of the committee.



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# Siegal offers revised plan

By Theresa Bobear

The Bethlehem Planning Board last week heard a revised presentation for the Juniper Fields subdivision, a Planned Residence District rezoning request from David Siegal for 58 acres on Elm Ave. at the end of the Delmar Bypass, followed by an unfavorable reaction from residents of the adjacent Woodchester Woods area.

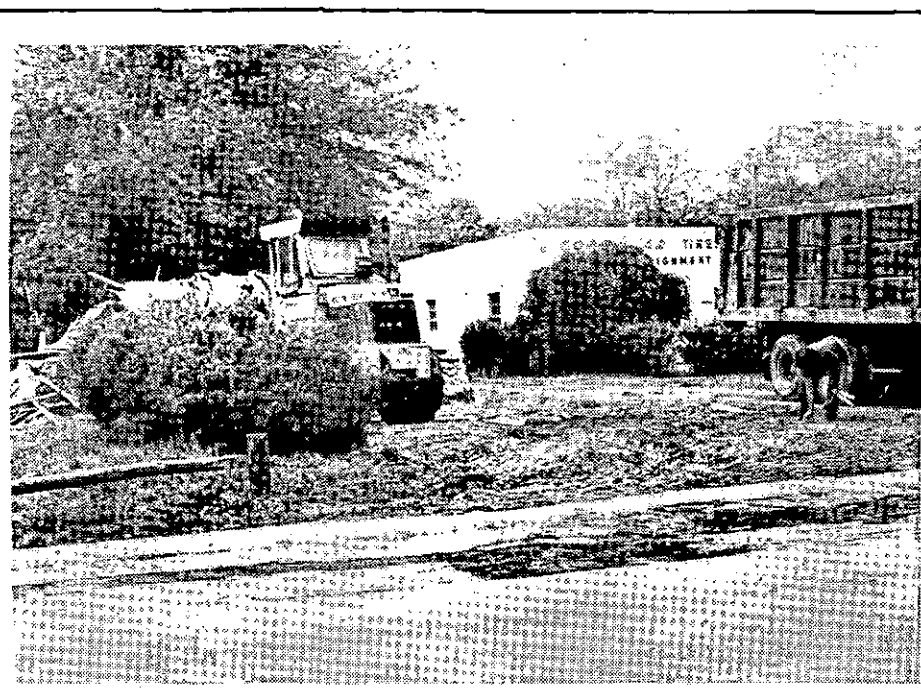
Siegal's revised proposal included the elimination of 54 apartment units, leaving a total of 290 units. The new proposal also includes the installation of a road where he had previously left right-of-way, thus effectively extending the Bypass. Siegal said he would present figures for the revised proposal on July 17.

Area residents in attendance asserted that the additional traffic on Elm Ave., Axbridge La., Huntersfield Rd. and Darroch Rd. created by Juniper Fields residents driving to the Four Corners in Delmar would threaten the safety of children biking and walking in the area. Residents further argued that the proposed PRD would adversely affect neighboring property values and questioned whether the developer would adhere to the proposed subdivision plan once the zoning change was finalized.

The residents were informed by board Chairman Charles Redmond that after a recommendation by the planning board to the town board had been made, a public hearing would have to be held before the rezoning request was granted. Recognizing the importance of the board's recommendation, the residents asked how they might be an integral part of the process by which the recommendation is arrived at.



Meanwhile, the changes on Delaware Ave. continue. At left, a workman puts a new sign on the Del Lanes building after the bowling alley removed its old roof sign to get a jump on one of the recommendations of the Delaware Ave. task force. Delaware Plaza is also planning to take down its large



marquee sign, according to town hall sources. At right, another old house goes down on Delaware Ave., this one between Gochees and Vets. A number of recent demolitions reflect uncertainty over how the new rules will affect building along Delaware Ave., town officials say. *Spotlight*

## Delaware Ave. keeps changing

The Delaware Ave. Task Force will meet today (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. at town hall to hear a report from state Department of Transportation officials on what can be done to improve traffic flow and safety on the town's busiest thoroughfare.

The meeting is the last phase of the task force's effort, which

has so far included recommendations to the Bethlehem Town Board for zoning, setback and signage changes, as well as a major change in the planning board's power of site plan review of commercial properties. The town board, which meets at the same time at town hall, had already agreed to begin its discussion of the task force's recommendations.

In another matter that could have far-reaching consequences, James Green of Standard Engineering informally discussed the possibility of a Planned Resident District for 67.4 acres currently zoned AA-Residential and located off Westphal Dr. near Feura Bush Rd. The board advised Green to address any request for a zoning change to the town board.

The board also heard Lindsay M. Boutelle, representing developer Vincent Riemma, regarding a requested extension on subdivision approval for the Woodhill subdivision of approximately 90 lots off Feura Bush Rd. near Rt. 9W in Glenmont. Previously, the planning board determined that the draft Environmental Impact Statement prepared by the applicant was complete, and initiated a 30-day public comment period to end July 5. Board planning consultant Edward Kleinke explained that after the close of the 30-day comment period the board would address comments made by individuals and agencies, and produce a final EIS with revisions if necessary.

Kleinke said that barring negative findings, conditions for approval of the final subdivision plan would be based on conclusions drawn from the final EIS. The board granted Boutelle's request for an extension on subdivision approval to July 17 so that a proposal consistent with the final EIS findings could be drafted.

In other business, the board:

- Heard David Dembling's revised plan for the proposed Barnfield subdivi-

sion of land located off McCormack Rd. into four lots. No action was taken by the board.

- Considered Boutelle's presentation of the Dime Savings Bank's proposal for the 31-lot Delwood Acres subdivision in an A and AB-Residential zone located off Rockefeller Rd. The board members, who had not yet reviewed the preliminary Environmental Impact Statement, scheduled review of the detailed plan for July 3.

- Granted building project approval to Boutelle, representing developer Jason Minick, for the Eastmount Planned Residence District of 57 duplexes to be located off Blessing Rd.

- Tabled discussion of the removal of duplexes from A-Residential zones, which would make all duplexes currently in the A zones non-conforming uses. The board was previously informed by Commissioner of Public Works Bruce Secor that some portions of the town currently zoned A-Residential would face sewer problems if duplexes were built there, as is currently permitted by the zoning ordinance.

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# Youth groups agree to merge

The confusing ranks of the acronym-filled world of adults concerned about youth in Bethlehem now number only two, not three.

The Bethlehem Youth Advisory Council (BYAC), born of a concerted effort by the town and school boards in September, 1981, has dissolved itself. It is survived by Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited (BOU) and the Bethlehem Advocates for Youth (BAY).

BYAC decided to break up for reasons of practicality, necessity and simplicity. Three of its members also paid dues to BOU — Police Lt. Fred Holligan, school district Superintendent Lawrence Zinn and Parks and Recreation Department chief Phil Maher were pressed to juggle their time and energies between the two groups. Three other members were about to resign their seats; BCHS student representatives Julie Ann Sosa and Damian Switzer will be leaving for college in the fall, and Chairman Jeannie Peterson will be leaving her post in January.

In order to prolong its life, BYAC proposed a merger that saw it officially join with BOU last week. "The BYAC name is gone, but its voice will continue through BOU. Figuratively, it will be like the Phoenix rising up out of the ashes," said Peterson. Literally, the BOU ranks

from the now defunct BYAC. BYAC service club representative John Shipherd joined, and Peterson was elected to the 12-member BOU board of directors to facilitate the transition.

Also, the BOU board unanimously accepted BYAC's package of provisions, making the merger possible. It created two ex-officio board seats that will be filled by BCHS students this fall. The students will be given the power to vote when BOU amends its constitution for the 1985-86 school year.

It also agreed to continue work on several ongoing BYAC projects. They include a telephone survey that, once financed, will gauge the community's standards and views on chemical abuse and the youth dilemma, the organization and supervision of a special youth activities column in the local media, a Youth-in-Power workshop for middle schoolers, educational McDonald's tray liners, a pamphlet rack at the high school about drug and alcohol abuse rehabilitation programs, and a fall membership drive. Teenagers, especially, will be targeted.

BOU currently has a \$1,000 treasury, thanks to donations from several local firms, and proceeds from the Father's Day Race and BCHS Key Club's success-

ful spring airbands concert. Although still awaiting the first appeal for financial assistance from a local group, BOU treasurer Maher is presently planning a dual dance for the fall homecoming that would accommodate the musical tastes of parents and their teenagers.

BOU officers include Jane Feldman, a teacher, president; Terry Ulion, a teacher, vice president; and Karen Boggs, a guidance counselor, secretary. They were recently reelected to one-year terms.

Meanwhile, BAY has continued to work independently on a plan that would set up an after-school continuing-education style program at the middle school. Tentatively, it would run from October to April. Modelled after programs that have already been instituted outside of Buffalo, it would include monthly classes that would teach such school subjects as computers, shop and English in the guise of fun. The middle school library hours would also be extended.

Richard Bassotti, the district's continuing-education director, designed the experimental program with the help of middle school Principal Frederick Burdick. It would use the school's facilities and be supervised by teachers, parents or, ideally, BCHS seniors. The fee would be a nominal one, paid for in monthly installments or a block sum. Although it has met with BAY and school board support, the current school budget difficulties and stalemate on the 5 p.m. transportation issue have snagged all plans.



Donna B. Heinrichs

## Receives law degree

Donna B. Heinrichs, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, has received a juris doctor degree from Albany Law School. She is a magna cum laude graduate of the College of Saint Rose and resides in Albany. The lawyer is the daughter of Marjorie L. Boccar, formerly of Slingerlands, and the late Sereno A. Boccar.

## New Scotland meeting

The New Scotland Town Board will hold its regular July business meeting Thursday, July 5, at 9:30 a.m. in the town hall. The board, which normally meets the first Wednesday of each month at 8 p.m., changed the July meeting to avoid a conflict with the national holiday on July 4.

## July 4 is Family Day

The Town of Bethlehem's eighth annual Family Day is slated for Wednesday, July 4, at the Elm Avenue Park. Admission to the swimming complex is free for town residents and their guests from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m.

The day's schedule includes both eating and exercising events. A baking contest sponsored by the Eleanor Roosevelt Developmental Center will see homemade goodies judged, tasted and then sold from 9:30 to 11 a.m. The traditional chicken barbecue sponsored by the Bethlehem Business Women's Club and catered by John Geurtze begins at high noon, rain or shine. Tickets are \$5, and proceeds will be used for the BBWC's scholarship fund.

Athletic family members will be using up some of the calories they will be putting on at the Dave Corbin Memorial

parent-child round robin tennis tournament sponsored by the Bethlehem Tennis Association. It starts at 10 a.m. on the park courts, and the doubles players will be divided into experienced and novice divisions. Only a new can of yellow tennis balls is needed for entry. An adult horseshoe tournament will also be held at 1 p.m.

For children, there will be a playground at the park, complete with arts and crafts activities and games, from 10 a.m. to noon. Cranberry the Clown will perform on the pool deck from 1:30 to 3:30 p.m.

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# Civic center still floating

By Susan Guyett

Albany County officials will get a chance to shift gears this week in their search for a civic center site when a preliminary report on an environmental impact statement on one location is released.

With all eyes still on downtown Albany, preliminary findings on an environmental study for a Madison Ave. site may fall by the wayside, or at least put on hold, if a second parcel of land at Eagle, Grand and Beaver Streets becomes the favored location. The Madison Ave. site is now being referred to as "Site A" and the smaller parcel "Site B."

The people who matter in getting the civic center project off the ground — people like Albany Mayor Thomas Whalen and County Executive James Coyne — have shifted their interest to the smaller, Beaver Street locale.

Clough, Harbor and Associates partner Joseph Bianchine said last week the engineering firm is about 40 percent into its study of the 5.7-acre Madison Ave. parcel. That site was chosen as the prime location for a county civic center by a bipartisan committee. A report on the findings so far, dealing with traffic, parking, deed restrictions, neighborhood and business comments and other items, will be sent to the county executive and

the Albany County Planning Board this week, Bianchine said.

The county legislature appropriated almost \$100,000 for the Clough Harbor draft environmental impact statement, which is studying the Madison Ave. site exclusively.

The state Urban Development Corporation is expected to release findings on prime locations for a civic center next month. A recent UDC report, done by the consulting firm of Peat Marwick and Mitchell, stated that the county can support a civic center provided it is adjacent to the Empire State Plaza. The center's business would come mainly from conventions, concerts and shows because the study found no major league sports team is interested in moving to Albany.

If the focus of attention shifts to site B, it will give Republicans in the Albany County Legislature another opportunity to say to the majority Democrats, "We told you so." Republicans, under Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr. of Bethlehem, balked at starting the environmental study before the UDC results were in.

On the other hand, many Democrats who voted for the Clough Harbor study said they realized they were taking a gamble. Coyne urged the legislators to

move quickly, noting that the longer it took to get the center built, the longer it would take to generate revenue for the county and surrounding businesses.

However, virtually every expert consulted by the county, as well as the UDC's interim report, indicated that most civic centers lose money. Clough Harbor officials also assured the legislators that the study was being done in phases so that it could be halted midway of mitigating circumstances sprang up, Bianchine said.

One of the reasons Site B is becoming more and more attractive is the support it is getting from the Albany mayor. Whalen previously supported building the center on property owned by the state University of New York at Albany. Recently he has indicated an interest in the Beaver Street site. Businesses in downtown Albany also say they would do better with a civic center closer to downtown. Officials also note that the Mansion Neighborhood is strongly opposed to Site A.

Coyne has also shifted his focus somewhat. Originally he favored a civic center to be built in Latham and he later came to stand behind the Madison Avenue site. He dismissed Site B as being too small when it was first presented by developer Nathan Smith. Now Coyne says he is exploring ways to expand the

site by, perhaps, having parking a few blocks from the civic center itself.

County officials have steadfastly said they are going to need financial support from the state, most likely in the form of a parking structure, if the county is to go ahead. To date, the state officials have made no assurances they will lend a hand.

## Tipsy driver charged

Bethlehem police arrested Lorayne M. Siebert, 59, of North Chatham on several traffic counts including drunken driving after her vehicle was involved in two accidents in North Bethlehem shortly before midnight Saturday. Police said the vehicle was involved in a hit-run accident on Monroe Ave. shortly before it sheered a utility pole on Russell Rd. The report said Siebert failed a breathalyzer test.

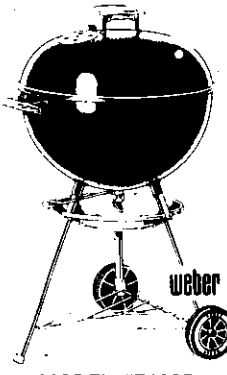
Two other drivers were charged last week with DWI counts, according to police records.

## Midnight requisition

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of 1,206 cartons of cigarets from the Grand Union supermarket in the Town Squire shopping plaza, Glenmont, between midnight and 3 a.m. Sunday. Detectives said no pry marks were found on the door to the storage room, although the lock bolt was bent. The report said there was a possibility that a thief had hidden in the store at closing time. The cartons were valued at \$12,000.

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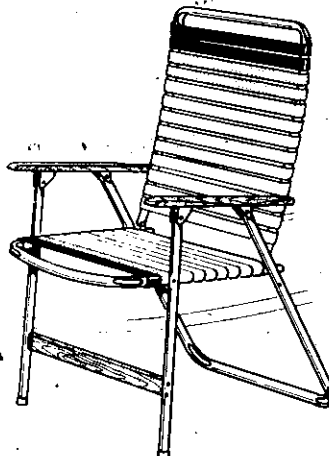
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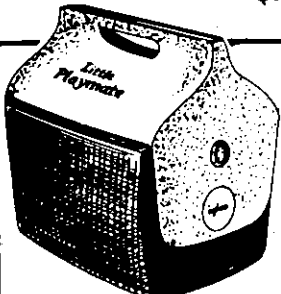
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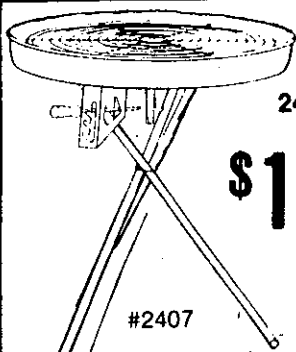
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# Chamber map project caught in bankruptcy

By Tom McPheeters

The company preparing a promotional map for the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has declared bankruptcy, jeopardizing an estimated \$20,000 in advertisements by local merchants.

However, Chamber president Peter Merrill thinks there is still a good chance the project — the largest undertaking by the group in some time — can be salvaged.

"Our map is just about done," Merrill said Friday. "We were just a couple of weeks away from getting a proof." Merrill said he is hoping another company will take over the project, and added that the chamber's board of directors is prepared to kick in a few thousand dollars if that is necessary to complete the work.

In the meantime, the chamber has hired the local law firm of DeAngelis, Kaplowitz, Rice and Murphy to follow the fortunes of Directions Marketing Co., the Cincinnati, Ohio, firm that fell on hard times.

The firm has filed under Chapter Seven of federal bankruptcy laws, which calls for dissolution, rather than reorganization, according to Merrill. "Apparently, they just got overextended," he said. Prior to the selection of Directions Marketing for the map project, Merrill said, the Bethlehem chamber checked with other organizations that had used their services and received satisfactory references.

Merrill said he understands the bankruptcy court is actively seeking another company to take on work in progress at the time of the collapse. If that happens, he said, the chamber would be able to deal directly with the new company and make a new deal to complete the project.

The four-color map, with Bethlehem on one side and Albany County on the other, was designed as a promotional piece, with some 4,500 words of information highlighting the town's attractions and providing information on such things as tax rates and school districts. At last count, Merrill said, 67 merchants had paid approximately \$20,000 to advertise on the map, and the total was expected to rise.

Under the term of its contract with Directions Marketing, the chamber itself paid nothing, but assisted in coordinating the project. The chamber was to get 10,000 free maps, to be distributed locally and to interested businesses, plus about two dozen wall-size laminated maps suitable for use by local fire companies. Advertisers were to get another 2,500 free maps for their own use.

"It's by far the biggest thing we've ever gotten involved in," Merrill said.

## Mentioned in show

Among the artists who received honorable mention at the 1984 Stuyvesant Arts Festival were Marion Bers of



Harvey J. Pendleton, a former Rensselaer resident now living with relatives in Elmsere, was honored last week as the man with the longest span of Masonic membership in New York State. The ceremony, originally scheduled for the East Greenbush lodge, was postponed while the state's first 80-year pin was made up and a framed certificate prepared by the Grand Lodge of New York. The presentation was made at his daughter's home on Crannell Ave. by John L. Van Wormer, left, master of the lodge, and Robert G. Stark, district deputy grand master of the Albany Masonic District. Mr. Pendleton, nearing his 101st birthday, joined in 1904. *Spotlight*

Delmar, Lillian Longley of Slingerlands and Robert Longley of Slingerlands.

A number of local artists exhibited in the festival, including Raymond Decker of Voorheesville, Annette Delavallade of Delmar, Julie Molloy of Voorheesville and Jan Thalheimer of Delmar.

## Elected by club

Joséphine Anne Vitillo, a second-year student at the Albany College of Pharmacy, has been elected vice president of the Circle K Club at the college. She will serve during the coming year.

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# Church dates to nation's infancy

In 1791, just eight years after the end of the Revolutionary War, a group of settlers in the Feura Bush-Unionville area banded together for the purpose of founding a church under the Dutch Reformed jurisdiction. They built what became known as the old Jerusalem Church, located about halfway between the two communities. It stood on property donated by the Van Der Heyden family, on the west side of what is now the Unionville-Feura Bush Road near the old railroad culvert under which the road used to pass. The church, however, was demolished long before the railroad came into the area.

Feura Bush is an old Dutch word that means "fire bush," but no one seems to know exactly how the little village received this name. For a long time the names of Feura Bush and Jerusalem were used interchangeably, and on the Pease Map of 1851 the little settlement is listed as Moakville, probably because there were several families of that name settled there.

The first consistory of the Jerusalem Church was composed of three elders and three deacons. The elders were Peter Brate, John Van Der Heyden and Adrian Bassing; and Staats Brate, John Oliver Jr. and Aaron Oliver were the deacons.



The Jerusalem Reformed Church sanctuary in 1875 was graced by intricately carved pulpit chairs and rococo side chairs that are still in use. The pulpit itself was built about 1845. The elaborate kerosene chandeliers have been replaced, and partitions have been added at the front to provide space for the choir.

## TIMES REMEMBERED

Allison Bennett



This congregation, as well as other early Reformed churches in the vicinity, was sometimes visited by a circuit rider, the Rev. Johannes Schuneman, a preacher at Catskill and Coxsackie. However, he had limited time to give them, and in 1793 the three churches of Jerusalem, Helderberg and (New) Salem banded together to issue a joint call to the Rev. Harmanus Van Huysen.

Rev. Van Huysen was a middle-aged man when he entered the ministry and these three churches were his only charge. For 33 years he faithfully performed the duties of his triple pastorate, resigning in 1825 to retire to his farm at New Salem. He must have been a man of great fortitude and energy, considering the hardships of daily life and travel in those early years. In the Jerusalem congregation alone he baptized during his tenure 1,193 babies. We can perhaps better understand these times if we realize that

his salary was reckoned in pounds rather than in dollars and that his call was made out in the Dutch language instead of English. Also, the minutes of the consistory were kept in Dutch until 1798.

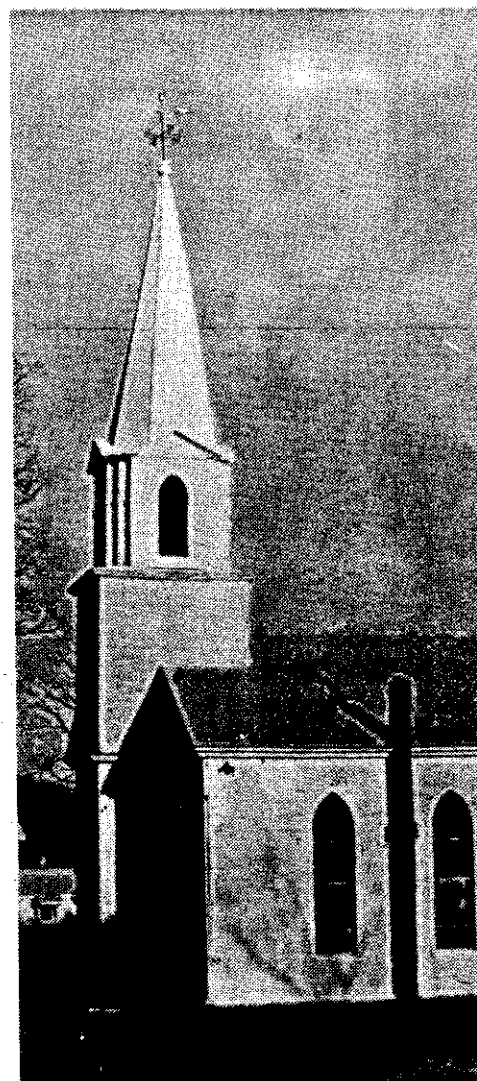
By the time Domine Van Huysen resigned, the old stone church of Jerusalem had outgrown itself and the communities it served had increased in population. A division of the original congregation was made for the purpose of forming two separate and distinct organizations, and new churches were built in Feura Bush and Unionville in 1825.

***These pews were sometimes considered as belonging to the land on which the owner lived, so that when the farm changed ownership, the church pew did also.***

In February of 1826 the simply styled white church building at Feura Bush, with its tall steeple, was dedicated by the second minister to serve the congregation, the Rev. Samuel Kissam. He also served the First Reformed Church at Selkirk during the years he was pastor at Feura Bush. The original building is still serving the congregation as a house of worship, but when originally built was somewhat smaller than at present, its length being extended 17 feet in 1871. The church originally had box pews with doors and a gallery that extended around three sides. There were clear glass windows with an arched Gothic top. These windows were later replaced by the leaded stained glass windows that were given as memorials to former members of the congregation. The original clear windows in the belfry room remain, however, to give indication of how the building must have looked in earlier times.

The pews were owned outright by those who sat in them and families paid \$150 to \$200 depending on the location of their pew in the church. It is of interest to note that these pews were sometimes considered as belonging to the land on which the owner lived, so that when the farm changed ownership, the church was remodeled and the pews were declared church property and were rented to families until 1914.

Another interesting person who came back to assist the congregation many times after he had left their pastorate was the Rev. Staats Van Santvoord. He



The Jerusalem Church's belfry and steeple as they stand today.

ministered to the Jerusalem people from 1844 to 1845, at various times during these same years holding the pastorate at the New Salem and the Onesquethaw churches. He resided in New Baltimore and would come up on a Saturday and stay overnight with some parishioner in order to be able to preach in the churches on Sunday morning and afternoon. It is said that he was short in stature, dark-complexioned and heavyset, but he must have been long on energy and endurance.

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The records of these years were handwritten in a fine script and kept in a cowhide-covered ledger. In September of 1844 it was moved to erect sheds to better accommodate the members of the congregation who came to church with horse and buggy or wagon. The building

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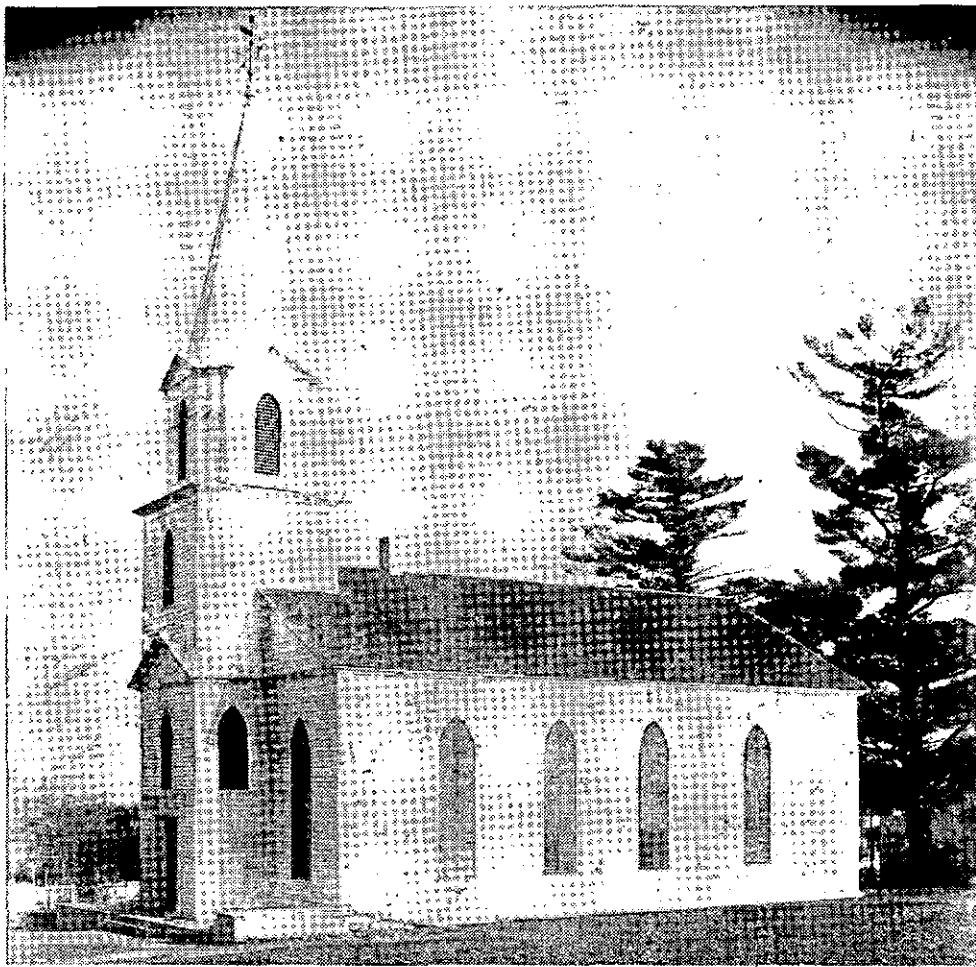
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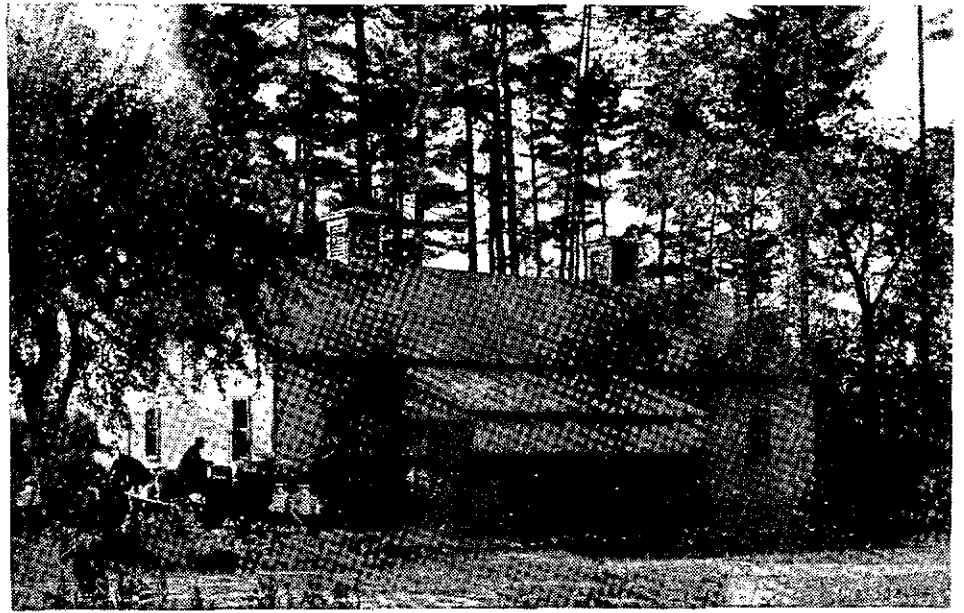


The Jerusalem Reformed Church as it appeared after it was lengthened, in 1871. The carriage block near the entrance was used when alighting from a carriage or wagon.

was to be paid for by the subscribers and a shed of 12 stalls was constructed in that year. It was also moved that a singing school would be conducted at the church, if it was held in the daylight hours, so that congregational singing might be improved. It also was voted to purchase a pall for the use of the congregation. This was a cloth of somber color, sometimes trimmed with fringe, used at funerals to drape the plain pine coffin as it rested in the church. The pall was rented when needed by the family of the deceased. Another meaning of the word is also the

coffin itself, from which comes the term pall-bearer.

Today there are two or three classical meetings a year held in the various churches comprising the Albany classis. The pastor and an elder from each church attend these meetings and they are always preceded by a dinner for the delegates, served by the host church. This is not a recent innovation because we find in the records that the women of Jerusalem church did just such a project in the year 1845 when the classis met at the Feura Bush church.



Farmers brought their milk to the creamery at Feura Bush to be made into butter by George Rothaup. The butter was sold in Albany and the farmers received a percentage of the price. The skim milk was taken back to the farm and fed to the young pigs. This view is about 1900.

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Ithaca College — Janet Van Woert, Delmar.

Hobart College — Timothy Todd Ellis (magna cum laude with honors) and Richard DuBois Hulme, Delmar.

New Hampshire College — Lisa Baker, Delmar.

## A wider opportunity

A Senior Girl Scout from Delmar will participate in a Girl Scout Wider Opportunity this summer.

Janet Joachim of Troop 542 will be part of "Cultural Kaleidoscope," a program studying the ethnic and cultural diversity of New York City, sponsored by the Morris Area Girl Scout Council in New Jersey. The program is held June 26 through July 29 at St. Elizabeth's College in New Jersey.

Janet, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Joachim, has been involved in Girl Scouting for eight years and recently received the Girl Scout Silver Award. She has completed her freshman year at Bethlehem Central High School, where she was a member of Stage 700, musical theater group. Janet works in the Bethlehem Public Library children's room and at the Empire State Institute of Performing Arts.

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Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

**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.

**Voorheesville Board of Education** meets second Monday of each month, 7:30 p.m., at the district offices in the high school, Rt. 85A, Voorheesville.

**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.

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

**FISH**, Tri-Village 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 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.

**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.

**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.

**Second Milers**, second Wednesdays, Delmar Methodist Church, 12:30 p.m. except June, July and August. Reservations, 439-3569.

**Bethlehem Youth Employment Service**, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 8:30 - noon during the summer. Call 439-2238.

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

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

**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.).

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Pat Jukins at 439-8096.

**Welcome Wagon**, newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon

visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

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

**Project Hope**, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

**American Legion** meets first Mondays at Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, at 9 p.m., except July, August.

**La Leche League of Delmar**, meets one Wednesday each month to share breastfeeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breastfeeding information, 439-2343.

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### WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27

**New Scotland Elks Lodge** meet second and fourth Wednesdays at 8 p.m.

**Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxillary**, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Come Into the Garden, Maude," and evening in a Victorian parlor by WMHT, 5:30 p.m.; "Chinese Cooking," 6:30 p.m.

**Farmers' Market**, fruits, vegetables, flowers, baked goods and crafts, weekly, rain or shine, through October, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 4-7 p.m.

### THURSDAY, JUNE 28

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

**Town Senior Citizens Picnic**, sponsored by Albany Senior Service Center, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 1 p.m. \$2.60 reservations at Bethlehem Senior Citizens meetings.

"The Kids Are All Right," The Who's classis rock film opens 3-part chemical-free series, Elm Ave. Park lawn, 9 p.m. Free for town teenagers.

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

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, Tuesday and Thursday meetings give lab and excavation experience for regular volunteers, old Waldenmaier building, Feura Bush Rd., just south of Town Park, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 439-4258.

**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Palestinian Christian Rev. Faud Bahnan and his wife discuss the Middle East, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, 7:45 p.m.

### FRIDAY, JUNE 29

**Farmers' Market**, Fridays at St. Thomas Church parking lot, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**Night Swimming**, pool hours extended until 10 p.m. on 3 consecutive Fridays, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Video Graphics," 5:30 p.m.; "KBDA News," a program about the people and land of Argentina, 6 p.m.; "The Bethlehem Channel," 6:30 p.m.

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

### SATURDAY, JUNE 30

**Water Study Programs**, "Sharing Pond Explorations With Your Children," 10 a.m., \$1 registration; "Rhythms in a Pond," 2 p.m., free, outdoors at Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Information, 457-6092.

**Adult Running Clinic** and fun run for new and experienced runners, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 7:30 a.m. \$3 registration.

### SUNDAY, JULY 1

**Cedar Hill Schoolhouse Museum**, 19th century textiles display, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, summer Sunday hours 2-5 p.m. through October.

### MONDAY, JULY 2

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Bethlehem Bijou" premiere, Carol Lillis discusses Alfred Hitchcock's film "The Man Who Knew Too Much," 7 p.m.

**International Festival at the Bethlehem Preschool**, visit homes and taste foods from around the world all week, at the school, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

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

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

**Temple Chapter 5 RAM**, first and third Mondays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

## 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

"Desert Song" (Romberg's operetta), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, June 27 through July 8 (Wednesday-Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday 5 and 8:30 p.m., Sunday 2 and 7 p.m.). Reservations 392-9292.

"Who's Afraid of Virginia Woolf?" (Edward Albee's drama staged by Circle Repertory Company), Saratoga Performing Arts Center, July 3 through July 21. Tickets and information, SPAC box office, 587-3330.

"Ghosts" (Ibsen's drama), Woodstock Playhouse, Rts. 375 and 212 in Woodstock, June 26-28, 8:30 p.m. except Sundays at 7 p.m. Reservations, (914) 679-2436.

"The Odd Couple" The Theatre Barn, New Lebanon, through July, (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m.; Sundays 2 and 7 p.m.). Box Office, 794-8989.

### MUSIC

Old Songs Festival of Traditional Music and Dance, Altamont Fairgrounds, with more than 30 performers, plus workshops, participatory dancing, storytelling, children's activities and crafts. June 29, gates open 6 p.m., concert 7:30 p.m.; June 30, gates open 10 a.m., concert 7:30 p.m.; July 1, gates open 10 a.m., gospel sing 10:30 a.m., concert 4 p.m.

### OPERA

"The Student Prince" (Romberg operetta staged by Glimmerglass Opera Theater), Cooperstown High School, Cooperstown, June 30, July 3, 5, 7, and 10, 8 p.m.; July 1 and 8, 4 p.m. Box office, (607) 547-2255.

### DANCE

Chicago City Ballet, Woodstock Playhouse, June 30 and July 2, 8:30 p.m., July 1, 7 p.m. Box office, (914) 679-2436.

"New Views and Debuts" (dancers from American Ballet Theatre, National Ballet of Canada and San Francisco Ballet), Jacob's Pillow, Lee, Mass., through June 30, Performances Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m., Fridays 8:30 p.m. and Saturdays 2 and 8:30 p.m. Box office, (413) 243-0745.

The Bucket Dance Theatre (modern dance company), Jacob's Pillow, July 3 through July 7, Wednesdays and Thursdays, 8 p.m., Fridays 8:30 p.m., Saturdays, 2 and 8:30 p.m. Box Office, (413) 243-0745.

### ART

Fence Show Selections, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through July 21.

"Small, Small World" (a sampling of miniature portraits), Albany Institute of History and Art, through Aug. 31.

"The Art of the Hyndman Family" (recent works on paper and sculpture), The Casino, Congress Park, Saratoga Springs, through Aug. 4.

"Recent Acquisitions" (works by Nevelson, Dine, Carter, Altman, Hayslette and Schmader), Posters Plus Gallery, Robinson Square, Albany.

M.A. Thesis Exhibitions, Univeristy Art Gallery, State University Plaza, Broadway, Albany, through July 12.

Contemporary Triptychs, Blum Art Institute, Bard College, Annandale-on-Hudson, through July 15.

"Through Their Eyes: Three Shaker Collectors," Shaker Museum, Old Chatam, opens July 1.

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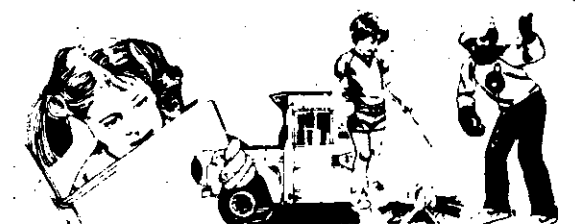
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**Al-Anon Group**, support for relatives of alcoholics, meets Mondays at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581/

**TUESDAY, JULY 3**

**Bethlehem Lodge 1096 F & AM**, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

**Bethlehem Sportsman's Club**, first Tuesdays, Five Rivers Environmental Center, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

**"The Magic Sword,"** film at Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m. Free.

**Preschool Storyhour**, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 7 p.m. for bedtime stories.

**WEDNESDAY, JULY 4**

**Town Park Family Day**, with chicken barbecue, jazz, baking contest (\$2 entry, 11 a.m. judging), parent-child tennis tournament, square dancing and free admission to pool at Bethlehem Elm Ave. Park, 9:30 a.m.-9 p.m.

**Town-Village Holiday**, Voorheesville village hall, New Scotland town hall, Bethlehem town hall and landfill closed, garbage collection postponed until tomorrow.

**THURSDAY, JULY 5**

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Bethlehem Bijou" with Carol Lillis, 11 a.m.

**Outdoor Fern Investigation**, guided tour identifies local fern species, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

**FRIDAY, JULY 6**

**Elmwood Park Fire District**, first Fridays, North Bethlehem firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., 7:30 p.m.

**Night Swimming**, pool hours extended until 10 p.m. on 3 consecutive Fridays, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Video Graphics," 5:30 p.m.; "KDBA News," 6 p.m.; "Family Shots," an adult comedy drama by Steve Swartz, 6:30 p.m.

**Country Fair**, 2-weekends of games and rides sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Unionville fire house.

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**

**Drive-It-Yourself Tour of Rural Albany County**, 5 farm stops, demonstrations and trip through Partridge Run Game Management Area, starts from Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For tour booklets, 765-3635.

**SUNDAY, JULY 8**

**Drive-It-Yourself Tour of Rural Albany County**, starts from Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. For tour booklet, 765-3635.

**MONDAY, JULY 9**

**Animals at the Bethlehem Pre-school**, all week at the school, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

**TUESDAY, JULY 10**

**Slingerlands Home Bureau**, second Tuesday of each month, Delmar Reformed Church, 7:30 p.m.

**Slingerlands Fire District**, second Tuesdays at Slingerlands Fire Station, 8 p.m.

**Outdoor Canadian Goose Study**, guided walking tour visits local nesting sites, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Free; information, 457-6092.

**Canning Workshop**, Cooperative Extension class on making fruit and vegetable preserves, Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon or 7-9 p.m. For \$1 registration, 765-2874.

**WEDNESDAY JULY 11**

**Bethlehem Elks Auxillary**, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. second Wednesday of month.

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**WEDNESDAY, JUNE 27**

**FATHERING: A New Look at an Old Role**, Ladies night meeting, of Helderberg Kiwanis Club, Rensselaerville Institute, 8:30 p.m.

**Farmers' Market**, fresh fruits and vegetables, Wednesdays through Nov. 14, outdoors at Empire state Plaza, 11:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JUNE 28**

**Concerned Citizens of Hope House**, self-help and support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m.

**Manufacturers Hanover Corporate Challenge**, 3.5 mile road race for fulltime employees of corporations, businesses, government and financial institutions, outdoors at Empire State Plaza, 6 p.m.

**SATURDAY, JUNE 30**

**"Summer Days on the Hudson,"** narrated slide program about 19th century art prints, Guggenheim auditorium, Rensselaerville Institute, 8 p.m. Free.

**Red Men** (oldest patriotic organization in U.S.), second Wednesday, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

**THURSDAY, JULY 12**

**Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxillary**, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at the fire house, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Memorial V.F.W. Post 3185** meets second Thursday of each month, post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-9836.

**New Scotland Democratic Social Club**, second Thursdays at Meads Corners, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m.

**"The Grateful Dead" — Live at Radio City Music Hall**, classic rock film is part of chemical-free series, Elm Ave. Park lawn, 9 p.m. Free for town teenagers.

**The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast**, "Bethlehem Bijou" with Carol Lillis, 11 a.m. On cable channel 16.

**FRIDAY, JULY 13**

**Night Swimming**, pool hours extended until 10 p.m., Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.

**Country Fair**, games and rides sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Unionville fire house.

**eba Dance Theater Auditions**, for new company members and apprentices, Chapter House Theater, Lark St. and Hudson Ave., Albany, noon for men, 2 p.m. for women. Information, 465-9916.

**Coeymans Hollow Field Day**, firematic competition, games of chance, chicken barbecue, block dance, at the firehouse, Rt. 143, 1:30-11:30 p.m. Free admission.

**MONDAY, JULY 2**

**Red Cross Bloodmobile**, in Courtroom 2, the Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

**Expectant Parent's Night**, tour facilities and meet hospital staff, St. Peter's Hospital cafeteria, 7:30 p.m. Information, 454-1515.

**TUESDAY, JULY 3**

**"Silk Stockings,"** film musical starring Fred Astaire and Cyd Charisse, Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 2 and 7:30 p.m.

**Parents Without Partners**, informational meeting, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

**FRIDAY, JULY 6**

**Antique Flea Market**, 150-acre antique showplace today and tomorrow, Gordeon Reid's Pine Grove Farm, Duanesburg, Schoenectady County, \$2 admission; information, 895-2300.

**Hunter Mountain Italian Festival**, Jerry Vale, Julius LaRosa, Tony Darrow and Donni Cellini headline weekend ethnic musical gala, at the mountain, Rt. 23A, Thruway Exit 21, Catskill. Information, 263-f3800.

**SATURDAY, JULY 7**

**Festival Day**, arts and crafts displays, activities for young people, Junior Museum, North Troy, 2-4 p.m. Free; information, 235-2120.

**A Shaker Weekend at State Museum**, demonstrations of Shaker chair taping, spinning and weaving, basket-making, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 1-4 p.m. Free.

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**July 6, Friday Free legal clinic** at Town Hall, 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., appointment required, call Town Hall, 439-4955, to make appointment. Van will transport those who need a ride; call van number to arrange transportation.

**July 25, Trip to Golden Fox Restaurant** for dinner, then to Colonie Coliseum for Osmond Brothers performance. Reservations required; information at senior citizen organization meetings.

**every Monday:** Grocery Shopping at Delaware Plaza for residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands 9:00-11:30 a.m.

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Barbara Pickup 767-9225

## RCS scores in Albany

Forty-nine students from RCS Junior High School participated in the Language Arts Olympics held recently at the Empire State Plaza. Over 30 schools competed in such events as creative computers, drama, literary illustrations, puppets, creative writing and extemporaneous speaking. Receiving awards were Jennifer Keenan, first place in Literary Illustrations, grades 4-6; Wendy Parker, first place and Denise Guthrie second place in Literary Illustrations, grades 7-9; Tamie Stalker, Cherie Stalker, Hollie Hamilton and Melissa Roberts, second place honorable mention in Extemporaneous Speaking. The RCS Junior High received an award and a gift of a dictionary for the library for sending the second highest number of participants to the Olympics. Barbara Ryan, Dawn Sherman and Barbara Pape coordinated the program for the junior high.

## Grange craft fair meets

The Christmas-in-July craft fair planned by the Bethlehem Grange for July 14 is shaping up to be an exceptional event. Anyone who hasn't already made

arrangements for a booth and would like to be part of the sale is urged to contact Mrs. Helen Raynor, 767-2770, without delay. The craft fair will be held from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. at the grange hall, Rt. 396, Beckers Corners, Selkirk. Ample space is still available outside or within the building for anyone who wishes to rent a booth to display handcrafted or home-made items. In addition, the grange will be conducting a bake sale, and their kitchen will be providing a luncheon of pizza, hot dogs, hamburgers and other items.

## Competing in kayak races

A brief message has been received from Robert Underwood, science teacher at the RCS Junior High School who is currently competing in world championships as a member of the U.S. white water kayaking team. Completing the first "leg" of the circuit in West Germany, the group placed 11th in team events. In individual competition in the World Championships Underwood placed 32 and 46.

## Pre-schoolers 'graduate' in Selkirk

While graduation exercises have been a common occurrence in recent weeks, it's

almost certain the one held recently at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem for the students in the Creative Play Pre-School was one of the most enjoyable. Donning caps, the 3 and 4-year-olds received diplomas from their teacher Mrs. Sandra Newkirk, and assistant, Jackie Schrom. Receiving diplomas were Michele Wright, Andrea Boyajian, Karen Buckley, Caitlin Holmes, Timothy LaBlanc, Kevin Mastriano, Erik Searles, Tammy Jordan, Christopher Gnip, Jessica Stanton, Michael Jarevis, Casie Vagele, Adam Brittel, Joshua Beach, Nicki Terwilliger, Christopher Thorn and Brian Filkins.

A special portion of the ceremonies was devoted to a Parent of the Year award presented to Mr. and Mrs. Stanton for their dedication and willingness to assist the pre-school programs. Attended by many of the children's families and friends, the special occasion concluded with a picnic and a visit from "Teapot" the clown who enchanted the young graduates with magic tricks and balloon animals he created for them.

## Art projects accepted

Eighteen art students accompanied RCS Junior High art teacher Miss Vatalaro to the State Museum to attend the Imagination Celebration held there. The students took part in an Indian poetry workshop led by author and poet Joseph Bruchac. In the workshop students used visual imagery to write a poem to illustrate their thoughts of Indian life 400 years ago. Students did creative activities as they walked through the museum. School art teachers from all over the state submitted work to be exhibited in an art show.

Students from RCS who had work accepted for the show were Sona Quay of the A.W. Becker School and Dawn Mueller and Pauline Mayo of the Senior High School. A group project by Junior High School students depicting a giant hamburger was also accepted for this statewide show.

## Wilderness beckons

Jim Carnahan, formerly of Glenmont, will lead two wilderness journeys in the Adirondacks in August. The seven-day, co-ed trips will begin near Saranac Lake and end at Tupper Lake Village. No canoeing experience is required, but participants must be swimmers. Everything except sleeping bags will be provided at a cost of \$120 a person. For information, contact Nancy Smith, P.O. Box 144, Pangborn Rd., Delmar 12054.

# RCS budget is approved

The RCS school board will have two new faces next year and the first new president in a quarter of a century.

School district voters last week approved a \$10.3-million budget, elected James Gleason and Frank J. Filipone to the seven-member board, returned incumbent Sara J. Hunter to her seat, and approved two propositions on the ballot.

Gleason, a Glenmont resident who waged an aggressive campaign, unseated Prescott D. Archibald of Selkirk, who has been president of the board for the past 25 years and prior to that was president of the former Union Free School District for eight years. The vote was 830 to 531.

Filipone easily won a three-way race with Elaine A. Christopher and former board member Howard B. Engel for the seat vacated by Italo S. Frese, who did not seek reelection. The tally was Filipone 902, Engel 399 and Christopher 133. Hunter narrowly turned back the challenge of Philip M. Smith of Glenmont, 697 to 637.

The budget, calling for an increase of approximately \$550,000 — 5.7 percent — over current spending, was approved by a vote of 773 to 635. Bethlehem residents in the district will face a jump of \$3.44 per thousand valuation to a new rate of \$123.21. The rate for New Scotland residents will rise \$4.07 per thousand to \$206.45.

A controversial proposition to change the voting procedure for school board seats was approved by a 23-vote margin, 711 to 688. The change calls for candidates to run at-large rather than declare for individual seats, with the highest vote totals being declared winners.

A proposition to authorize \$195,000 for new roofing at the Becker School in Selkirk and a section of the RCS Senior High School was approved by 1,008 to 396.

## Canoe is found

Discovery by a Glenmont man of a 14-foot canoe with two paddles and two seat cushions on his Hudson River shorefront property Sunday caused a momentary scare, but Bethlehem police quickly located the owner, who said he had intended to come back for the canoe.



RCS seniors form a procession that marks the culmination of 13 years of study for a high school diploma. Tom Howes

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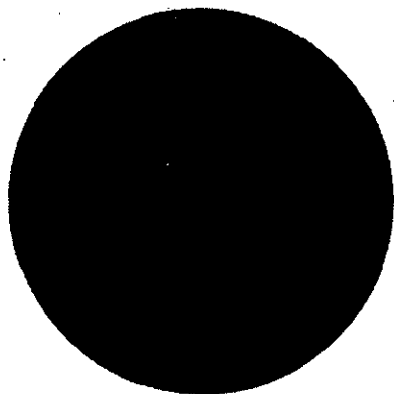
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# New parents support group meets

The first meeting of the newly formed community support group for parents will be held on Thursday, June 28, at 7:30 p.m. in the Voorheesville Area Ambulance building on Voorheesville Ave. The program, coordinated by area resident Sue Nachbar and Kathy Provencher of the Albany County Prevention, Education and Treatment Program, is aimed at giving parents a chance to ask questions, vent their feelings and share their experiences on any topic of interest to the group, from toilet training to substance abuse. All are invited to participate. Guidelines will be discussed at the first session, including groundrules that assure that participation in the group means "whatever is said at the meeting will remain at the meeting."

## Storytime at library

The Voorheesville Library has some cool ideas for the summer. On Tuesday, July 3, summer pre-school story hours begin and will be held on Tuesdays and Fridays at 10:30 a.m. at the library. On the evening of July 3 the library will hold its first bedtime story hour at 7 p.m. Children are invited to come with their teddy bears and listen to some quiet stories, songs and rhymes.

The Tuesday movie of the week will be shown on July 3 at 1 p.m. This week's feature film will be *The Magic Sword*.

Next week the first meetings of the summer reading club will take place, with students in grades K-3 meeting on Thursday, July 5, and those in grades 4-6 meeting on Friday, July 6. Both meetings will be held in the lower room of the library and will begin at 3 p.m. These will be craft meetings.

The pen-pal club will also meet on the same two days, beginning at 2 p.m.

## Senior Citizens hear speaker

The New Scotland Senior Citizens have a busy week planned, as usual. On Monday, the group visited Howe's Cavern. This evening (Wednesday) they will hold their regular meeting at 7 p.m. in the New Salem schoolhouse. Speaker will be Mary Jane Ten Eyck, who will address "Investing on a Fixed Income." All are

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Lyn Stapf 765-2451



welcome to this informational evening as guests of the seniors. Those wanting information call Lois Counce at 765-4109.

## Play ball or just play

The Village of Voorheesville Recreation Committee has more activities to add to the long list posted last week in this column. On Wednesdays from 10 a.m. until noon there will be a program of supervised activities for children 7 to 10 in the Scotch Pine park. This is a new program and if it proves successful may be expanded to include other village parks next summer.

On Tuesdays and Thursdays there will be a baseball clinic from 10 a.m. until noon at the grade school. Those between the ages of 12 and 15 are welcome.

For the older set, an adult basketball league will be run for men residing in the Voorheesville School District. Games will be played on Monday and Wednesday evenings starting at 6 p.m. Team entries were to be submitted by this past Monday, June 25.

Parents are reminded that during inclement weather the playgrounds and clinics will be cancelled. The playground will also close each day between noon and 1 p.m.

## Permit for home improvements

Planning on putting in a pool? Putting up a fence or adding on a deck? Village building inspector Jerry Gordinier advises that village residents before beginning construction should call his office at 765-4512 to see if a permit is required. The office is open from 9 a.m. until 2 p.m. Monday through Friday. Permit forms may be obtained at the village hall.

## Trash collections to be doubled

Summer is here with all the picnic, parties and extra trash of the season. To help clear away the clutter, the Village of Voorheesville, as in the past, is instituting a revised schedule of trash collection for the months of July and August. Beginning July 1 and running through the end of August, those routes now being collected on Thursday, will now have an extra pickup day every Monday.

Residents are reminded that during these weekly pickups only normal household trash and one bag of grass clippings will be taken.

## Guidance director appointed

G. Robert Quackenbush was recently appointed guidance director of Voorheesville Board of Education, replacing Kenneth George who has retired after 33 years of service to the district.

Quackenbush received his BS degree from SUNY-Cortland and his master's from SUNY-Albany. He has done graduate study in guidance and administration at SUNY-Albany, North Adams State College and SUNY-Buffalo. For the past 11 years he has served as guidance counselor at Linton High School in Schenectady, where he also served as part-time assistant principal for almost a year.

Prior to that time Quackenbush was a guidance counselor at Mont Pleasant High School for two years and also taught elementary physical education in the Guilderland School District for 11 years. A resident of Albany, he will begin his new duties on July 2.

## After the goose

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will conduct an outdoor study of the Canadian goose on Tuesday, July 10, at 7 p.m. The walking tour will examine the natural history of the goose and visit traditional nest sites on the center grounds. Registration is free, and sturdy hiking boots are suggested.

For information, call the center at 457-6092.



The joy of graduation shines in Susan Dunning during commencement ceremonies at Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville.

John Childs

## Consultant on travel

Cheryl Biernacki of Voorheesville has been appointed a travel counselor for Young Holidays Travel Agency in Albany. She is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton High School in Voorheesville and is a 1984 graduate of Herkimer Community College.

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# County to pay for water line

The Albany County Legislature has approved an agreement between the county and Voorheesville to pay the cost of installing a new water line on East Rd., just outside the village.

The agreement releases the county from potential claims from property owners in the area, who have complained that activities at the nearby county highway garage have contaminated their private water supplies.

The Voorheesville Village Board approved the new water line at its May meeting. The new line is not, as reported earlier in *The Spotlight*, the first ever permitted by the village for properties outside the village, although the village board has been reluctant to approve such taps in recent years.

According to village officials, approximately 100 non-village users receive water. Most of these are taps granted in the 1920s, except for the 1976 line on Swift Rd. to serve the town park and one other tap on East Rd.

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Deborah Goliber

## Honor for student

Deborah Goliber, daughter of Dr. Richard Goliber of Voorheesville, graduated last week as salutatorian of her class at Bishop Maginn High School in Albany. She had participated in many activities at Maginn, including Latin Club, yearbook, spring musical and served as statistician and scorekeeper for several varsity teams. She was editor of the school newspaper and recipient of a national journalism award. She received a national leadership award in 1984 and was named to Who's Who for the last two

years. Miss Goliber will attend Siena College in Loudonville in the fall as a recipient of a Siena Presidential Scholarship.

## Wet explorations

The Five Rivers Environmental Center in Delmar will present two programs for people who don't mind getting their feet wet on Saturday, June 30. "Sharing Pond Explorations With Your Children,"

which begins at 10 a.m., will introduce activities that children and adults can share while exploring the pond ecosystem. Preregistration is \$1, and families must come together.

"Rhythms in a Pond," which starts at 2 p.m., will be an investigation into the ever-changing characteristics of a pond and a first-hand exploration of freshwater ecology. It is free.

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Heineken Bottle Beer	1.90	1.79

Soft Drinks	Reg. Price	Spec. Price
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# The power of paying attention

Ever notice the electricity that sparks around a guy and a girl who have spied each other across a crowded room for the first time conveying that unspoken message, "You're the one I've been dreaming of?" In fact, the phenomenon was so apparent that one of the colloquial terms for courting in the early part of this century was "sparking." It is not uncommon to describe someone in love as having a radiant glow around them.

When human beings pay attention to one another, energy is generated. The stare of an eye, the call of a name, the touch of a hand all produce an unmistakable force as yet to be measured by scientific methods. We can only observe it and experience it with those senses we possess that have yet to be located and labelled.

The energy created and transmitted by human attention also has its negative side. Think about those tension-filled moments in school when the teacher asked an impossible question and then scanned the classroom for a victim to attempt an answer. Or walking down the street while a gang of the Ten Most Wanted in the neighborhood size you up from across the street. Or sitting quietly in your room dreaming about scuba

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diving the Great Barrier Reef when suddenly you hear your name cut through the underwater stillness of your fantasy with the parental tone that signals one of your dastardly deeds of wrongdoing has been discovered, and the piper is about to be paid.

As a musician I remember the difference in playing to a full house or to the bartender, his girlfriend and a drunk at the end of the bar. The power of a crowd can be awe-inspiring or devastating, and I played with bands that experienced both. There is truth in the statement that "the audience is the other member of the band." Just listen to the excitement of a recorded live concert.

Human attention is powerful stuff. It is nothing less than food for growth, except it is taken in and digested by our personalities rather than our bodies,

what might be called a "psychic nutrient." Studies have shown that without it, newborns develop unmistakable signs of clinical depression and can, indeed, shrivel and die.

Transactional Analysis, an approach to human relationships popularized by the book "I'm Okay, You're Okay," measures human attention in terms of "strokes," positive, negative and discounts. Positive strokes consist of any act of recognition which in turn make the person feel good. Negative strokes, like punishment or criticism, leave you feeling badly. Discounts are those times when attention could have or should have been paid, but wasn't. Discounts are acts of non-recognition, like rejections, snubs and neglect.

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Followers of TA note that when one has a choice between negative strokes and discounts, the usual choice will be a negative stroke, because discounts hurt more. It explains why a child who receives little or no praise from his parents very often misbehaves, seemingly begging for punishment. It's better than being ignored.

One of the most critical conclusions I have reached about this phenomenon of the power of human attention is that whatever is attended to will grow, positive or negative. Simply put, if you focus and concentrate and respond to your flaws, your weaknesses, your inferior qualities, they will get bigger. If you discount your strengths, your superior qualities, then they will shrivel. The danger in that is you will no longer have your own healthy resources to counteract your problems or your dysfunctions, and your weak self will begin to dominate your entire being.

If, however, you feed your abilities and your good sense with daily doses of your own attention, not only will those strengths thrive, but you will also find them attracting the attention of others, because human strength is very attractive.

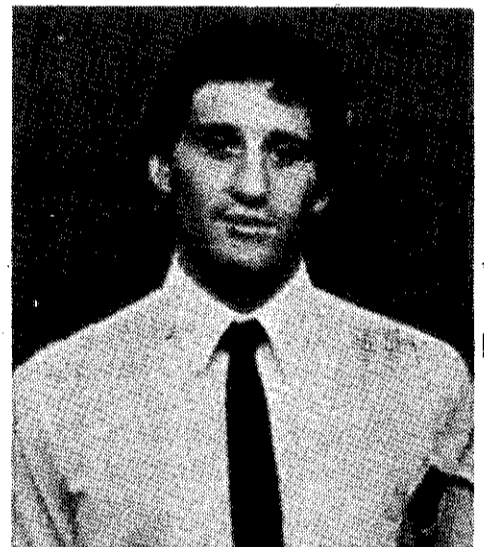
It is important, however, to know your weaknesses so that they can be dealt with. By no means should they be ignored entirely. But when you try to do something about them, it will be your strength that overcomes the weakness, so that in the end it will be your abilities rather than your disabilities which will be the center of your attention.

In therapy the distinction is also made between working with ego strengths and focusing on personality problems. The former is called "supportive therapy," the latter is called "analysis." Some therapists do primarily one or the other, some do both, but whatever the approach, it is the individual's ability to focus and call on his or her own personal strengths that will successfully overcome the weaknesses.

So pay attention to your strong points and make them grow. Identify your weak points and then return your attention to those strengths that will either replace or neutralize the weaknesses. As you do this more often, you'll find your family and friends responding to you in the same way. Your attention is powerful and dynamic, so invest it wisely and your stock in yourself will grow and prosper.

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A few weeks ago, my wife eagerly set about preparing and planting a garden from which we hope to enjoy fresh vegetables at our meals as the summer progresses. Soon there were signs that the seeds had begun to grow, as plants appeared above the ground. Each day, there was further growth and we could envision the ultimate results.

Then, during a particularly dry spell, the growth seemed to stall. Days went by, and the plants were still at the same level. There were no new signs of potential fruition. In fact, we began to wonder if our vegetable plants would be stunted and we would end up with nothing to show for the effort invested.

One day, following a refreshing rain, we noticed that progress was being made once more. The garden began to shoot up again, and the hope we had nearly given up was restored. Our table will be graced with the produce of the soil. Of this we have been reassured.

From time to time, I have noticed the same cycle in my own relationship to God. Many years ago I came to a realization of the power and the grace of God at work in my life. I made a commitment to myself to the rule of God and found wonder and joy in the presence of God. For a long time, I felt a deepening of the spiritual power within me.

At some point, however, I began to feel that the growth of this faithful relationship had been stunted. The joy I had once known had levelled off, had even become stagnant. Had God deserted me, I

wondered? Had I been brought so far only to go no further?

Thus, I was faced with a transition point in faith. Either I could turn away from that which had once been so real. Or I could trust in God — and wait, wait for spiritual renewal.

I found support in the compassion and love of people of faith. Drawing upon the deep well of past experience, I reminded myself — and was reminded by the supportive community of faith — that even when it seems that God is absent, that is when we need to trust his faithfulness.

The prophet Isaiah told Israel that those who wait upon the Lord shall find their strength renewed. They will rise up as an eagle's wings; they shall walk, and not faint. Only as we rest in the Lord, trusting God's faithfulness, can we continue to grow in faith.

God was true to the promise. As I invested my faith, weak though it was, in the object of my faith, I did indeed find spiritual renewal. The fallow days of my soul did yield to a stronger sense of God in my life — stronger because I now knew how much I need God's Spirit within and around me.

In the film *Excaliber*, King Arthur is worn and exhausted when the Holy Grail is brought to him that he might drink. He looks to his benefactor and says, "I did not know how empty was my soul until it was filled." We may not know how strong

is our need for God until, having gone through a dark night, our soul is once more filled.

We need despair of God's love in those days when it seems absent. If we continue to wait upon God, resting on our trust in divine faithfulness, we may soon be overwhelmed with joy, finding ourselves rising up on eagles' wings.

## Grange elects

Mrs. William Stapf was elected secretary at the June 9 meeting of the Bethlehem Grange. The rest of the 1983-84 slate of officers was re-elected.

The group voted to send Randy Dropher to the state Grange Leadership School. Mrs. Winston Raynor will be attending the school in her capacity of Pomona grange lecturer.

Persons interested may contact Mrs. Raynor at 767-2770 regarding the rental of tables at the July 14 crafts fair, at the Grange Hall. Mrs. Raynor is also taking entries for the needlework and toy contests.

## Vacation Bible

The Glenmont Community Church, Reformed and the Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church will join in conducting a daily vacation bible school July 25-29. A program of Bible lessons, songs, crafts and activities will provide fun for children from age 4 through middle school. Participants may choose from activities such as cooking, small engine repair, ceramics, a week in the woods, insect collecting, macrame and mini-crafts.

Classes will be held at the church, 1 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. daily. Parents and friends are invited to an open house on Thursday evening from 7 to 8 p.m. Children may share in an offering to help provide canned goods for a local food pantry.

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Results June 21

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 Methodist 21, Albany 7  
 St. Thomas II 17, Beth. Community 14  
 Delmar Reformed 7, Clarksville 3  
 Westerlo 6, New Scotland 4  
 Glenmont 12, Voorheesville 9  
 Presbyterian 17, Wynantskill 3

	W	L		W	L
St. Tom II	7	1	Wynantskill	3	4
St. Thomas	7	1	Del. Reform.	3	5
Glenmont	7	1	Bethany	3	5
Westerlo	6	2	Methodist	2	5
Voorville	5	2	New Scot.	2	6
Presby.	5	2	Clarksville	0	8
Beth. Com.	4	4	Albany	0	8

## Voorheesville Babe Ruth

Standings June 24

	W	L		W	L
Mets	5	1	Dodgers	3	4
Foley's	5	2	Spotlight	2	5
St. Matth.	5	2	Kiwanis	0	7
Rod & Gun	4	3			

## Tri-Village Little League

Standings June 24

### Major League

	W	L		W	L
Farm Fam.	10	2	Gen. Elect.	5	5
Spotlight	8	4	Main Care	2	9
Price Grn.	7	5	Roberts Rty.	2	9

### Intermediate League

	W	L	National	W	L
American	8	3	Handy Andy	8	2
Sutter's	5	5	Del. Answer	5	5
Main Care	5	6	Gen. Elect.	5	6
Paper Mill	3	8	Stewarts	3	8

### Junior League

	W	L		W	L
McDon'd	10	1	Be. Auto. L.	4	9
Pratt Vail	10	2	Klery Rty.	2	9
Prof. Kitch	6	5	Hoogy's	2	10

Ties - Majors - Main Care, GE  
 Juniors - Klery, Prof. Kitchen.

## Baseball camp

Tony Rossi, head baseball coach at Siena College, will conduct a baseball camp at Bleecker Stadium for boys aged 9 to 16 in July. The two sessions of the 9 a.m. to 3 p.m. day program will run from July 9 to 13 and from July 16 to 20. Applicants may sign up for one or both sessions, and family rates are available. For registration information, call Rossi at 355-6233.



Among the hundreds at Bethlehem Youth Soccer's all-age tournament Saturday were youngsters, left, who defended the goal from every possible angle, but parents shoed them away from an otherwise idle lacrosse goal on the BC field.

Tom Howes photos



## Art out of doors

Heldeberg Workshop in Voorheesville is offering a variety of art courses during its first summer session, July 16 to 27. They include a "kaleidoscope of art"

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## Early morning run

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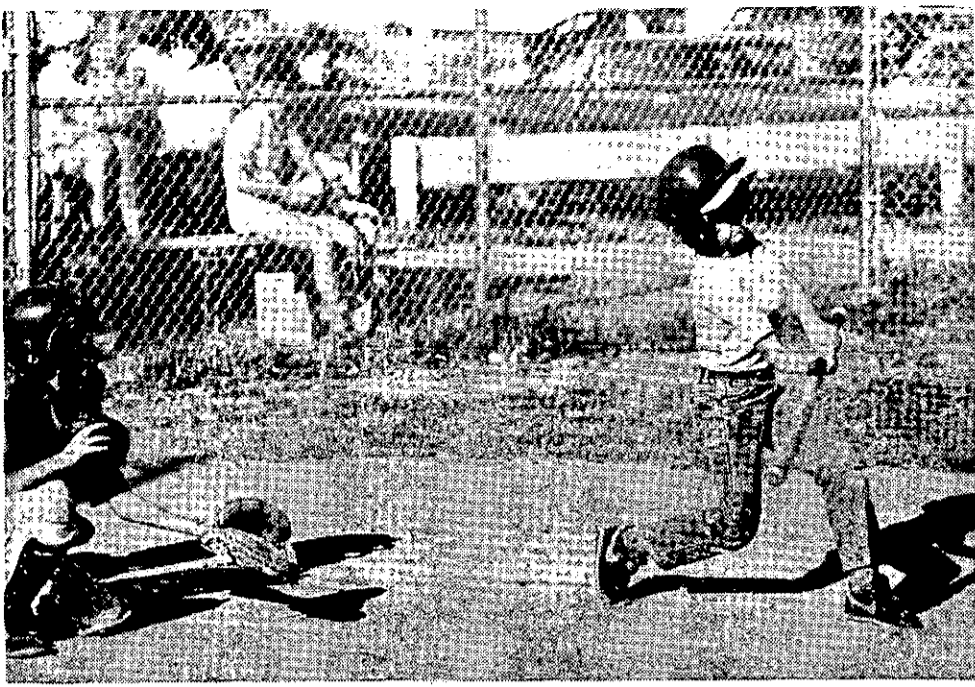
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## A 3-way race for Mets, St. Matts and Foleys

A dogfight among the leaders has tightened the pennant race in Voorheesville Babe Ruth baseball, with three teams bunched half a game apart as of the weekend. The Mets came to first place with a 9-8 win over St. Matthew's after dropping a 9-8 decision to Rod and Gun. Meanwhile Foley's, tied for second with St. Matthew's, eked out a 9-7 win over Kiwanis, and St. Matthew's, led by John Meacham's four singles and Chuck Giantasio's two-run homer, took Kiwanis by 12-2. Giantasio also belted a two-run circuit shot against the Mets.

Rod and Gun picked up ground on the leaders with wins over the Mets, 9-8, and Spotlight, 11-5. Orion Colfer had two singles in the first game. Ken Andriano struck out 10 Spotlight batters in the second game and Jamie Cohen had a

two-bagger. Rich Kane had two singles and Brendan Burke a double for the losers. Earlier in the week Spotlight out-slugged the Dodgers, 17-15, as Jason White unloaded a triple, double and single and Tim Burke and Wes Knapp each had a home run. Ned Greene had three hits for the Dodgers.

### Picked on team

Lynda Stokoe of Slingerlands has been named to the Adirondack Region field hockey open team for the Empire State Games in Syracuse Aug. 15-19, according to an announcement by Mrs. Terry Martin of Queensbury High School, region open chairman.

Also picked were two Ravena players, Janet Bourguignon and Debra Malone. The team is coached by Addy Malatesta of SUNY-Potsdam.

Stokoe, a 1983 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, played four years of varsity hockey at BC and last year was a member of the varsity team at Herkimer Community College. She is the daughter of John and Barbara Stokoe of Bradford Pl., Slingerlands.

## Farm Family notches 2

Farm Family continued to dominate Tri-Village Little League play last week, defeating Price Greenleaf, 9-2, and Spotlight, 15-6. Pitching was the story in the first game as Farm Family ace Pat Doody threw a one-hitter, struck out 11 and hit a home run. Bob Griffin of Price Greenleaf threw nine strikeouts in defeat. Albert Greenhalgh sparked Farm Family's offense with two doubles and a single.

In Saturday's battle for first place with Spotlight, hitting was Farm Family's story as Jamie Dillon, Al Greenhalgh, Scott Hodge, Steve Millet and Quimby McCaskill had key hits. Kyle Snyder smashed two doubles in defeat.

Spotlight split the week's decisions

with a 13-0 trouncing of Main Care. Jeff D'Arcy had two singles and Russ Loder powered a homer and two singles. Jamie Mizener stymied Main Care hitters, scattering three hits while striking out 10.

General Electric won a scorcher Saturday over Main Care, 5-3. David Sodergren had a single and double as GE marched to their fifth win against five losses. Bob Kells had three hits for Main Care while whiffing 12.

In Friday's contest, Price Greenleaf beat Roberts Realty, 8-2. Big hitters included Greg Weinert, Mike Blanchard and Jay Tarbell for Price Greenleaf. Greenleaf's Scott Fish fanned nine while walking one. John Hoffman threw no-hit ball for three innings for Roberts.

Seth Graham

### Vandalism at park

Police are searching for vandals who caused an estimated \$100 damage to a drinking fountain at Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, peeled the bark from a maple tree valued at \$300, and caved in the forms for the new rest rooms near the tennis courts.



John Schoch, right, a veteran umpire in the Bethlehem Baseball League (who is not retiring) received a special award last week, along with Jack Dalton, second from right, manager of the 1983 champions, Andriano's. At left are Bruce Austin, league president, and Phil Maher, director of parks and recreation for the town. Tom Howes

## Youngsters in track meet

Voorheesville Elementary School had a good day in the 13th elementary school track meet held earlier this month at Bethlehem Central under the auspices of the Capital Zone of the New York State Association of Health, Physical Education and Recreation. Competing against a number of area schools, Aaron Williams won the long-jump and Greg Gainor placed second; Adrienne Ford got a third in the 100-yard dash and

David Munyan was third in the 600-yard run.

Other participants who placed among the first six in relays and individual events were Nickie Leach, Amy Long, Jill Sala, Ted Belcer, Scott Harms, Tod Rockmore, Joe Tyrell, James Kane, Chris Clark, Christina Herzog, Krista Wagner, Tracey Stevens, Sheri Fender, Paul Novak, Chris McDermott, Charles Russo and Danny Coons.

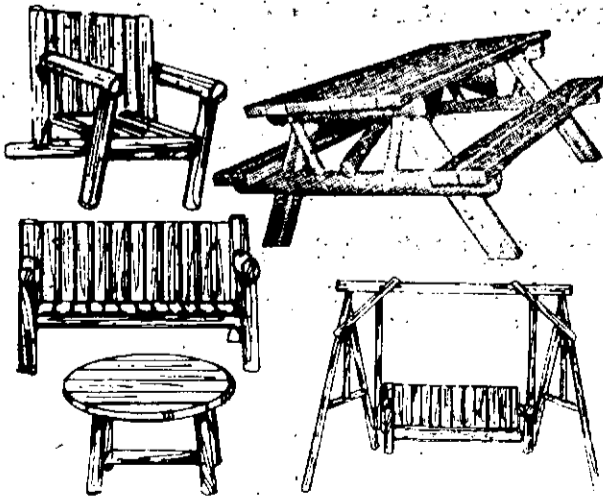
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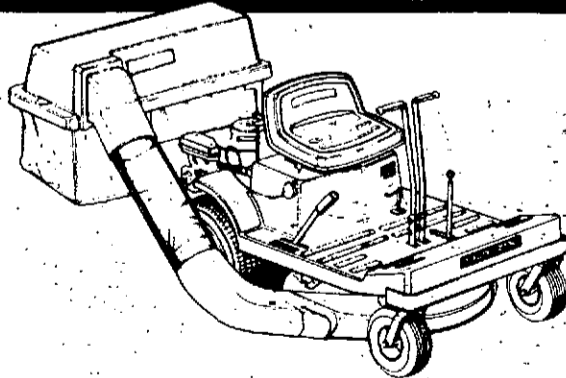


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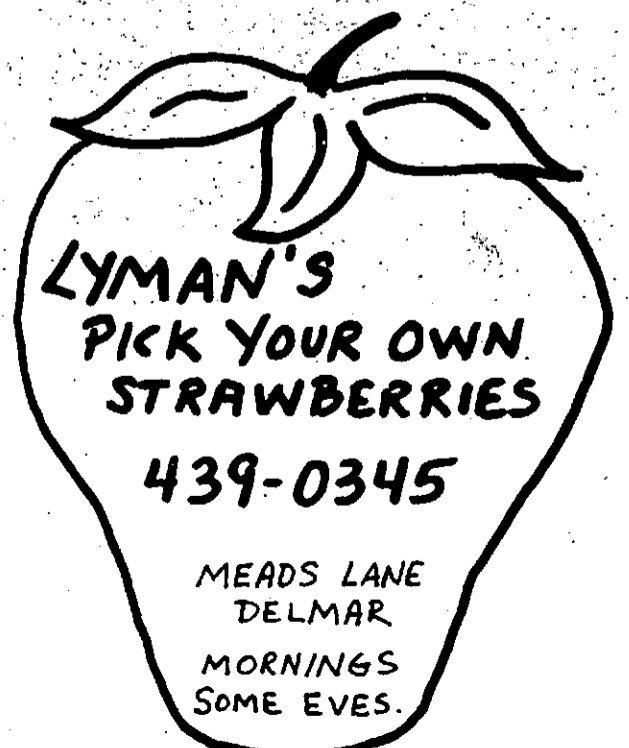
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Volunteers in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland answered seven fire calls and 22 ambulance calls during the week from June 13 to June 20.

Delmar Fire Dept: 2 fire calls.

Delmar Rescue Squad: 9 ambulance calls.

Slingerlands Fire Dept.: 0 fire calls.

Selkirk Fire Dept., No. 1, 2 & 3: 1 fire call.

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Company: 5 ambulance calls.

North Bethlehem Fire Dept.: 1 fire call.

Voorheesville Fire Dept.: 1 fire call.

Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance: 6 ambulance calls.

Onesquethaw Fire Dept.: 0 fire calls.

Onesquethaw Fire Dept. Rescue Squad: 2 ambulance calls.

New Salem Fire Dept.: 1 fire call.

Fifteen members of the Elsmere Fire Dept. completed a 24-hour Cause and Origin Arson Investigation Course last month. The advanced course, conducted by the state Office of Fire Prevention and Control, included a training fire of a fully furnished room set up at the Bethlehem Fire Training Tower.

This past week has been a busy one for many of our firefighters. June 17 saw many of our local members head for the 78th annual conference of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs held at the Concord Hotel, Kiamesha Lake. In addition to the many speakers covering fire prevention and education, exhibitors had on display the latest in firefighting and rescue equipment.

It is interesting to note that the new future home of the New York State Association of Fire Chiefs is now under construction, with a target date of Sept. 1 for completion at Rts. 9 and 20 in the Town of Schodack. An open house and dedication is planned for September.

Many left the chiefs conference and headed for the Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Convention at Ballston Spa, convening on June 21. Many of our local fire departments and firefighters are members of the Hudson Valley Association.

Special auto registration plates now are available for volunteer firemen. The plates are available in two classifications — passenger and commercial.

The plates will be embossed with a Maltese cross, with the letters followed by selected numbers from 1 to 9999. Commercial plate requests will carry selected numbers from 1-9999 first and then the cross and the letters VF. Request forms may be obtained at local motor vehicle offices. A letter from the applicant's fire chief certifying that the applicant is an active member of the company should also accompany the completed form.

Fire fighters who wish to exchange plates for the new volunteer fire fighter plates will be charged \$20.25. There are approximately 200,000 active volunteer fire fighters in New York State.

The Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company's 18th annual country fair will be held in two parts, on the weekends of July 6-7 and July 13-14, at the Unionville firehouse. There will be games of skill and kiddie rides, and a special area for adult games of chance. Chicken barbecues will highlight both Saturdays from 4 to 8 p.m. Parking and admission are free.

The Coeymans Hollow firemen will be out of uniform on Saturday, June 30, when they sponsor their third annual field day at the firehouse on Rt. 143 in the Hollow. Among the events scheduled for the afternoon are a firematic competition at 1:30 p.m., games of chance at 2 p.m. and a chicken barbecue at 4:30 p.m. A block dance with music performed by "Kustom Country" begins at 7:30 p.m. Admission to the field day is free.

## Bicycle thefts

June 20 — Kenwood Ave., Delmar, next to house, not registered.

June 22 — Found damaged at Hudson Ave. and Delaware Ave., Delmar, not registered.

June 24 — Fernbank Ave., Delmar, next to garage, not registered.

## Everybody's off

Local government will be taking Wednesday, July 4 off. The Voorheesville Village Hall and New Scotland and Bethlehem Town Halls, as well as the South Bethlehem landfill and Delmar recycling center, will be closed. Town garbage collection will be postponed until Thursday.



Cadet Daniel M. DaPolito of Glenmont, 1984 George C. Marshall ROTC Award winner from Siena College, receives congratulations from Gen. John A. Wickham Jr., Army Chief of Staff, during award ceremonies at Lexington, Va. Upon graduation he will be commissioned a second lieutenant on active duty. DaPolito is the son of Louis and Donna DaPolito. The award honors the top cadet in each college ROTC unit.

## Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Marine Pfc. Michael R. Galusha, son of Robert S. and Joann B. Galusha of RD 1, Voorheesville, has completed the basic aviation structural mechanic course at the Naval Air Technical Training Center, Millington, Tenn.

First Lt. James L. Norrix, son of James M. and Eleanor J. Norrix of Delmar, participated in Global Shield 84, an exercise involving Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Navy and Marine Corps Units, as well as some Canadian forces. Norrix is a co-pilot with the 905th Air Refueling Squadron at Grand Forks Air Force Base, N.D. He is a 1980 graduate of Cornell University, Ithaca.

Navy Constructionman Recruit Robert A. Correll, son of Robert L. and Mildred G. Correll of Selkirk, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego.

Pfc. James E. Conlin, son of Peter J. Conlin Jr. of Delmar and Virginia M. Conlin of Rensselaer, has completed basic training at Ft. Jackson, S.C. He is a 1980 graduate of Rensselaer Junior-Senior High School.

Marine Pfc. Richard A. Welch Jr., son of Richard Goodrow of Voorheesville and Jean Goodrow of Slingerlands, has completed the Field Radio Operator's Course. The seven-week was taught at the Marine Corps Communication-Electronics School, Twentynine Palms, Calif.

Navy Airman Recruit Robert Van Ravensway, Jr., son of Robert and Betsy Van Ravensway of Voorheesville, has completed basic training at the Naval Training Center, Orlando, Fla. Personnel who complete this course of instruction are eligible for three hours of

college credit in physical education and hygiene.

Tech. Sgt. James Stratton of Delmar recently received the Noncommissioned Officer of the Quarter Award for his work in the Air Force's Space Communications Division.

Navy Seaman Edward J. Downes III, son of Edward J. Downes of Albany and Sarah C. Downes of Delmar, recently participated in the rescue of 35 Vietnamese boat people in the South China Sea. He is crew member aboard the amphibious command ship USS Blue Ridge, operating from Yokosuka, Japan.

Pvt. George G. Swift, son of George C. Swift of Selkirk, has completed a motor transport operator course at the Army Training Center, Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo.

Army Pvt. David J. Kurtik, son of Edward F. and Elizabeth F. Kurtik of Selkirk, has completed basic training at Ft. Leonard Wood, Mo. He is a 1982 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Ravena.

Airman 1 C. Michael A. DiCarlo, son of Marion and Lou DiCarlo of Feura Bush, participated in Global Shield 84, an exercise involving Air Force, Air Force Reserve, Air National Guard, Navy and Marine Corps units, and elements of the Canadian forces. DiCarlo is an aircraft maintenance specialist with the 97th Bombardment Wing at Blytheville Air Force Base, Ark. He is a 1982 graduate of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School, Ravena.

Navy Airman Daniel K. Becker, whose wife, Donna, is the daughter of Frances Betz of Selkirk, N.Y. recently participated in exercise Ocean Venture '84. He is a crew member aboard the amphibious assault ship USS Iwo Jima, homeported in Norfolk, Va.

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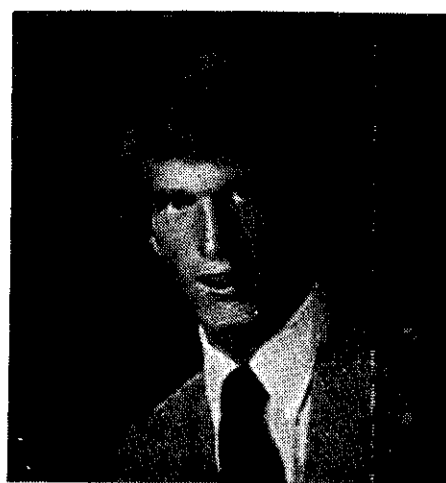
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Hamilton College — Mary Canniz-zaro, Delmar.

State University College at Delhi — Suzanne Zucker, Delmar.



Brian Bell

## Bound for academy

Brian Bell, formerly of Delmar, will report to the Air Force Academy in Colorado in July. Bell, who attended Bethlehem Central High School for two

years before moving to Minnesota, will graduate with honors from the high school in Woodbury, Minn., in June.

## Lab worker cited

Robert Henion III of Delmar recently was named employee of the month at the Whitney Young Health Center in Albany. Henion is a medical technologist in the laboratory at the center, and was cited by lab supervisor Lillie Gantt as "seldom absent and never late," with perfect attendance for the past four years.

## Conquer the computer

Computer "phobia" is the target of a series of computer seminars offered by Albany Business College. The courses range from computer fundamentals to professional word processing and are held at ABC's MicroComputer Learning Center, which has 28 IBM personal computers. For information, call 449-7163.

### LEGAL NOTICE

#### NOTICE OF SPECIAL MEETING OF BETHLEHEM CENTRAL SCHOOL DISTRICT OF THE TOWNS OF BETHLEHEM AND NEW SCOTLAND ALBANY COUNTY, NEW YORK

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a Special Meeting of the inhabitants of the above-named District will be held in the Gymnasium of the Bethlehem Central Middle School, Delmar, New York, on Wednesday the 11th day of July, 1984 at 7:00 p.m. EDT to 9:00 p.m. for the purpose of voting upon the following propositions to be added to the contingency budget for the 1984-85 school year.

1. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-seven dollars (\$13,377) to purchase library books and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

2. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend Seventy-three Thousand Five Hundred Seventeen dollars (\$73,517) to purchase telephone systems?

3. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend One Hundred Eighteen Thousand Eight dollars (\$118,800), for capital improvements to the physical plant and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

4. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Eighty-Six Thousand, One Hundred Seventy-four dollars (\$86,174) to purchase Instructional Equipment and Other Office Equipment and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

5. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty-Eight Thousand dollars (\$28,000) to purchase microcomputers and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

6. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend Twenty-Six Thousand Three Hundred dollars (\$26,300) to improve, maintain, and operate the physical plant to levy the necessary tax therefor?

7. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of One Hundred Eighty-nine Thousand Seven Hundred Forty-one dollars (\$189,741) to continue the same level of transportation of pupils as in the 1983-84 school year and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

8. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Ninety-one Thousand Five Hundred dollars (\$91,500) to purchase new school buses and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

9. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Twenty-Two thousand (\$20,222) to

### LEGAL NOTICE

continue the interscholastic athletics program and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

TAKE FURTHER NOTICE that copies of the statement of the money which will be required for the above propositions may be obtained by any taxpayer of the District during the seven (7) days immediately preceding the Special Meeting, except Saturdays, Sundays and Holidays, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 2:30 p.m. in the offices of the elementary schools, the Middle and High School, and the Educational Services Center.

Cheryl Stees  
District Clerk, Board of Education  
Bethlehem Central School District  
Dated: June 1984

(June 27)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that the Planning Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, will hold a public hearing on Tuesday, July 3, 1984, at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y., at 8:00 p.m., to take action on the application of Frank Tate, 38 S. Main St., Mechanicville, N.Y. AND John Cerone, Sunset Blvd. Ext., Colonie, N.Y. for approval by said Planning Board of a proposed 44 lot subdivision to be known as "Crossroads, Section No. II" to be located on the south side of Beacon Rd. and east side of Wemple Rd., as shown on map entitled "Preliminary Plat, Proposed Subdivision 'CROSSROADS', Section No. II, Town of Bethlehem, County: Albany, State: New York" dated May 15, 1984, and made by Paul E. Hite, LLS, Delmar, N.Y., on file with the Planning Board.

Charles H. Redmond  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(June 27)

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Charles H. Redmond  
Chairman, Planning Board  
(June 27)

#### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE TRAFFIC ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BETHLEHEM

NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that a public hearing will be held by the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, New York on the 11th day of July, 1984 at 8:00 p.m. to consider amending the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem in the following respects:

1. By Amending ARTICLE II, Section I, Maximum Speed Limits, paragraph (C) Thirty (30) miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along the following highways in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York by adding the following new sections as follows:

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### Survey incorrect?

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Spotlight, I believed until June 20, was distinguished for its straight-forward reporting. Your lead story on the 20th, however, "The no voters say, 'cut some more,'" if not inaccurate, was very misleading. The article clearly left the impression that your survey, with an error rate "estimated to be less than 3.5 percent," indicated an overwhelming sentiment for further cuts in the school budget.

However, the story was actually about only the surveyed no voters, and they, by your own numbers, were only 48 percent of the sample. Thus, the majority apparently supported the budget (a legitimate inference, if you claim that the results of the survey are valid). In fact, we may conclude that only about 500 respondents (37 percent of those surveyed) "wanted the budget cut further," about 160 (12 percent) "named the Challenge program . . . when asked to identify cuts," and so on.

Mr. Lillis of Evalumetrics Research must be embarrassed by the manner in which The Spotlight misused his study. Fifty two percent of the respondents "misinterpreted the first question," making it impossible to analyze the majority of the responses. Certainly, accepted standards for responsible use of survey data invalidate such a questionnaire. Since it is impossible to determine if any respondent understood, all responses are tainted. The results of such a survey must be dismissed. Your headline should have read that the school budget was again defeated and the The Spotlight exit survey was worthless.

Lowell Roberts

Delmar

The Spotlight story very clearly stated that the survey report represented the views of only the no voters. Since those voters were 60 percent of the total vote, we felt their opinions were worth reporting.

Some people responding to the survey did apparently misunderstand the first question. That unfortunately imprecise question (written by the editor of The Spotlight, not pollster Rob Lillis) asked: "How did you vote?" We could tell by the answers to the other questions on the survey that some people had circled yes to indicate they voted, rather than that they voted for the budget.

We calculate that about 10 percent of our survey responses were invalidated in this way, based both on responses to other questions and on the degree to which our final tally failed to jibe with the actual vote. Nevertheless, with no way to

be certain we decided not to analyze the overall vote.

However, that still left 652 respondents who we could be certain had voted no. They represented 32 percent of the total no vote — an extraordinarily large sample for any poll. As we cautioned in the June 20 story, no "exit poll" is a true random sample, because the respondents select themselves. But the size of this sample leaves us confident that the results are valid.

We regretted that we were unable to report the responses of the people who voted yes, but this week did compile a rough tabulation of the main concerns of the yes voters.

As one would expect, yes voters generally were not in favor of more cuts in the budget, and were more inclined than the no voters to support a contingency budget. However, the support for the contingency budget was by no means overwhelming — among the responses checked, the two options received about equal support.

If more had to be cut, the first area of choice for yes voters was the Challenge program (59 votes), followed by administration (46) and sports programs (23). Remember, these are absolute numbers, not percentages, so the responses represent a rather small percentage of the actual yes voters.

And more yes voters objected to the cuts already made by the board: cuts in the maintenance program being first on the list with 72 mentions, followed by 38 objections to cutting the 5 p.m. bus (a sizable number mentioned that this is unfair to Clarksville residents; that bus has since been reinstated) and then the Challenge program, with 32 defenders.

The two budget surveys were conducted for The Spotlight as a public service by Evalumetrics Research of Delmar, which charged only for its expenses. It was a new experience for all parties, and while we received some negative comments, the overall response of people asked to participate appeared to be quite positive, as indicated by the percentage of responses to the exit poll. Copies of the exit poll are available for inspection at the Spotlight office.

Tom McPheeters

### Takes Red Cross reins

Colin Getz of Delmar, recently retired as a vice president for New York Telephone Co., has been named interim executive director of the Albany area chapter of the American Red Cross. Dexter D. Galusha, executive director for eight years, will retire July 1 after 34 years with Red Cross. Getz is a director of the State Bank of Albany and was previously a director of the Albany Institute of History and Art. He also served as chairman of the board at St. Peter's Hospital, and was a trustee of both Siena and Hartwick colleges.

### Another slap

Editor, The Spotlight:

With the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education voting to submit a contingency budget and nine propositions to the voters on July 11 the board took another slap at the taxpayers of the district.

In two previous budget votes on May 9 and June 13 voters mandated by overwhelming margins — 2,584 to 1,428 on May 9 and 2,018 to 1,363 on June 13 — that budget amounts suggested were unconscionably high and that cuts be made.

In voter surveys conducted by The Spotlight after both the May 9 and June 13 elections the voters again said in unmistakable fashion that they wanted further reductions in the budget.

Yet in spite of these voter mandates the contingency budget and the propositions proposed for vote July 11 total more than the original budget voted down so overwhelmingly in the May 9 and June 13 votes. Not exactly the way to respond to a mandate for a reduced budget to be submitted.

The contingency budget restores the funds to the "special interest" groups including the so-called "Challenge program" voted down by the voters twice.

Also the Board of Education refused a suggestion that an ad hoc committee of prominent citizens be appointed to aid the board in interpreting the mandates of the voters.

Apparently after two overwhelming defeats of previous budgets the board does not hear — or desire to hear what the voters want, but the board insists in catering to "special interest" groups.

The proposed contingency budget plus the nine propositions suggested would total approximately \$16, 592, 309, which is higher than the budget defeated overwhelmingly on June 13. That would be an increased tax rate of approximately \$10.92 per thousand in Bethlehem and \$17.36 per thousand in New Scotland.

And there is still to be made up the over \$400,000 lost in the Lion Capital Fund fiasco, which represents another \$2.64 per thousand on the tax rate.

The next budget vote will be Wednesday, July 11, and the voters should go to the polls that day and tell the Board of Education they mandated a reasonable budget. After all, it is the taxpayers' money that is being spent and the taxpayer should be heard.

John H. Clyne

Delmar

### Can be done

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to commend the Town of Bethlehem garbage collection unit on its efficiency, determination and, if you will, its sense of duty.

Our weekly contribution, securely lodged in its very sturdy container, was brutally assaulted, mutilated, compressed and rendered most unattainable by forces unknown well ahead of collection time. We were puzzled as to how best to handle the situation.

We had no need for concern. The town's crew did its duty, fought its way in, secured what it was there for, and left only the battered container for us to attend to.

James H. Werterwelt

Slingerlands

### Criminologist retires

Marguerite Q. Warren of Delmar has retired as a professor of criminal justice at the State University at Albany. She had been on the faculty for 12 years. Prof. Warren received a bachelor's degree from Western Reserve University and master's and doctoral degrees from the University of California at Berkeley. She was previously program director at the Cetner for Training in Differential Treatment, sponsored by the American Justice Institute and the National Institute of Mental Health.

### They chose not to listen

Editor, The Spotlight:

May I offer two observations about the school budget debate?

First, those who have written to The Spotlight opposing the Challenge program seem to think of it as a major effort by our schools on behalf of gifted students. In fact it is not a major effort. It is a deliberately minimal, token effort, as your reporters can confirm by comparing it with similar programs elsewhere.

I happen to have attended virtually every meeting of the Board of Education during the year leading up to the start of the Challenge program. The administration and board were frank about their plans. Challenge was to be a token program, the bare minimum necessary to head off a state mandate for a serious (and more costly) program for gifted students. A token it is, despite the publicity exaggerations, which are now backfiring in the budget debate.

Second, independent of the policy and financial issues, the budget defeats reveal a nearly disastrous political failure by the administration and the board majority. They have failed to recognize their potentially strongest constituency.

Many of us who care deeply about the Bethlehem schools do not share the board's and administration's complacency about the quality of education provided there. Over the years we have argued that significant improvements can and should be made — essentially management improvements that would not require more money.

The board and administration have had to choose between listening to our concerns and protecting their own complacency. They have chosen not to listen. While those who now oppose the budget were wisely seeking out others of like mind for concerted political action, the board and administration were closing themselves off from a large and articulate constituency of people who care deeply — and whose voices and votes are needed now.

Alan Levensohn

Delmar

### Thoughtful person

Editor, The Spotlight:

I would like to thank the kind person who released a 12-foot chain from a lost Siberian Husky. The dog ran away with the chain attached to his collar so that it could easily have gotten tangled and harmed him. A thoughtful person removed the chain and the dog returned home safely.

Mrs. F.G. Allen

Delmar

### The past her passion

Doris Brooks, a writer in the Catskill Mountain village of East Jewett, is interested in preserving oral histories or old letters, diaries and journals. A fifth generation native of the village, she has written two volumes of *Short Stories and Tall Tales of the Catskills*. Others interested in keeping the history of the area alive are invited to contact the writer at P.O. Box 28, East Jewett, N.Y. 12424.

### Executive at AI

Frank R. Schmeler has been named vice president and general manager of Albany International's Felt Division. He previously had similar responsibilities for the company's Canadian operations, headquartered in Quebec. A graduate of Clarkson College, Schmeler and his family will reside in Glenmont.

### Baby Doe issues aired

Barry A. Gold of Slingerlands, an attorney in Albany, recently addressed members of the New York State Bar Association meeting in New York City. Gold discussed legal aspects of the Baby Doe case, which concerns an infant with severe birth defects.

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### Kimberly Sturtevant wed

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The maid of honor was Maryanne Helm, and the best man was Thomas Acker, the groom's brother. The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is employed by Home Care Services of Eastern New York. The bridegroom is a millwright for Seaboard Allied at the Port of Albany.

### About home canning

The county Cooperative Extension will "can" myths that remain about the dangers of home-canning fruits and vegetables with a special workshop on Thursday, July 10, at the Resources Development Center in Voorheesville. Two classes, from 10 a.m. to noon and 7 to 9 p.m., will give tips on the latest and safest canning methods and demonstrate the waterbath and pressure canner techniques.

The fee is \$1. To preregister, call 765-2874.

### Senior earns honors

Thomas Denham of Delmar has been named an Academic All-American by the National Secondary Education Council. Denham is a graduating senior at Bethlehem Central High School, and is the son of Maud Denham and the late Edgar J. Denham. The recognition is for students who excel in the academic disciplines.

### Heighten the pleasure

Performances of the New York City Ballet, Williamstown Theatre, Glimmerglass Opera, Boston Symphony Orchestra, and the Merce Cunningham Company highlight the upcoming "Music and Theatre in Performance" series offered by the Capital District Humanities Program beginning July 2.

Taking advantage of the wealth of performing arts in the Capital Region during the summer, "Music and Theatre in Performance" includes five lectures focusing on selected performances of opera, dance, theatre, and music, and travel to the performances on chosen nights. Lectures are held from 7-9 p.m. at the Convention Center Meeting Rooms, Empire State Plaza.

The first lecture on July 2 features Isabel Brown, Professor of Dance at Skidmore College, who discusses the July 3 opening night performance of the New York City Ballet at Saratoga Performing Arts Center with Tchaikovsky's "Serenade," Stravinsky's "Violin Concerto," and Glass's "Glass Pieces."

The fee for the entire series, including the five lectures and bus transportation, is \$50 per person or \$90 for two. Individuals may enroll in the lecture series only (no transportation) at \$25 per person or \$45 for two. Performance ticket costs are an additional \$50. Tickets will not be sold for individual performances. For information or to register, contact CHP at 457-3907.

### Rural visit

The first Drive-It-Yourself Tour of rural Albany County was run in 1961. The 17th tour will be held on Saturday and Sunday, July 7 and 8, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The tour, sponsored by the county Cooperative Extension, will leave from the Resources Development Center in Voorheesville, where tour booklet guides will be sold.

Farm stops include a dairy goat farm, a cow-dairy farm, a beef-feeding operation, a maple syrup sap house, and a Christmas tree farm. At each stop, there will be demonstrations and explanations from 4-H club members or the farmers themselves. Tourists can picnic along the way at the Partridge Run Game Management Area or a rural church.

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Mrs. Thomas James Richards

### Donna Kane married

Donna Marie Kane and Thomas James Richards were married June 23 in St. James Church, Albany, with Rev. John Murphy officiating. The bride is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Arthur Kane of Glenmont. The bridegroom is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Bernard Richards of Mechanicville.

Kathleen Garmalo was matron of honor. Bridesmaids were Anne Sleasman, Allyson Schmalz and Elizabeth

White. Best man was James Richards, and ushers were Paul Sleasman, Michael Kane and Terence Richards. The reception was held at Mario's Theatre Restaurant.


The bride is a graduate of State University at Albany and is employed as a field systems specialist with Farm Family Insurance Companies. The bridegroom, a graduate of Siena College and State University at Albany, is employed by the state Department of Mental Retardation as a Systems Analyst. After a wedding trip to Hawaii, the couple will reside in Albany.

### Bus trip planned

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization is sponsoring a trip to Cooperstown on Saturday, July 28. A coach bus will depart at 9 a.m. from the town hall and will pick up seniors in the Selkirk area. On the schedule in Cooperstown is a boat ride on the lake. For those who do not wish to take the boat ride, Cooperstown has many shops, an art gallery and the Baseball Hall of Fame. At 12:30 p.m., the touring seniors will have a buffet lunch on the poolside patio at the Otesaga Hotel.


Senior citizens can sign up at regular meetings of the organization, held every Thursday from 12:30 to 4 p.m., at the town hall, or by calling Karen Pelletier, 439-4955 weekdays.

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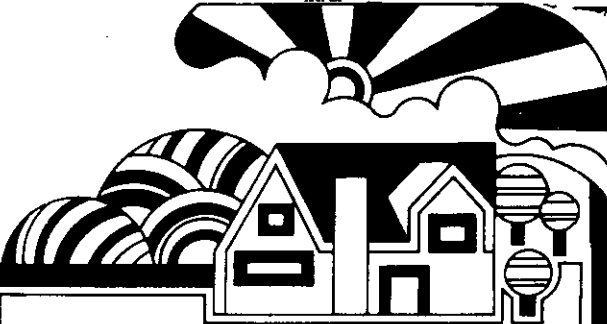


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