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Albany Symphony Orchestra President Peter Kermani stands in front of the orchestra's home of many years, the Palace Theater in Downtown Albany. The Palace, operated by the city, has been a money loser for many years, one reason being that the city could not promote events itself and had to leave that function to outsiders.

Tom Howes

Delmar's music man has a new mission

By Caroline Terenzini

The hustle is on! And what's being hustled? Music, serious music. The hustler is Peter R. Kermani of Delmar, known to a national audience as president of the American Symphony Orchestra League, a member of the board of directors of the American Composers Orchestra, and the new chairman of Composers Recordings, Inc.

Around town, he's known as president of the Albany Symphony Orchestra board and of PRK, Inc., a corporation that includes Kermani oriental rugs, a finance company and Mom's Stereo Warehouse.

And in the near future, he's likely to be known as the man who runs Albany's Palace Theater. If he runs true to form, that old grey lady is in for some changes.

Kermani, whose conversation is laced with exclamation points, said recently, "I'm hustling music. As an interest, not as a religion. I believe music could solve a lot of problems."

"There's just an appalling lack of interest in music! People in Delmar will go anywhere, but they won't come to the Albany Symphony Orchestra. They still think it's rinky-dink."

That's a label Kermani won't buy and he's intent on dispelling the notion. The ASO (which was faltering when Kermani became head of the 55-member board in 1977) is not only held to high performance standards, but also is taking bold steps into the realm of unfamiliar music. This campaign has drawn national attention to the ASO, including an upcoming article in *The Wall Street Journal* of the orchestral vanguard and a request from New World Records in New York City that the orchestra make a recording (due out this fall). "They came to us!" Kermani declared. "It's not one of those vanity things."

As for reaching out to the audience, Kermani doesn't hesitate to admit there's a lot more than symphony orchestras — all symphony orchestras — could and should do. "Most of the music being performed today is lackluster, routine. If more people listened, they would not be satisfied with what they're hearing."

"Performers should have the same degree of professionalism as the bank teller who cashes out at night," Kermani added. "We cannot excuse a low level of conducting, missed cues, poor pitch. What I'm really talking about is boring performances."

In recent years, the Albany Symphony Orchestra has been striking out against boredom as, for example, in the season just ended, when its programming included works by composers such as Tobias Picker, Benjamin Lees and Charles Wuorinen, who are not exactly household words. But while reaching beyond the standard repertoire has made ASO audiences sit up and listen, not everyone is pleased. One concert-goer wrote recently to complain about the "stupid-sounding music." Kermani, who attends every ASO performance, said he has stood in the lobby on subscription nights and listened to complaints about the programming.

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Delaware Ave. task force gets its marching orders

By Tom McPheeters

The Delaware Ave. Task Force got a ringing endorsement from the Bethlehem Town Board last week, as well as new orders — translate your recommendations into specifics.

For some of the changes, that could mean as much as six months more work, but one of the group's keystone recommendations could go into effect in a matter of weeks.

That is an expanded site plan review ordinance that would for the first time cover every building change in a commercial district. Technically, said planning consultant Edward Kleinke, the new site plan review ordinance is "a very simple change." The board told him to go ahead and draft it.

Town board members also spent some time discussing the implications of the work done so far, concluding that the kind of long-range thinking the Delaware Ave. study required could become habit forming.

"At all the meetings I was at," said Councilman Robert Hen-

drick, a task force member, "it became clear in my mind that the town never really set forth its objectives for the next 10 years."

Other board members agreed, but observed that in the case of Delaware Ave. the physical realities will do more to dictate the evolution of commerce on the road than any planning the town can do. Kleinke said he has inventoried some 550 parcels of land along Delaware Ave. and finds no indication that anyone is assembling parcels of land with a view toward a large commercial development. "It doesn't appear that anybody's even trying it," he said.

That, observed Councilman Scott Prothero, also a task force member, leaves two alternatives for major commercial development — Rt. 9W and expanded commercial zoning along Delaware Ave. "And I think the residential community has told us they don't want that."

Prothero said the lesson he learned from participating on the task force is that "you've got to stay on top of it." That means

taking a look at problem areas every two or three years, he said.

And Supervisor Tom Corrigan said the town's "long range highway network," specifically the Delmar Bypass, is probably the next item the town should be looking at — particularly in light of a state Department of Transportation official's report delivered to the task force earlier that evening. (Story, Page 4).

The current site plan review ordinance comes into play in commercially zoned areas only when there is new construction or when a building is being expanded by more than 50 percent. The task force recommended site plan review for virtually any change in commercial zones, and activity up and down the street indicates that a number of owners are anticipating the change.

The task force also recommended that the planning board, which administers site plan review, be given broader powers to regulate the aesthetics of buildings, such as signs, design, landscaping and

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Two more officers are suspended

With one officer back on duty awaiting the verdict from his insubordination hearing and a second set for a hearing on the same charge next Monday, Bethlehem Police Chief Paul Currie suspended two more officers on the same charges. All of the cases revolve around the issue of overtime and a disputed clause in the current police contract.

The two new officers suspended are Wayne LaChappelle and Robert J. Samsel. As in the cases of Marvin Koonz and James W. Haker, the town board will have to assign a hearing officer to the case, but Supervisor Tom Corrigan said Monday tentative dates for the two officers are July 16 and 23. Haker's hearing was scheduled by the board at its meeting last week for July 9. Koonz's hearing was conducted on June 25.

The town is paying hearing officer Francis J. Higgins \$300 per day to conduct the hearings, and the town also pays for a stenographer and the salary or overtime pay for officers it calls to testify. The officers can be suspended for 30 days without pay pending the decision of the hearing officer, and Koonz has already returned to duty since 30 days have elapsed since his suspension. The other three are off duty.

The dispute revolves around a clause in the town's contract with the Police Benevolent Association that guarantees any officer called in for overtime be paid for a minimum of four hours work at time and a half. All four of the current suspensions involve ap-

pearances at town court, in which an officer may be required to stay through an entire trial, or may be released as soon as a plea is received.

In the past, according to PBA members and town officials, the contract has always been interpreted in such a way that the officer was free to go as soon as the specific duty he or she was called

in for was completed. But a month ago Chief Paul Currie changed that. Testimony at the Koonz hearing established that Currie issued an order that officers appearing in court on overtime be reassigned to other duty to complete the four-hour time period once they were through with court. Testimony also established

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Our new look

Readers who suspect that there's something different about *The Spotlight* this week are right — there is a new look.

This is the first issue to appear in the 21 16th-inch column width adopted as standard for all U.S. newspapers as of July 1. For standard-size newspapers that means six columns to the page, and for tabloids like this one, five columns to the page.

Since changing from magazine-format to tabloid in March, 1982, *The Spotlight* has presented a four-column layout for news and six columns for ads. This week and henceforth it is five columns for both news and ads.

The change to the nation's first standardized format will simplify advertising production by eliminating the need to reproduce several sizes of the same ad to fit various formats in different newspapers.

While this newspaper is switching from six columns of advertising to five, the *Albany Times-Union* and *Troy Record* have switched from nine columns to six, and the *Schenectady Gazette* from eight columns to six.

In addition to standardizing so that one sized ad will fit all papers, publishers feel the new format will provide more attractive, more readable newspapers.

Although the column width for *Spotlight* display ads has been increased by 20 percent, classified ads and business classifieds will continue to appear in the familiar six-column format, thus eliminating the need to increase the rate per column inch for strictly local advertisers to conform with a larger size.

Too many bugs

Bethlehem residents bugged by heavier-than-usual infestation of black flies, gnats and mosquitos may have to invoke self-help rather than depend on the town highway department.

That was the message this week from Bethlehem Town Hall, which has three crews on the road spraying residential properties.

Normally one crew is enough to handle requests of homeowners for spraying, but an unusually rainy spring has compounded the demand, says Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Self-help items available include such products as Yard Guard, Off towelettes, citronella candles in many shapes and sizes, and cotton pads that can be sprayed and dabbed on exposed skin. Ask your favorite hardware store or garden shop for other defense strategies.

Meanwhile town crews will do the best they can, but return visits are unlikely, and residents who want spraying still must submit requests in writing.

4 injured on Cherry Ave.

Four persons were injured, two seriously, in a two-car accident at Cherry and Kenwood Aves., Slingerlands, Saturday morning in which rescue squad workers had to use the Jaws of Life device to free victims trapped in one of the vehicles.

Henry R. Steinberg, 57, of 10 Pine Crest Rd., Slingerlands, was reported in serious condition with multiple injuries in the intensive care unit at Albany Medical Center as of Monday. His wife, Elene, 56, was reported in good condition in the hospital, also with multiple injuries.

A third occupant, Phyllis Steinberg, 23, was released after being treated at the AMC emergency room.

Police said the Steinberg car was northbound on Cherry Ave. when it collided with a car driven by David J. Curtis, 30, of 128 Murray Ave., Delmar, eastbound on Kenwood. Curtis was taken by ambulance to St. Peter's Hospital, where he was treated and released.

The police report said that the traffic lights at the intersection were on flash at the time of the accident at 9:29 a.m.

Flagpole raided

For the second time in a month, a U.S. flag has been stolen from atop the flagpole in front of the clubhouse at Normanside Country Club, Elmsere. Bethlehem police said the latest theft occurred Thursday night.

□ Music man

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Kermani pooh-poohs many of these critics. "I say you've got to work a little bit harder as a listener. It's okay not to like it as long as you know why you don't like it. But some people see a 1940 birthdate for a composer and that turns them off!"

He bemoans the "educated people who want to hear the familiar — it's a crying shame! People have to be challenged in this way because the art is suffering. There's just as good music being produced today as in, say, 19th century Germany. We have great composers in this country!"

It is not surprising, then, that Kermani considers himself "a virtuoso listener." Relating with relish that he cannot read music and plays no instrument, Kermani said, "but I can tell whether it's a good performance. I've developed my own list of standards for what I hear — I've spent time putting together my own criteria. You don't have to read a textbook!" In fact, Kermani said, he lasted only two weeks in a music appreciation course at St. Lawrence University, where he graduated in 1962 with majors in accounting and geology. But he is a dedicated listener. He jogs with a Walkman and saves "the toughest, brand-new pieces of music for when I'm out in the boondocks."

While characterizing his tastes as "definitely snobby," Kermani hastens to add that he does not consider himself an arbiter of taste. The ASO has just signed an agreement with the City of Albany to take over the management of the Palace Theater on Clinton Ave. downtown, and the "standard of taste for the Palace is what will sell," Kermani said. Programming for the theater, which has been a money-loser for the city, will run the gamut: "We're just going to try to do it better."

As a tax-exempt organization, the ASO "can charge more money, and we don't have the political consequences (in respect to programming) the city has." Under the three-year agreement, the city will contribute \$200,000 annually to the Palace budget. What's in it for the ASO? "The motive is the fact that the ASO will have a home," Kermani explained. "We'll have our offices there, we'll rehearse there, we'll perform there. And . . . any money we make, we get to keep."

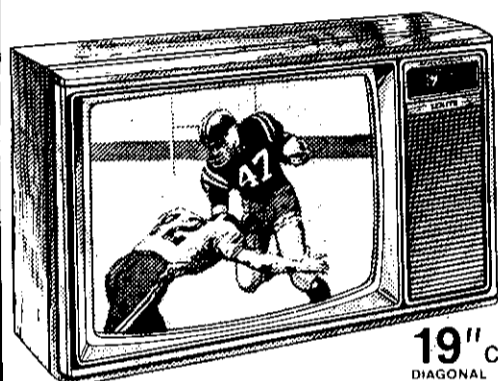
Living in a "generation of listeners who listen to music the way they watch television — without using their minds," Kermani hopes to recruit the upcoming generation to real enjoyment of orchestral music. To this end, the Albany Symphony has launched a family concert series that offers explanations along with the music, and the ASO also provides tickets to groups brought in from surrounding schools. Then, too, the ASO management has discovered that college students "are lazy. If they can get symphony tickets at the student union, they'll come in droves."

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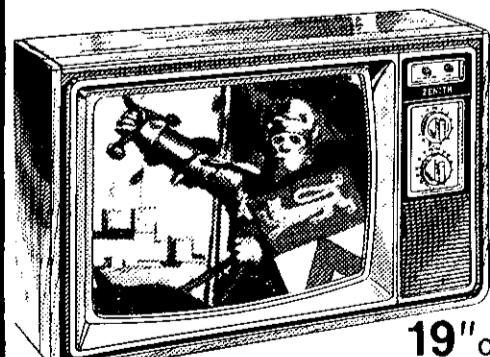
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Bethlehem Central voters go to the polls for a third time next Wednesday, July 11, this time faced with nine propositions. Depending on how they vote, taxes in Bethlehem will go up anywhere from \$3.10 to \$12.50 per \$1,000 assessed, while in New Scotland the rate could increase anywhere from \$3.86 to \$19.61 per \$1,000.

However, even if all nine propositions are rejected it is unlikely that the tax rate will stay at the lower level, because one item — new telephones — will probably make its way back into the budget no matter what the voters say.

The nine propositions being submitted to district voters total \$717,631. (The total reported in last week's *Spotlight* was incorrect because of an addition error.)

If all nine propositions are approved, the district's 1984-85 outlay, will, in fact, be greater than the amount of the revised budget that was rejected by voters on June 13. This is because the 5:15 p.m. bus run (at \$19,500) is included in the transportation proposition, although the board had voted to cut it from its second budget proposal, and because a \$9,000 fee is now being assessed by New York Telephone Co. for termination of its services, should the telephone purchase proposition be approved.

The propositions are:

1. Library books, \$13,377. Including replacements as well as some new purchases.

2. Telephones, \$73,517. For the purchase of existing or new telephone equipment (according to the bid results), for an annual saving in succeeding years of \$58,400, according to the consultant. The \$5,500 consulting fee for Communication Management Associates in Latham is included in the proposition, as is a \$9,000 "disconnect" fee being assessed by New York Telephone Co. If the proposition is approved, about \$15,000 in state aid for the purchase will come to the district the following year; if it is rejected, \$55,000 will be added to the contingency budget already adopted by the board to pay for continuing the current telephone services. If the equipment is purchased, the district will still have to pay New York Telephone line and usage charges totaling about \$27,000 annually, and \$6,400 for service contracts. The savings projection takes these costs into account.

3. Building repair projects, \$118,000. These projects are being submitted to voters in a proposition in order for the expenditures to be eligible for 25 percent state reimbursement the following year. If the proposition is rejected, the \$118,000 almost certainly will be added to the contingency budget, district officials say, but will not then be eligible for state aid reimbursement.

Items deemed necessary to the health, welfare and safety of the school children properly can be included in a contingency budget. Items in this proposition are \$25,000 for roof repair at the high school and Slingerlands Elementary School, \$50,000 for replacement of condensate pipes and pits in the high school heating system, \$20,000 for structural repair under the B wing at the high school, \$5,000 for repairs to the retaining wall and slab underneath the A wing at the high school, \$8,000 for heating system repairs at Slingerlands Elementary, and architects' and engineers' fees.

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4. Equipment, \$86,174. Including new and replacement equipment for the high school physics lab and other instructional programs, office equipment and classroom furniture.

5. Microcomputers, \$28,000. To purchase 32 systems for use in the elementary schools and high school.

6. Building maintenance, \$26,300. For salaries and supplies for scheduled painting, \$11,000; chalkboards and counter tops at Glenmont Elementary School, \$9,600; mower reels, floor scrubber and vacuum cleaner, \$4,100; and new bathroom tile and replacement of nonoperable cafeteria window at Elsmere Elementary School, \$1,600.

7. Transportation, \$189,741. To provide the same busing as was provided during the past school year. Most of these costs are 90 percent reimbursable by the state the following year. If the proposition is rejected, state law requires that busing under a contingency budget be provided only for pupils in kindergarten through grade 8 who live two miles or more from their school and for pupils in grades 9 through 12 who live three or more miles from school. Also, if transportation is provided in a contingency budget, no field trips or senior citizen trips can be funded, and, according to the district, 12 drivers would lose their jobs.

8. School bus purchases, \$91,500. To purchase three buses to replace 1971 models. Again, state aid formulas allow approximately 90 percent reimbursement for this outlay in the following year.

9. Interscholastic athletics, \$90,222. To continue the program provided during the past school year. The proposition provides for officials' fees, entry fees, transportation for teams to out-of-district contests, late runs, equipment and supplies. Coaches' salaries are provided for in the contingency budget.

The \$15.77 million contingency budget adopted June 20 by the school board requires a tax rate increase of \$3.10 per \$1,000 assessed for Bethlehem property owners and \$3.86 per \$1,000 for New Scotland residents of the district.

If all nine propositions are approved, they will add \$9.40 per \$1,000 to the Bethlehem tax rate and \$15.75 per \$1,000 in New Scotland.

If the telephone and building repair propositions are rejected, \$173,800 will be added to the contingency budget, as outlined above, adding about \$2.25 per \$1,000 to the contingency budget rate in Bethlehem and about \$3.75 per \$1,000 in New Scotland.

Caroline Terenzini



Hamagrael School's end-of-the-year observance featured a "Care Bears" skit that included, from

left, fourth graders Josh Rosen and Matt Krantz and kindergartener Tina Fernandez. Tom Howes

Task Force Officers suspended

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parking. Those changes, Kleinke said, may take somewhat longer to draft. Other task force recommendations that will now be translated into specifics include the redesigning of commercial zones designed specifically for Delaware Ave., new setback limits specifically for Delaware Ave., new town-wide parking requirements for commercial buildings, and a new definition list for all commercial zones.

"We felt these were the first priority," Kleinke said. Corrigan said he found the solutions offered so far "very workable... Proceed with what you've been doing."

Auxiliary elects

Barbara Whitney of Delmar is the new second vice chairman of the Albany County Committee of the American Legion Auxiliary. She also heads the community service committee for the group. Agnes Tucker of Voorheesville and Pauline Ouderkirk of Delmar are serving on the finance committee, and Marcia Turner of Delmar heads the past presidents committee and also is the delegate to the department convention in Buffalo July 12-15. Public relations for the organization is being handled by Barbara Palmer, also of Delmar.


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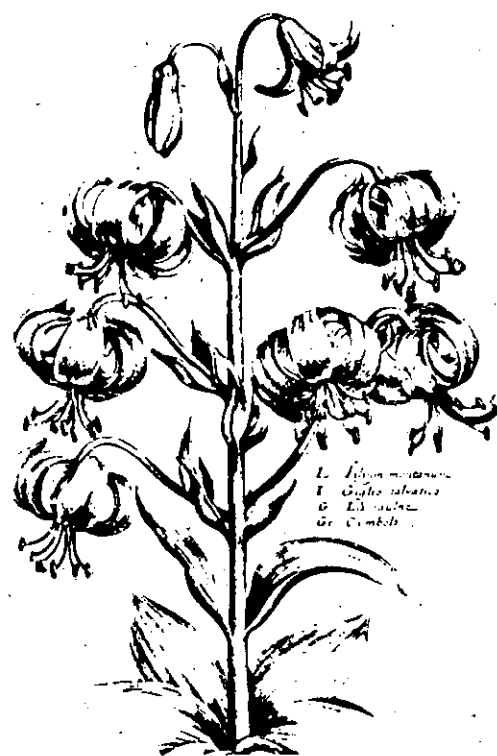
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that at least one officer complied with the order.

But Koonz, Haker, LaChappelle and Samsel refused, and the town is taking the position that their cases are simple matters of insubordination. The PBA attorney, Matthew Clyne, argued during the Koonz hearing that by law police officers cannot be forced to work overtime, and no emergency existed requiring Koonz's presence. Town officials are not

claiming that any emergency existed in any of the four suspensions.

Haker, who is president of PBA, has said the union plans to ask the Public Employment Relations Board to assign an arbitrator to rule on the four-hour clause. But a PERB official said Tuesday that there has as yet been no formal request from the PBA. Corrigan and Currie have said they feel it is up to the union to file a grievance if they think the contract is being misinterpreted.



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State takes the long view on Delaware Ave. traffic

By Theresa Bobear

Joseph Kelly, traffic engineer with the state Department of Transportation, last Wednesday presented the Delaware Ave. Task Force and the Bethlehem Town Board with results of the state DOT study of Delaware Ave. from Van Dyke Rd. to the Albany city line. Kelly said that the state had no plans to extend the Delmar Bypass at the present time but suggested that the community begin lobbying the DOT now for possible initiation of the construction project in four to six years.

Improvements proposed by Kelly included state installation of a right turning lane on Delaware Ave. for cars turning on to Elm Ave. and another right turning lane on Elsmere Ave. at Delaware Ave.

According to Kelly, improvements could be made at four Delaware Ave. intersections — Cherry Ave., Elsmere Ave., Kenwood Ave. and Normanskill Blvd. — to reduce the number of accidents and increase the traffic capacity.

In addition to the state proposed right-turn lane for traffic on Delaware turning on to Elm Ave., Kelly suggested that the town board consider building a left-turn lane for cars on Elm Ave. turning left on to Delaware Ave. These modifications, Kelly explained, would lessen the congestion of morning traffic at the intersection.

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Kelly proposed state installation of a right-turn lane on Elsmere Ave. for northbound traffic turning on to Delaware Ave. This change, according to the study, would improve the level of service, or traffic capacity, of the intersection during evening hours.

At the Four Corners, Kelly told the committee that the congestion of late afternoon traffic could be relieved by placing a 4-6 p.m. parking restriction on 200 feet of parking space between Grove St. and Paddock Place to create a right-turn lane on Delaware Ave. But such a proposal, Kelly speculated would be opposed by businesses in the immediate vicinity. Kelly advised against the installation of traffic lights at the Hudson Ave. and Adams St. intersections.

At the Normanskill Blvd. intersection, Kelly said that DOT has decided to install a left-turn green arrow for traffic westbound on Delaware Ave. turning into Delaware Plaza. Kelly promised that, "by fall the arrow will be in."

Kelly recommended that the town seriously consider the proposed improvements for the intersections because the situation, though "not as bad as people think," will only get worse as the

local population increases, he said.

The DOT engineer said that a left turn "waiting" area in the four-lane section of Delaware Ave. was not necessary because the number of rear end accidents in that section was below the statewide average. Kelly also mentioned that DOT observed most motorists proceeding at 40 mph from the Normanskill bridge to Van Dyke Rd. the fluctuating speed limit, according to Kelly, was generally ignored.

Residents and town officials discussed the need for safer crosswalks on Delaware Ave., in particular, for the middle school children crossing at Delaware and Elsmere. After no suitable solution was agreed upon, Kelly diagnosed the problem as a case of motorists failing to recognize the right of way of pedestrians in the crosswalk.

Finally, several routes for the diversion of traffic from Delaware Ave. were discussed. One suggestion was the extension of the Delmar Bypass to Van Dyke Rd. or Delaware Ave. Committee member Bernard Harvith proposed requiring each developer in the area to install two lanes to make the extension. While Kelly admitted that this type of plan was possible, he suggested that the community might consider lobbying DOT.

Other suggestions by town officials and residents for diverting

What about bicycles?

The problems of bicycles on Delaware Ave. were considered at recent state Department of Transportation meeting with the Delaware Ave. Task Force, but according to Donald Geoffroy, regional director of DOT, the state has no plans to do any major roadwork on the street during the next five years.

Ross Gutman, chairman of the Bethlehem Bicycle Safety Council, outlined several concerns in a letter that Town Supervisor Tom Corrigan forwarded to Geoffroy. Gutman listed the general need for improved bicycle facilities along the edge of major roads, especially Delaware Ave., where no bike lane is designated. Gutman mentioned the storm drains on Delaware Ave. with barred covers running parallel to the road.

In another letter, former county legislator George Frangos called for the removal of the existing four-foot median in the four lane section of Delaware Ave. to create a lane for bicycles next to the curb. Joseph Kelly, regional traffic engineer with DOT, said that if the margin had been installed four years ago, only one of the 14 accidents that occurred in the area would have been prevented. Kelly said that DOT would make the change — with the approval of the area residents if the town agreed to keep the lane free of rocks and debris. He cautioned, however, that such a removal of the median would probably increase the number of sideswipe accidents in the area between cars heading in the opposite directions.

In his letter to Corrigan, Geoffroy explained that because of the satisfactory condition of Delaware Ave. at the present time, he did not expect the state to do any roadway work during the next five years. Kelly said that when such a project is undertaken, DOT would allow for the bicyclist by widening the road or paving the shoulders as necessary.

Geoffroy recommended that Corrigan request Federal Aid to Urban Systems funds for a separate curb and sidewalk project.

Theresa Bobear

traffic were the repaving and extension of Fisher Blvd. to Delaware Ave. and the installation of a route out to New Scotland Rd. near its intersection with Rt. 85A west of Slingerlands. Kelly said that his department was not interested in running a highway through any development in the area and added that he hoped the change of the 9W bridge over the Normanskill from two lanes to four lanes would draw people into Albany via that route.

Bar burglarized

Bethlehem police are investigating a break-in at Murph's Pub, Rt. 144, Selkirk, between 4:45 and 6:15 a.m. Friday. Police said a storm window in the rear of the building had been removed to gain entry, and coin boxes rifled on a cigarette machine, video game and jukebox, all of which were severely damaged. Police also said that \$260 in cash from raffles at the bar was taken from a cash drawer in the register.

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Alien arrested

When Bethlehem Det. Charles Rudolph spotted a man walking at 7 p.m. Saturday near the scene of several recent burglaries, he stopped for an identification check. When the suspect, Juan Estrada Caraveo, 25, of Chihuahua, Mexico, was identified as an illegal alien, he was arrested and sent to the Albany County Jail pending deportation.

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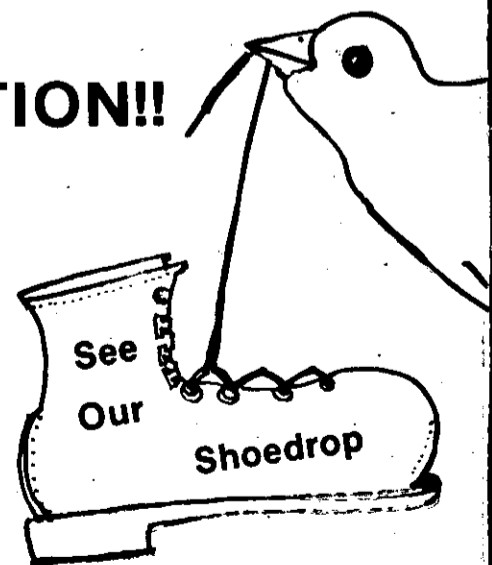
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Tom Howes

200 years of laws to be reorganized

When it comes to town laws, the Bethlehem Town Board inevitably likes to err on the side of thoroughness. Given its choice between two municipal law codification proposals, one that would research town law back to the 1930s and the other back to 1794, the board last week chose the more thorough of the two, despite a cost difference of \$4,500.

The board agreed to hire General Code Publishers Corp., a Rochester firm that has numerous clients in the Capital District, to codify town laws at a cost of \$13,500. The competing offer had come from Municipal Code Corp., a Florida firm that would have done a similar job for \$9,000. The difference, however, was that General Code proposed to start its research at the time the town was incorporated — nearly 200 years ago — and will work at the town offices, rather than having copies of town records sent to them.

In a presentation of the board May 23, a General Code representative said the firm's workers would take some eight months to gather information, and then another four or five months to get the work completed, "depending on the decision-making here (at the town level)." Codification will weed out obsolete laws and ordinances and reorganize all of the town's codes, including traffic and zoning statutes. There is also an ongoing supplement system to keep the new books up to date.

In other business at last week's meeting, the town board:

- Approved new fees for work town planners do on environmental impact statements for subdivision applications. Developers will be charged \$50 for applications, and \$200 minimum for completed statements plus \$10 per page for anything more than 20 pages. Planning consultant Edward Kleinke told the board that the fees are based on Colonie's fee system, and explained that much of the town's expense comes in being "the paper shuffler" when it

is designated the lead agency under the State Environmental Quality Review Act (SEQRA). But, he said, in the four or five years since SEQRA went into effect, Bethlehem has received only three or four applications that would have warranted full-blown impact statements. Only one, the Woodhill subdivision, has been completed.

- Approved raises for two recently-appointed department heads, Police Chief Paul Currie and Comptroller George Mann. Currie's increase is \$1,120, to \$31,320, and Mann's raise is \$1,106 to \$23,306. Asked to explain the raises, Supervisor Tom Corrigan said simply, "They've done an excellent job." Both were appointed around the first of the year.

- Announced that tentative freshwater wetland maps for Bethlehem are on file in the Building Department offices at town hall. Wetlands designation by the state restricts the uses a property can be put to. There will be informational meetings for affected property owners July 23 at the Cooperative Extension Building in Voorheesville at 1, 4:30, 7 and 9 p.m. A public hearing is scheduled by the state Department of Environmental Conservation for Aug. 1.

- Accepted three deeds that will allow the town to widen Wemple Rd. at the intersection with Feura Bush Rd.

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Variations granted for home additions

The Bethlehem Board of Appeals last week held public hearings for and informally granted variances to Edward Mayer, 99 Salisbury Rd., Delmar, and Timothy Fitzgerald, 22 Dorchester Ave., Selkirk. Both sought variances from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the town zoning ordinance so that they might build additions to their homes.

The board formally granted variances to Jonathan VanDerpoel, 7 Chapel Lane, Glenmont, who requested a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance for an existing structure, and Barry Sherman, 540 Huron Rd., Delmar, who requested a variance from the percentage-of-lot-occupancy provision of the ordinance for construction of an addition to his home.

The board discussed but did not take action on the variance application of David VanDenburg, who had previously requested a variance to permit more than two dwelling units at his property

at 403 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Board members said they would like to inspect the site before making a decision.

The board also took no action on a public hearing held last week for John Pitts, who sought a special exception to allow outside storage and display of motor vehicles at the Bethlehem Auto Laundry on Rt. 9W in Glenmont. No one in attendance spoke in opposition to the proposal.

Scheduled for a public hearing at 8:15 p.m. at the board's next meeting on July 11 are Margaret and Harold Beyer, 4 North St., Delmar, who are seeking a variance from the side yard provision of the ordinance to permit construction of a solar addition to their home.

Scheduled for an 8 p.m. public hearing the same night are Dr. and Mrs. Raymond Horwitz, 48 Thorn-dale Rd., Slingerlands, who are seeking a variance from the side yard provision of the zoning ordinance to permit construction of an addition to their home.

Gardening hotline

The agriculture program of the Albany County Cooperative Extension has a Gardening Hotline to help with garden questions. Bethl Bergeron, Albany County Extension agent, said master gardeners are available Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. at 765-2331.

Mini-course offered

The Evening Division of Russell Sage College is offering a humanities mini-course entitled Women and War on the weekend of July 13-15. The mini-course carries one undergraduate humanities credit and is also open to all undergraduates who need single credits in liberal arts electives, general electives or general education. The course will meet Friday from 7 to 10 p.m., Saturday from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. and Sunday from 1 to 6 p.m. on the Albany Campus, 140 New Scotland Ave. For information, call 445-1717

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New school has open house

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Under the direction of licensed teachers, the school will provide infant care, preschool, half-day and full day kindergarten and after-school programs. A "Time Out for Parents" service is also available to those who are registered in the regular weekday program.

The school will be open 6:45 a.m. to 5:30 p.m., but earlier starting time is currently under consideration for the convenience of "shift" workers. Breakfast, hot lunch and snacks are provided for children enrolled in the full-day program. Additional information may be obtained by calling 756-6666.

DAR installs slate

The June meeting of Hanna-

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krois DAR chapter was held at the home of Mrs. Mary E. Van-Oostenbrugge in Cedar Hill. In addition to a family-style picnic, new officers were installed. Mrs. Franklyn A. Pierce, chapter chaplain, presided over the installation service. Accepting positions were Mrs. Stephen C. Coye, regent; Mrs. Ronald E. Newton, vice regent; Mrs. Franklyn A. Pierce, chaplain; Mrs. Alfred J. Stein, recording secretary; Mrs. Richard P. Law, corresponding secretary; Mrs. Mary E. Van Oostenbrugge, treasurer; Mrs. Gilbert E. Houk, registrar; Mrs. Paul E. Ackerman, historian, and Mrs. Donald D. Devitt, librarian. Mrs. S. Benjamin Meyers and Mrs. Newton were chosen to attend the New York State Conference in Syracuse in September.

A contest for everyone

The Committee for Women's

Activities of the Bethlehem Grange in Selkirk is sponsoring a contest for the general public. Anyone who enjoys crafts is welcome to enter. The contest, which will be judged locally in August, is based on skills and creativity in needlework, poly-filled toys and quilting (quilt kits are not acceptable). Winners in the local contest will go to be judged in county and state competition.

The toys created by members of the Bethlehem Grange will on completion of judging be donated to the Children's Hospital and the Ronald McDonald House. Specifics regarding rules may be obtained from Mrs. Neita Raynor, 767-2437, or Mrs. Helen Raynor, 767-2770.

Senior Citizens picnic set

The next meeting of the South Bethlehem-Selkirk Sunshine Senior Citizens will be held Monday, July 9, at Henry Hudson Town Park, Winnie Rd., Selkirk, at noon. The meeting will begin with a covered-dish picnic. All seniors are invited to bring a favorite dish and join the group. The business meeting will include information regarding tentative plans for an outing to Mystic Sea Port, Conn.

Regents scholars honored

At the commencement exercises at the RCS High School last Saturday, 19 seniors were awarded Regents scholarships, the most ever awarded to an RCS class. Recipients included: Lisa Fullum, James Golding, Donald McBride, Peggisue Lambert, Deanna Tiberia, Heather Frueh, Kyle Zolner, Janet Bourguignon, Ann Marie Costanza, Jennifer Bull, Melissa Helo, Ann Marie Costanza, Dianna Heere and Patrick Farrell.

Band at pool

The Elm Ave. Park pool will be open until 10 p.m. on Saturday, July 7. The local band Maintenance will perform at poolside from 8 to 10. There is no charge for the band, and pool fees will be 50 cents for adults ages 14 and older and 25 cents for children 8-13.

Comedy-drama on 16

The Bethlehem Channel (Cable Channel 16) will present *Family Shots*, a comedy-drama written for television by Steve Swartz of Albany. The telecast will be at 6:30 p.m. Friday. Swartz won a 1981 CAPS award from the State Council on the Arts and NEA for playwriting with his drama *The Prince of Ninth Street*. A three-time finalist in the Eugene O'Neill Playwrights Festival, he plans to tape a video feature in Albany this summer.

The play features Carol King as Joy and Swartz as her son, Bobby.

Student hosts sought

The American Intercultural Student Exchange is looking for families to host an English-speaking foreign student aged 15-17. Each student will arrive in August with his own spending money and medical insurance to attend the local high school for one year. AISE is also looking for American high school students 15-17 who would like to spend a summer or school year abroad. Families interested may contact regional coordinator Shirley Monnier, 36 Barry St., Brockport, 14420 or call (716) 637-6494.

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Southbound kicks off series

Voorheesville's summer Concert in the Park series will start off with a bang this week when the village's popular country-western quintet Southbound presents a special benefit on Sunday, July 8, from 6 p.m. until 9 p.m. behind the Village Hall. Admission is free, but during the evening free-will donations will be accepted and raffle tickets will be sold at \$1 each for a multitude of prizes and gifts certified donated by area merchants and businessmen.

All the proceeds of the evening are going to benefit the newly established High School Music Scholarship Fund. Included in the prizes will be 25 State Instant Lottery Tickets as well as two tickets to the Janie Fricke concert to be held at Pine Lake this summer, valued at \$25 apiece.

Drawings for raffle prizes will be held during the evening, with Mayor Richard Lennon acting as MC. Those unable to attend the concert but who would like to donate to the music scholarship fund may contact Dave Burnham at 765-4430 or Ron Bernhardt at 765-4600.

This is the second concert for which Southbound has donated time in order to benefit area students. In May the group composed of Voorheesville residents Dave Burnham, Bill "Montana," Bobby Kendall, Dave Flint, and Doug Bernhardt presented a concert to benefit the PTSA Scholarship Fund.

Those who miss this concert, though, will have many other chances to see the very popular group, which will be appearing throughout the summer at local concerts and festivals. Included in their schedule appearances at Pine Lake, north of Gloversville, as warm-up for Janie Fricke on July 15, at Pine Lake as featured band in a 7-hour country-western festival, Aug. 5, at Heritage Park

as warm up for The Gatlin Brothers; Aug. 12 and as warm-up for Ricky Skaggs Sept. 2.

Southbound began their fast moving career last year as winners of the Wrangler Country Round-up talent contest held at the Empire State Plaza and sponsored by country music station WGNA. This year another local band which lists an area musician as one of its members took honors in the 1984-edition of the competition. The Boot Hill Band, which features Voorheesville's own "Banjo Man" Tom Thorpe, won third place in the contest showcasing country-western groups from New York and New England. Area residents will get a chance to hear the Schenectady based band when they appear in the Village Park series on Aug. 19.

Elks planning dance

Those interested in another evening with a country flavor will be happy to hear that the auxiliary of the New Scotland Elks Lodge No. 2611 will be holding their fifth annual country-western night on Saturday, July 21, at Picard's Grove. The festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with barbecue chicken being served at 7:30. Music for dancing will be provided from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. with special guest Ray Jones on hand to call square dances.

Tickets are \$15 per person and may be obtained from any member of the Elks Auxiliary or by calling Diane Koch at 765-2030 or Rita Gavin at 439-2229. Reservation deadline is July 13.

Activity at library

Nancy Hutchinson invites all to enjoy some Fun at One this summer. The library's summer film series begins each Tuesday at 1 p.m. On July 10 the featured movies will be *The Man Who Knew Too Much* starring Peter Lorre in an Alfred Hitchcock thriller.

Members of both the reading

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club and pen-pal club are reminded that the first meetings of both groups will be held this week. Students in K-3 will meet on Thursday, July 5, while those in grades 4-6 will meet on Friday, July 6. On both days the pen-pal club will take place at 2 p.m. followed by summer reading club at 3. This week the summer reading club will deal with crafts. Those who signed up last week are reminded to bring along game boards.

A final reminder, the library will be closed on Saturdays during July and August.

Dancer at Saratoga

When 12-year-old Tracy Stevens leaps into the air this week she will not only be jumping for joy but dancing as well. Daughter of Jack and Carol Stevens of Voorheesville, the young ballerina was one of four Capital District dancers awarded a part in the New York City Ballet Production of *Harlequinade*, which will be staged July 6, 7, and 12 at the Saratoga Performing Arts Center.

A member of the cast of 39 dancers chosen from over 195 who auditioned for the parts, Tracy, who will be entering seventh grade at Clayton Bouton Junior-Senior School in the fall, has been dancing most of her life. She began with area instructor Barbara Gallagher, and last year participated in the Guilderland Youth Commission classical ballet program. She also served as a student teacher at the Barbara Gallagher School of the Dance in New Salem.

Six students of Barbara Gallagher will also be starting the summer "on the right foot." Chris Toritto, Cindy Sauer, Tamaro

Bruno, Kelli Brennan, Jennifer Wakefield and Janie McAssey are attending dance camp at Hampshire College in Amherst, Mass. this week.

Seniors on the road

Those Senior Citizens are off again. After their annual catered picnic to be held at the center in New Salem on July 13, the seniors will take to the road again on July 18 for a bus trip to Old Forge in the Adirondacks. There they will be taking a boat ride on the Fulton chain of lakes, followed by dinner. Those interested should contact Lois Crouse at 765-2109 before July 11.

Awards at graduation

Among the many awards presented at the annual High school awards program, probably the most coveted are those presented in memory of students and teachers. Among the winners this year are:

- Frances Speer, salutatorian, the Harriet Froelich Memorial Award given to a graduating student "considered to be a mature, creative individual who is devoted to school and community, and who is friendly tolerant and enthusiastic with an interest in cultural pursuits."

- Scott Storm, the Matt Farrell Memorial Award, given to a member of the graduating class "for outstanding contributions in the field of journalism and writing and for contributions to the school community."

- Karen Foley, the Janis Lee Delahanty Award, presented to a member of the graduating class selected on the basis of "conscientiousness, achievement, effort, and need."

- Edward Mitzen, the John Robert Larabee Award, given to a member of the junior class selected by a faculty committee on the basis of "giving to school and community, having an interest in sports, being a good student, and respected by their peers."

- Wendy Knapp, president of the senior class, the Dianna Joy and Clay John Conklin Award, presented to a senior "who exhibits love, concern and enthusiasm towards helping others."



Stephen Burby

Student cited

Stephen Burby of Voorheesville, a student at the State University at Stony Brook Faculty-Student Association's annual scholarship awards program. Burby was cited for his work in supervising the Community Service Union of the campus public safety department.


Sleuthing the past

"Sleuthing: Clues from the Past" is the title of a summer program for youth being offered by the Albany County Historical Association. Participants will explore the past in Capital District cemeteries, and learn about gravestone rubbing and researching family and local history. The program is for children ages 9 to 13, and three sessions will be offered: July 9 to 13, 16 to 20 and 23 to 27. Sessions will meet from 10 a.m. to noon at the Ten Broeck Mansion, 9 Ten Broeck Place in Albany. There is no registration fee. For information call 436-9826.

Study bird nests

An adult education workshop introducing the ecology of bird nests will be held at Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, on Saturday, July 14, at 10 a.m. Led by center naturalists, the workshop is open to adults and is free. Due to limited space, pre-registration is required. Call 457-6092 for information.

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New rate request negotiating ploy?

By Tom Howes

The Village of Voorheesville has received another rate increase request from the Salem Hills Sewerage Corporation. Given that running battle between the private utility and the village over rate hikes, precedent might indicate the company is serious. But the issue this time, according to Mayor Richard Lennon, may be the speed of sewage treatment plant purchase negotiations between the two parties.

Lennon received the letter from developer Jerry Rosen of Rosen and Michaels, which owns the sewerage corporation. Subsequent to the end of their (the Sewerage Corp.'s) fiscal year in December, a review of expenses indicated a need to raise rates to something in excess of \$50 a month, Lennon said. The owners apparently felt negotiations on the takeover would be complete by May or June of this year, he said. No final agreement has been reached, and the village is still very much in the negotiating stage.

"He would basically like our response as to what specific steps we are taking," Lennon said.

"I hope he's not serious," he said.

The village board is currently waiting for a report from the Sewage Advisory Committee, which meets tomorrow (Thursday) Lennon said, and still hopes to hold a public hearing in mid or late July on the village's appraisal for the plant.

Lennon said he would contact Rosen and hope to relieve any confusion over negotiation procedures.

In other business, the board:

- Announced the issuance of its first village report. Lennon said the board will try to "make it a practice every three or four months to put out a report" providing villagers with information on village business. The board welcomes comments and criticisms on the letter, Lennon said, and also requests volunteers for a delivery service. "It'll save us postage," he said.

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- Acknowledged no movement in the Grand Union supermarket situation. "We have done everything we, as a village, can reasonably do," he said. "It is mostly in the hands of the owner... I have not heard of any substantial interest in it."
- Responded to village resident Thomas Mensching's question concerning the timetable for construction of the village's new post office, a contract belonging to Charles Crisafulli. "It's up to the contractor," said trustee Daniel Reh. Reh said the Site Plan Review Board had some questions about the plan submitted by Crisafulli, and is waiting for him to submit a revised plan.
- Heard a progress report from trustee Susan Rockmore on the newly formed Community Service Citizens Group. Still finding its parameters, the group is identifying senior needs and even potential participants. It has also begun compilation of a directory of businesses and services in the area to be made available to the public.

For home freezers

The Albany County Cooperative Extension will give two classes on how to best freeze fruits and vegetables at home on Tuesday, July 17, from 10 a.m. to noon and again from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Resources Development Center in Voorheesville. Freezing techniques and materials will be discussed. The course fee is \$1. To register, call 765-2874.

Party thwarted

Bethlehem police checking posted land at the end of North St. found an untapped half-keg of beer at 2 p.m. last Monday. The keg was taken to headquarters pending investigation.



B.J. Moreen of Delmar, co-chairman with Delmar's Joanne Lenden of the Festival of Trees, congratulates E. Glenn Irwin, vice president of Atlantic Cement, on being the first corporation to sponsor a tree for the Festival of Trees to be held at the Albany Institute of History and Art Nov. 23 through Dec. 2.

Ball to be 'opulent'

Mrs. Robert S. LaNier of Slingerlands is chairman of the 1984 Champagne Ball Committee of the Albany Institute of History and Art. "That Opulent Age, the Turn of the Century" is the theme of the institute's 28th ball, which will be the first Saturday in November.

Other committee members from the Tri-Village area are Mrs. Neal C. Baldwin, Mrs. Ernest O. Berman, Mrs. Irving H. Peters and Mrs. Edward V. Howell. Mrs. William F. Minnock, as president of the Women's Council, is an honorary committee member. For membership information, call 463-4473.

Slurpfest set

Over 100 flavors of ice cream will be available at the National Ice Cream Day Festival, July 15 at the New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany. The event is sponsored by the American Dairy Association and Dairy Council for the benefit of the American Cancer Society.

Pipeline still on schedule

Several legal actions are not expected to delay the anticipated start of construction on Tennessee Gas Transmission Co.'s second gas pipeline across Albany County.

H.E. DeGreenia, director of special projects for the company, said this week that bid specifications have gone out to contractors. "We are still optimistic about starting construction in mid or late July," he said in a telephone interview from his headquarters in Agawam Mass.

The 7-mile section that traverses New Scotland parallels the route of the existing pipeline built in 1955 except for a loop that circumvents the southern end of the Vly Reservoir between New Salem and Clarksville. The proposed pipeline is expected to cost approximately \$1 million per mile.

Tennessee Gas, a subsidiary of Tenneco, Inc., has filed condemnation proceedings against several New Scotland property owners holding vacant land astride the proposed route.

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Globetrotting couple pulls up stakes for the last time

by Carol Budliger

Longtime Delmar residents Gardiner and Janet Bump are reaking up their household on Salisbury Rd. and heading for Cedar Lake Retirement Community in Milwaukee, Wis.

Leaving Delmar after 55 years is not easy for the Bumps. A lifetime of work that has impacted in the community, the state and even the world was carried out while Delmar remained the Bumps' home base. They came here in 1929 when Bump was recruited by the state Conservation Department to organize biological studies of ruffed grouse.

This was a significant appointment, for Bump was to greatly influence the profession of game management. Within a few years, he had organized the Bureau of Game and had put into place the "grouse study" at Connecticut Hill near Ithaca. This study, conducted from 1929 to 1943, involved over 200 people and a substantial number of these workers went on to lead state and federal wildlife units.

When Bump needed a farm to

carry out propagation studies he was told by Commissioner Henry Morgenthau Jr., "Find one you want and we'll buy it." In 1933 the 243 acres now known as the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center was purchased for \$10,000.

The Bumps lived and worked on the Game Farm for several years. Janet, always Gardiner's partner, raised grouse and even ran the farm at times. Bump claims that they eventually gave up raising the grouse because "we were great at raising them, but we never could teach them how to return to the wild. More than once we got calls that our birds had taken up residence in a Slingerlands greenhouse."

In 1937 the Bumps purchased two acres from the Salisbury farm and built their unique French-provincial house in Elsmere. This long-awaited home reflects their individuality and sense of adventure. Rough Cypress shingle siding was obtained from a heartbroken Metropolitan Opera tenor whose wife refused to live in the Adirondack house he built for



Gardiner and Janet Bump with Spotted Tinamou, a gamebird of the short grasslands of Argentina. They wanted to bring this species of bird to the

United States to introduce in Florida, but too many problems were encountered.

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her. Interior paneling came from a Glens Falls mill that rejected the wood because it was full of knots. The driveway of Belgian concrete blocks was taken piecemeal from Capital District dumpsites. Even the pegs in the hardwood floors were individually placed by Gardiner and Janet.

The late 1940's saw Bump shifting his focus from home and state to gamebird research on a worldwide basis. He went to work for the U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service and spent the next 25 years studying gamebirds with the intent to find a species that could be introduced into the United States. His trips took him to India, Pakistan, Afghanistan, Iraq, Iran, Turkey, Argentina and most of Europe to study all

manner of grouse, quail, partridge and pheasant.

Although Janet had not originally trained to be a biologist, her work with gamebirds was also valued. Once while she joined Gardiner in Afghanistan, officials turned over a hospital room to her so that she could raise her pheasants. And, according to Bump, "It is her name that is famous in scientific literature." While in Argentina, Janet became a self-taught pathologist and discovered a heartworm that was new to science. Her first name is now part of the two-part scientific name given that heartworm.

Bump retired in the early 1970's. He filled his home with treasures from his travels, the gun from Afghanistan that adorned his mantle, the wooden cow bell purchased from a farmer in India, the urns and figurines, the wall hangings from all over the world.

But the man was far from retired from his work. He was mentor to many high school-aged sportsmen, teaching them the principles of wildlife management through practical application on Sportsmen Club land. He counsel-

ed area Boy Scouts on their wildlife merit badges. He served as adviser and historian to the two DEC directors of the Five Rivers center.

Bump spent additional leisure hours with his "good grouse hunting buddy," the late Erastus Corning. When Corning suggested that they set up a chapter of the Ruffed Grouse Society, Bump resisted with the comment, "It won't work. You'd be president the first year and I'd be president the second year. Then it would die." However, in subsequent years the Society did form and Corning and Bump worked with its members to establish hunting areas on the Alcove Reservoir.

Five Rivers Ltd. and the New York State Department of Environmental Conservation on Monday hosted a farewell reception for Gardiner and Janet Bump on the land where it all began, Five Rivers. On hand were the three Bump children. Robert now resides in Vancouver, Wash. Richard is in Pittsburgh, and June lives in Milwaukee. It is June that the Bumps will be living closest to in their "second retirement."

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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. 35.

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.

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.

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.

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 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.

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

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.

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

THE SPOTLIGHT CALENDAR

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

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

Project Equinox, Delmar satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contacts confidential. By appointment, call 434-6134.

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.

Bethlehem Youth Employment Service, Bethlehem Town Hall, Monday through Friday, 1-4:30 p.m. during the summer. Call 439-2238.

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

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

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 county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls, from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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

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South on Rt. 144 to Maple Ave., west on Thatcher St. to Cottage Lane, cover Cottage Lane to Rt. 9W, north on Rt. 9W to Rt. 396 to South Albany Rd., north on South Albany Rd. to Bell Crossing Rd. to Jericho Rd., Jericho Rd. east to Long Lane, Long Lane east to Elm Ave., Elm Ave. west to Fairlawn, Fairlawn to Elm Ave. Park.

Bus will return to North Bethlehem at 3:45 p.m. and to Selkirk and South Bethlehem areas (via same route as pick up) 4:15 p.m.

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, 9:30-9 p.m.

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

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, 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.

"The Man Who Knew Too Much," film classic at Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m. Free.

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

New Scotland Town Board, regular monthly business meeting, New Scotland Town Hall, 9:30 a.m.

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 by Steve Swartz, 6:30 p.m.

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

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

Recovery Inc., self-help for former nervous symptoms. First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Concert in the Park, Euraquilo, college singing group, at Evergreen Park, Voorheesville, 7-9 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 7

Prayer Vigil for Peace, St. Thomas Church parking lot, noon.

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 booklet, 765-3635.

Night Swimming and Dancing, pool hours extended until 10 p.m. while local band Maintenance performs, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 8 p.m.

Adult Fun Run and Clinic, road race and running technique tips, Elm Ave. Park pavilion area, Delmar, 7:30 a.m. \$3 registration.

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.

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

Concert in the Park, Southbound, a country-and-western quintet, Voorheesville village green, 6-9 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, JULY 9

Animals at the Bethlehem Preschool, 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.

AI-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.

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

Basketball Clinic Begins, week of on-court action for Bethlehem children entering grades 5-8, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 10 a.m.-noon. For \$14 registration, 439-9204.

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "Shadow of a Doubt," 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Christian Workshop Begins, week of morning classes for children at area homes and Bethlehem Community Church, 9-11:30 a.m.; evening courses for teen-adults at church, 7-9 p.m.; afternoon dance classes taught by Vincent Wineglass at church, 1-3:30 p.m. For details, see brochure.

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.

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

Blood Pressure Clinic, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 9-11 a.m. and 7-9 p.m. Free.

"The Man Who Knew Too Much," summer series, Voorheesville Public Library, 1 p.m. Free.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

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

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

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

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Heart Attack," simulation of rescue squad life-saving techniques, 5:30 p.m.

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

"Is There Life After High School" (new musical from Broadway), The Theatre Barn, New Lebanon, July 5 through July 15 (Thursdays, Fridays and Saturdays, 8 p.m., Sundays 2 and 7 p.m.). Box Office, 794-8989.

"Romeo and Juliet" performed "under the stars" by Shakespeare & Company The Mount, Lenox, Mass, July 6 through July 22, Tuesday-Sunday, 8 p.m. (grounds open 6 p.m. for picnicking). Box office, (413) 637-3353.

"A Midsummer Night's Dream" (Shakespeare on the Plaza's second season), terrace of State Museum building, July 6-8 and 11-15, 8 p.m. All performances free.

"Desert Song" (Romberg's operetta), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham.

"Desert Song" (Romberg's operetta), Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham, 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, through July 21. Tickets and information, SPAC box office, 587-3330.

MUSIC

The Imperials, with Michele Pillar (gospel group), Convention Center, Empire State Plaza, July 9, 7:30 p.m.

OPERA

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

DANCE

The Bucket Dance Theatre (modern dance company), Jacob's Pillow, 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

Robert Longley and Tony Capone, landscape paintings, Albany Gallery of American Marine Painters, Stuyvesant Plaza, through July 11.

Lou Stoumen: Forty Years on Time Square (black and white photos), State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through July 29.

Community Industries of the Shakers . . . A New Look, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Nov. 30.

"Buddies" (art work by Vietnam veterans), Memorial Gallery, first floor of Justice Building, Empire State Plaza.

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.

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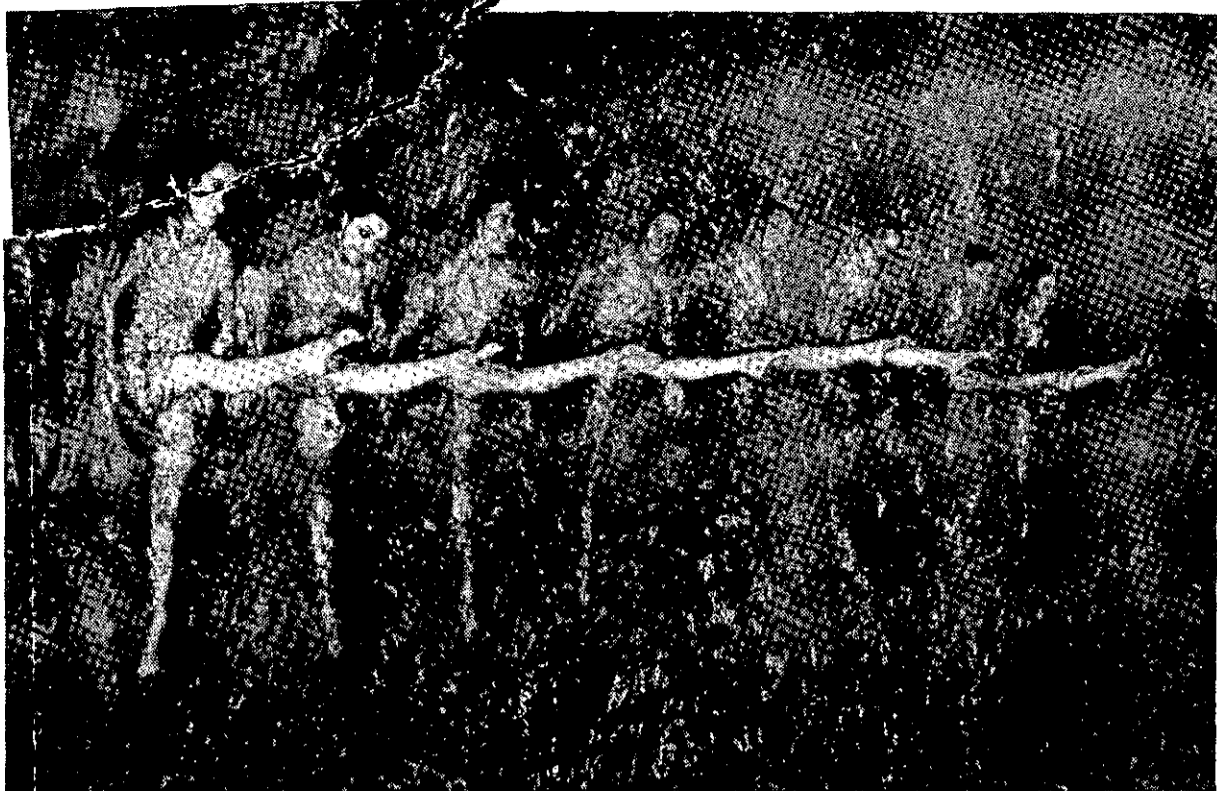
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THURSDAY, JULY 12

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, 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.

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

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

"**Shadow of a Doubt**," film classic at Bethlehem Public Library, 7 p.m.

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.

Bethlehem Christian Workshop, all-family grand finale with music and dancing by the Jenkins, Vincent Wineglass, "Forgiven" and the Joint Heirs Quartet, Bethlehem Community Church, 7 p.m.

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Breakin' With Electric Force," student break-dancing demonstration, 5:30 p.m.; "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "The Man Who Knew Too Much," 6:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

Christmas in July Craft Fair, handmade crafts sale-exhibit refreshments, bake sale, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Beckers Corners, Selkirk, 9 a.m.-5 p.m. For booth space, 767-2770.

Chicken Barbecue, and country fair sponsored by Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Company, Unionville firehouse, 4-8 p.m.

Bird Nesting Program, indoor-outdoor adult education workshop, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Delmar, 10 a.m. Free; for preregistration, 457-6092.

MONDAY, JULY 16

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary, Post #3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "Meet John Doe," 7 p.m.

Music at the Bethlehem Preschool, guest musicians visit the school all week, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 9 a.m.-1 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 17

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post #1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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

AARP, third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave. Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Freezing Fruits and Vegetables Workshop, home economics classes on making home preserves, County Resource Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon and 7-9 p.m. For \$1 registration, 765-2874.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 18

Delmar Fire District regular meetings third Wednesdays Delmar Fire Station, 7:30 p.m.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Luncheon Trip, bus departs for Butcherblock Restaurant in Colonie from Bethlehem municipal parking lot, Kenwood Ave., at 10:45 a.m. Register at regular Thursday meetings.

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Breakin' With Electric Force" 5:30 p.m.; "KBDA News," 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 19

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership, Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, 12 noon.

"**Let's Spend the Night Together**," classic rock film by the Rolling Stones ends chemical-free series, Elm Ave. Park lawn, Delmar, 9 p.m. Free.

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "Meet John Doe," 11 a.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 20

The Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Breakin' With Electric Force," 5:30 p.m.; "Heart Attack," 6:30 p.m.; "Bethlehem Bijou" reviews "Shadow of a Doubt," 7 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 21

Albany Audubon Society Field Trip, "Herps and Amphibians"; information, 439-0943.

Country-Western Night, dinner, music and dancing sponsored by New Scotland Elks Auxiliary, Picard's Grove, 6:30 p.m.-1 a.m. For \$15 reservations, 439-2229 by July 13.

SUNDAY, JULY 22

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

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WEDNESDAY, JULY 4

Fireworks, at dusk, Altamont Fairgrounds.

Independence Day Celebration, music, Newtville Classic Crafts Show and 9 p.m. fireworks display, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-10 p.m.; Free.

THURSDAY, JULY 5

Concerned Friends 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.

FRIDAY, JULY 6

Antique Flea Market, 150-acre antique showplace today and tomorrow, Gordon Reid's Pine Grove Farm, Duaneburg, Schenectady 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, 263-3800.

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.

Old-Fashioned Strawberry Shortcake Festival, at Calvary United Methodist Church, Albany, 5-7 p.m. \$1.75 and \$1 admission; information, 482-0486.

Health Fair Festival, sponsored by Kripalu Center for Yoga and Health, at Shadowbrook, Rt. 183 across from Tanglewood, Mass., 11 a.m.-7 p.m. Free; information (413) 637-3200.

SUNDAY, JULY 8

International Bazaar 1984, pavilions, ethnic foods, crafts, national dances and historical information, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-9 p.m. Free.

Shaker Music and Dance, demonstration, discussion and films, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 2-4:30 p.m. Free.

MONDAY, JULY 9

Speedreading Course, 8 videotaped segments by Dick Cavett, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 10

Literature Talk, poet Coral Crossman and SUNYA associate professor of English Jeffrey Berman talk, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 11

Big Band Sound, swing music and dance, outdoors at Empire State Plaza, Albany, 7:30-9:30 p.m.

THURSDAY, JULY 12

Cocaine Anonymous, organizational meeting for the new support group for cocaine abusers, 261 North Pearl St., Albany, 7 p.m. Information, Hope House at 465-2441.

Historic Cherry Hill Birthday Celebration, tours, music and cash bar, on the house-museum grounds, 523 1/2 South Pearl St., Albany, 5-8 p.m. For \$15 tickets, 434-4791.

German Alps Festival and Goebelfest, ethnic music, dancing, food and the Budweiser Clydesdales, through July 29 at Hunter Mountain, Rt. 23A, Thruway Exit 21, Catskill. Information, 263-3800.

SATURDAY, JULY 14

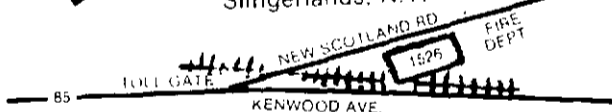
Towpath Regatta, non-motor craft compete on the Mohawk River, from Jumpin' Jack's, Scotia, to the Rexford Bridge, 6 p.m. Information, 372-5656.

National Ice Cream Festival, benefit of American Cancer Society, New Scotland Ave. Armory, Albany, 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

Choral Music, Metropolitan Baptist Church choir of Albany and Agape Force Hudson sing together in concert, outdoors at the Empire State Plaza, Albany, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

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It's not all fun and games

When I was a kid there was no more exhilarating long distance run than the one I and my classmates burst into at the final bell signaling the start of summer vacation. The throngs of young speedsters released from the bonds of formal learning on those June days across the land resembled the best Olympic milers adrenaized by the sound of the bell lap.

The phrase "Summer Vacation" had an undeniably special ring to it. But that was to a child's ears. Now that I am an adult and a

Family MATTERS

Norman G. Cohen



Summer vacation is:

"... a long, hot, hellish nightmare," a police officer of a large city.

"... my busiest time of year with all kinds of pressures and problems," the owner operator of a chain of drive-in theaters.

"... another chance to find out if my high school sweetheart is really the one I want to marry," one of thousands of college students home for the summer.

"... the season to concentrate on wools and furs and gloves and boots," clothing designers preparing for the next fashion period.

"... my last chance to party nonstop and have a ball," a graduating high school senior scheduled to start Army boot camp in August.

For many, "summer vacation" is a decided misnomer . . .

parent, the annual event has a distinctly different ring, more like a clang. Although summertime removes the daily pressures of making lunches, monitoring homework and fighting for hot showers in the morning, new and heavier pressures rush to take their place.

To a working parent summer vacation is having to hire baby-sitters for the entire day instead of from just 3 to 5. It is wondering about the kind of mess the kitchen will be in when you return. It is trying to solve sibling disputes over the phone while your boss stands over you with 10 rush jobs to be done by the close of business. It is thinking to yourself, "It's 11 in the morning; do you know where your teenagers are?"

To a homemaker parent summer vacation is suddenly transforming yourself into a camp director, a schoolteacher, a prison guard, a taxi driver, a baker and short-order cook, a job foreman and a guru, and all of these new roles heaped on top of the standard, year-round ones that still have to be performed.

As we grow older and perhaps wiser, we come to realize that the term "vacation" was probably derived purposely to mean "the vacating of something, specifically for the purpose of deriving pleasure." If so, then, "summer vacation" is for many a decided misnomer. As is beauty, pleasure is also confined to "the eye of the beholder." Consider the following perceptions of summer vacation.

"... the chance for me to earn some real money by expanding my part-time job into full-time for a few months," a middle school teacher.

"... poison. It's the time to stock up the medicine chest with pills and sprays and drops of all kinds," a chronic asthmatic.

"... middle of the night emergency calls, frantic customers and always the threat of losing business," a commercial refrigeration specialist.

"... the opportunity to play in Europe," a professional basketball player.

"The opportunity to play in America," a summer stock theater group.

"... the opportunity to play on the high seas," a dance band booked on a summer cruise.

"... time to dig up the dirt outside instead of inside," a housecat.

"... time to dig up buried treasures," a dog, an archaeologist or a beachcomber.

"... the season to hibernate indoors or chance a brief venture outside, but only with an umbrella," all the fair-haired, light skinned sunburners who regard summer as a prolonged raygun attack.

"... three months of imprisonment when I am shackled to my garden hose," a member of the fastidious suburban lawncare community plagued by brown-spot phobia.

"... my first chance to party nonstop and have a ball," a retiring Army sergeant due to be discharged in June.

"... when I have to bid farewell to the Florida beaches and go back to work," the owner of an upstate New York hotdog stand.

"... an indelible memory of what freedom feels like," all children at heart everywhere.

Happy summer!

Fete at Cherry Hill

Historic Cherry Hill will celebrate its 20th year with a birthday celebration on Thursday, July 12, from 5 to 8 p.m. The Van Rensselaer house-museum on South Pearl St., Albany, will host a cash bar, hor d'oeuvres, tours and John Horton's Dixieland Jazz All-Stars. Tickets are \$15 and deductible. To order them call 434-4791.

Correction

The last paragraph of the Focus on Faith column by Rev. Richard H. Hibbert in last week's *Spotlight* contained a typographical error. The paragraph should have read:

We need not despair of God's love in those days when it seems absent. If we continue to wait upon God, resting on our trust is divine faithfulness, we may soon be overwhelmed with joy, finding ourselves rising up on eagles' wings.



Cindy Goldstein

Receives chemistry fellowship

Cindy Goldstein, the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Milton Goldstein of Hartwood Rd., in Delmar, has been awarded a fellowship to pursue doctoral studies in chemistry at the University of Florida. She received her bachelor's degree in chemistry this May from

Plattsburgh State University College.

At Plattsburgh she received the freshman chemistry student-of-the-year award, and this spring, she earned the Department of Chemistry's Undergraduate Research Award. She also served as a lab assistant in several courses and as a tutor for the chemistry and physics students.

DEAN'S LIST



State University at Stony Brook — Mary A. Kraus, Voorheesville.

Russell Sage College — Allison M. Swick (Kellas Scholar); Diane E. Skuan, Delmar; Amy Davis, Judith A. Washko, Glenmont; Mary E. Mielke, Selkirk; Darlene H. Gilford, Voorheesville.

Colgate University — Joseph G. Keller, Jr., Glenmont.

Medal winner

Anne Jamison, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Benton Jamison of Delmar, was awarded the William E. Newberg silver medal at a recent ceremony at Shattuck-St. Mary's Schools in Faribault, Minn. The award is given to the second ranking student in the ninth grade.

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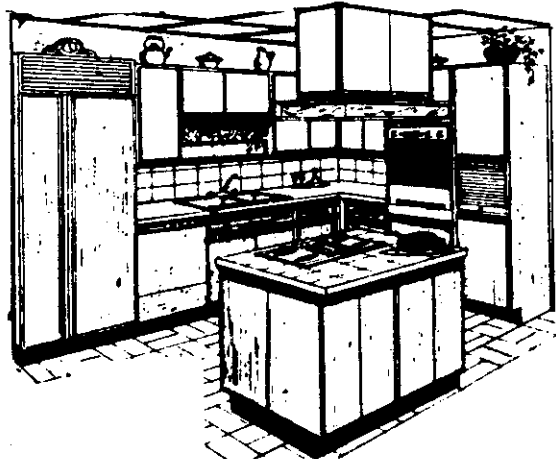
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Eck to head fire unit

Walter W. Eck, 642 Kenwood Ave., Slingerlands, is the new president of the 16-county Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Association.

Eck, a member of the Slingerlands Fire Dept. for 25 years and active in local and regional firemen's organizations, was elected at the annual convention of the association, which includes more than 650 volunteer fire companies. Eck, an employee of the New York Telephone Co., is a member of the Elks Lodge, Voorheesville Rod and Gun Club, Albany Sportmen's League, Fathers Association of Christian Brothers Academy and St. Thomas Church.



Walter W. Eck

Volunteers in the town of Bethlehem and New Scotland answered 10 fire calls and 26 ambulance calls during the week from June 20 to 27.

Delmar Fire Dept.: 3 fire calls.
Delmar Rescue Squad: 12 ambulance calls.

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

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Co.: 8 ambulance calls.

North Bethlehem Fire Dept.: 1 fire call.

Voorheesville Fire Dept.: 1 fire call.

Voorheesville Volunteer Ambulance: 6 ambulance calls.

New Salem Fire Dept.: 2 fire calls.

First response program

North Bethlehem Fire Department is among the first in our reporting area that has instituted the 'First Responder'. Fifteen members of the department took the 40-hour New York State Course required for this program. They became proficient in C.P.R., control of bleeding, splinting, checking vitals etc. until the arrival of an ambulance with its paramedics and EMTs. When an ambulance is dispatched in the Elmwood Park Fire District (North Bethlehem) the Fire Department also responds with a pumper that is equipped with basic life support equipment. When they arrive before the ambulance they stabilize the patient and when the ambulance arrives first they assist the ambulance crews. In this week's report of fire and ambulance calls you will note that North Bethlehem had two first responder calls. The program is a great success.

Elected

At the recent Hudson Valley Volunteer Firemen's Convention at Ballston Spa the Ladies Auxiliary elected Carolyn Day to a one-year directorship. At the same meeting Lucy Contento was presented her gold life membership card. Both are members of Delmar Fire Department's Ladies Auxiliary.

Board meeting

Hudson Mohawk Volunteer Firemen's Assoc., officers, directors and committee chairmen please note that the board will meet on July 11, at the Vail Ave. Fire Station in Mechanicville due to the Holiday this week. As this will be our last directors meeting before the convention July 18, all members are urged to attend.

Auxiliary picnic

On July 12th Delmar F.D. Ladies Auxiliary will hold their annual picnic at the home of Carolyn Day at 6 p.m. Eileen Moriarty, Alva Bloodgood and Carolyn Day are on the committee and request that the girls bring their own place setting and lawn chairs. In case of rain it will be at the Firehouse.

Oldest truck

At the recent Hudson Valley Firemen's Assoc. parade at Ballston Spa the Elsmere Fire Company was awarded the trophy for the Oldest Motorized Fire Vehicle under its own power in the parade. Elsmere has a 1917 Model-T Ford Fire Truck.

Vandals are busy

Bethlehem police are checking leads on vandals who sprayed an obscenity and other items in black and purple paint on a rear wall of Hamagrael School in Delmar at

approximately 10 p.m. Saturday.

In Selkirk an hour later a vehicle was pushed from a driveway into the road and a substance, possibly beer, poured into the gas tank, according to detectives.

In Elsmere, seven newly planted bushes and several plants were pulled from the ground Thursday night at a Brookview Ave. residence, according to Bethlehem police reports.

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Fair at Unionville

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Each Saturday a chicken barbecue is served from 4 to 8 p.m. This year the firemen have constructed a new pit which will be fired by propane gas. In addition, the dining area of the pole shed has a new white ceiling together with new lights. A wind break is being built to eliminate drafts in case of a windy day. Parking and admission are free.

off the opening night of the 42nd annual Punkintown Fair in New Salem, followed by a coronation ceremony of a Prince and Princess. According to Bill Murdock, chairman of the New Salem Volunteer Fire Department's family-funfest, judging for royal honors will be on costumed participants, but costumes are not necessary to participate in the parade. Marchers will receive tickets to rides at the fair. Registration for the parade will be accepted prior to July 21 by phoning 439-2752.

The Punkintown Fair, one of the most popular in the area for many years, will be held on consecutive weekends of July 27-28 and Aug. 3-4.

Bicycle thefts

June 27 - Found pushed into shrubs, Montrose Dr., not registered.

June 28 - Roweland Ave., side of house, not registered; Winne Rd., front lawn, not registered; also, bike left at Elm Ave. Park.

Kids parade coming

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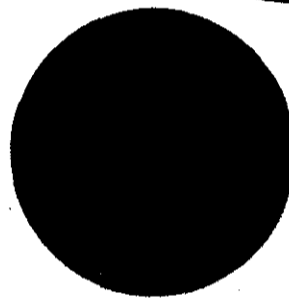
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More expansion at GE Selkirk?

General Electric's Selkirk plant is in the middle of a \$40 million expansion, and a second major addition to the plant could be in the works next year if the company decides to locate a newly-acquired technology in New York State.

But company officials are tying their decision on the future of the Selkirk plant at least partially to the climate for business in the state — and specifically to legislation that would establish a "superfund" to finance the cleanup of toxic waste sites.

According to GE officials, the Cuomo administration superfund plan would mean an additional \$1 million in taxes for the company in New York State — a figure that the state disagrees with.

But, says Cliff Montgomery, manager of community relations at the Selkirk plant, the proposal raises a very serious question: "Why expand in New York State?"

If the decision were left to the local managers, Montgomery said, the vote would be for Selkirk. "We would like it here," he said. "We have good community support and an excellent labor force."

The new technology is a line of weatherable resins that GE recently acquired from Stauffer Chemical Company. For the time being, the company intends to supply customers with resins produced by Stauffer at its Edison, N.J., plant. But the company plans to complete a new plant to manufacture the resins by 1985, according to an announcement made by Philip M. Gross, vice president and general manager of the Noryl Products Division.

The new resins have "outstanding resistance to weather aging," which makes them useful for, among other things, recreational vehicles and siding.

"In our view, this family of polymers provides a balance of properties that will be highly desirable in outdoor applications where toughness, attractive appearance, and durability are



Elizabeth Bennett

Wins fellowship

Elizabeth (Beth) Bennett of Delmar, who received a BA degree from the State University at Albany with honors in May, has accepted a fellowship in a doctoral program in French studies at the University of Pennsylvania. A 1980 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, she is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. William A. Bennett, 22 Center Lane.

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prime requirements," said Gross.

Meanwhile, work continues on GE's current expansion project, which will expand the capacity of the company's Noryl resin product line, adding production, finishing and compounding capacity to the 750-acre facility. The plant employs 400 to 500 people.

The work is expected to be completed by the third quarter of 1985, according to a company announcement.

Significant growth in demand for Noryl resin in automotive and computer and business equipment markets have necessitated additional U.S. capacity," according to Gross. With the expansion, he added, GE can integrate new technology developed over 10 years by the company, as well as "state of the art" process control.

GE manufactures the engineering thermoplastics in Selkirk and Mt. Vernon, Ind., as well as in the Netherlands, Australia and Japan.

Ripe for clipping

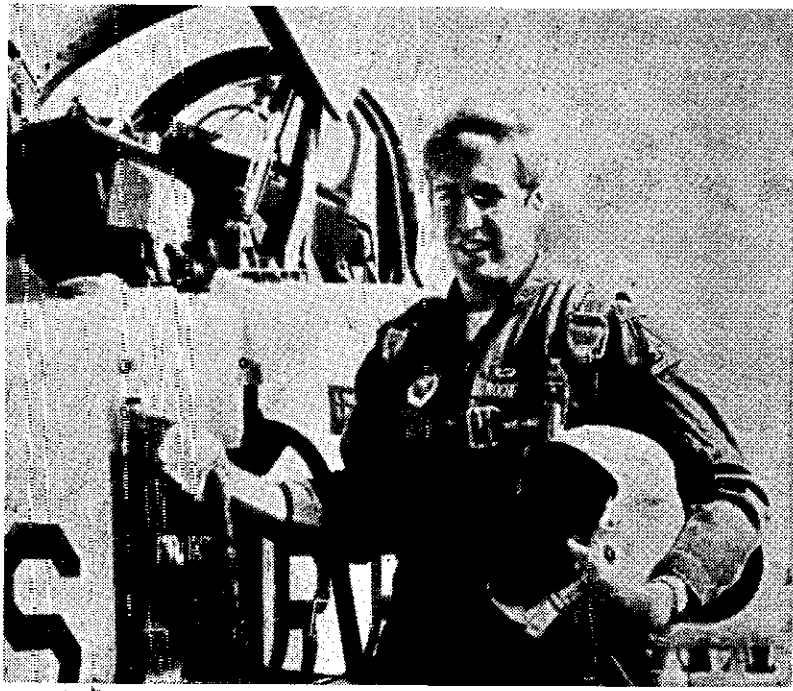
Starting this week and continuing through the summer months, the *Spotlight* is publishing a full page of special coupon values from local stores and businesses.

The inaugural offerings, ready for the scissors, can be found on Page 6.

Support for agency

Equinox, Inc. received a donation of \$5,000 from Key Bank N.A. to support its human service programs. An earlier bank contribution of \$3,000 matched \$3,000 raised by bank employees.

Equinox, Inc. is a private, non-profit agency serving the Capital District through a youth shelter, counseling center and REFER Help-line. For information call 434-6135.



2nd Lt. Robert Roche, Jr.

Graduates from flight school

Second Lt. Robert P. Roche, Jr., has graduated from flight school at Reese Air Force Base, Tex. He will report to Norton Air Force Base, Calif., after flight check at A Tus Air Force Base, Okla., for pilot assignment on the C-141 cargo plane. Lt. Roche is a 1979 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and a 1983 graduate of the Air Force Academy. He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Roche of Delmar.

Gordon P. Lawrence, son of Martha E. Fickering, 33 Rowland Ave., Delmar, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force course for chapel management specialists at Keesler Air Force Base, Miss.

Graduates of the course learned how to prepare chaplain reports and assist in religious functions, and earned credits toward an associate degree in applied science through the Community College of the Air Force.

Airman 1st Class Frank L. DeFoe, son of Elaine Foley of Selkirk, has participated in Crested Cap II, a short-term deployment of the 37th Tactical Fighter Wing from George Air Force Base, Calif., to Yeager Air Base, West Germany. The 37th joined other U.S. air units based in West Germany to participate in NATO exercises. The exercise is part of a larger program in which U.S.-based tactical air units deploy for short periods to Europe, Alaska and the Pacific.

Spotlight ON THE SERVICES

Army Pvt. Colin P. Kelly, son of Ralph M. and Mary K. Kelly of Slingerlands, has arrived for duty in Hanau, West Germany. Kelly, a wheeled-vehicle mechanic with the 3rd Support Command, was previously assigned to Aberdeen Proving Ground, Md.

Colleen J. McGinty, daughter of Peter J. and Ann M. McGinty, 8 Clapper Rd., Glenmont, has been promoted to first lieutenant in the U.S. Air Force. She is a contract manager with the 3245th Civil Engineering Squadron at Hanscom Air Force Base, Mass.

Navy Construction Recruit William L. Flansburg, son of William and Sandra Flansburg of Voorheesville, has completed recruit training at the Naval Training Center, San Diego, Calif. He is now attending construction school in Port Hueneme, Calif. He is a 1983 graduate of Voorheesville Central.

Airman Gregory R. Raynor, son of Sharon L. Raynor of Voorheesville, has graduated from the U.S. Air Force helicopter flight engineer course at Sheppard Air Force Base, Tex.

Class of '84



Emma Willard School — Jennifer Birn, Delmar.

Mercersburg Academy — Di G. Applegate, Voorheesville; Janet K. Shaffer, Delmar.

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Union University — Andrew C. Rose, Delmar, juris doctor, Albany Law School, and master of business administration, Institute of Administration and Management.

Skidmore College — Mary Cannizzaro, Delmar.

McGeorge School of Law, University of the Pacific — Randall A. Miller, formerly of Delmar.

Law expert retires

Ronald M. Stout of Delmar, professor in the Graduate School of Public Affairs at the State University at Albany, retired this year after 22 years at the university. Stout holds bachelor's, master's and doctoral degrees from Syracuse University. He plans to publish a book about the administrative law of Ireland.

Her 2nd scholarship

Lorelee G. Boughton, a 1981 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, has been awarded a Statler Foundation scholarship, her second. A graduate of Paul Smith's College with an associate degree in hotel and restaurant management, she is continuing her studies at Widener University, Wilmington, Del.

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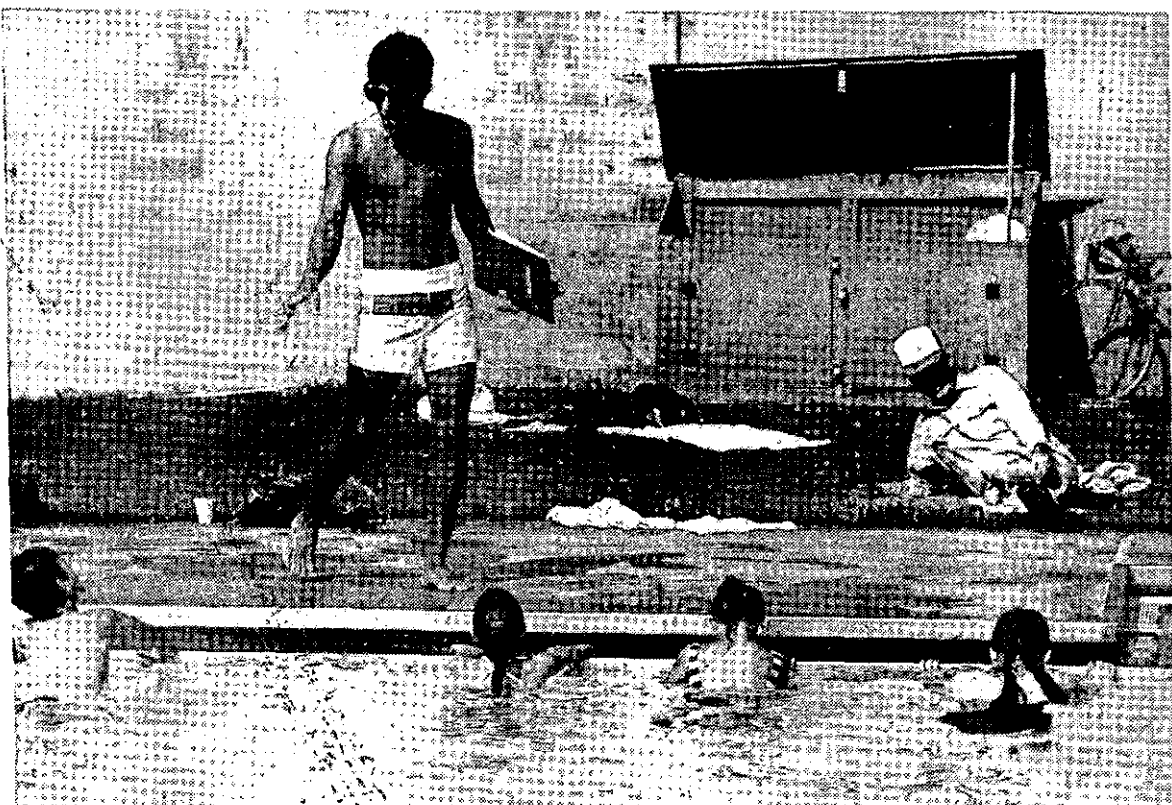
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In Bethlehem's summer swim program there is an ability level for everyone — even a Level One class, which instructor Phil Yourno describes as "one step

below beginners." When our photographer dropped by, the youngsters were getting a breathing lesson at the Elm Ave. pool. *Tom Howes*

Roberts takes two

Roberts Realty garnered two victories last week in Tri-Village Little League play. They outlasted General Electric, 7-3, despite ground-trippers by GE's Ben Acario and Keith Rabideau. Acario singled as well.

Contributing to the win were Dan Greene, who hit a single and double, and Rob Newkirk, who had three hits. Newkirk also combined with John Hoffman on the mound to toss a five-hitter and a 11.

Roberts' second win was a squeaker with Main Care, 19-18. Although the runs were numerous, hits were scarce for both teams, with Matt Dennin having two singles and a double for Roberts. Greg Rensler singled and doubled for Main Care.

Rensler also provided slugging power in his team's 11-4 shelling of Price Greenleaf. He homered and singled. Steven Hemmes doubled for the victors, and Bob

Griffin walloped his fourth homer of the season.

Chris Bearup of GE played well offensively and defensively in his team's 11-3 losing effort against Farm Family. Bearup singled, doubled and scattered five hits on the mound. Josh Rutnick had a double for GE. *Seth Graham*

Tourney starts

Bethlehem Babe Ruth Baseball's 14-15 all-stars will play their first tournament game Thursday, July 5, at 5:30 at East Greenbush Babe Ruth.

The team roster is comprised of Dave Gillespie, Ed Perry, Doug Pratt, Bob Jakhra, Joel Keens, Alex Buerle, Paul Evangelista, Chris Czerw, Tom Frazier, Mike Hodge, John Forbes, Steve Ceddia, Brian Battle, Jeff Pesnel and Jeff Boyd. Randy Gambelunghie is manager, assisted by Tony Ceddia and Sandy Gambelunghie as coaches.

A new swim star emerges

Several of Delmar's master swimmers — that is, over 20 years of age — used last weekend's Adirondack District masters qualifying meet at Clifton Park as a tuneup for the Empire State Games next month, but for one Delmar swimmer the meet was a ticket to the Syracuse extravaganza.

Alice Dyer, swimming in her first competitive meet, qualified

for the Games in four of the freestyle events she entered in the women's 40-44 age division. She won the 50-meter free in 44.31 seconds, the 100 in 1:40.46, and the 200 in 3:48.96. She qualified for the 400 free in 8:03.34, good for second place, but her second in the 1500-meter free was short of qualifying time.

Other Delmar swimmers had qualified for the Games in earlier meets, but made the trip to the Clifton Knolls facility to gain competitive experience in a 50-

meter pool. MaryLou Schulz, also competing in the women's 40-44 division, swept all five events she entered, and had qualifying times in the 100-meter and 200-meter butterfly, 100 backstroke and 200 IM to accompany her earlier achievements. She also won the 50-meter breaststroke. Frank Otto of Delmar won the 50-meter backstroke for men 35-39 in 46.05 and was fourth in the 50-meter free, both in qualifying times although he had qualified in earlier meets.

Irving Bonawitz of Delmar, swimming in the men's 60-64 bracket, won the 50-meter and 100-meter fly in his age division, qualifying in the 100. His time Sunday in the 50 was short of qualifying, but he had previously earned a spot in an earlier meet.

At the Empire State Games master swimmers can choose five events in which they have turned in qualifying times. The state championships will be held at the Burnet Park pool in Syracuse Aug. 17-19.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy, and Stewarts

Tri-Village Little League

Standings, July 1

| Major League | | | |
|------------------------------|----|---|-----------|
| | W | L | |
| *Farm Fam | 12 | 2 | GE |
| Spotlight | 8 | 4 | Roberts |
| Pr. Green | 7 | 6 | Main Care |
| Tie — GE, Main Care | | | |
| Intermediate League | | | |
| | W | L | |
| American | 10 | 3 | H. Andy |
| *Sutter's | 10 | 3 | H. Andy |
| Main Care | 6 | 6 | Del. Ans. |
| Paper Mill | 6 | 7 | GE |
| Buenau's | 3 | 9 | Stewart's |
| Junior League | | | |
| | W | L | |
| McDonalds | 12 | 1 | Beth Auto |
| Pratt Vail | 11 | 2 | Klersy |
| Prof Kitch | 7 | 6 | Hoogy's |
| Tie — Prof. Kitchens, Klersy | | | |
| *Clinched Championship | | | |

Church Softball

Results, June 28

| New Scotland 4, | Wynantskill 4 | | | | |
|--------------------|-------------------|---|------------|---|---|
| Presbyterian 9, | Clarksville 1 | | | | |
| St. Thomas 19, | Methodist 5 | | | | |
| Beth. Community 8, | Delmar Reformed 7 | | | | |
| Glenmont 28, | Albany 2 | | | | |
| St. Thomas II 28, | Bethany 3 | | | | |
| Westerlo 5, | Voorheesville 2 | | | | |
| | W | L | | W | L |
| St. Thom | 8 | 1 | Wyn'kill | 3 | 5 |
| St. Thom. | 8 | 1 | Del. Ref. | 3 | 6 |
| Glenmont | 8 | 1 | New Scot. | 3 | 6 |
| Westerlo | 7 | 2 | Bethany | 3 | 6 |
| Presby | 6 | 2 | Method. | 2 | 6 |
| Voor'ville | 5 | 3 | Clrksville | 0 | 9 |
| Beth Com | 5 | 4 | Albany | 0 | 9 |

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Hurlers shine for Blanchard

Blanchard Post received tight pitching from Bob Tierney and Doug Keyer in a busy week that produced three wins in four outings. The local entry in American Legion summer baseball stood at 3-5 in the eight-team league, good for fourth place, and 5-5 overall.

Tierney, a Bishop Maginn standout, hurled a three-hitter against Melvin Roads and his battery mate, Kevin Roohan of Bethlehem Central, doubled home the winning run in the last of the seventh for a 3-2 victory. Keyer, a Lavena product, stopped North Albany with another three-hitter and the same score, holding off a fifth-inning uprising that narrowed the score from 3-0 to 3-2.

Chris Apple, leading the Blanchard hitters with a .500 average, stroked three singles in a 16-8 win over Chatham. Jay Askew had a double and single and drove home two runs.

Blanchard's only loss of the week came at the hands of Cox-sackie, 7-3, in a game in which defensive lapses were costly. The locals committed five errors as the winners plated six runs in the first two innings. Rob Kistler hurled shutout ball over the last four frames.

Track program starts

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. will offer a track and field program for athletes 15 and older from 8 to 9 a.m. Monday, Wednesday and Friday and from 5 to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday during the week of July 9-13. The program will include instruction in event skills and drills, plyometrics, flexibility, weight training, conditioning methods and evaluation.

The program will be held at the Bethlehem Central High School track and is open to residents of the town and school district. Registration is \$15 and can be made at Elm Ave. Park weekdays.

Ranked in air rifle

Earl Hauf, of Glenmont placed 15th among some 400 competitors in the trials for berths on the U.S. Olympic air rifle team in Los Angeles in June. Back home, he's practicing for the national championships in Ohio July 26 and then will head to Ft. Benning, Ga., for an invitational training program under the Director of Civilian Tennessee Technologic University.

In Olympic event

Maj. Francis E. Rogler of Delmar and Master Sgt. Kenneth R. Hunter of Voorheesville were participants in Nassau County's recent 1984 International Games for Disabled. The games, which are held every four years, offer disabled athletes an opportunity to participate in an Olympic-style competition.

Hoop clinic set

A basketball clinic for those entering grades 5-8 will run Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to noon at the Elm Ave. Park from July 9 to July 20. Registration is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem school district, and can be made by calling Nelson Harrington, 439-9204. There is a \$14 fee.

Spotlight SPORTS

Ruth stars win opener

Jonathan Skilbeck spun a five-hitter as the Bethlehem Babe Ruth All Stars posted a 7-2 victory over Castleton-Nassau Sunday to advance in the District 6 13-year-old tournament at the Central Babe Ruth League park in Albany.

Billy McFerran led the attack with three singles and John Regan contributed a double. Shortstop Tony Forster and first baseman Sean Lynch executed two double plays, and Ru Fitzgerald made a running catch in left field to thwart an opposition rally.

John Skilbeck is manager of the Bethlehem entry, assisted by Jim Dillon and Will Bradt.

Bethlehem Babe Ruth Standings, July 1

| Gold Div. | W | L | Blue Div. | W | L |
|------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Nat Sav | 11 | 1 | H'ling | 12 | 4 |
| Glen Dine | 9 | 4 | Davies | 11 | 5 |
| GE | 6 | 6 | WWCN | 7 | 10 |
| Main Care | 5 | 9 | Applebee | 5 | 11 |
| Blue Cross | 1 | 13 | O. Corning | 5 | 12 |

Tie — Houghtaling's, Davies

Voorheesville Babe Ruth

Standings not received

Bethlehem Tomboys

Standings, July 1

| Intermed. | W | L | Minors | W | L |
|------------|----|----|------------|----|----|
| Des. Wo. | 13 | 1 | BPW | 12 | 2 |
| Riccardo's | 7 | 6 | Myers | 12 | 2 |
| G.E. Plas. | 7 | 7 | Betty Lent | 5 | 8 |
| Mom's | 7 | 7 | Tri-Vill | 5 | 8 |
| Farm Fam | 6 | 9 | Baileys | 4 | 9 |
| E. Breuel | 2 | 12 | Kelly's | 2 | 11 |

Tie - Bailey's, Kelly's

Major League

| | W | L | | W | L |
|-----------|---|---|-----------|---|---|
| Dunston | 6 | 0 | Beth Elks | 3 | 3 |
| Spotlight | 5 | 2 | Kuivila | 2 | 7 |
| Atlantic | 4 | 1 | Masons | 0 | 5 |

Clinic for runners

The Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. is sponsoring a combination Fun Run and clinic for adults on Saturday, July 7, at 7:30 a.m. at the Elm Ave. Park. The clinic will include topics such as warm up, cool down, injuries and prevention, shoes, clothing and weight control. Registration can be made that day near the small pavilion area. There is a \$3 fee.



Jean Were Denson receives the Bob Guild Award from Jim Marotta of Delmar, past president of the

Albany Men's Bowling Association, chairman of the award committee.

Keg unit cites Delmar bowler

Jean Were Denson, 5 Elsmere Ave., Delmar was awarded the Bob Guild Award by the Albany Men's Bowling Association at a ceremony at Michael's Restaurant, Latham. The award is dedicated to the memory of Bob Guild who, despite a fatal malady, displayed outstanding bowling ability and courage as a great example to all.

Jean is highly regarded as an instructor. She managed junior programs for 20 years at the South End, Del's and Sporthaven Lanes. She arranged and managed many tournaments and field trips to out-of-town lanes with junior groups. She worked with the Bishop Maginn School varsity team over a 10-year period, and was affiliated with the Albany Women's Bowling Association in various capacities and committee assignments, including the position of vice president.

She is also chairman of Youth Program, Capital District Bowling Proprietors' Association, and helped form the New York State Junior Bowling Association.

Cycle trip a benefit

A bicycle trip of 100, 50 or 25 miles from Argyle through Washington County and western Vermont is planned Aug. 4 to benefit the Multiple Sclerosis Society. A 10-speed bike will be awarded to the participant who collects the most money.

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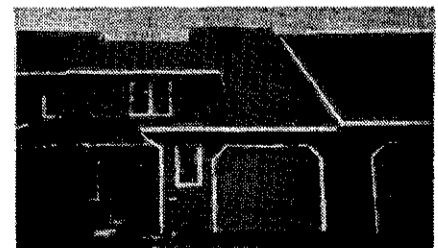
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1. Shall the Board of Education be authorized to expend the sum of Thirteen Thousand Three Hundred Seventy-seven dollars (\$13,377) to purchase library books and to levy the necessary tax therefor?

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

LEGAL NOTICE

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?

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

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BC's budget: time for healing

We are at impasse. Voters in the Bethlehem Central School District have said emphatically — twice — that they think the district budget is too high. The school board has said, just as emphatically, that there is nothing left to cut.

The result is a contingency budget and next Wednesday's vote on nine propositions. Judging by past votes and what we hear from the community, none of the propositions is a sure thing.

Since the first vote in May, positions seem to have hardened to the point where we wonder how the various sides can come back together. Under the contingency budget format, the advantage is with the board, which can continue submitting propositions while voter interest and opposition dwindles into the dog days of summer. That could mean a final budget as high or higher than the one defeated June 13, but whatever happens the division and bad feelings will remain, probably to resurface next spring when the budget comes up again.

Can the board cut deeper?

We at *The Spotlight* have avoided taking an editorial stand (as distinct from Nat Boynton's and Tom McPheeters' opinion pieces) because the facts to support either side are hard to come by. While the board's critics make a *prima facie* case that staffing levels have not decreased at the same rate as student populations, there have been few specific suggestions on how these reductions could be brought about.

More and more, however, the board's majority position appears to have drifted into equating quality education with the status quo. That is, that any cuts in staffing and programs would automatically decrease the quality of the BC educational program.

That seems to us a questionable and dogmatic position. And it is obviously not one that the majority of BC voters are willing to accept on faith.

We do agree with the board majority that it would be irresponsible to cut teaching and staff positions simply to get down to a specific number. Yet clearly personnel costs, which make up more than three quarters of the budget, must be addressed.

It is time for the board to declare that these areas are no longer "off limits," and in the current climate it would make great sense to enlist the aid of outsiders in a thorough review of the district's educational needs and priorities, with an eye toward some significant savings in next year's budget.

There is ample precedent for such citizen involvement, most recently in the Delaware Ave.

EDITORIAL

Task Force, and a Citizens Budget Advisory Committee worked actively with the Bethlehem Central school board in the '50s and '60s. Task forces and advisory groups not only have the advantage of an outside perspective (and the credibility that brings), but also are able to devote more time to a single issue than can the elected board members.

In fact, the process has already begun with the board's agreement to appoint a group to review the Challenge program.

On the other hand, it is clear that the school board has gone about as far as it can go in cutting maintenance, new equipment and building repairs — in fact, there is good evidence that what the district needs to do is catch up on maintenance and improvements, not to continue to cut corners. But by the same token, voters can't be expected to take seriously the continually shifting figures that come out of the board's meetings. Do we need \$4 million in capital improvements as the board declared this spring, or can we get away with a couple hundred thousand? Again, some outside input — in the form of a citizens committee — would be helpful. By the time the next budget season rolls around, the voters ought to know what they are facing in the years to come to keep this school system in good working order.

Where does that leave the voter faced with nine propositions next Wednesday? We make no judgement on most of the issues, knowing that the reader has as much information as we do (see Page 3). In many cases, the choice is a difficult one, because money spent now comes back later in state aid.

We do endorse three propositions as clearly in the best interests of the students and taxpayers. Transportation, we feel, is an obligation that the voters cannot ignore, no matter how mad they are at the board of education. Interscholastic sports is the traditional whipping boy when budgets go down, and its defeat would simply serve to divide the community further. The purchase of a new telephone system is too cost-effective to delay, and defeat of this proposition would do nothing for the tax rate either right now or later.

Richard Ahlstrom
Tom McPheeters

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Keep sports

Editor, The Spotlight:

Without getting into the controversy between the school board and the community, we would like to appeal to the residents of Bethlehem to vote Yes for school sports.

It is regrettable that the school board has seen fit to place our children, and in this case our fine young athletes, in the position of being an issue in the budget conflict in Bethlehem, through no fault of the kids themselves. Competitive athletics is an important factor in the development of our youngsters, and to deprive them of playing on interscholastic teams would be a tragedy.

On behalf of many parents and young athletes, we ask you to give strong consideration to the sports proposition when you vote.

Thomas J. Dobert
Mary G. Dobert

Delmar

Vote on taxes

Editor, The Spotlight:

More. More. More.

And more taxes seems to be the only message the Bethlehem Central School District Board of Education gets from the mandates from the voters of the district to cut taxes.

On May 9, the voters sent the message decisively, 2584 to 1420, almost 2 to 1, to cut taxes. The same voters again on June 13 overwhelmingly voted 2018 to 1363 to reduce taxes.

While the proposed budget figure keeps soaring the school population is down from 5,842 to 3,850, down 31 percent, while budgets are up 33 percent. The so-called contingency, or austerity budget proposed for a vote on July 11, together with nine propositions, totals \$16,592,309, which is more than the budget defeated on May 9.

If the suggested budget and propositions should be voted, taxpayers in Clarksville would be facing a tax increase of \$17.36 per thousand, while the taxpayers in Bethlehem would be facing a tax increase of approximately \$10.93 per thousand. The contingency budget contains funds for the so-called Challenge program and all the "special interest" groups, including money for double raises for all administration. There is no provision made to replace approximately \$400,000 of the principal and lost interest in the Lion Capital Fund fiasco.

The additions to the tax rate occurred at the nocturnal session of the Board at 2:30 a.m. on June 21, when it was certain there would be no taxpayers present.

Taxpayers will again have an opportunity to reduce the tax rate in a vote on the proposed budget scheduled for Wednesday, July 11. It is suggested that all eligible take the opportunity to exercise the privilege to vote.

John H. Clyne
Member of
Bethlehem Central School
District Board of Education
Delmar

Confusing, irresponsible

Editor, The Spotlight:

John Clyne's letter to the editor in the June 27 issue has raised the level of my outrage to a point where I can no longer be silent. I have no objections to Mr. Clyne's statement of his opinion both in letters to the editor and at board meetings. I do, however, object strenuously to his irresponsible use of misinterpreted and twisted facts.

In his most recent letter, Mr. Clyne uses *The Spotlight* surveys as irrefutable evidence that taxpayers want further cuts. These surveys, particularly that of June 13 are of questionable statistical validity. There is no adequate scientific data available gathered on or after the June 13 vote except the vote itself. Any reputable statistician will tell you that the only thing we know from that vote is that the majority voted no.

Mr. Clyne has repeatedly referred to "special interest groups," yet the only group he identifies is the Challenge program. If indeed Challenge represents a special interest, then so do music programs, drama programs, remedial reading and math programs, interscholastic athletics, etc. To my knowledge, Mr. Clyne has only objected to Challenge. He should stop hiding behind his "special interest" screen and state exactly what he opposes and supports.

Mr. Clyne states that the contingency budget "restores funds to the 'special interest' groups." These funds were never removed from the budget. Such a statement is misleading and carries with it the implication that the Board is attempting to pull the wool over the public's eyes. It is, in fact, Mr. Clyne who is doing so.

In addition, Mr. Clyne's letter states that the Challenge program has been voted down by the voters twice. Mr. Clyne is again misusing statistics. An entire budget of well over \$16 million has been voted down twice. No conclusion can be drawn about the Challenge program — it has not been put to a vote.

If all of the above is not enough, I feel that the most irresponsible action (or lack thereof) by Mr. Clyne is his refusal and/or inability to provide constructive suggestions for budget cuts while accusing his fellow board members of being big spenders. A suggested \$70,000 cut (Challenge) is almost insignificant in a budget of this size and simply does not qualify Mr. Clyne as a budget cutter. Similarly, a suggested 2% cut across the board when so many expenses are beyond the control of the school district (NiMo, gasoline, heating oil, etc) does not qualify him either, as it is unworkable.

Mr. Clyne now suggests that voters turn down all nine propositions. By doing so, he is suggesting that young children walk up to two miles to school along roads without sidewalks and across streets such as the Delmar bypass. He suggests we not maintain our libraries with modest purchases nor update our desperately backwards Physics lab. Mr. Clyne voted for those expenditures during the original budget process. His attitude is

Beware bikers

Editor, The Spotlight:

Now that school is over many children are out riding their bicycles and tricycles. Unaware of danger, some of these children ride in the road and dart into traffic unexpectedly. During the past week our neighborhood has experienced three near-misses involving children on bikes.

Please inform parents and baby-sitters to stress to children the importance of riding only in safe areas. An alert driver can only stop so fast.

We, as a community, have a responsibility to protect our young people from a tragedy waiting to happen.

Name Submitted

Delmar

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puzzling and confusing, serving only to mask what he favors and does not.

I cannot believe Mr. Clyne's statement at the June 20 board meeting that he is supporting the children when his dissent is presented in such a confusing and irresponsible manner.

Laura C. Kagan, Ph.D.
Delmar

Walking to school

Editor, The Spotlight:

On July 11 residents of the Bethlehem Central School District will be asked to vote on nine school budget propositions.

One of these propositions concerns transportation (busing students to and from schools). Before voting I would like the residents of this community to be aware of the following points should the transportation proposition fail:

- Students in grades K through 8 within 2 miles of school would have to walk to school. Students in grades 9 through 12 within three miles of the high school would have to walk to school.

- Since all students at Hama-grael, Elsmere and Slingerlands Elementary schools live within two miles of the school there would be no busing to these schools. Busing at all other schools would be drastically reduced.

- Children in grades K through 8 would have to walk on roads that are not designed for safe walking to school. Students as young as five years of age would be walking on roads such as New Scotland Road, Rt. 9W, and Delmar Bypass and Elsmere Ave. It should be especially noted that if the proposition fails the school district would *not* be mandated to provide crossing guards, lights or sidewalks.

- Many parents may be fearful of children walking on busy roads. Therefore, parents may elect to drive their children. Voters should envision the traffic congestion produced by the increased number of private vehicles transporting children. In addition, this increased traffic would endanger students who are already "walkers."

I am confident that if voters reflect on the above points they will vote on July 11 to support the transportation proposition.

Maryalice Svare
Delmar

To sports parents

Editor, The Spotlight:

Exactly what does it take to get people out? Last evening (June 28) there was a meeting at the high school to discuss what can be done to help get the athletic proposition (No. 9) passed. The Athletic Association contacted each interest group and through a telephone committee, many parents were notified of the meeting. Do you know how many people showed up? Nine!

Briggs McAndrews gave this small group an interesting figure. In the first budget vote, only 19 percent of the parents of Bethlehem Central students voted. By not voting, do you think you are showing your displeasure with the school system or with the unfortunate work-to-rule of this past year? Don't you realize you're only hurting your own children? How is it going to be next year if Proposition 9 doesn't pass? There will be no interscholastic sports. Is that what you want?

How about it, you 81 percent? Get out and vote or explain to your kids why you didn't.

Lynn Bailey
Slingerlands

Why not volunteer?

Editor, The Spotlight:

I have listened with dismay to the reasons given by people who voted against the school budget. I realize it is far easier to spend one minute in a voting booth pulling a "no" lever than it is to:

- attend a public board meeting to hear firsthand how things are routinely handled;
- attend a budget work session and thrash out line by line, item by item, every penny needed to run the district for the coming year;
- offer constructive criticism;
- volunteer in a district school.

I am a firm believer in informed voters making informed choices; thus, I wish to challenge all those who voted against the budget to volunteer one hour per week in any district school for the coming school year. Were all the "no" voters to do this, a total well in excess of 100,000 hours of service would be donated to the district's children.

This donation would serve several purposes. First, it may

help in a way to make up for supplies, help or services that a contingency budget won't allow. An additional benefit is a very personal one. Volunteers see the school from a different point of view. Those "no" voters who are not presently school volunteers may discover, through direct contact with the school, just what the budget really represents. A person who has invested 40 hours of service will at least be a better informed voter, with perhaps some suggestions for the next budget work sessions.

Most important, those volunteer hours will give an immeasurable gift to the children of the district — one that cannot be "cut out of the budget" or "voted down."

Voters must ask themselves: with the budget defeated, who actually has "won" and "lost". In fact, no one has won and the community has lost. Is it worth the cost to our children and the fragmentation of our community? The educational quality of a school district is the responsibility of every citizen, not just of those citizens who happen to have school-age children. The children who are educated here become the citizens of the community.

Marie F. Hornick
Clarksville

Whither Challenge?

Editor, The Spotlight:

Here is a philosophical question for the Bethlehem Board of Education regarding the Challenge program:

Is the thrust of public education to educate all students to their greatest potential, or is it your policy to provide a minimum level of education to all students?

I am requesting a public answer. Your response will clear up a great controversy.

Name submitted
Delmar

Van to Cohoes

Bethlehem's senior van will make a trip to Cohoes, offering a chance to stop at the Cohoes Manufacturing Co. Tuesday, July 10. The first 11 seniors who reserve space will make the trip. Call 439-5770 between 9 and 11 a.m.



hall, where it will be distributed to the town's seniors following the regular meeting of the senior citizens organization. The group meets from 12:30 to 4 p.m.

The summertime growing season is well underway and gardeners in the Town of Bethlehem are invited to share their excess produce with the town's senior citizens, via the town's "bumper crop" program.

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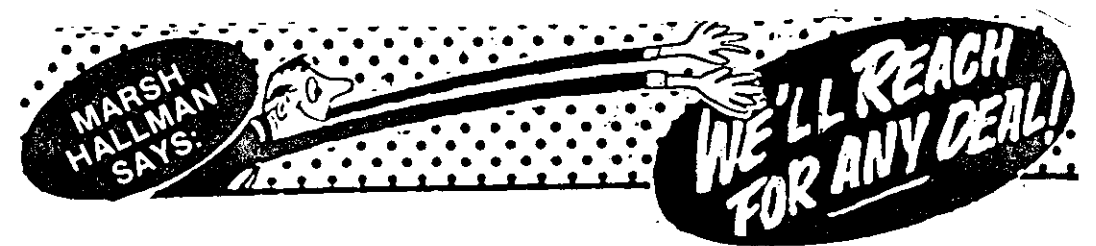
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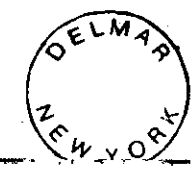
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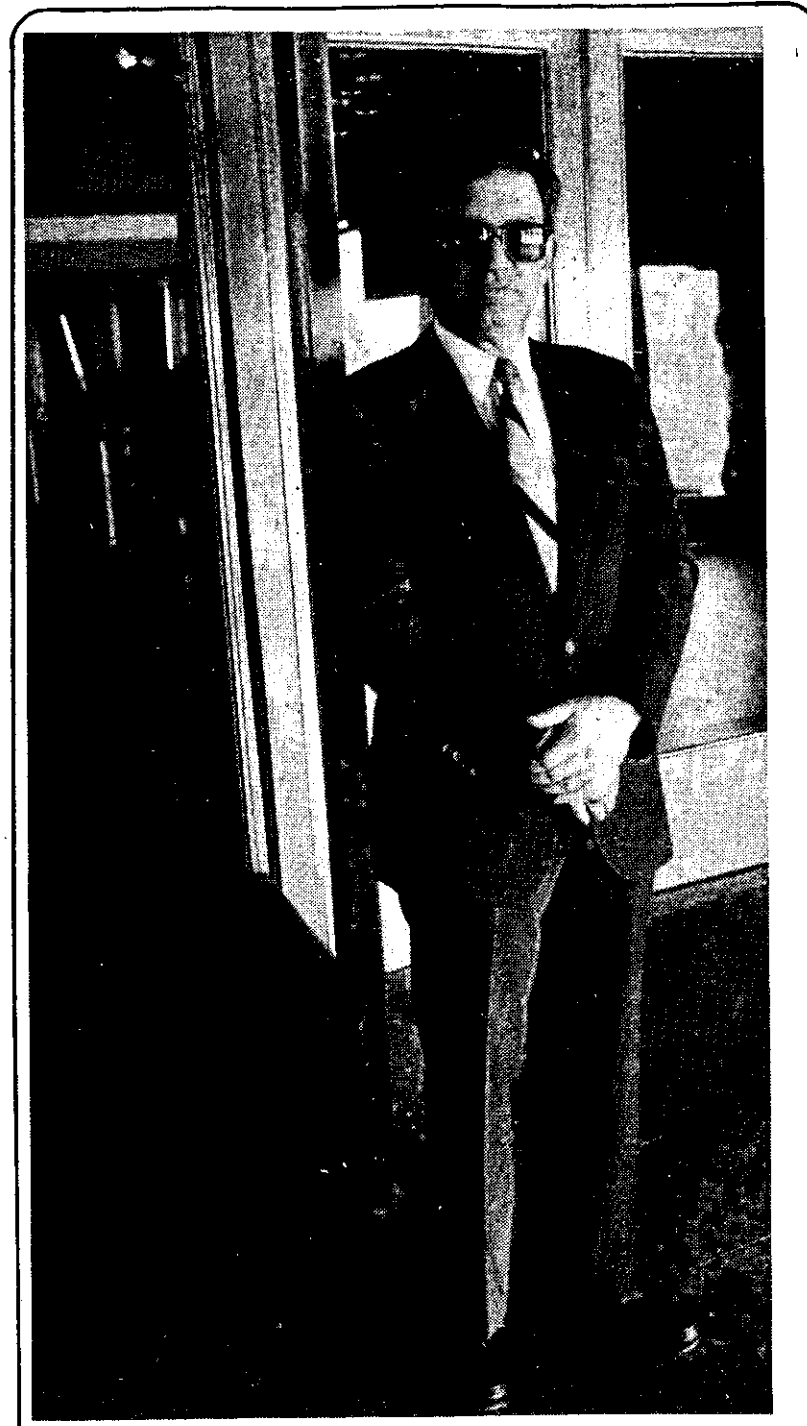
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