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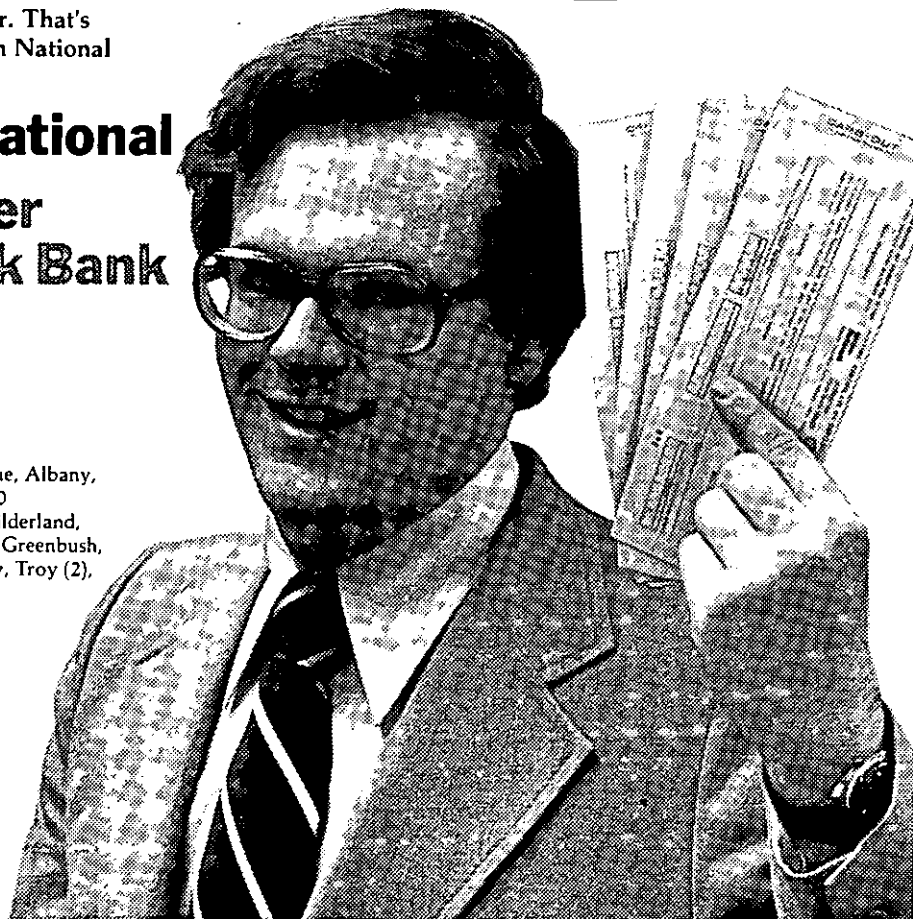
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Town of New Scotland--Town Board meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7 p.m., Recreation Commission third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m. town hall, Rt. 85.

League of Women Voters, Thursdays, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. Information 439-5786.

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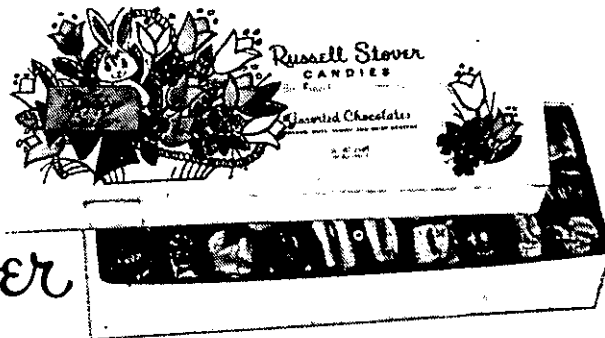
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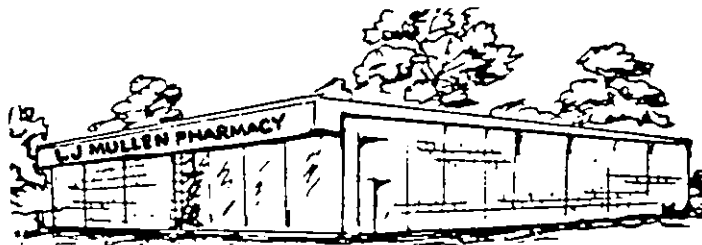


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Story Hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Superman films, Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m.

Albany County Audubon Society, Dr. William Ritchie, "Timeless Desert," Bethlehem Library, 8 p.m. "For Your Heart," Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

Maundy Thursday service, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, 421 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m.; also at Slingerlands United Methodist Church, 8 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 24

Good Friday Service, Philadelphia Church, Krumkill Rd., North Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Good Friday Tenebrae service, Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church, Bank Community Room, Delmar, 8 p.m.

MONDAY, MARCH 27

Story Hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Pre-school story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m. and 2 - 2:30 p.m.

Career and Educational Advise-ment, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 6 - 9 p.m.

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

TUESDAY, MARCH 28

Delmar Progress Club, Creative Arts Group, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

Spring Fest, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Coffee House, Adams St., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Delmar Camera Club, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Pre-school story hour, Bethlehem Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m., Clarksville Elementary School, 11 - 11:30 a.m.

Creative Dramatics Workshop for middle schoolers, Bethlehem Library, 4 - 4:45 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, MARCH 29

Career and educational advise-ment, Sister Catherine Daly, Bethlehem Library, 7 - 9 p.m.

Assemblyman Lane will be at his Delmar office for questions and discussions with constituents, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

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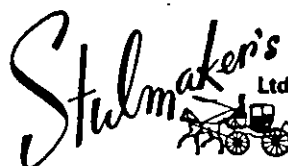
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Albany Area Retired Teachers Assn., "Wills and Trusts," Bethlehem Library, 12:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, Bethlehem Coffee House, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Story hour, Voorheesville Library, 10:30 - 11 a.m.

Stuart Little film, Voorheesville Library, 4 p.m.

FRIDAY, MARCH 31

Boys and Girls Night, grades 1-5, Bethlehem Community Church, 7 - 8:30 p.m.

Open House, Slingerlands Cooperative Nursery School, Community Methodist Church, New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 9 - 11:30 a.m.

SATURDAY, APRIL 1

Round and Square Dance, Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Co., Unit 4, Clarksville Fire Hall, Plank Rd., Clarksville.

Used Tack & Riding Apparel Sale, Albany County 4-H Club, Albany County Resources Development Center, Martin Rd., Voorheesville, 11 a.m. - 3 p.m.

SUNDAY, APRIL 2

"Come Together," choral program, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

MONDAY, APRIL 3

Delmar Community Orchestra, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

Exerdance class starts, Classique Studio, Elsmere, 9 and 10 p.m.

Safe-driving course, Bethlehem Central HS, Room 19-A, 7:15 p.m. Second part Wednesday, same hours.

TUESDAY, APRIL 4

Exerdance class starts, Classique Studio, Elsmere, 9, 10 and 11 a.m.

Public hearing, Bethlehem planning board, on application of Internet Corp. for approval of a proposed sub-division to be known as Woodside South, 27 lots, located on Caldwell Blvd., Slingerlands, south side of Rt. 85 and west of So. Helderberg Pkwy., Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5

Assemblyman Lane will be at his Delmar office for questions and discussions with constituents, 1 Becker Terr., Delmar, 3:30 - 6:30 p.m.

AARP Donation Day, A&P Store, Elsmere.

Public hearing, Bethlehem board of appeals, on application of Mrs. Delores Jones, 462-B Monroe Ave., Albany, for a special exception to permit a dog kennel at premises, Bethlehem town hall, 8 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. Phone numbers are for information and tickets.

THEATER

"La Tosca," by Lake George Opera Festival, Palace Theater, Albany, **March 28, 30, April 1.** 793-3858.

"Mother Courage and Her Children," staged by The Acting Company, touring repertory troupe, State University Performing Arts Center, **March 29,** 1 p.m. and 8 p.m., **April 1, 2** and 8 p.m.; "King Lear," **March 30** at 1 and 8 p.m., **March 31,** 8 p.m. Tickets at SUNYA box office and Community Box Office, Colonie Center, 457-8606.

"Harvey," Mary Chase comedy, Junior College of Albany Theatre Arts Dept., JCA Auditorium, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **April 7-8, 14-15,** 8 p.m. 445-1725.

MUSIC

Bach's "St. Matthew Passion," eighth annual performance by St. Peter's Singers, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, Good Friday, **March 24,** 1 p.m. Soloists, organ, harpsichord. Offering.

ART

Florence Winn, exhibit of landscapes, nature and wildlife paintings featuring Helderberg and Whiteface scenes, The Community Room at Mayfair, 151 Wolf Rd., Colonie, Monday-Friday 10-9, Saturday 10-6, **through April 1.**

Exhibition, linoleum print cuts by Alice Pauline Schafer and Virginia Ward, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts Foyer Gallery, Troy, **March 20-April 15,** weekdays 9-5, Sundays 2-5.

Exhibition, Edward Cowley oils, pastels, stained glass, Center Gallery, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **March 19-April 29,** 1-4 daily.

FILM

"Double Indemnity" and "Lady of Burlesque," Barbara Stanwyck, Cohoes Music Hall Classic Film Series, **March 27,** 7:30 p.m.

"Ivan the Terrible," two-part epic, Auditorium One, CDPC, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, **March 19** at 3:30 and 8:30 p.m., **March 23,** 8 p.m. \$1.75, students and seniors \$1.25. 436-7371.

"Monty Python Meets Beyond the Fringe," Russell Sage College Film Series, Schacht Fine Arts Center, **April 4,** 8 p.m.

LECTURE

Dr. Margaret Mead, author-anthropologist, "Where Today's Students Fit In," Siena College Alumni Recreation Center, **April 5,** 8 p.m. \$1.

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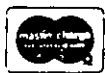


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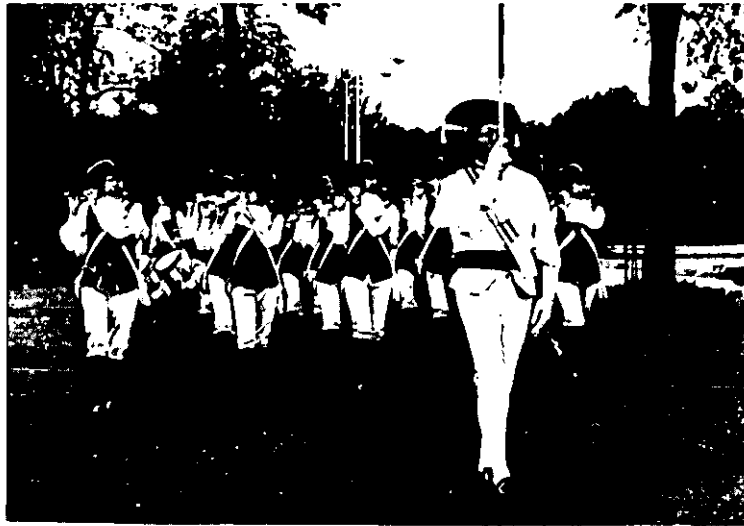
Holiday confusion: who's out of step May 29-30?

Planning a three-day holiday over Memorial Day? Going to the parade in Delmar or Albany? Taking the kids on family weekend trip? Making reservations at a resort?

Better hold off until you check the school calendar, your office holiday schedule and the community events calendar, some of which are unsynchronized and all of them contributing to widespread community confusion. If you have children in schools, forget the whole thing.

For instance: Monday, May 29 is the national legal holiday, decreed by the U.S. Congress in compliance with its established custom of providing three-day weekends in February, May and November. May 30 is a holiday in New York State, decreed by the Legislature in accordance with its own interpretation that throws state offices and public school systems into limbo in February, May and November.

For instance: post offices will be closed and there will be no mail deliveries on Monday, May 29, a federal holiday observed by U.S. government offices, most businesses, agencies, and industries, and most other states. Civic parades have been scheduled for Monday, the federal holiday, including Albany and Delmar. But school children in New York State won't be marching with their high school bands, Brownie troops, Cub packs and Little Leaguers: they'll be in school. However, the kids will have a holiday on Tuesday, the 30th, when Dad will be working at the office or the plant, unless he



Village Volunteers, perennial mainstay of Delmar parades. Will adults skip work on May 30 or the kids skip school on the 29th?

works for the state or certain banks.

Banks? Well, in Bethlehem most banks will be open on the legal holiday and closed on the so-called traditional holiday. City & County Savings Bank, National Savings Bank, Union National Bank, State Bank of Albany and Manufacturers-Hanover Bank will observe regular hours at their Delmar offices on Monday and will close Tuesday. The National Commercial Bank and Trust Co. offices in Delmar, Elsmere and Voorheesville will be closed on the 29th and open on the 30th, apparently the only banks in the community to be open that Tuesday. Observed Howard Anderson, manager of the National Savings branch at Four Corners: "We have to close Tuesday by order of the State Banking Dept." Says Diane Arnstein, manager of the Manufacturers-Hanover office next door: "Our holidays are

scheduled by our computer center in Long Island; they're closed Tuesday, so we have to be, too." Ted Burke, manager of the State Bank's Elsmere office, noted that the Federal Reserve Bank in New York would be closed on Tuesday. The New York Stock Exchange and other markets will be closed that Monday.

Confused? Read on:

The saddest aspect is the impact on family life, brought on by state law requiring schools to close on the 30th. In Bethlehem, Supt. of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn said schoolchildren would have been given the 29th off in order to see or march in Delmar's traditional American Legion parade, but all "snow days" have been used up. "Our hands are tied," Zinn said. "It's a mandate from the State Education Dept." Adds Supt. Werner Berglas of the Voorheesville system: "Local

districts have jurisdiction in scheduling holidays observing Election Day, Lincoln's or Washington's Birthday, but all others are mandatory, including May 30." Exit family trips to camp, the Cape or Grandma's, and exit Scouts, Brownies and school bands in the Monday parades.

Ironically, nearby private schools observing the three-day weekend require local schools to furnish transportation for their students. Albany Academy cadets, for instance, will be marching in the Albany parade, and will be in school Tuesday. Bethlehem Central bus drivers will be paid overtime to make the runs to the Academy and other schools on Tuesday.

The big Albany parade is all set for Monday. Voorheesville's American Legion post has scheduled its parade for Sunday, June 4, but the Delmar festivities are caught in midstream. The Legion's annual Memorial Day parade is scheduled for Monday, but William Blanchard, commander of Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elsmere, said his committee may be forced to change the date or alter plans for the parade. "We thought we were all set," he said. "We'll decide what to do in the next several weeks."

Delmar's largest industrial and commercial employers, along with most of the rest of the nation, will be closed on the federal holiday. General Electric's plastics plant and the Owens-Corning Fiberglass plant are on seven-day schedules because of their process lines, but office staffs

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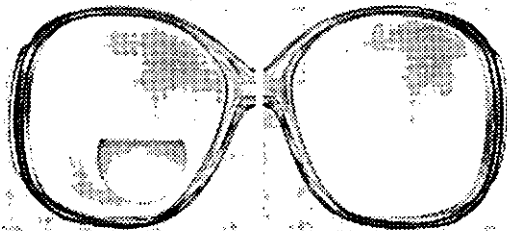
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Bethlehem's town hall will be closed Monday, May 29. New Scotland town hall Tuesday, May 30. Corrine Cossac, New Scotland town clerk, explained that "we usually follow the state schedule because of highway projects and other projects."

Several business managers were resentful that the

School calendar:

Here is a rundown on local and nearby school schedules for the Memorial Day holiday:

Closed May 29, in session May 30—Albany Academy, Hebrew Academy.

In session May 29, closed May 30 — Albany Academy for Girls, Academy of the Holy Names, all public schools.

Closed both days — CBA, Doane-Stuart.

Legislature had "gummed everything up." A spokesman for the State Senate, however, resisted such criticism. He blamed Rep. Sam Stratton, who some years ago sponsored the federal legislation that was designed to "normalize" the nation's holiday format. "We (the state) went along with it for a while, but we changed it back because of the confusion. Blame the feds."

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A graduate of Voorheesville Central High School, he received his BA degree in English from Hobart College. He is married to the former Cynthia Conrad. The Batchelders have three children, Heather, 4; Elizabeth, 2 and Eric, 3 months.

Cancer kickoff

The Albany County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold its annual kick-off dinner program, Friday, March 31, at 6 p.m. at the Italian Community Center. Awards and a crusade update will be presented. Bill Rees of Channel 13 will be the master of ceremonies. The public, especially volunteers, are welcome. Call the American Cancer Society, 449-8722 for reservations.

William C. Batchelder

Named by Blue Cross

William C. Batchelder of Guilderland Center has been appointed to the post of director of communications for Blue Cross and Blue Shield of Northeastern New York. He succeeds Helen S. Sharpe of Albany, who has retired.

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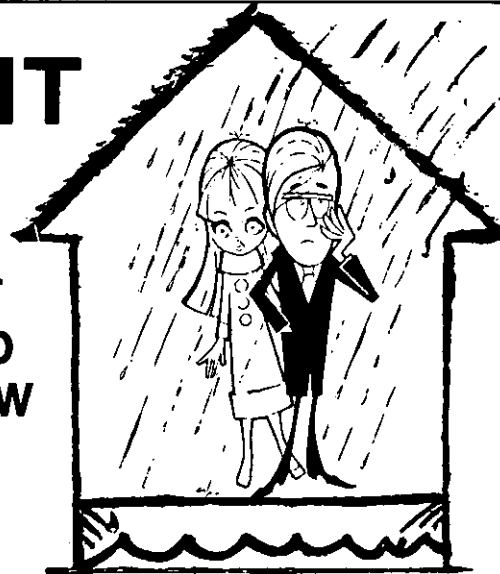
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Waiting for the other shoe to drop

For many Bethlehem residents in a wide cross-section of the community, the strange case of suspended Police Chief Peter Fish has become a drawn-out exercise in suspense. The town, the chief and others linked or associated with the litigation will continue to live in a Damoclean environment until the prosecution, as represented by special counsel David A. Goldstein of New York City, brings formal charges against Fish, and the appointed hearing officer, ex-Judge Francis Bergin of Albany, hands down a decision.

His 18 years on the police force, 15 of them as chief, have made Fish a well known Bethlehem figure, and his volatile personality has made him a controversial one. His friends are intensely loyal to him, his foes equally outspoken. For its part, the police department has operated on a business-as-usual basis under Capt. Robert Foster.

acting chief, Foster and individual police officers have been careful to keep their comments to themselves.

Meanwhile a succession of legal moves and counter-moves by the town, by Fish and by various combinations of citizens supporting Fish is keeping the case in the headlines of the Albany papers and sporadically on TV newscasts. Late last week, a flurry of show cause orders and court stays added to the suspense, forced Goldstein to display one of his hole cards (possibly but not necessarily an ace) and intensified the curiosity of citizens on the sidelines: when will it all come to a head, or at least be brought into the open?

The answer, as the litigants continued the legal chessgame this week, was still hanging, but

each day brings the showdown closer. Goldstein, the 41-year-old former rackets-buster from Manhattan, was playing his cards close to the vest and, in true lawyer's tradition, giving out as little information as possible to minimize any future judicial prejudice.

On Friday, however, he had to put one of his cards on the table. It happened this way: at 9:15 Thursday night the town was served with two show-cause orders, one aimed at returning Fish to the payroll, the other vacating Goldstein's scheduled examination of the suspended chief under oath on Monday in regard to Fish's \$5-million libel suit against Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan and the town board. The orders were returnable before State Supreme Court Justice William Murray of

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In happier days: Chief Peter Fish, seated left, with Bethlehem political leaders in the early 1970's. In the front row, former Supervisor Bertram E. Kohnin, center, and Robert Collins, former building inspector. Standing, from left: Councilman Tom Corrigan, now supervisor; former town GOP chairman Arthur McCormick; George Butman, ex-councilman and former assessor; Councilman Harold Williams, who retired from the board last December, and ex-Councilman William Segur.

Rensselaer Friday morning. In oral arguments before Murray, it was disclosed publicly for the first time that one of the allegations under investigation these past few months is a petty cash fund of \$200 a month provided the police department by the town for "undercover purposes." Sworn testimony before Goldstein during the investigation, he said, developed evidence that these funds "were turned over to the chief and never accounted for." Goldstein identified the time span as February, 1971, to May, 1977, for a total of approximately \$15,000. Murray vacated the summons to Fish on the libel suit examination, but reserved decision on the payroll issue.

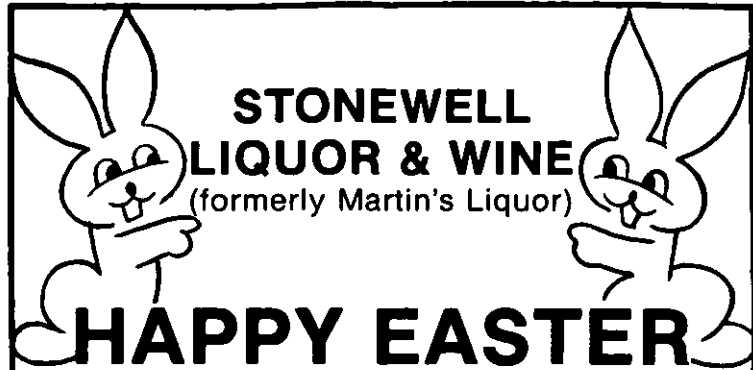
A sidelight at Rensselaer: under a statute of town law, a town officer must make monthly accountings to the supervisor by sworn statement for any funds received other than salary; failing in this, his salary can be withheld by the town.

Fish was quoted in Sunday's Albany Times Union as

denying the allegation on the petty cash. The paper also quoted Fish's attorney, William J. Cade of Delmar, as saying that Sgt. Leo Dorsey, not Fish, was responsible for disbursement of the funds. Dorsey, who is in charge of the department's youth bureau, was not on duty over the weekend, and could not be reached for comment before the Spotlight's press deadline.

After his junket to Rensselaer Friday, Goldstein was back at town hall in Delmar by noon, taking closed-door testimony from a number of witnesses, this time before the town board. Once again, it was well after 9:30 p.m. when the session ended and the special prosecutor closed his briefcase and went to dinner.

Last Thursday a hint that the Fish investigation was broadening came in the form of a resolution adopted at a special meeting of the town board. The resolution, one of three routine actions dictated by the legal structure of the case, authorized a study of the function, methods and



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personnel of the police department, with the indication that disciplinary action might be taken against "one or more" department members. Several hours later Corrigan read a statement to newspaper and television reporters announcing that Richard A. Spinosa of Selkirk, a 13-year member of the department, had been suspended without pay for official misconduct alleged to have occurred last March 24. In the formal notification sent by Corrigan to Spinosa, the details were listed as "tampering with public records," a misdemeanor, tampering with physical evidence, a felony, and obstructing governmental administration. Spinosa was accused of a post-midnight visit to the files at headquarters and disposing of summons for several traffic violations charged to a Howard J. O'Connell of Albany. Spinosa joined the department April 16, 1964.

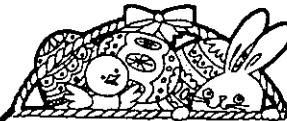
Fish is denied PBA membership

A ruling by the State Public Employment Relations Board (PERB) has made it official that Police Chief Peter Fish is not eligible for membership in the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Assn. (BPBA).

The local PBA serves as the bargaining unit for members of the Bethlehem police department in contract negotiations with the town board. The town has contended that as chief of the department, Fish is a management employee, and as such is not covered by the state's Taylor Law. When town employees received an across-the-board pay raise of 7 percent last Jan. 1, Fish got the raise in his first 1978 paycheck. His impulse was to withhold cashing it, figuring that the contract haggling between the PBA and the town would result in a salary hike larger than 7 percent. He was advised to put the check through, which he did. On Feb. 8 he was suspended and removed from the payroll on charges still unspecified.

Last week's ruling, upholding a document filed by the town board last year contending that Fish's status was managerial, was signed by Harold R. Newman, PERB chairman.

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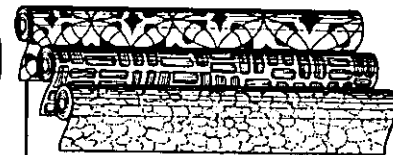
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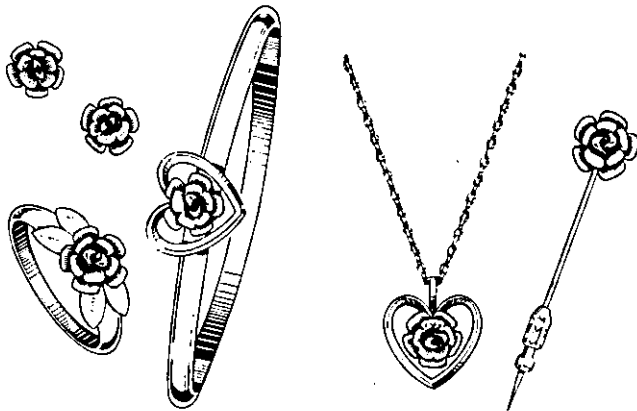
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Dr. Lawrence C. Kolb, a Glenmont resident who has been active in academic medicine for many years and served two years as state commissioner of mental hygiene, has been appointed professor in the department of psychiatry at Albany Medical College.

Dr. Kolb served as director of the New York State Psychiatric Institute for 20 years before becoming commissioner of mental hygiene. He is a past president of the American Psychiatric Assn., a professor emeritus of psychiatry at Columbia University and continues to be a consultant to the Presbyterian Hospital of the City of New York, where he served as director of the psychiatric service for 20 years. He has also taught at Johns Hopkins University, the Washington School of Psychiatry and the University of Minnesota.

He was the first psychiatrist to be cited by the Veterans Administration for its distinguished physician award and the only psychiatrist among the 10 award holders.

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County exploring seniors' mini-bus

Unified Service Effort, Inc., headquartered in the American Red Cross building on Hackett Blvd., Albany, is looking into the possibility of providing transportation for the elderly and handicapped in Albany County.

USE is holding a series of seminars to determine the transportation needs of these groups, a spokesman said. Federal funds are available through the Capital District Transportation Committee (CDTC) for a mini-bus and other programs. Local groups seeking detailed information may call Patrick Sweeney, executive director of Unified Service Effort, 436-4030.

OCF earnings up

Owens-Corning Fiberglas Corp. has announced fourth quarter net earnings of \$35.8 million or \$2.38 per share, compared with \$21.2 million or \$1.41 per share for the same quarter in 1976. For the year, earnings were \$112.5 million, or \$7.48 per share, compared with \$71.8 million or \$4.80 per share in 1976.

Tole meeting set

Mrs. Paula Lawton, who recently attended a seminar on folk art in California, will give a presentation at an open meeting of the Capitolers, a tole and decorative painting group, March 29 at 7 p.m. at the Calvary Methodist Church, Belle Ave. and Ridge Rd., Latham. Information, 237-5820.

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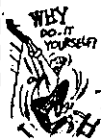
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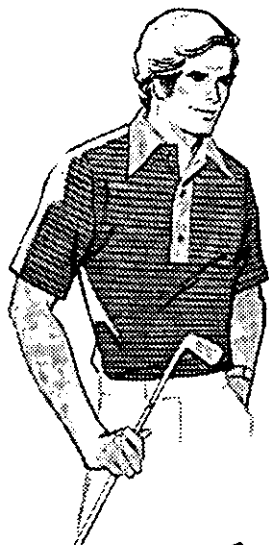
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Ted Schulenberg's band at BCHS performed for 9th and 10th graders sponsored by the Bethlehem Music Assn. as part of Music in Our Schools Week. From left: J.B. Rogers, Cliff Lyons, Chandell LaForest, Mitch Strominger and Mark Netter. Ted was playing the piano hidden from the camera.
Jim Carroll

Milestone No. 25 for Jerry Day

Gerald J. Day, deputy superintendent of highways, completed 25 years of service to the town of Bethlehem on March 1. He started as an equipment operator in 1953 under Allen Mead, then highway superintendent, was made a foreman by Supervisor John Oliver in 1959 and appointed deputy superintendent by Martin Cross, highway superintendent, in 1966. He is well known throughout the town for his determination to see that the town highways are always fit to travel both summer and winter.

Day is also well known throughout the county for his years as a volunteer fireman,

servicing as chief of Delmar Fire Dept. for nine years and now fire commissioner. He is also president and co-founder of the Albany County Volunteer Firemen's Assn. and belongs to many firemanic associations in the state.

Day is married to Carolyn Williams of Woodville. They have four daughters, Mary, who teaches kindergarten in Central Square; Nancy, a freshman at SUNY at Cobleskill; Judy, a senior at BCHS and Sally, who attends the Middle School. They reside at 31 Herber Ave., Delmar.

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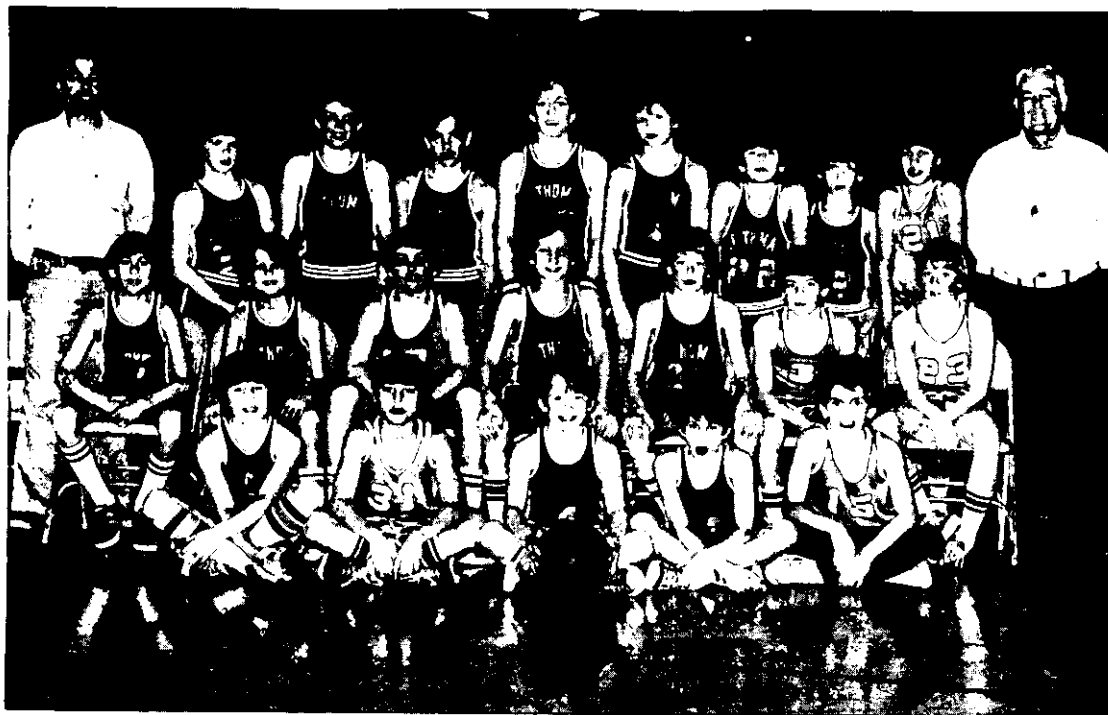
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Faculty wives meet

The SUNYA Faculty Wives Club will hold its spring luncheon on April 1, at noon at the Albany Country club, Wormer Rd., Voorheesville. Connie Cockfield, fashion coordinator, and Barbara Freed, fashion commentator, will present a fashion show sponsored by Flah's. The models are Lois AuClair, Ellie Bushweller, Judy Cadbury, Betty Fairbank, Kirk Hauser, Audrey Holstein, Kathy Pruzek, Milla Shane, Michele Shumaker and Maureen Yukl. Reservations may be made by contacting Peggy Zimmerman, 439-9440, prior to March 24.

Added to panel

Brian Summers of Delmar, a state employee working on a historical restoration project in the Germantown area, has been added to the new Bethlehem town facilities committee, which is conducting a study and evaluation of town buildings and physical resources.

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Assemblyman Larry Lane, left, with Lester Hains of Ravena and volumes of petitions for repeal of the home heating fuel sales tax.

3 BC students at legislature

Five Albany County high schools are participating in a new program for juniors and seniors interested in local government. The intern program, sponsored by Cooperative Extension of Albany County, pairs students with sponsoring members of the county legislature and the county executive's office.

Three Bethlehem Central students have been selected for the program. They are Sharon Handwerger, 486 Huron Rd., Delmar, sponsored by Edward Sargent Jr. of Delmar; Nikki Weisner, 24 North Helderberg Pkwy., Slingerlands, sponsored by Robert Prentiss of Colonie, and Mike Rathburn, Upper Flatrock Rd., Clarksville, sponsored by Mike Ricci of Voorheesville.

The program is authorized through a resolution passed by the county legislature in August, 1977, and is funded by a grant from Cornell University's 4-H youth community development program and through the Albany County Dept. of Employment and Training.

Student in Ireland

Kathleen Meany, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Meany of 11 Norge Rd., Delmar, is spending this semester at the University of Dublin, Ireland.

Mahar confirmed

Phil Mahar has been appointed administrator of the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Dept. after serving as assistant administrator and acting administrator since October, 1976. Mahar is a graduate of Alfred University and has a master's degree in business education from SUNY-Albany. He served four years as assistant basketball coach at Alfred and as substitute teacher in physical education in several public school systems before taking a summer job as lifeguard at the Elm Ave. Park in Delmar and as park ranger in 1976. He is 28, married, and lives in Meadowbrook Apartments, Slingerlands.

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Equipment damaged

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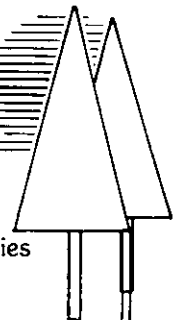


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Approaching Rt. 9W, Becker tried to halt the speeding car, but the driver refused to stop. Swinging north on 9W the chase hit a speed of 110 before the quarry turned down Corning Hill, then north on Rt. 144 and into the city of Albany on South Pearl St. About 250 feet south of the I-787 ramp, the car glanced off a hydrant, stuck a chain-link fence and went off the road to the right, according to the police report. Becker summoned the Bethlehem ambulance. The driver and his two passengers were taken to Albany Medical Center, treated for minor injuries and released.

At the hospital Becker booked John A. Norman, 20, of Bradt Hollow Rd., West Berne, on 10 traffic charges: reckless endangerment of property, driving while intoxicated, speeding (two counts), passing red light, passing stop sign, failure to comply with order of police officer, passing in a no-passing

zone, and driving without lights. He was arraigned before Justice Harry Rezzemini in Bethlehem justice court and released for a hearing March 30.



Edward D. Palmer

Receives award

Albany real estate appraiser Edward Delancey Palmer, MAI, president of Del Palmer Appraisal Corp., has been presented with the Professional Recognition Award of the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers. He is a resident of Slingerlands.

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BC musicians plan 'sub' sale

On the cover: Chandell LaForest, Ellen Stewart and sales districts. Photo by Ansel Moore.

For Bethlehem Central's hard-working instrumentalists, next week is a milestone: it's the annual submarine sandwich sale that finances an exchange concert that involves a spring trip across the Berkshires.

The sale will benefit the school's wind ensemble and orchestra for a band concert and exchange program with Topsfield, Mass. High School. Topsfield's musicians will be at Bethlehem for a concert April 5 at 8 p.m.

All next week Bethlehem band members will be going house-to-house to take orders for giant "subs." The sandwiches will be delivered to each house Saturday afternoon, April 1, freshly made that morning by an "assembly line" of parents, musicians and helpers.

Langlitz performs

David Langlitz, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and currently first trombonist with the Metropolitan Opera, performed at the BCHS faculty recital at the Middle School Monday. Other performers were Jan Raglan, soprano, George Smith on alto sax and the faculty brass ensemble.



Alan Hilchie

Delmar man cited

Alan Hilchie of Elsmere has been elected vice president of the New York State Retail Hardware Assn., representing more than 1,100 retail hardware, lumber and building supply stores across the state. Hilchie has served on the association's board of directors since 1974 and is on the board of the New York State Council of Retail Merchants. He has operated Hilchie's American Hardware in Elsmere since 1953.

Retired teachers meet

The Albany Area Retired Teachers Assn. will meet Thursday, March 30, at 12:30 p.m., at the Bethlehem Library. Virginia Bowers, of the National Commercial Bank and Trust Co., will speak on trusts and wills. The new constitution will be presented for consideration.



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Parsons elects local leaders

Charles C. Wing, Jr. of Feura Bush has been elected president of the Parsons Child and Family Center's board of directors. Wing, treasurer of R. B. Wing & Son, a historic firm dating back to the early shipfitting days in Albany, succeeds Austin A. Woodward of Voorheesville.

Other new officers include Sydney T. Jones III of Slingerlands, vice president; Thomas J. Curran of Glenmont, treasurer, and Sister Maureen Joyce of Albany, reelected secretary.

Jones, president of Hudson Valley Paper Co., is the son of a former president of the board. Curran is vice president of the First Albany Corp.

Parsons Child and Family Center has been a voluntary non-profit child caring agency serving children and families in northeastern New York for nearly 150 years. It provides rehabilitation to emotionally



Charles C. Wing, Jr.

disturbed and multiply handicapped children with the goal of returning them to family and community life as soon as possible.

Good Friday service

Faith Evangelical Lutheran Church will hold a Good Friday Tenebrae service at 8 p.m. Friday at the Community Room of the National Commercial Bank, Delmar. Rev. Richard Gall, pastor, will conduct the special service.

Stop sign ordered

East Fernbank Ave., a dead-end street, will have a stop sign at the intersection of Elsmere Ave., Delmar, by order of the State Dept. of transportation.

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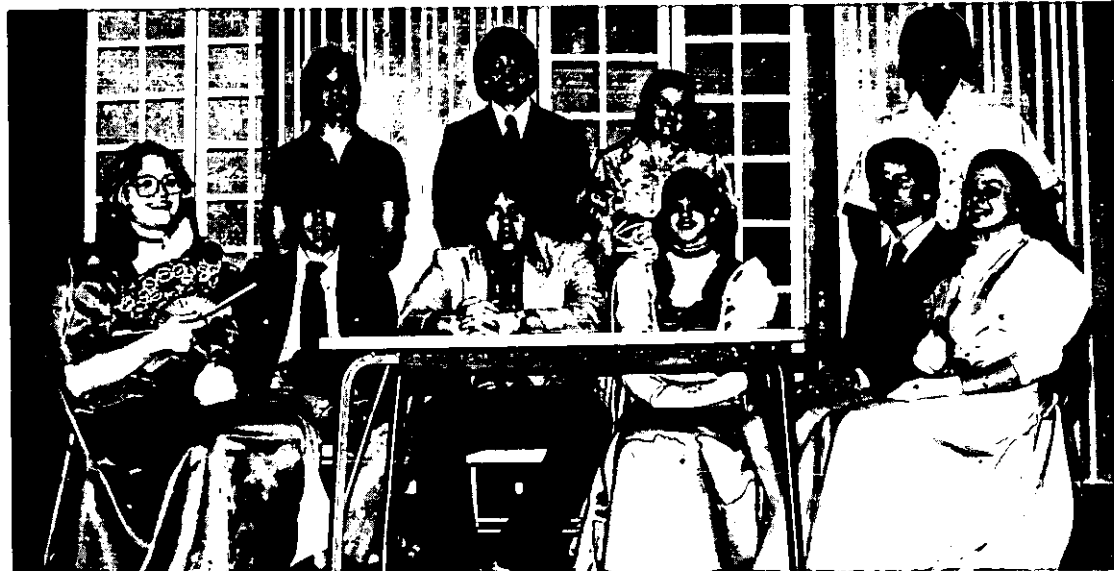
Tickets went on sale this week for Voorheesville High School Drama Club's production of "Charley's Aunt," scheduled for a two-night run on the stage at the high school March 31-April 1.

The fun centers around two college boys in love with two young ladies in the bygone era of chaperones. They invite the girls to lunch on the pretense of meeting Charley's aunt. When the boys get word Charley's aunt has been delayed, they engage a fellow to impersonate the rich matron. The events that follow make for a collicking situation.

The play is under the direction of Robert Andrews with Judy Lawrence as student director. The cast includes John Martin, Steve McEvoy, Richard Coote, Steven Murphy, Duncan Morrison, Irene Wuntsch, Darlene Gifford, Carrie Humphrey, Holly Cargill and Tom Cammer. Tickets are available at the high school, New Scotland Pharmacy and Voorheesville Pharmacy. They also will be sold at the door.

Wins scholarship

Thomas W. Burnett of Bethlehem Central High School is one of 11 Albany County winners of Regents Professional Education in Nursing scholarships. Each recipient is entitled to an award of \$250 a year for up to five years of study.



photos by Wendy Albert

Local artist featured

The Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art will present an exhibition of paintings and drawings of David Coughtry, formerly of Delmar, through April 17. Coughtry, a graduate of Principia College, Elsau, Ill., won an honorable mention at the 1976 watercolor exhibit in St. Louis, and won the Purchase Award at the 1977 Hudson-Mohawk regional exhibit. His work has been shown in area museums as well as in Michigan and Cape Cod galleries.

Speed law tightened

The State Dept. of Transportation has reduced the speed limit on Delaware Ave., Delmar, from the state maximum of 55 to 45 miles an hour for approximately half a mile west of Van Dyke Rd.

Cast of "Charley's Aunt" at Voorheesville Central, from left, seated: Holly Cargill, John Martin, Rich Coote, Darlene Gifford, Steve Murphy, Irene Wuntsch; standing, Duncan Morrison, Steve McEvoy, Carrie Humphrey, Tom Cammer. On the cover: Darlene and Irene buss Morrison as Rich and Steve look on.

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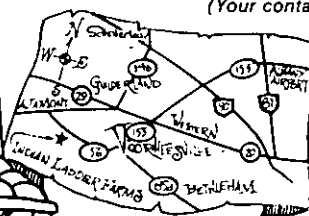
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Seven churches
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Sixty singers and musicians from seven area churches will perform "Come Together," a Christian musical program, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, April 2 at 7:30 p.m.

The choir was formed in February and is directed by William Womer, minister of music at the church. The singers will be joined by piano, organ, guitar, bass and drums during the performance. Narration will be given by Rev. Warren Winterhoff of the Bethlehem church, who will coordinate the program.

Churches represented at the program are Bethlehem Community Church, Beth-

lehem Lutheran, Clarksville Community Church, South Bethlehem Methodist Church, St. Patrick's Roman Catholic Church, Ravena, St. Thomas' Roman Catholic Church, Delmar, and Unionville Reformed Church. The public is invited.

Burglary at garage

Burglars took welding equipment valued at \$617 from Empire Truck Repair, Inc., at Rt. 144 and Corning Hill, GLenmont, between 8:30 p.m. and 7 a.m. the night of March 13-14, according to Bethlehem police who are investigating. Entry was gained by breaking a window in the rear door of the garage.

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Voorheesville PTA will hold a fund-raising antique show and plant boutique at Voorheesville High School April 8, from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m. and April 9 from noon to 6.

The show is held to raise funds for the high school scholarship fund. It is managed by Frances Vunck. Committee members are Janet Breese, Shirley Johnston, Barbara Maryott, Jane Tufts, Jean Goldstein, Peg O'Connor, Jan Brennan and Maryann Malark.

The PTA is asking for donations of cuttings to be sold at the plant boutique. Approximately 30 antique dealers are expected to exhibit.

Persons interested in helping or in donating clippings should call J. Breeze at 439-2558 or B. Maryott at 765-4554.

MAARP donation day

The Elsmere A&P will hold Donation Day for the Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons on April 5. Chapter members should bring identification slips when they shop at the A&P that day, and credit will be given the local chapter.

Church election

New and continuing officers were elected at the Slingerlands United Methodist Church at the Annual Charge Conference on March 6. William Burnett and Jean Skubel were elected new trustees and Frederick Stolz was re-elected to a new term. Receiving recognition for their work in the past were John Pendleton and Robert

Johnson, who retired from the board. Alfred Place was elected lay leader of the church.

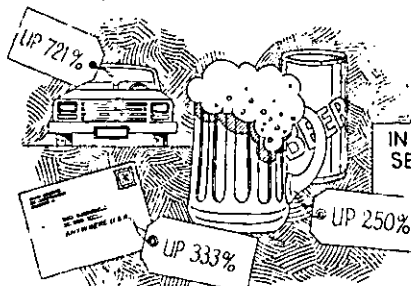
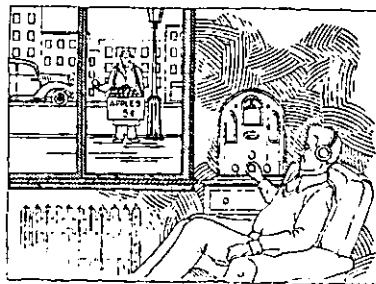
Job-hunting workshops

Bethlehem Public Library is sponsoring a free series of workshops in April on "Help for the Aggressive Job Hunter." The programs will be on Tuesday evenings at 7:30. Brian Klim, vocational

counselor at the Capital District Psychiatric Center, will cover self-counseling for career and life planning; Betty First of Snelling and Snelling of Colonie, Inc. will discuss successful interviewing techniques, and a two-session resume workshop will be conducted by Michael D'Attilio, dean of students at The College of Saint Rose.

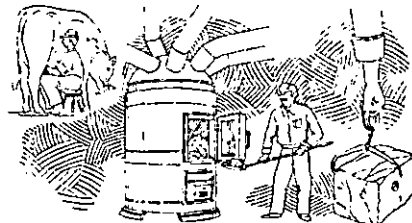
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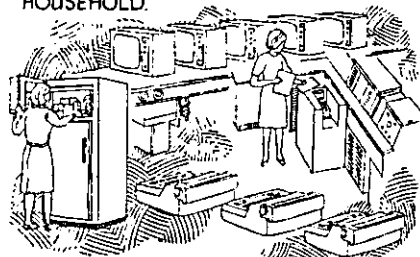


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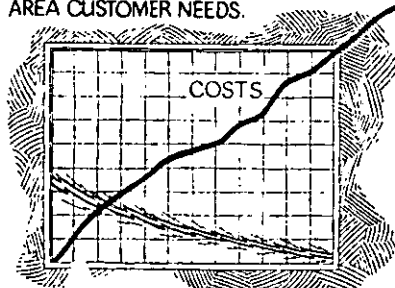
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JCA antique show

The Junior College of Albany's Antique Show and Sale will be held April 1-2 in the campus gymnasium at 140 New Scotland Ave. Hours are Saturday 10 to 8, Sunday 11 to 5. Admission proceeds go to the development fund of the college.



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OTB to open shop at Plaza

OTB is coming to Bethlehem.

The 31st and newest of track betting establishments in the Capital District has a target date of March 29 for a shop at the eastern end of the Delaware Plaza complex in Elsmere formerly occupied by Western Auto. It will be a "mini-parlor" with four windows.

Ray Blanchard, a former Delmar resident who executive vice president of the Schenectady-based Capital District Regional Off-Track Betting Corp., said the new parlor would employ "about six people" and would be open from 8 to 8 six days a week. Of the present 30 shops, 13 are open Sundays from 10 to 11, Blanchard said, but added "Initially we won't be open Sundays in Delmar, but that could change in the near future." All OTB's will be closed on Easter because there is no racing on that day, he said.

The new shop will be hooked into OTB's on-line computer system that expedites the handling of wagers, calibrates odds and keeps records of the handle and payouts. Albany County can expect a 19% increase in income of approximately \$1 million from the off-track handle this year, Blanchard said.

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Local Boy Saved for Pete's Sake

Ima Dreamer, 16½, of Delmar tried to hang himself during a hail storm last week, proclaiming, "I regret that I have but one dollar to spend." Rogers Sport & Ski Shop, however, he was saved in the nick of time by Pete Rogers himself, proprietor of the new Delaware Plaza Store, who said "I'll take it!" and immediately decreed another fantastic price reduction. A hailed his magnanimity, except Town Undertaker U. Whacko.

WC skier wins national title

Scott White, Voorheesville Central High School senior, placed first overall in ski patrol skills competition at the National Junior Ski Patrol seminar held at Crystal Mountain, Wash., earlier this month. White, who patrols for Scotch Valley in Stamford, defeated 120 juniors from all over the country in accumulating points. He placed first in on-hill first aid, second in toboggan handling, and fifth in tree skiing and NASTAR racing. His total cumulative score ran 20 points ahead of his nearest competitor.

A strong skier, White felt quite at home on Crystal Mountain trails with their steepness and moguls. Along with skiing, he has been active in varsity soccer and volleyball at Voorheesville Central. He holds an American Red Cross water safety instructors certificate and served as a lifeguard last summer at John B. Thacher State Park. He plans to attend the State University at Cobleskill in the fall.

White began training for ski patrol at age 15 and is the son of a former ski patrol leader at Scotch Valley and a national NSPS appointee, Donald J. White of Voorheesville. He's also the grandson of a retired NSPS national appointee.

Leighton J. Cree of Colebrook, N.H. Cree, at 81, still skis, though he's no longer active on patrol. He claims credit for teaching young White the fundamentals of skiing when the national junior winner got his first skis at the age of 3.

News: boy hits car

An old-fashioned U.S. bromide goes something like "when man bites dog, it's news." At the Four Corners in Delmar last week, Todd Brustle, 10, of 8 Paddock Pl., ran between two parked cars into the hood of a car being driven by a Delmar woman. The usual headline of "Boy hit by car" doesn't apply in this mishap because, police said, Mrs. Margaret M. Sherman, 77 Brookview Ave., saw the boy dart into the road and was able to brake to a halt before the lad ran into the car. Todd was treated for minor injuries at Albany Medical Center and released. Bethlehem police reported the incident closed.

Methodist dinner

The third annual dinner sponsored by the Methodist Men of the Community United Methodist Church in Slingerlands will be held at the church April 8 at 5:30 p.m. and 7 p.m. Reservations are required. Tickets are available from members or by calling 439-1766 on weekday mornings.

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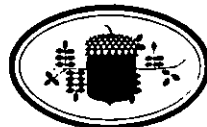
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Barbara Castle

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Jack Reinholt of Delmar, second from left, executive director of the Albany Boys Club, congratulates Charles S. Foresman, Loudonville, new president of the board. At left is Arthur Yates, assistant treasurer, and at right is Hugh Roberts, secretary.

Best of show

Carol Turner, Slingerlands artist, was awarded the prize of best-in-show in the Rensselaer County Council for the Arts fifth annual juried show for her acrylic painting, "Moorings." Helen St. Clair of Delmar won third prize in oil painting.

DEATHS

W. Richard Morgan

Funeral services were conducted Wednesday for W. Richard Morgan, 73 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, a retired planning engineer for the New York Telephone Co., who died March 12 after a long illness. He was 71.

Mr. Morgan was born in Houseville and was graduated from Cornell University. He was a member of the Professional Engineers Society of Albany, sang with the Mendelssohn Club men's chorus in Albany, and was a member of the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. He is survived by his wife, Geraldine Ellsworth Morgan; a daughter, Mrs. Anne Morgan Mills of Newark; a son, Richard Ellsworth Morgan of Mansfield, Ohio; his mother, Mrs. Odele Morgan of Orlando, Fla.; two sisters, two brothers, and eight grandchildren.

Youths reprimanded

A Forest Rd. resident told Bethlehem police that youths throwing snowballs broke a rear light lens on her car Friday afternoon while she was driving on Borthwick Ave., Delmar. Bethlehem police went to the scene and talked to the youths and the father of one of them. The report on file at police headquarters made no mention of further action, nor did it give the names of the boys or their ages.

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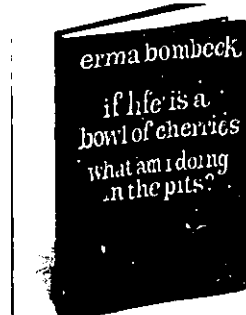
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Library seeks logo

The Bethlehem Library is sponsoring two contests in celebration of National Library Week, April 2-8. Included is a logo contest for the library which seeks to come up with a logo that is representative of the library's function in the community.

The second contest is for a name for the library's monthly newsletter. All entries must be received by Friday, March 24. Winners will be announced during National Library Week. The awards are gift certificates. For more information, call 439-9314.

Key club active

The Delmar Kiwanis Club and the Bethlehem Central High School Key Club are holding an Easter party at the Cerebral Palsy Center in Albany today (Thursday) for the purpose of entertaining approximately 87 children. The Key Club recently helped at the annual teachers' bloodmobile at the High School and will attend the district convention in April.

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The future bride attends Maria College of Albany for nursing. Her fiance attends Hudson Valley Community College for construction technology. Both are graduates of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School.

Party scheduled

The annual card party and fashion show of the St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar will be held April 21. More than 1,000 area women are expected to attend.

Nurse to wed

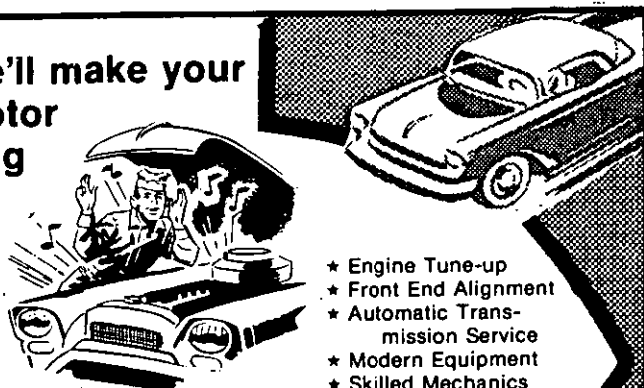
The engagement of Suzanne Lynne Nickel, daughter of Mrs. Helen R. Nickel of Delmar and A.R. Nickel of Fishkill, to David George Baker of the United States Navy has been announced.

The prospective bride is a graduate of Hartwick College and is a registered nurse in the Idaho Falls Community Hospital, Idaho Falls, Ida. Her fiance is the son of Mr. and Mrs. George Baker of Latham, and is a graduate of Hudson Valley Community College. His new assignment is with the U.S. Navy in Norfolk, Va.

Takes town job

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Navy Aviation Electronics Technician 2nd Class Robert A. Baker, son of Mrs. Isabell A. Baker of Voorheesville, was recently awarded the good conduct medal. Currently serving with the Helicopter Antisubmarine Squadron Light 30 at the Naval Air Station in Norfolk, Va., Baker is a 1968 graduate of Hudson Valley Community College.

Airman Lawrence Dole, a recent enlistee in the Air Force, is undergoing basic training at Lackland AFB in Texas. Airman Dole is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Gregory Dole of Delmar.

Now receiving specialized training in avionics systems, Airman William J. O'Neil, Jr. has completed Air Force Basic Training. Airman O'Neil, son of Mr. and Mrs. William J. O'Neil of Delmar, has been assigned to Keesler AFB, Miss. He is a 1971 graduate of BCHS.

Eberle nominated

Donald W. Eberle of Slingerlands has been nominated as chairman of the Hudson Valley Chapter of the Steamship Historical Society. The group will meet in the community room of The Bank in Delmar to elect officers on March 11 at 8 p.m.

Cigarette break

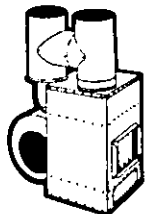
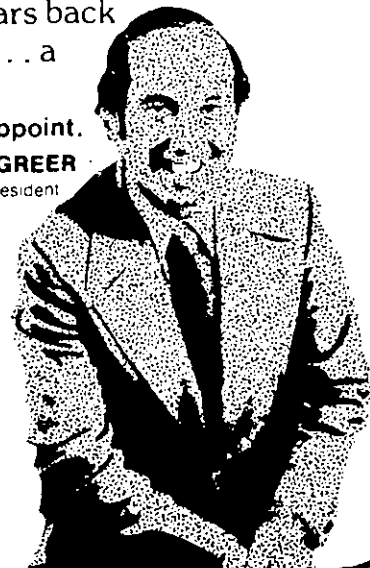
The Albany County unit of the American Cancer Society will hold a Smoking Withdrawal Clinic starting Wednesday, April 5, and running until May 10. The course will meet at the South Colonie High School, 100 Hackett Ave., Colonie at 7:30 p.m. For information, call 449-8722.

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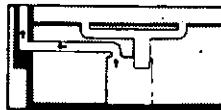
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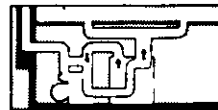
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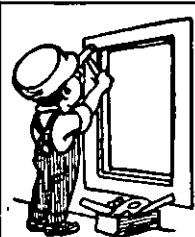
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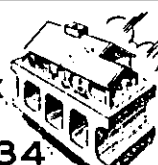
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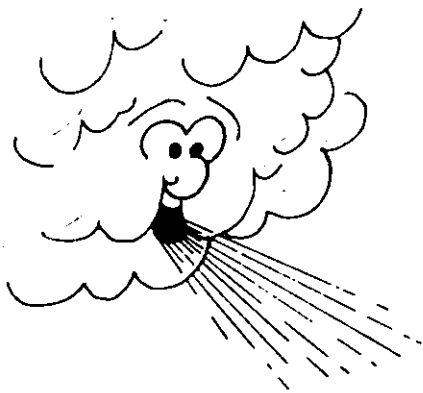
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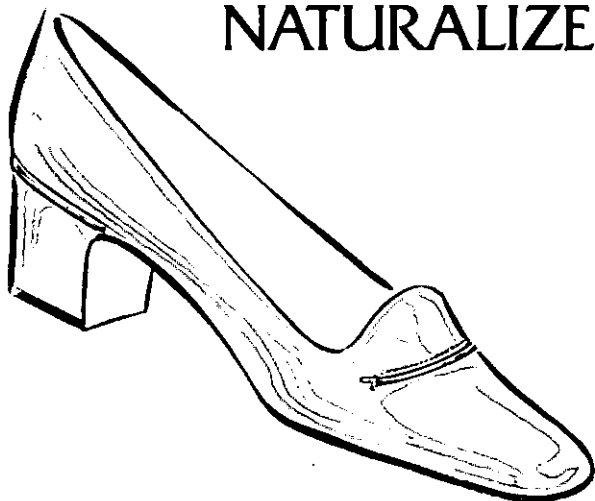
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