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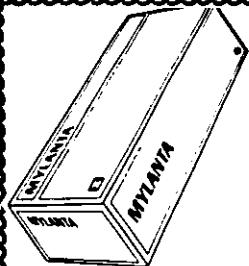
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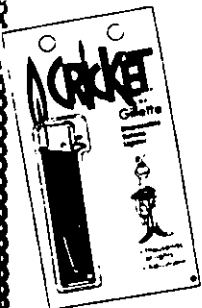
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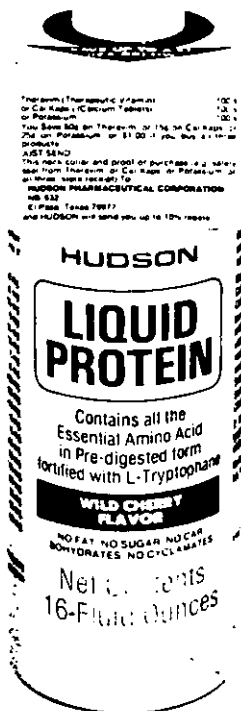
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The Albany County Pistol Club, Winne Place and Maewin Drive, Delmar, welcomes guests at its indoor pistol range every Tuesday at 8 p.m. Information: Dave Herbach, 439-4372 or Tom Corrigan 439-3301.

Monarch Club of Albany meets every Tuesday night at the Center Inn, Glenmont, 6:00 p.m.

Bethlehem Town Board meets second and fourth Wednesday each month, town hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m., Planning Board every Tuesday 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals first three Wednesdays, 7:30 p.m.

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Onesquethaw O.E.S. meets on the first and third Wednesdays of every month at the Masonic Temple in Delmar.

Glenmont Homemakers meet third Wednesday of month; Glenmont Comm. Church 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Pop Warner football, directors and membership meet first Tuesday each month, National Commercial Bank, Delmar community room, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club meets 2nd Wednesday of each month, 8 p.m. Bethlehem Public Library.

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Citizen Band Radio Club, first Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Rt. 9W, Glenmont. Jim Munger 463-0275.

World War I Veterans luncheon, second Tuesday of each month, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 12 noon, All WWI veterans welcome.

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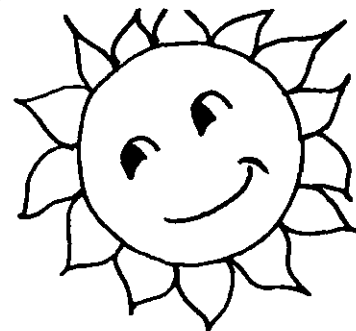
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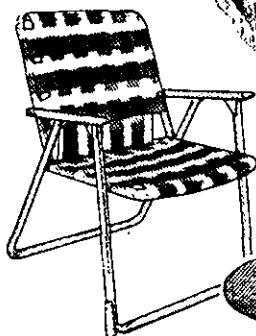
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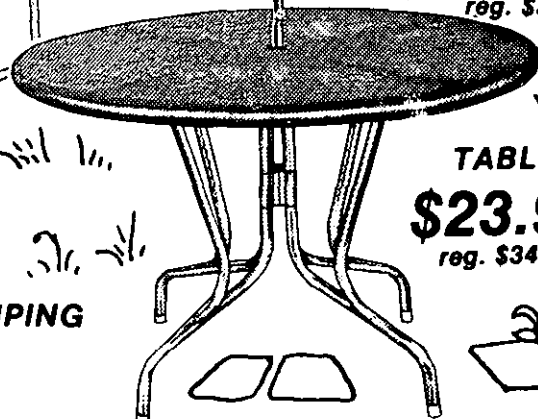
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Story hour sponsored by Bethlehem Library at Elm Ave. Park, 1:30-2 p.m.

Summer Band concert, Elm Ave. Park, Delmar, 8 p.m. Free.

Workshop on "The Present," sponsored by Bethlehem Library for grades 4-6, Bethlehem Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

"Star Party," guided walk, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., 8:45 p.m. If weather is doubtful call 457-6092 before 7:45 p.m. for confirmation.

FRIDAY, JULY 15

Onesquethaw Fire Co. Carnival, Unionville Firehouse, 7-11 p.m.

"An evening with Dr. Suess," films, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 16

Onesquethaw Fire Co. Carnival, Unionville Firehouse, 6-11 p.m., barbecue beginning at 4 p.m.

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Karate demonstration, Elm Ave. Park ice skating field, 8 p.m.

Meeting of the commissioners of Selkirk Fire District, Fire House No. 1, 8 p.m.

Film: "The Time Machine," Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m.

Story hour sponsored by Bethlehem Library, Clarksville school, 11-11:30 a.m., Elsmere school 1:30-2 p.m., Glenmont school 3-3:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, JULY 19

Story hours sponsored by Bethlehem Library, 10-10:45 a.m. at Library, 11-11:30 at Delmar school.

Workshop on the 1700's for grades 1-3, Bethlehem Library, 2-3 p.m.

"Ways of the Six-legged," guided walk, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7-8:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 20

Bethlehem Jaycees, Center Inn, 8 p.m. Men 18-25 welcome.

Film: "Tim Driscoll's Donkey," Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

Evening on the Green, George and Vaughn Ward, folklorists and balladeers, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Story hour sponsored by Bethlehem Library, Slingerlands school from 2:30-3 p.m., Library from 1-1:45, Hamagrael school, 10-10:30 a.m.

Half Moon Button Club of Albany, program by Mrs. Raymond Bushnell, Bethlehem Library, 12 noon. Bring sandwich, refreshments provided.

THURSDAY, JULY 21

Workshop on the 1700's for grades 4-6, Bethlehem Library, 2-3:30 p.m.

Class on home canning, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 10 a.m. - 12 noon. To pre-register call 765-2874.

Nature films sponsored by Bethlehem Library at Clarksville Community Church, 7 p.m.

FRIDAY, JULY 22

Nature films, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

SATURDAY, JULY 23

"Naturalists Choice," guided walk, Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 2-3:30 p.m.

Tag Sale sponsored by Kiwanis of New Scotland, Voorheesville Elementary School parking lot, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. (July 24 rain date.)

area arts

A capsule listing of cultural events easily accessible to Bethlehem-New Scotland residents, provided as a community service by the General Electric Co. plastics plant, Selkirk. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"Camelot," musical, Mac-Haydn Theatre, Chatham Fairgrounds, July 20-24, 8 p.m. (Saturday 8:30, Sunday 7 p.m.). Tickets PO Box 204, Chatham 12037 or phone 392-9292. \$5.25, \$4.25, seniors discount.

"Harvey," classic comedy with Elwood P. Dowd, Woodstock Playhouse, July 20-24 and July 27-31, 8:30 p.m. (Sunday 7 p.m., matinees Wed., Sat. 2:30). 1-914-679-2015.

Lake George Opera Festival, "La Boheme," July 16, 8:15 p.m., July 18, 2:15 p.m. "Carmen," July 21, 8:15 p.m. Just west of Northway Exit 19, Glens Falls. 1-793-3858.

MUSIC

Rensselaerville Summer Music Festival, featuring the piano, Institute of Man & Science, July 18-30 (13 concerts). Call 239-4635 or 239-4617 for schedule and times.

John Birchler and Debbie Sperry, folk and popular music, Old Town Hall Coffeehouse, Willow St., Guilderland, July 14, 8:30 p.m. Free. 456-3629.

ART

Albany in the Revolution, paintings, engravings, documents and artifacts, Albany Institute of History & Art, through summer.

Mohawk-Hudson Regional exhibition, Schenectady Museum, June 25-Sept. 18.

Exhibition by Jim Dyne, proponent of Pop Arts, State University Art Gallery, uptown campus, June 26-Aug. 5. Weekdays 9-4, weekends 1-4.

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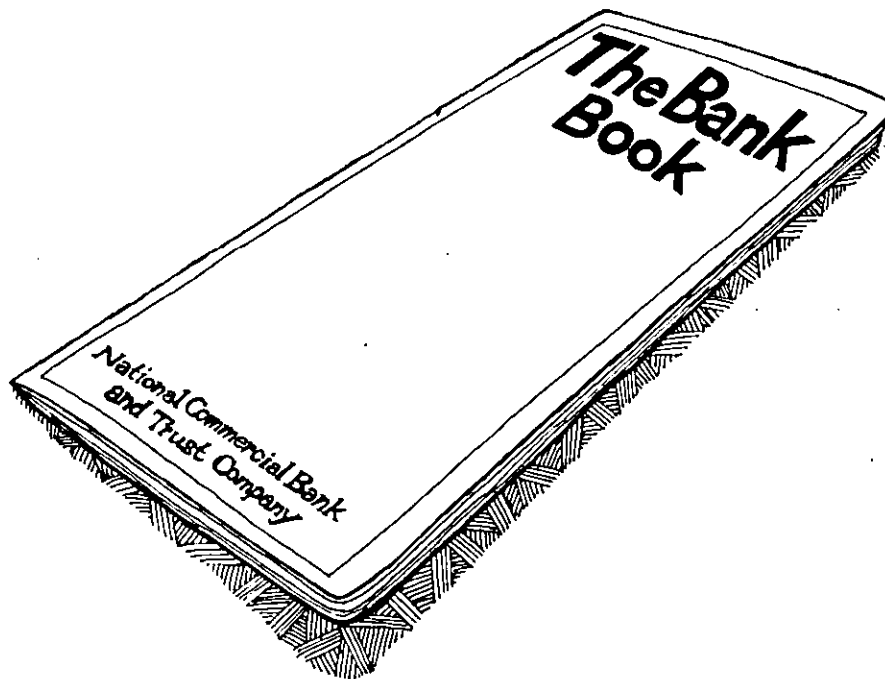
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NEGOTIATIONS UPDATE

School board stands firm in teachers' pact impasse

Bethlehem Central teachers, locked in a negotiations stalemate with the district board of education on a new contract with the teachers' union, got a major lift from a state-appointed mediator this week, but the school board refused to budge.

The board's polite but firm rejection of suggested terms for a settlement laid out by the fact-finder named by the Public Employee Relations Board (PERB) set the stage for another round at the bargaining table.

Peter Prosper, Union College economics teacher serving as PERB's fact-finder in the dispute, denied the school board's proposal that teachers perform an additional 20 minutes of supervisory and student help duties each day. Prosper also recommended pay raises for the teachers over the

next two years ranging from 1.2 to 4.2 percent for the school year starting in September and an additional 4.5-percent across-the-board raise for the 1978-79 school year.

The board, however, indicated it would insist on "increased teacher productivity" before considering the union's demands for pay boosts ranging from 8.1 percent for younger teachers to 11.1 percent for more experienced faculty members.

Prosper's recommendations were contained in his report to PERB's conciliation services unit following the initial meeting with negotiators for both sides at Bethlehem Central High School June 24. Copies of the report were submitted to the school board and the Bethlehem Central Teachers Assn. (BCTA) negotiating team last week and

were made public this week.

There was no immediate comment from the teachers' union, but the school board issued a public statement indicating it was ready for "further negotiations." William T. Cleveland, BCTA president, was en route home from Minneapolis, where he attended the national convention of the National Education Assn., parent union of the BCTA, and could not be reached for comment when this issue of the Spotlight went to press. Cleveland is acting as a spokesman for Gordon W. Molyneux, chief of the union's negotiating team, who has refused to give information to the Spotlight because of his displeasure with this newspaper's coverage of the school system.

In its statement, the school board said its members were "discouraged that the fact-finder was reluctant to recommend on the district's proposal for increased teacher productivity (i.e., 20 minutes within the existing teacher work day for student help and supervision)." The statement continued: "We feel the productivity issue to be both critical and an integral part of the negotiations regarding any salary adjustments under a new agreement. Within that context the fact-finder's report can be a basis for further negotiations with the BCTA."

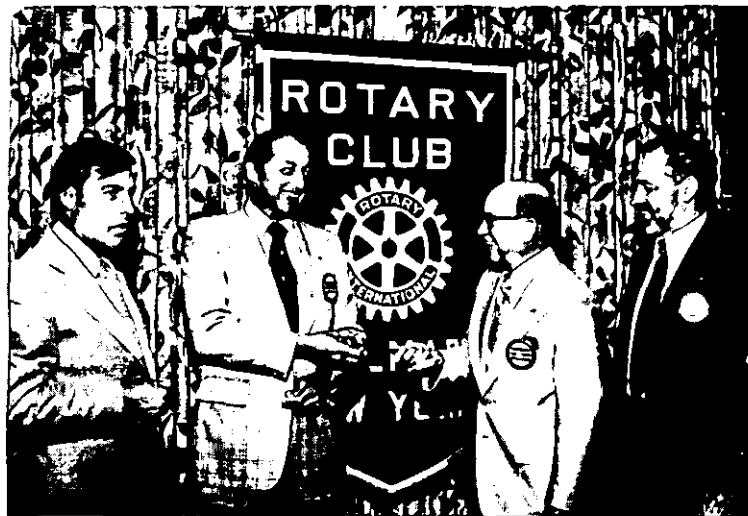
Prosper's recommendations toned down the union's salary proposals. He presented a salary matrix for the year 1977-78 for each step of the teachers' pay scale, ranging from a raise

of \$402, equal to 3.7 percent, for Step 1 teachers with BA degrees, to \$794, or 4.2 percent at Step 25. Teachers with master's degrees would receive raises from \$140 to \$394, depending on their respective step levels. He proposed a straight 4.5-percent boost for the second year of the two-year contract.

The union is seeking an 8.1-percent hike for Steps 1-5, a 9.6-percent boost for Steps 6-10 and 11.1-percent for Steps 11-15. According to New York School Boards Assn. figures, the current pay scales for Bethlehem teachers with bachelor's degrees start at \$10,710 and go to \$18,688 for Step 25. They run from \$11,399 to \$19,935 for MA degree-holders. The district administration's figures list 62 teachers currently earning over \$19,000 for the normal 38-week year, 31 of them better than \$20,000. Under Prosper's formula the BA matrix would top out at \$19,482, the MA scale at \$20,329 for the coming school year, and tack on second-year raises that would boost BA-degree pay up to 8.4 percent overall and would hike the Step 25 MA minimum to \$21,248 the second year.

Warm springs

Slingerlands Fire Dept. answered a call to Blessing Rd. July 5 and found a king-size mattress ablaze on the roadside. There was no indication who threw the mattress into the ditch or whether it was afire before or after being abandoned.



Andrew L. Jones

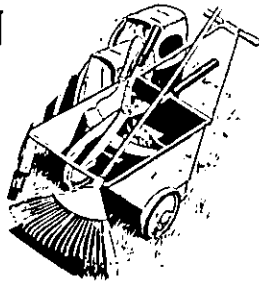
Harry Myers, new president of the Delmar Rotary Club, second from right, received the gavel last week from outgoing president Robert Cohn. Henry L. Pellerin, left, is the new first vice president and William E. Shaffer, right, is treasurer.

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Michaels Estates, a proposed residential subdivision on the south side of Beacon Rd. in Glenmont, was given conditional approval by the Bethlehem planning board last week on the final plat for the project.

But the board indicated the developers may need a permit from the State Dept. of Environmental Conservation because the tract could qualify as a restricted area under the state's new Wetlands Act.

In an unrelated matter, the board deferred action on complaints by residents of the Brockley Dr. area in Delmar on dust conditions caused by construction traffic serving the large Brookfield residential subdivision. The board relayed the complaint to the developer, Biatess Corp., which reportedly is rectifying the situation by applying calcium chloride to the affected areas.

No primaries here

When July 7 passed without the filing of candidates' petitions with the Albany County board of elections, political leaders in the towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland were assured that there will be no primary election contests in these towns in September. Expiration of the deadline for the primary, however, does not rule out the opportunity for candidates to oppose the regular major-party nominees by winning designations on other lines on the November ballot.

**New water main
for Hamagrael**

Residents of the Hamagrael area of Delmar are getting a second water "feeder" line as insurance against a pressure falloff in the event of a break in the present feeder.

Bethlehem Water District crews have been laying an 8-inch water main on one block of Wisconsin Ave. connecting the Fernbank Ave. water main with Westchester Dr. Paul Wagner, director of operations for the water district, said the new line was "added protection" for residents of the area. Up to this month, the streets in the vicinity of the Hamagrael School have depended on a 6-inch main on Winne Rd. as the area's only hook-in with the town's water system.

Delmar man arraigned

Gary S. Osterhout, 2 Cherry Ave., Delmar, was arrested by Bethlehem police July 5 on a warrant for third degree grand larceny issued by the Lake George town justice. He was arraigned before Bethlehem Justice Robert Rice and released on \$500 bond for appearance in Lake George July 13.

New state troopers

Lloyd R. Wilson Jr., former director of the town parks and recreation department and James Stowell, both of Delmar, were among 73 graduates of the New York State Police Academy receiving their diploma July 8. The new troopers will report to field study on July 18.

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Vaughn and George Ward

Folk singers next on library green

George and Vaughn Ward will be appearing July 20 at the Evening on the Green at the Bethlehem Library at 7:30 p.m. They are interpreters of traditional music and experienced folklorists, and have appeared in concert and at festivals throughout the Northeast and in the British Isles. Their performances combine tales, traditional ballads, occupational and local songs, historical music, instrumental folk music, lively children's songs and on occasion- traditional dances.

Vaughn, noted for her skills as a ballad singer, storyteller and interpreter of traditional music and crafts. A native New Mexican, her familiarity with cowboy camp meetings, old-style Western fiddlers and a Southern family heritage.

Bethlehem police step up training

Members of the Bethlehem police department are currently receiving training in several specialized but diversified functions ranging from the new radar gun to a hostage seminar.

Ralph Tipple, the town's commissioner of public safety, announced this week that 16 members of the department have trained or are receiving

training in use of the department's new hand-held radar equipment under the direction of Capt. Robert R. Foster.

Tipple also said that eight police officers attended the recent seminar on hostage emergencies conducted by the New York State Police at the State Police Academy in Albany, and that two members of the department have been certified on the new "breathalyzer" equipment used in measuring the blood alcohol content of drivers suspected of driving under the influence of intoxicants. Officers John R. Cox and Charles E. Rudolph have received certification on the breathalyzer, Tipple said, and Officers Theodore J. Wilson and Raymond F. Linstruth are currently taking training courses conducted by the Capital Police at the state campus complex. The courses are held in conjunction with the federally-funded Bureau of Municipal Police Training.

Plan tag sale

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold a tag sale on July 23 from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School parking lot. The sale is co-chaired by John Shuff and John W. Coote, and will feature household items, garden equipment and lawn furniture. Rain date is July 24.

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**John J. Quickenton
Glenmont man elected**

John J. Quickenton of Beacon Rd., Glenmont, has been elected vice president of the New York State Elks Assn. for the State Capital District. A member and past exalted ruler of Bethlehem Lodge No. 2233, Selkirk, he is currently chairman of the board of trustees of the lodge and

president of the Past Exalted Rulers Assn. His new responsibilities will include 10 lodges.

Quickenton is a sales representative for Henzel-Powers, Inc. of Albany, electrical supplies and appliance distributor, where he has been employed for 24 years. He and his wife, the former Theresa Latter of Albany, have three daughters.

**GLENMONT
Church to offer
summer program**

The Glenmont Community Church (Reformed) will sponsor its annual vacation bible school during the week of July 25-29 from 9:30 to 11:45 a.m. each day at the church. The program is open to young people from 4 years old through middle school, and offers a variety of activities and crafts including cooking, woodworking, softball, macrame, embroidery and art work. Each youngster will also

take part in daily Bible lessons.

Participants will be given an opportunity to contribute to this year's Bible School project—wells and water development in India. This project helps supply water in areas where it is scarce as well as provide employment for the unemployed villagers who dig the wells.

A registration fee of \$1 will be charged. Registration forms are available in stores in the Glenmont area. For information, call 465-6576.

Camp Pinnacle active

Dave Brubaker will present a concert of sacred music at Camp Pinnacle in the Helderbergs Friday following a smorgasbord from 5:30-7 p.m. The cost is \$4.50, for reservations call 872-1053.

On Sunday Rev. Alan T. Forbes, founder and director of Youthtime Evangelism Fellowship, will begin the adult conference at Camp Pinnacle with a series of nightly messages July 17-24. The evening meetings will begin at 7:45 and there is also a morning Bible study at 10:15 daily.

Injured on motorcycle

Stephen Wall, 16, of 44 Russell Rd., suffered a broken collarbone and facial cuts when the motorcycle he was driving skidded in soft soil and crashed head-on into a tree in the Furlani Lumber Co. yard. An official of the yard told Bethlehem police Wall did not have permission to be on the property.

Five Rivers active

"Ways of the Six Legged" is the name of the next guided walk at the Five Rivers Center, Game Farm Rd., on July 19 at 7 p.m. The walk will explore the lifestyles, names and stories of insects. On July 23 at 2 p.m. another program entitled, "Naturalist's Choice" will be offered. This Saturday afternoon outing will be a leisurely walk in the woods to investigate recent summer changes and activities. Both programs will last one to one-and-a-half hours.

New dog ordinance

Bethlehem's town board was expected to enact a revised dog ordinance at its regular bi-weekly meeting at the town hall in Delmar this week (Wednesday). The proposed ordinance, subject of a public hearing in May, has been revised in order to spell out more definitive provisions of the town's "leash law," and to provide "more viable enforcement procedures," according to Supervisor Harry H. Sheaffer.

FIRE CALLS

July 3—Delmar, Huron Rd., car fire.

July 5—Elsmere, Delaware and Elsmere Ave. intersection, car fire.

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July 6—Selkirk, ConRail yard, car fire (automobile).

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William J. Carroll

Bar group elects

William J. Carroll of Delmar has been named assistant executive director of the 27,000-member New York State Bar Assn. Carroll, 39, has been with the association since 1974. Prior to that time, he was president of Multi-State Media Inc., a company founded to produce cassette programs for the continuing legal education of attorneys, and served as a trial attorney with the Civil Aeronautics Board in Washington. From 1962-66, he served as trial defense attorney for the U.S. Marine Corps, in which he held the rank of captain at the time of his separation from military service.

Scouts to travel

Two local girls are among Girl Scouts from the Hudson Valley Girl Scout Council who will participate this summer in "Wider Opportunities," trips and learning experiences offered each year through competition to qualified older Scouts. Susan Hungerford of Delmar, a member of Troop 412, will attend "Sierra Stomping '77," a backpacking experience in July at Carson Creek, Nev. Colleen Kiegle of Voorheesville, a member of Troop 185, will travel to Oklahoma in August to join "Red Lands Reflections," touring and studying the western heritage of that state. Girl Scouts of the U.S.A. and various councils sponsor these events, which usually last two or three weeks.

On Drew faculty

R. Brian Ferguson, son of Dr. and Mrs. Frank C. Ferguson, 1645 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, is teaching introductory anthropology at Drew University, Madison, N.J., this summer. He holds a BA and MA degrees from Columbia University, where he is currently in the midst of doctoral studies in anthropology as a Burgess Distinguished Fellow and a President's Fellow.

Wins music grant

Andrew Creighton of Delmar is one of more than 200 recipients of scholarship awards to study at the School of Music at Chautauqua for the seven-week session ending Aug. 12.

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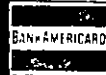
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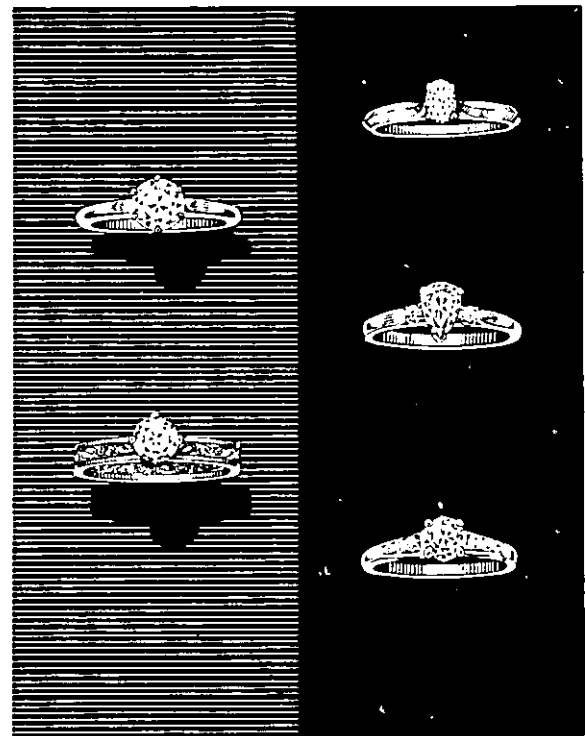
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On the cover
 Two Delmar students have been awarded \$50 scholarships by the Bethlehem Art Assn. Lisa Horn, 61 Dumbarton Dr., left, will enter SUNY-Brockport this fall. Corinna Ripps will begin her art studies at SUNY-Albany. Presenting the checks is Tish Shipp, association president and proprietor of Northeast Framing, Elsmere.
photo. by Andrew L. Jones

Mrs. Patton again heads school board
 Mrs. Ann B. Patton has been reelected president of the Bethlehem board of education for another year. The Delmar housewife, who has been prominent in educational circles, succeeded Bernard E. Harvith a year ago, and was renamed to the post at the board's annual organization meeting last week.

Bertold E. Weinberg of Elsmere was reelected vice president. In a business meeting crowded with routine organizational matters, the board granted tenure to 10 teachers and approved the appointment of Mrs. Nancy Daves as school nurse for the high school.

Park presents a band concert

There will be music at the Elm Ave. Park tonight (July 14) when the first of two summer band concerts will be held at 8 p.m.

Summer Band is one of the activities offered by the town's Parks and Recreation Dept. The band is composed of instrumental band students from the Bethlehem Central school system in grades 6-12. Band alumni may also take part in the program.

Director Eloise Scherzer has selected a variety of pieces for the first concert, ranging from popular tunes such as "Rock in the Fifties" to Renaissance dances and show tunes. There is no charge for the concert and listeners are urged to bring lawn chairs or blankets to the park's grassy amphitheater.

Fair in Westerlo

A country fair and auction will be held at the clubhouse of the Lake Onderdonk Improvement Assn., Westerlo, beginning at 10 a.m. on Saturday. Doris Stephany, president, said that the fair will include pony rides, raffles, door prizes, fortune telling, portrait sketching, a cakewalk and games for children. The auction of household items and furniture will begin at 11 a.m. with Jim Dunn of Clarksville as auctioneer. Refreshments, including lunch and supper, will be provided by a committee under the chairmanship of Mary Janssen. Tickets are now on sale by association members for the raffle at 5 p.m. The prize is a hand-made, double-bed puff quilt. Proceeds will be used to support the association's activities.

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Nancy Jo Kaczor

Engagement announced

Mr. and Mrs. Edward Kaczor of 32 Sunset Dr., North Tonawanda, announce the engagement of their daughter, Nancy Jo, to Thomas L. Davidson, son of Mr. and Mrs. F. William Davidson, 8 Werner Ave., Delmar.

The bride-to-be, a 1971 graduate of North Tonawanda High School, received her AAS degree in science at Erie Community College. She is in administration at the Columbia Health Center in Pittsburgh, Pa.

Mr. Davidson, a 1966 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, is a 1970 honors graduate from Cornell University in engineering physics. After Peace Corps service in Malaysia, he joined the Bettis Atomic Power Laboratory in Pittsburgh in 1974, working in the Naval Nuclear Program. He was also awarded a master's degree in

nuclear engineering from Carnegie Mellon University in 1977.

An Oct. 11 wedding is planned.

Scouts on paddles

Twenty-one Boy Scouts of Troop 58, Elsmere, and five adults are on a six-day canoe trip in 10 canoes on the Racquette River-Long Lake-Tupper Lake route in the Adirondacks this week. Dr. Robert Carroll of Elsmere is the trip leader.

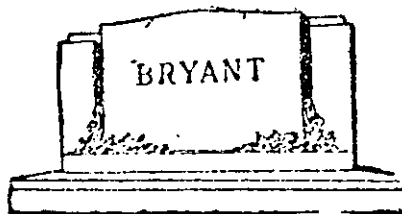
Losing a friend

This is the last issue of the Spotlight to carry the familiar one-inch ad of Mrs. Calisto of Avon Products in the Help Wanted column of the classified section. Avon has called Mrs. Calisto to take over a higher position in an expanded territory after 16 years as one of the Spotlight's most faithful advertisers. She is a resident of Loudonville.

Maintaining service

Robert Sowers, president of Delmar Appliances, Inc., which closed out its business at 239 Delaware Ave., Delmar, this week, has announced that Home Electronic Service, Colonie, will continue to handle service calls on RCA television and stereo equipment. Rudy H. Schlicht of Schenectady, who has been handling service for Sowers since 1948, when Sowers was appliance manager for John G. Myers, Inc., in Albany, will continue to be the service representative in this area.

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**Jaycees planning
 a full schedule**

Bethlehem Jaycees are making plans for a karate exhibition, a pumpkin sale in the fall and several personal enrichment courses including a public speaking seminar, according to Mike Boettcher, new president of the group.

Assisting Boettcher are Scott Roberts, external vice president; Bill Moore, internal vice president; Tim Spellman, secretary; Tom Warren, treasurer, and board members Joe Barnes, Drew Maggard and Charlie Underwood.

The next meeting will be held Wednesday, July 20 at 8 p.m. at the Center Inn, Glenmont. All men between 18 and 35 are welcome.

During the past year under the leadership of Tom Schaffer, the Jaycees sponsored the Bethlehem Bicentennial Ball, Toys for Tots drive and assisted in the Colonie Circus Parade, Bethlehem Fife and Drum Muster, March of Dimes Walk-a-Thon and the Capital District Special Olympics.

Thrift shop open

A thrift shop operated by the United Methodist Women of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church is open each Tuesday from 10 a.m. until 4 p.m. now through Nov. 8. The shop sells books, dishes, clothing and knickknacks and is located on the church grounds, Willowbrook Ave., South Bethlehem.

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By Perry Galt

Another farewell

Henry Gemmill, editor of the National Observer, emerged from a grim conference in the publisher's office the other day, returned to his desk and started reading his mail. In the pile was a letter from a reader of his paper, a publication of exemplary quality in U.S. journalism. Last week Henry quoted from the letter signed by one Tanya Collins of Mesa, Ariz.:

"Dear Henry,

"Please forgive the familiarity; true, we've never met. But your newspaper's weekly arrival at my house (1) reinforces my belief that good journalism is not dead, it's alive and well and living at The Observer (and damn few other places), (2) gives me something mind-stimulating to read, think about and share with friends and co-workers not fortunate enough to have an Observer subscription, (3) pleases my cat, who delights in scrambling through the neat stack of Observers I always keep beside my easy chair (because I can't bear to throw them out until I've read every word and cut out all the things I want to read again or pass on).

"If that's not intimate

enough to put us on a first-name basis, well..."

If it's possible for a grizzled, hard-bitten newspaper editor to get a lump in his throat, there must have been one in Henry's, for he had just been informed that the Observer was ceasing publication after 15 years of editorial leadership that had built up a devoted following across the country.

The demise of this wonderful paper because of escalating costs adds another sad chapter to American journalism. It seems as though the cards are stacked against the truly fine papers: the good ones go and the mediocre ones thrive or consolidate to form a one-paper territory.

Two generations ago the Boston Transcript was in a class by itself. It died because not enough readers and advertisers appreciated its outstanding qualities. The surviving Herald and Traveler went steadily downhill, today only a shell while the Globe tries to give New England at least one first-class newspaper. In New York City the necrology is astonishingly long; notably, the Sun, one of the nation's finest in its day, and the World-Telegram, a journalistic gem of the old school, hard-hitting with top writers and newsmen. The Journal-American, a Hearst bulwark, and even the unlamented tabloid Mirror, folded. The ambitious PM tried but died, the Long Island Press is gone, the incredibly detailed Newark Evening News, overpoweringly dominant in New Jersey, expired with a circulation of 800,000. Who would have believed the New York Post would be the only afternoon daily in the world's largest metropolis? And now even that has been degraded by journalistic pirates. Gone, too, are such standbys as Collier's, the Saturday Evening Post and the Saturday Review.

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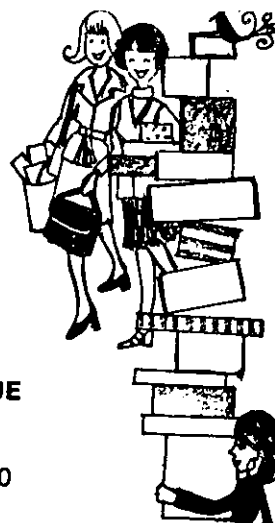
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The National Observer was distributed to mailboxes in the Delmar and Voorheesville areas for the last time last week. Its own Page 1 obituary, containing a rare grammatical oversight, attributed the demise primarily to rising

postage and direct-mail solicitation costs despite a 25-percent jump in advertising lineage over 1976 and a high subscription volume. Second-class postage rates, which apply to the Observer (and the Spotlight among others), have quadrupled since 1971.

Tanya's letter moved Henry Gemmill to shed a modest tear. He replied in print: "...damn right that good journalism is damn rare. We have indeed strived long for it in the Observer, and I think at times achieved it, sure enough ... Good hunting elsewhere, Tanya, for good reading."

Kerry a winner

Kerrilyn Grand, 9, of 35 Salem Rd., Delmar, has won third place in the fifth annual U-Haul U-Color contest. Her prize is a parchment certificate of excellence. The contest, open to children of U-Haul dealers, employees and friends, called for children to color a cartoon and draw or write their own ideas about a new do-it-yourself moving product, that could be used now or in the future.

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of Mrs. Helen Denman of Voorheesville and the late Robert Denman.

The engaged couple are graduates of Clayton A. Bouton High School. Miss Evangelisti graduated from SUNY Upstate Medical Center School of Nursing and is on the nursing staff of St. Clare's Hospital, Schenectady. Mr. Denman attended Siena College.

Art exhibit at mall

The Albany Artists Group, Inc. will hold its first annual South Mall art exhibition on the concourse level at Empire State Plaza all next week, Sunday through Saturday, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m. daily. All area artists are invited to exhibit, according to Gladys Siegel, chairman. Entries will be accepted Friday, July 15, from 9 a.m. to 9 p.m., and Saturday from 9 to 1. For information: 482-8388 evenings.

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The **NET SET** by Nat Boynton

Unannounced plans for an indoor-outdoor tennis complex on Rt. 9W in Glenmont has focused new attention on the financial plight of the tennis club industry.

There was no mention of tennis in the official notice of a public hearing July 13 called by the Bethlehem town board on a petition to rezone a small tract of land to General Commercial. A portion of the area currently is zoned Residential Single-A, the other portion is unzoned.

An attorney for Mrs. Marie Vadney, who owns three quarters of an acre with 370 feet of frontage on the west side of Rt. 9W, told a reporter last March that Mrs. Vadney planned to sell the tract to investors proposing to build the eight-court year-round tennis facility.

Four of the Capital District's five indoor tennis clubs are either operating in the red or flirting with crimson ink in the lower right hand corner. This situation stems from court usage that is too far below capacity to cover amortization

costs, abetted by soaring costs of heating and air conditioning. Among the causes and effects of the prevailing predicament facing both the entrepreneurs and players locally are:

- According to the accepted formula of number of courts to regional population, the Capital District is approximately on the median. This means that one more court will plunge us into the nether land. It also means that if Saratoga and Glens Falls are included in our geographic entity, we are already in trouble.

- The phenomenon of not enough tennis players to fill existing indoor courts to the proper ratio prevents club owners from raising their rates to compensate for energy price jumps and other escalating costs. There is not, as the New York Times suggested last month, a "price war" as such in the Albany area, but tennis players who go shopping can get some pretty low rates.


- A levelling off of the "tennis boom" to more normal growth trajectories has cooled the passions of rich men to build indoor playpens. Major Wingdale's classic invention of a century ago is still one of the nation's fastest growing family pastimes, but the fertility rate has declined.

Add to this list the interesting twist that what started as an attractive tax

writeoff for businessmen saddled with high-income problems has now become a snowballing drain on these same incomes. At least three of our local arenas were spawned by the fascination wealthy investors found in a tennis enterprise that promised a combination of prestige, benefaction for the racquet

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that has all kinds of fiscal frailties must be motivated purely by the tax-writoff syndrome, along with naivete, and certainly not by business acumen.

The Capital District's fragile tennis industry is further complicated by the fact that no matter how many times these carefree entrepreneurs are turned down by commercial loan officers at local banks, they can always find some banker to put up the gold needed to guarantee a future financial fiasco. This is what has practically destroyed the indoor tennis industry in the Syracuse and Boston areas, to wit:

• In Syracuse, already well saturated with indoor clubs, a "wholesale" tennis operator whose New England clubs were in severe financial difficulties

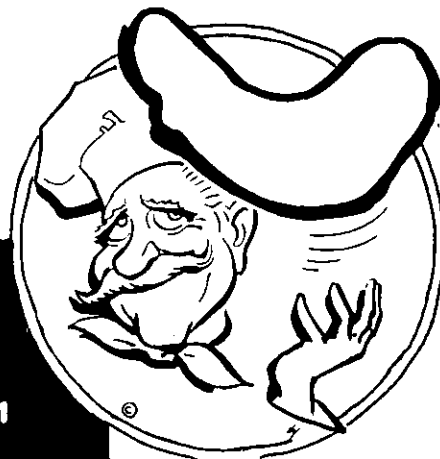


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obtained bank loans to build three clubs. The resultant glut hurt everyone, put several clubs into receiverships and endangered existing bank loans.

• In the Boston area the proliferation of indoor tennis clubs has made it virtually impossible for any new clubs to obtain financing. Interested entrepreneurs can take their pick of a dozen or more clubs that are up for sale at reduced rates.

The rule of thumb for club operators takes several forms. The most quoted figure is that an owner needs 60 percent occupancy to break even and 66 percent to produce a return on investment of 6 to 7 percent. In the Albany area this translates to a minimum of 200 tennis players per court, or

8,000 players for the 40 courts in the Capital District. A "regular" player is defined as one playing indoors at least once a week.

Sanford E. Lavine, who built the Southwood club at Exit 23 after early successes with his Northwood club in Syracuse, admits that Southwood is not drawing 200 people per week per court, "and I don't believe the others are doing any better." Lavine says that his Northwood operation and others in the Syracuse area "have been adversely affected by the overbuilding furthered by bank mortgages placed without any understanding of indoor tennis." Lavine says he has tried to warn Albany banks on the saturation status of the Albany area, where, he says, the present courts are not

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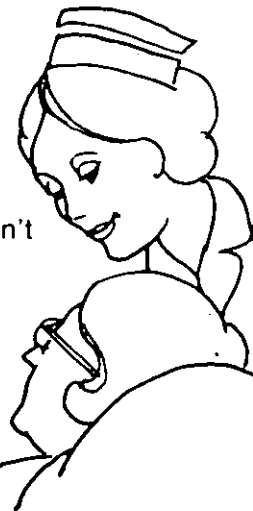
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Now, in many cases, the very same bishops and priests try to tell you that it is forbidden to attend that Mass. If this is not a change, then, what is a change?

Yet, because of the clever, gradual introduction, these and other substantial changes have been accepted by most of the Catholics—although, not without painful crises in their soul, and in the Church. The Church lost ten thousands of priests and nuns, and millions of lay people.

Saintly popes, in cases, have foresight of the future. In 1570, in his Bull "QUO PRIMUM", Pope Saint Pius V—following the mandate of the Council of Trent (1545-1563)—codified the Mass, and using his full papal authority ordered its use for PERPETUITY. Since his time, we call it "Tridentine Mass".

This Bull is the Bill of Rights for traditional Catholics.

—Did not in 1969 Pope Paul VI in his "Constitution" revoke the "QUO PRIMUM" of Pope Saint Pius V?

—No. He did not. They try to tell you that he did, but nobody can show you a document of abrogation.

Pope Paul VI knew that the Church cannot contradict herself; one pope cannot contradict his predecessors in matter of faith without destroying papal infallibility.

The Tridentine Mass has been the heart of our Faith. About its Canon the Council of Trent infallibility declared that it is "free from all errors". Thus, whoever changes the Mass (especially its Canon), opens the door (or "windows") for errors. With errors you cannot stay in the Catholic Church.

About throwing out the Latin language, hear what the Council of Trent decreed: "If anyone would say...the Mass should be celebrated only in vernacular...let him be anathema".

—Then, how the "New Mass" came in?

—This is (in nutshell) how it happened:

The officials in the Vatican with the help of six Protestant ministers put together a "New Mass". Then, Pope Paul VI in his "Constitution" expressed his "wish" and "hope" that the new Missal would be accepted by the faithful. But he did not abrogate the Bull "QUO PRIMUM" of St. Pius V.

The "QUO PRIMUM" explicitly forbids any future revocation. It says: "...this present document cannot be revoked or modified, but remain always valid and retain its full force..."

Nowadays, we have two kinds of Masses: "the Tridentine Mass" which is said in Latin and in perfect uniformity all over the world, and the "Novus Ordo Mass" which varies not only with the different languages, but also with the different priests.

Catholic faithful did not ask for the changes. But they are under pressure and fear. Some of the bishops, on occasions, are aiming the "gun of excommunication" at those priests and lay people who openly defend the use of the Tridentine Mass.

So far, this is only a threat. We don't know of actual excommunication. (Archbishop Lefebvre is being now "investigated", not "excommunicated".)

The pressure is real, but the fear is unwarranted. Traditionalist know that the gun pointed at them is empty. Pope St. Pius V took out the bullets from that gun when he declared in his Bull "QUO PRIMUM" the following: "...we grant and concede in PERPETUITY that...this missal is hereafter to be followed absolutely, without any scruple of conscience or fear of incurring any penalty, judgement or censure, and may freely and lawfully be used".

The saintly Pope Pius V did not leave anybody in doubt about the consequences of disobeying his solemn decree. The penalty is excommunication. He said in the same Bull: "...no one whatsoever is permitted...to go contrary to this notice of Our permission, statute, ordinance, command, precept, grant, indulgence, declaration, will, decree and prohibition. Should anyone, however, presume to commit such an act, he should know that he will incur the wrath of Almighty God and of the blessed Apostles Peter and Paul".

In our days we are witnessing a rather embarrassing fact. There are two Churches under one pope: the Tridentine Catholic Church founded by Jesus Christ, and the Post-Conciliar Church made by the committees in the wake of Vatican II.

The two are not the same. They are different; therefore you cannot belong to both of them at the same time. You have to choose whose wrath you prefer to incur: the wrath of a Post-Conciliar bishop, or that of Almighty God. This might be a personal dilemma.

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Lavine points out that the Pioneer Savings Bank in Troy is involved in financing one of the indoor complexes now in receivership in Syracuse. He adds: "I am sure the mortgage was placed without any direct knowledge of the numbers of people needed to sustain an indoor club."

In the Albany area the approaches vary: Tri-City Racquet Club, the club that began the indoor madness locally, has a minimum of "frills," is considered the pacesetter in court fees and last year

added four Har-Tru courts outdoors; Southwood, saddled with an indoor pool, was tardy adding to their original four courts, not enough to sustain the built-in overhead; Colonie Tennis Club's huge area (12 courts) has a full array of luxuries, but has had to trim rates and hustle large corporate groups through constant promotions to meet a huge monthly mortgage payment, but even with one of the area's highest capacity rates, this Grand Central of Albany tennis runs at a loss and will continue in the red; Schenectady Racquet Club also has spacious facilities plus eight Har-Tru outdoor courts, but still needs more members and more steady players, and Capitaland Tennis Club in Guilderland features the region's lowest rates and virtually no extra frills. All these clubs share the problem of escalating utility bills, under-capacity usage and have common needs: more members and more players. So far none of our clubs has gone into receivership, but all face these standard problems—and more red ink—in the coming year. The competition for players prevents any rate increases in the face of mounting costs. For the Bethlehem town board and Mrs. Vadney the problems of indoor tennis tycoons are of little concern. The proposed zoning change is almost certain to follow standard procedure: then it will be up to brave investors to find an unwary banker before we can get those new courts we don't need.

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The bride, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, attended Messiah College in Grantham, Pa., and will continue her studies at Temple University in Philadelphia, Pa. The couple will reside in Philadelphia, where the bridegroom, a graduate of Messiah College, will begin his studies at Hahnemann Medical College in September.

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Margaret M. Woehrl, 377 Wellington Rd., Delmar, has begun two years of Peace Corps service in central Africa. Margaret is one of 19 volunteers who left Washington, D.C. on June 28 for N'djamena, capital of Chad.

The volunteers will be trained in language and culture of the country and then teach English in local schools. Margaret is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the University of Chicago, where she studied linguistics and the use of the vernacular in education. For the last four years she has traveled in Europe learning foreign languages.

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Editor, The Spotlight:

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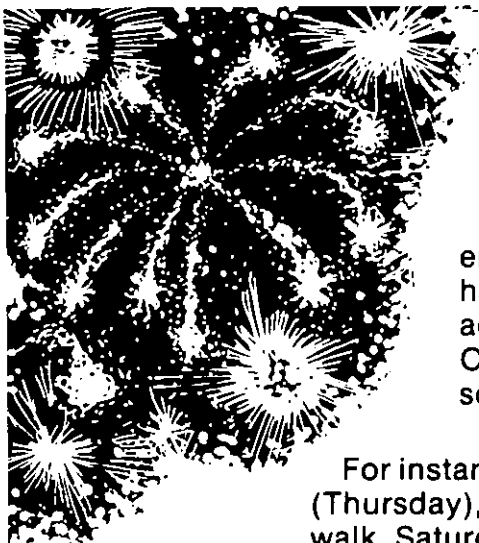
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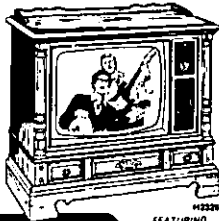
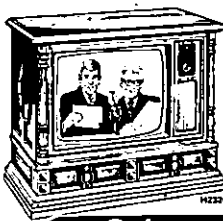
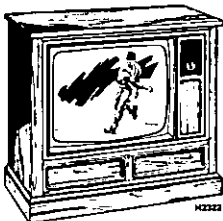
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