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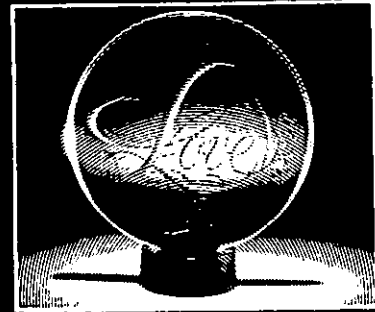
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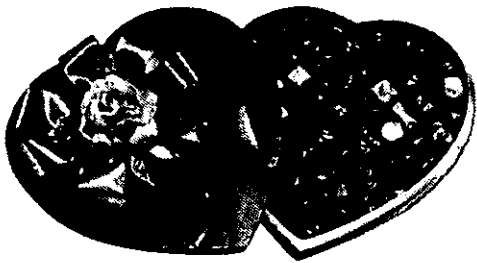
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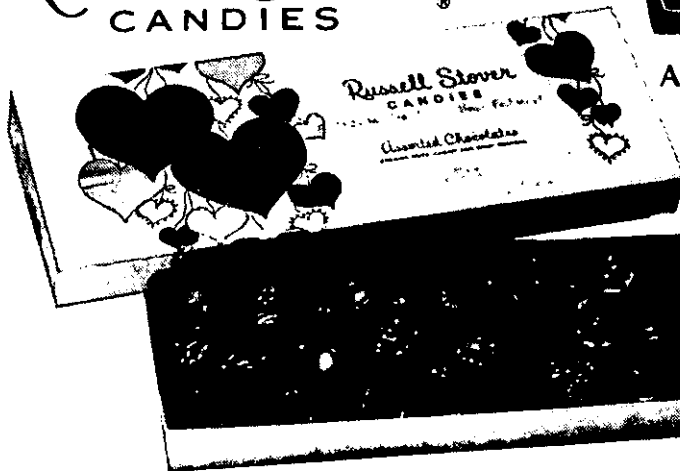


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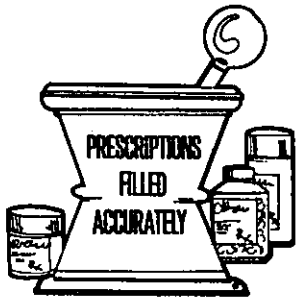


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Bethlehem B.P.O.E. 2233, first and third Wednesday, Lodge in Cedar Hill, Rt. 144. Ladies Auxiliary second Wednesday, 8 p.m.

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

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

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

Rotary Club of Delmar, Tuesdays, Albany Motor Inn, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Glenmont Lions Club, second and fourth Tuesday, La Casa Restaurant, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m. Visitors welcome. Information Charles Sperbeck, 439-9165.

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#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

**Information night**, on the death penalty issue, St. Thomas School, Kenwood Ave. and Adams Pl. 7:30 p.m. Information, Maureen Moran, 439-5439.

**Rehearsals** for "The Witness," musical by Jimmy and Carol Owens, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 8:30 p.m.

**Annual guest night**, Ladies Auxillary of the Delmar Fire Dept. have invited the Ladies Auxillary of the Slingerlands Fire Dept., business meeting and slide program on Albany Medical Center Hospital burn unit, Delmar fire house, 6:30 p.m.

**Ladies Auxillary** of the Elsmere Fire Co. A, Dr. Barry Reiss to discuss blood pressure, Elsmere fire house, 8 p.m.

**Monthly luncheon**, American Legion, Blanchard Post, post rooms, 12 noon.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 9

**QUILT** (Quilters United in Learning Together) meeting, filmstrips and demonstration, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Leader: Ruth Shannon. Bring lunch, refreshments available, all welcome.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 10

**Cubic Kumquat Nite Club**, BCHS cafeteria, featuring High School dance band and musicians, tickets available at door, 6-11 p.m.

**Young Snowmobler's Safety Course**, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 11

**Cross-country skiing**, Heideberg workshop, noon-4 p.m. Information, 439-6225.

**Choral group**, King's Kids, sponsored by the Christian Music Ministries, Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., 7:30 p.m.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 12

**Delmar Progress Club**, business meeting, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

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

**Valentines Day program** for pre-schoolers to hear stories and design own Valentines, each child must be accompanied by a parent, Bethlehem Library, 10:15-11 a.m.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

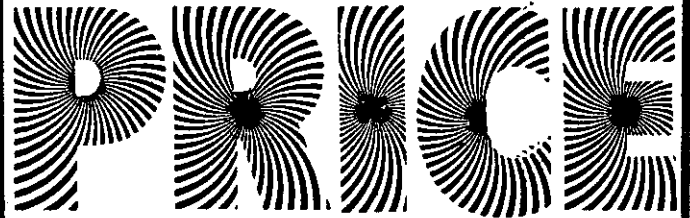
**Wine and cheese party**, joint meeting of Glenmont Homemakers and Selkirk Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2 Ladies Auxillary, Glenmont fire house, 8 p.m.

**Lecture**, "TV and Your Society; Personal, Family and Society Impact," Sister Patricia Kane SSJ, Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 14

**Senior Citizen tax help**, Community Room, The Bank, Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-1421.

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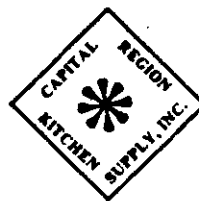


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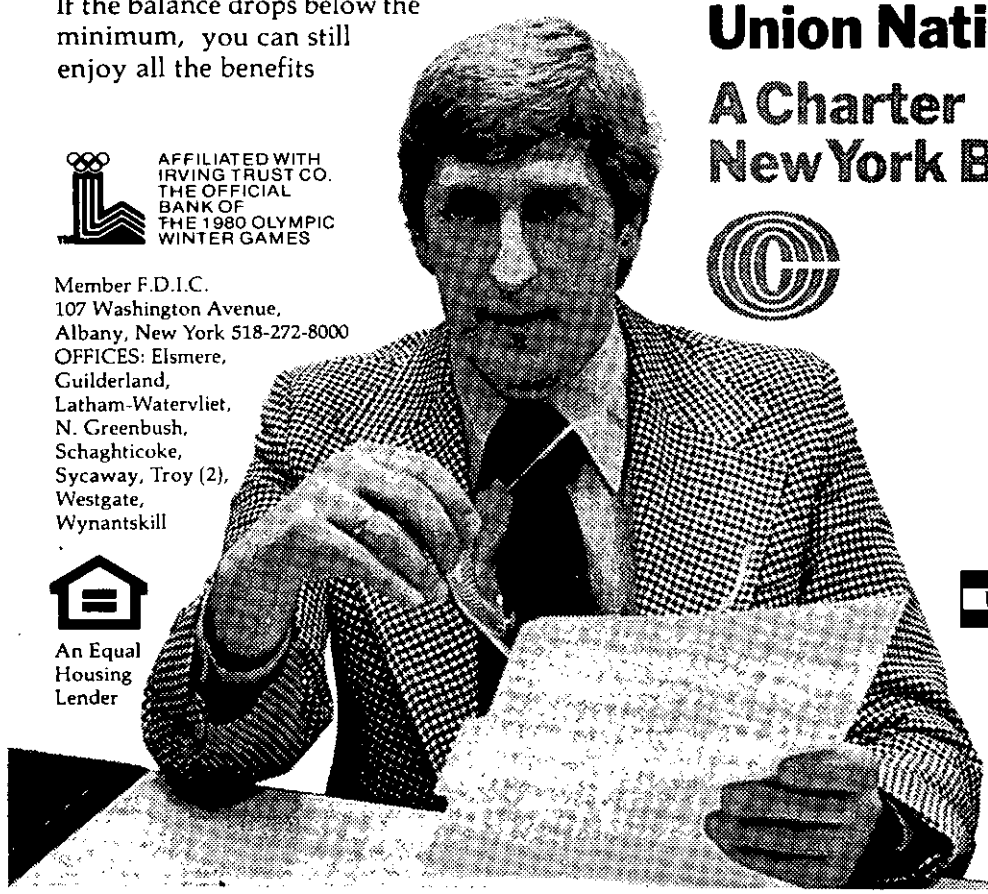


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**Delmar Progress Club**, antique study program, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

**Bethlehem Junior Woman's Club**, speaker, Bruce Goldin, optometrist, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-7049 or 439-9555.

#### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 15

**Capital District Chapter of Grandmother's Club of America**, Blanchard Legion Post, information, 438-7849.

**League of Women Voters**, Bethlehem unit, Bethlehem Library, 9:15 a.m.

#### FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16

**Bethlehem Duplicate Bridge Club**, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere. Information, Myra and Judd Gilmore, 439-6857, or Eleanor and Jim Heron, 439-5772.

#### SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 17

**Dinner-theater party**, American Legion, Blanchard Post, post rooms, 7 p.m.

**Cross-country program**, "Ski for Fun and Safety," food, clothing, survival techniques for cross-country skiers, Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, 10 a.m.-noon. Information, 765-3635.

**Pancake dinner**, Boy Scout Troop 73 of Voorheesville, American Legion Post, Voorheesville, 5-7 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 18

**Heideberg Workshop**, cross country skiing, noon-4 p.m. Information, 439-6225.

#### MONDAY, FEBRUARY 19

**Commissioners of the Selkirk Fire District**, Selkirk Fire House No. 1, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 20

**Grievance Night**, Village of Voorheesville, tax and assessment rolls, village offices, 5-9 p.m.

**Blood pressure clinic**, Bethlehem Community Center, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-9 p.m.

**Annual birthday dinner**, American Legion Auxiliary, Blanchard Post, Post Rooms, Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.

**Lecture**, discussing Ambrose Bierce, Bethlehem Library's book discussion group, 7 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21

**Embroiderer's Guild of America**, New York Capital District Chapter, Delmar Methodist Church, Delmar, 10 a.m.

#### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 27

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

**Public hearing**, Voorheesville village board, on allocations of federal revenue-sharing funds received by the village, Voorheesville village offices, 7:30 p.m. Regular board meeting to follow at 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

"Camelot," Lerner-Loewe musical, Four Seasons dinner theater, Thruway House, Albany, Wednesday through Sundays, Jan. 31-Feb. 25. Reservations 459-3100.

"Come Blow Your Horn," dinner theater at the Willows (formerly Valhalla Country Club), Rexford, Feb. 15-17 and Feb. 22-24. Reservations 399-2345.

"The Lark," story of Joan of Arc, Empire State Youth Theatre Institute, Empire State Plaza ("The Egg"), Feb. 18-24, Sun. 2 p.m., Tues.-Fri. 10 a.m., Fri.-Sat. 7:30 p.m. Box Office 473-4020.

#### MUSIC

Concerts at Noon series, Nathaniel Fossner, oboe-saxophone; Julie Kabat, soprano; Carole Friedman, piano; Elisabeth Merriam, cello, Cathedral of All Saints, Albany, Feb. 13, noon. Free, bring lunch.

Thursday Noon Concerts series, Findlay Cockrell with Bethlehem 10th grade students Barbara Anne Rizzuto and Elaine Hernandez, Empire State Plaza Recital Hall ("The Egg"), Feb. 8, 11:30-1:30. Free, come and go at any time.

#### ART

Exhibition of English delftware, on loan from Morgan Collection, London, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 15.

Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.

"Images of the City," exhibition of prints, posters, broadsides, from New York State Museum collection, Terrace Gallery, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through April 1. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free parking on weekends.

"Evolution of a Landmark," pictorial history of the D&H Building, Plaza Gallery, State University Plaza, Albany, Feb. 2-March 9. Weekdays 9:30-5:30.

Exhibition, Ernest Wagner, life-size relief portraits, wood sculpture, including celebrities, Classic Gallery of Sport, 295 Hamilton St., Albany, Feb. 3-March 10. Mon.-Sat. 10-5.

#### FILM

"Dracula" (1931) original horror classic starring Bela Lugosi, CDPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Feb. 9-10, 9 p.m. \$1.50.

"Black and White in Color," Oscar winner for best foreign film of 1977, State University Performing Arts Center, Albany, Feb. 9-10, 8:30. \$2.25, students, SCs \$1.35.

#### LECTURE

Sen. William Proxmire (Wis.), speaking on "Government Spending," Freedom Forum, Linton High School, Schenectady, Feb. 12, 8 p.m. Memberships available by phone (393-7820) or at door.

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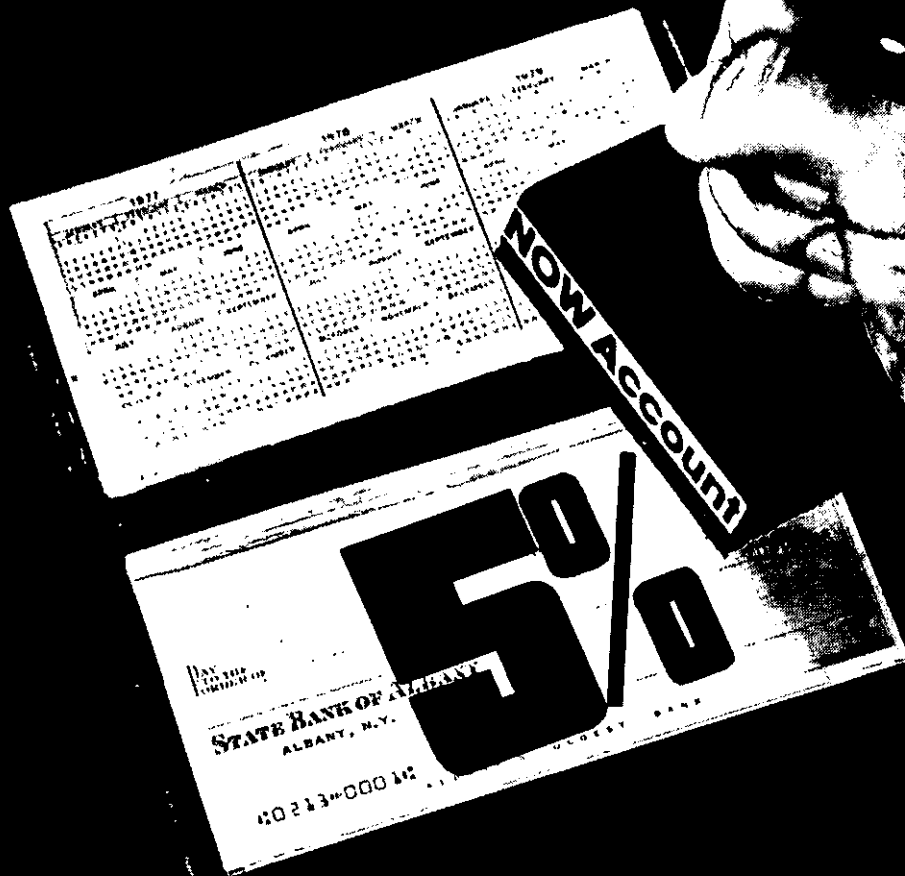
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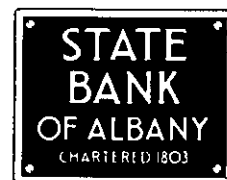
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## EDUCATION

### Schools play 'wait and see' on Carey aid formula

Local school administrators are giving Gov. Hugh Carey's new formula for state aid to school districts a temporary brushoff, pointing to a familiar history of political calisthenics on Capitol Hill in Albany before any such matrix is finalized.

"It doesn't mean very much," scoffed Milton H. Chodack, supervising principal of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk system. "They'll be playing this political football game for the next few weeks. Right now it's meaningless, just a lot of fanfare for the newspapers."

In Bethlehem, Superintendent of Schools Lawrence A. Zinn said he was confident the formula would be changed before the Legislature acts on it. In Voorheesville, Superintendent of Schools Werner Berglas warned taxpayers to be cautious.

Under the governor's proposed formula, Bethlehem could suffer a cut in state aid of some \$158,000, while Voor-

heesville would gain \$420,000 and R-C-S an estimated \$118,000. Statewide, 570 districts stand to gain while 179 face cuts.

The Voorheesville gain would represent 22 percent of the state aid to the district, currently \$1.8 million, but Berglas cautioned: "I question very much the value of these figures at the present time."

But Zinn feels that the situation may not be as grim as the figures indicate. "I don't think the political process will result in that kind of a reduction," he says. "But a reduction of that magnitude would cause a great deal of harm to Bethlehem."

Such a reduction would force the board to either increase local taxes or cut programs significantly, he indicated, and added: "We will do all that we can to convince the legislators that they shouldn't approve Carey's budget. We are hoping for a budget more favorable to our district."

Zinn says that in recent years

Bethlehem has repeatedly been targeted for such a state aid reduction, but that the district is really "save harmless," situation where the district gets the same dollar amount as the previous year. This does amount to a reduction in real spending power however, because of inflation.

"The state should make up the slack through state taxes, not by increasing the burden through property taxes," says Zinn.

#### Legion birthday dinner

The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Auxiliary will hold their 48th annual birthday dinner on Feb. 20 at the post rooms in Elsmere. A roast beef dinner will be cooked and served by the men of the post. Dutch treat cocktail hour starts at 6:30. Anna Mae White is in charge of decorations. Ruth Burns is reservations chairman at 439-4548. Deadline for reservations is Feb. 13.

#### VOORHEESVILLE Village trustees will run again

Two of the five seats on the Voorheesville village board will be at stake in next month's village elections, and both incumbents have indicated they will seek new terms on the board.

Trustee Richard Huber has indicated unofficially he will be a candidate for a fourth two-year term. Trustee Allen Wilcon, currently completing his first term, has told friends he plans to run again.

At its regular monthly meeting last week, the board set March 20 as the date for the annual village election, and Saturday, March 3 as the registration date for village voters.

The board also appointed five residents as election inspectors: Blanche Monaghan, Mary Charron, John Gilhooly, Barbara Williams and Donna VanDerVeer.



A patrol from Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 starts a fire for a hot meal on the annual Klondike Derby at Camp Allen Saturday.



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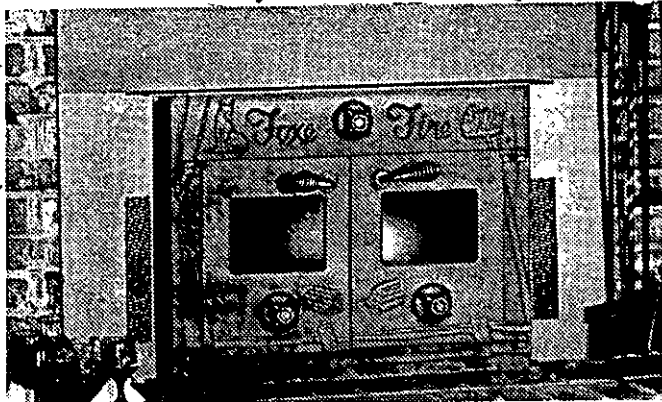
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## Bank bag burglary bungled

A larceny-minded gadgeteer who rigged up a bag to catch night deposits at a Glenmont bank came off empty handed when the gimmick didn't work.

Bethlehem police said the ingenious would-be thief placed a white cloth bag in the night deposit chute at the Community State Bank branch at the Town Squire shopping plaza off Rt. 9W Friday night, equipped with a rope and silver duct tape and then waited to retrieve his catch.

A bank employee opening the night deposit vault discovered the contraption at the bottom of the chute at 8:35 a.m. Saturday. Police said the bank reported no deposits missing.

Bethlehem police took fingerprints and reported the incident to the FBI in Albany.

### DELMAR

## Boy, 15, charged as adult in rape

A 15-year-old Delmar boy is one of the first residents of Albany County to be charged with a crime of violence under a new state law that permits juveniles to be prosecuted as adults in certain felonies.

Bethlehem police said the youth was arrested Saturday in connection with the alleged rape of a 13-year-old Delmar girl and arraigned before Justice Roger Fritts in Bethlehem town court on charges of first-degree rape and first-degree sodomy. He was committed to the Onondaga Detention Center in Syracuse.

Police withheld his name following his arrest by Det. Chuck Martin of the police youth bureau and Det. Colin Clark at headquarters, where he was brought by his parents.

The boy also faces Albany County Family Court action on charges of aggravated sexual abuse and unlawful imprisonment. Police said the incident reportedly took place shortly after 4 p.m. Friday in a wooded area near the Delaware & Hudson railroad track in Delmar.

The law permitting juveniles under 16 to be treated as adults in the prosecution of cases of designated violent crimes took effect Jan. 1.

## FIRE CALLS

Jan. 31 - Elsmere - OTB parlor, Delaware Plaza.

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### DEAN'S LIST

State University College at Morrisville - Stephen E. Cebry, Douglas W. Keeble, Edith A. MacMillen, Robert E. Myers and Dale E. Palmer, all of Delmar; Ann L. Zongrone, Voorheesville, and David C. Koban, Clarksville.

State University College at Oswego - Lauren Lynn Smith, Delmar (4.0) average.

RPI - Nancy O'Connor, Glenmont.

Purdue University - Roger Francis Bone and Kirk Thomas Harmon, both of Delmar.

State University at Albany - Donna Mazzara, Voorheesville.

St Lawrence University - Ellen R. Maley, Delmar.

## Dolphins on move

Delmar Dolphins who placed among the first six in events at the Colonie Aquatic Club B and C swim meet Feb. 3 were Anthony Ferro, Steven Jensen, Kristin Mallery, Chris Thomasetti, Susan Mallery, Anne Hermann, Becky Friedlander, Eric Patrick, Jackie Hackett, Colleen Nyilis, Jenny Halsdorf, Mark Drozd, Lisa Sheridan, Peter Greenwald, Meg Lierheimer, Fred Rudofsky, Keith Dix and Mary Pat Henahan. Becky Friedlander and Kathleen Henahan had "A" times in the 11-12 girls' 100-yard individual medley.



**Bethlehem Music Assn. members Betty Shaw, Cynthia Shen and Lorell Hernandez are helping to promote a candlelight and champagne reception on Valentine's Day to benefit the schools' music program. Pianist Findlay Cockrell will play "romantic" selections at the event at the Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Ave., Wednesday.**

*Jim Carroll*

#### Childbirth speaker here

Dr. Matthew Rogan, pediatrician, will speak on "Child Abuse and Prevention" on Thursday, Feb. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Bethlehem Library. The program, open to the public, is sponsored by the Childbirth Education Assn. of Albany.

#### Scouts hear fire chief

Cub Scout Pack 73 of Voorheesville heard a talk on fire safety by Chief Phil Joyce of the Voorheesville Fire Dept. at their monthly meeting Jan. 29. The boys also participated in a race dressing in fire equipment in a simulated drill.

#### Floor hockey starting

The Albany YMCA will run an adult men's floor hockey league on Thursdays from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m. starting Feb. 22. Entry deadline is Feb. 15.

#### Lane's office schedule

The Delmar district office of Assemblyman C.D. (Larry) Lane at 1 Becker Terr. now is staffed on Mondays and Wednesdays from 10 a.m. to 3 p.m. Lane will meet with constituents on Wednesdays by appointment. Telephone number is 339-9902.

#### Grandmothers get together

The Capital District chapter of the Grandmothers Club of America meets the third Thursday of each month at the Blanchard Post, American Legion, in Elsmere. Many Delmar members participated in a Christmas party for mothers and babies at Trinity Institute in Albany arranged by Ann Carroll, vice president, assisted by Angie Belmonte and Helen D'Angelo.



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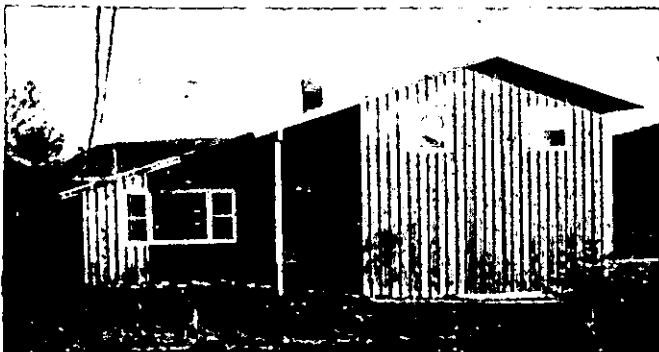
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## BETHLEHEM

### Fish verdict gets GOP off hook

It took less than 15 minutes for the jury of seven men and five women to return a verdict of guilty on the fifth day of Peter Fish's trial on perjury charges, but it took slightly more than 12 months for the Bethlehem town board to remove him from his civil service job as the town's chief of police.

As a gate attraction, the trial was a dud, with rarely more than a dozen spectators sitting in the dignified panelled courtroom of Judge Joseph Harris on the third floor of the Albany County Court House at any time during the five-day proceedings, but it got a big play in the Albany newspapers and on TV newscasts.

In Bethlehem town hall eight miles to the south, the trial was pivotal to the town's entrenched Republican administration with its new policy of "open government" under Supervisor Thomas V. Corrigan. Within weeks of taking office on Jan. 1, 1978, the five-member town board took a major political gamble by suspending Fish from his job and launching a full-scale investigation of alleged criminal actions by the chief.

That move and subsequent developments further embroiled the outspoken police chief in litigations, split the loyalties of Bethlehem's then 25-member police department, caused a realignment in the department's administration, saddled the town budget with more than \$70,000 in legal expenses, and most significantly, risked the tenure of local Republicans in town hall unbroken since the founding of the township.

Through the long Fish ordeal, town officials remained confident that at least one of the four felony counts, three of perjury and one of criminal possession of stolen property, contained in two grand jury indictments would accomplish the town's objective, to oust the controversial chief. If that failed, the town was prepared

to resume the civil disciplinary proceedings interrupted last April when District Attorney Sol Greenberg took over the town's case and gave it to the grand jury.

The political impact of the Fish controversy remained in suspense all summer and fall while the case worked its way to the top of a jammed court calendar in Albany. Meanwhile the chief continued to draw his \$21,000 salary.

Most political observers believe that if town officials failed to have the chief removed, many voters in the dominant Republican registration and Bethlehem's large independent vote would have turned against the incumbent administration.

In the wake of the jury's verdict Friday afternoon, these developments have taken place:

- Judge Harris has set sentencing for Feb. 23. Fish's conviction on one count of first-degree perjury (the second charge was withdrawn by the court) carries a maximum of seven years in prison and a minimum of one year. A fine also may be imposed. If a prison term is suspended, probation is available up to five years. Fish is free on \$5,000 bail awaiting sentence.

- Fish, insisting he "told the truth while others lied," has said he will appeal the verdict.

- David A. Goldstein, Manhattan special prosecutor retained by the town to conduct the special investigation into the chief's alleged misconduct in office, arrived in Delmar Friday night for a post-mortem with Corrigan, Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz and Assistant District Attorney Raymond Kelly, who prosecuted last week's case in Albany. Evidence developed in Goldstein's investigation for the town provided the basis for the district attorney's successful prosecution.

- Goldstein spent Monday in legal conferences in Albany in connection with the \$20-million suit filed by Fish

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against the town charging violation of civil rights under the 14th Amendment.

• Fish was removed from Bethlehem's payroll as of Friday.

• Leonard Ryan, a former member of the Bethlehem police department who resigned in December, 1977 to become a state trooper, requested both Albany papers and the Spotlight to "disassociate me from the town of Bethlehem." Ryan was one of a number of witnesses who testified briefly in Albany last week, and his name was listed among Bethlehem police officers who took the stand for questioning on whether Fish had issued an order or had established a policy that Bleau's Towing Service should not be called in road emergencies.

• Bethlehem officials said they "anticipate no further local disciplinary action" on the 34 counts of misconduct set forth in the Goldstein investigation last year.

#### New GOP speaker

Lewis E. Lehrman, chairman of the New York State Republican platform committee, will be the guest speaker at the annual Albany County Republican Lincoln Day dinner on Feb. 14 at 7:30 at Michael's Banquet House, Latham. Lehrman accepted the invitation after State Comptroller Ned Regan was forced to cancel in order to be in New York City on state business.

#### Blood Pressure Clinic

The Town of Bethlehem will offer a free blood pressure clinic on Tuesday, Feb. 20, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. The clinics are under the direction of Councilman Ruth O. Bickel. Nurses who would like to volunteer assistance should contact Mrs. Bickel at 439-4955 or 439-4473.

#### Church officers renamed

Members of the New Salem Reformed Church have re-elected Geri Ward deacon and Gene Mader elder for the coming year.

### BETHLEHEM

## Town hall kills housing proposal

Bethlehem's planning board had dealt a fatal blow to Steven Strong's proposed "congregate housing" complex for the elderly in Elsmere.

The board said the complex of "multiple dwelling units" called the Wellspring House of Delmar are referred to in preliminary plans and building brochures as "apartments" which are prohibited in that area under Residential Double A zoning requirements covering the 7-acre tract on Euclid Ave. near the Normanside Country Club.

The only alternative for the developer would have been an application for zone change for the area to a planned residential development (PUD).

But the board made it clear at a session last week that such a zoning change "would present serious questions as to the compatibility of use to the area." The board, in effect, cut off the developer's last course of action — at least on this type of housing — voting unanimously on a resolution declaring that "this board would not look favorably to a zone change for this particular case."

Strong outlined his tentative plans for a 90-unit complex at the Jan. 23 meeting of the Bethlehem planning board. The "congregate housing" format, he said, calls for single and double apartments attached to a communal core area including a common dining room, lounge with fireplace, a game room and green house. The concept caters to retired people who are active, in good health and enjoy group activities.

#### Quilting program set

"Patchwork and Quilting" will be shown at 10:30 a.m. Thursday, Feb. 8, in the Delaware Branch of Albany Public Library, 328 Delaware Ave. The film strip and cassette program is part of the branch library's "Crafts for Beginners" series of free self-instructional programs.

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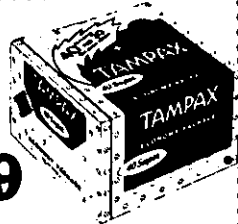
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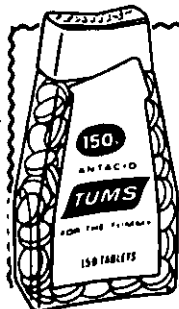
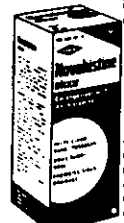
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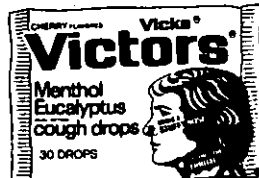
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Bethlehem police are looking for a young man who got a free ride from Albany to Elsmere by fleeing a taxi driver of a \$5 fare.

Police said Hubert M. Morgan, 25, of Albany picked the man up in a Pine Hills cab and drove him to a Dumbarton Dr. address shortly before midnight Sunday. The driver told police his fare stated he had to go into the house to get money to pay the fare. He said he saw his passenger walk to the door of the house, but wasn't certain he had entered the house.

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#### CLARKSVILLE

### County to survey for sewer, water

Albany County Health officials will start next week on a door-to-door survey of residences and buildings in the hamlets of Clarksville and Westerlo to determine the present status and future needs of water and sewerage facilities.

County Health Commissioner Dr. John J.A. Lyons said the water samples will be collected and dye testing performed on wastewater disposal systems. The inspectors, under the direction of Richard Svenson, director of environmental health services for the county, will carry appropriate identification.

Lyons said the two communities were selected for the survey because of the number of recent complaints and inquiries from residents. Data gathered in the survey will be analyzed in a full report to the town boards of New Scotland and Westerlo along with recommendations.

#### Junior women meet

Bethlehem Junior Women's Club will hear Bruce Goldin, optometrist, as speaker at their meeting Wednesday, Feb. 14, at 7:30 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-7049 or 439-9555.

#### Scouts' sledding party

It will be downhill for Cub Scout Pack 73, Voorheesville, on Sunday, Feb. 11 when they hold a sledding party from 1 to 3 on the slope near the Voorheesville fire house. They will have hot dogs and hot chocolate for their parents, brothers and sisters, who are invited to have a good time at the "slide presentation."

#### Garden Club program

The Bethlehem Garden Club will meet on Wednesday, Feb. 14 at 1 p.m. in the Bethlehem Library. A program will be presented by the herb study group and Dave Reville of the Albany County Cooperative Extension will show slides.

#### Joint party planned

Members of Glenmont Homemakers and Selkirk Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary will join for a wine and cheese tasting party Tuesday, Feb. 13 at 8 p.m. at the Glenmont fire house.

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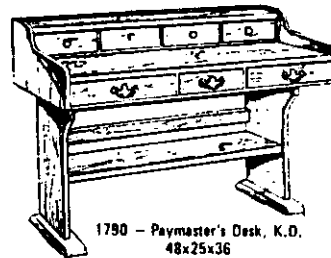
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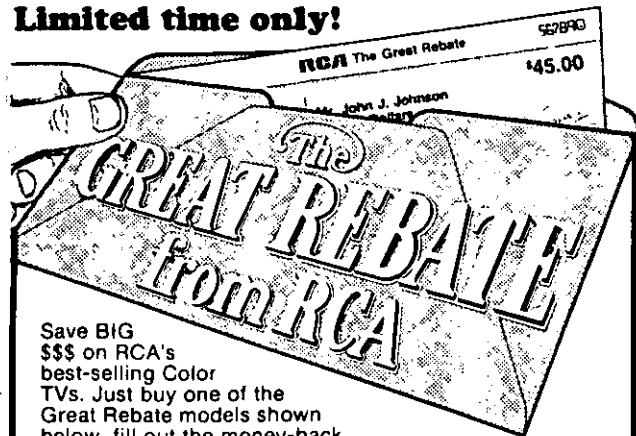
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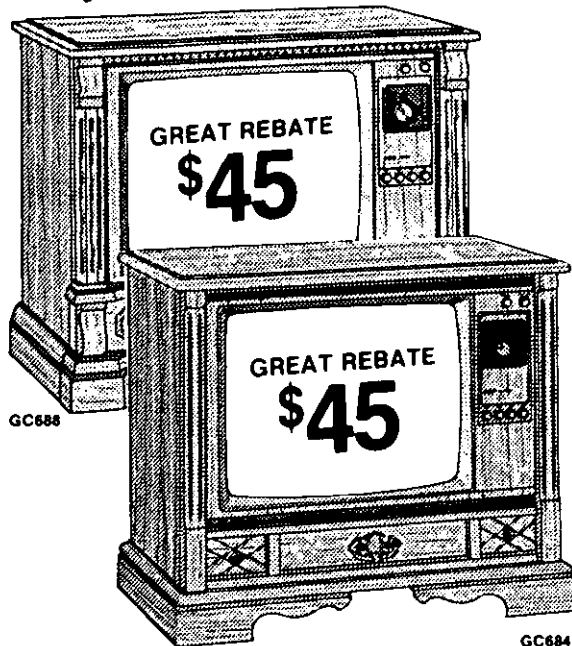
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**HOLIDAYS**

**This year it's Lincoln—almost**

With state and local government officials and most banks stubbornly clinging to an obsolete holiday, the February holiday confusion persists.

This year the traditionalists are paying tribute to Abraham Lincoln because his birthday, a former holiday, falls on a Monday, providing a three-day weekend. Poor old George Washington, whose birthday falls on a Thursday this year, will be by-passed by everybody, but next year may return to glory with a Friday birthday. Then it will be Lincoln's turn to get the brushoff.

The only legal holiday in February in the United States this year is Monday, Feb. 19, when postoffices will be closed and most businesses, industrial plants and agencies will get a day off.

A Spotlight survey showed state offices, the town halls in Bethlehem and New Scotland and most banks taking both Lincoln's birthday, Feb. 12, and the official federal holiday, Feb. 19, off. The lone exception is the Elsmere office of the National Commercial Bank

and Trust Co., which will be open on Feb. 12.

Public schools, however, will be in session on Feb. 12 as usual, weather permitting, and will use the federal holiday on the 19th as the start of the annual mid-winter week's vacation.

Postoffices in the area will be open both Feb. 12 and Feb. 22, but will observe the President's Day holiday on Feb. 19.

**Construction vandalized**

Police are searching for vandals who cracked a four-foot-square picture window at a home construction site at 20 Axbridge Rd., Delmar, and put six holes in the window, apparently with a BB gun, Friday night. At 74 Huntersfield Rd., Delmar, the same night, vandals broke a rear window and entered a house under construction and threw wallpaper and paste around the kitchen. Both houses are being erected by the Klersy Building Corp.

**Local student honored**

Tara McKenzie of Clarksville, a student at Davis and Elkins College, was the only college student from West Virginia chosen to compete for the Irene Ryan Scholarship in Athens, Ga. Feb. 1-4. In the nationwide competition, Tara had to do two unrelated scenes in six minutes, playing a dramatic scene from "The Crucible" and performing a song and dance. "If My Friends Could See Me Now" from "Sweet Charity."

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### League on zoning

The Bethlehem unit of the League of Women Voters will hold its monthly meeting Thursday, Feb. 15, at 9:15 a.m. in the Bethlehem Library. Local League representatives will present an update on the Bethlehem planning and zoning program. Information concerning the survey which is a part of that program will be presented. A brief mental health program update will also be presented. Anyone interested in the topics is invited. Babysitting will be provided at the library. For information or transportation, call Doris Davis 439-5786.

### Valentines at library

Bethlehem Library will hold two Valentine's Day programs on Monday, Feb. 12. From 10:15 to 11 preschoolers are invited to hear stories and to design their own valentines. Each child must be accompanied by a parent. From 3:45 to 4:30 elementary school children may come to create original valentines. Refreshments will be served.

### Impact of TV

Sister Patricia Kane will speak on "T.V. and Your Society; Personal, Family and Society Impact," at 7 p.m., Tuesday, Feb. 13, at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. The lecture is part of a speaker series sponsored by the town of Bethlehem. There will be a 25-cent admission charge.

### Loot comes home

A Dover Dr. resident whose home was burglarized last Nov. 19 had a surprise in his mail last week. A package postmarked in California contained a 35mm camera, two special lenses, camera case and a lady's silver wristwatch—the entire loot. Value of the items placed at \$500. Bethlehem police said.

### Variety show planned

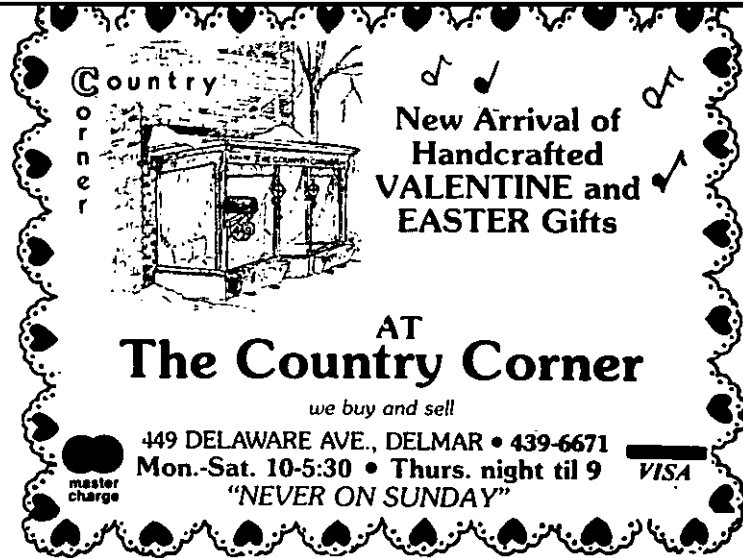
The Helderberg Hoedown variety show will be held at the Clarksville School on Friday, Feb. 9, at 7:30 p.m. There will be skits, music, magic, comedy and prizes. Talented persons or groups wishing to participate should call Tom Bruno, 768-2138 or Judy Fritz, 768-2251.

### Light opera songs

The Karen Ranung Studio will present an afternoon of songs from light opera and operettas called "From Vienna to Hollywood" on Sunday, Feb. 18, at 2:30 p.m. at the Albany Institute of History and Art.

### CPR course set

The town of Bethlehem will offer a course in CPR (cardio-pulmonary resuscitation) on Tuesdays from 9 a.m. to noon, beginning Feb. 13. The course is open to residents of the town and Bethlehem Central school district and will be held at the Bethlehem Community Center, 125 Adams St., Delmar. The class will be limited to 15 students. To register, call 439-4131 weekdays.



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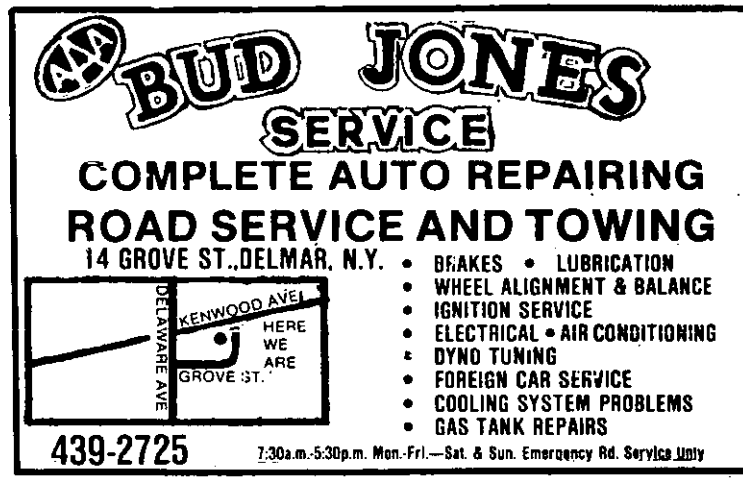
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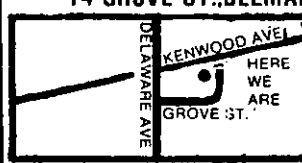


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**Bethlehem students stage a fatal drunk-driving accident scene for a film they are producing. Dyke Ouderkirk, the "victim," is attended by Delmar rescue and police personnel to add realism.**

**DELMAR**

**Students produce a film scenario**

Members of a new student organization at Bethlehem Central High School are engrossed in a major project—writing and producing a 15-minute movie entitled "Visions."

The film is designed to show "how simple circumstances are involved in a drunken driving fatal accident," says Nicholas Viscio, media technician at the school. The 16mm black-and-white film, scheduled for release in May, will have a running time of approximately 15 minutes.

Producers are members of the Visual Arts Production Club, new this year on the school's roster of extra-curricular groups. Faculty advisor is Mrs. Jane Streiff, head librarian

and director of the BCHS media center.

Betty Bardwell, a junior, is writing the script for "Visions" with Tammy VanRyn, a classmate, writing the dialogue. Betty doubles as set director and Tammy as talent director. The film has a cast of two—Dyke Ouderkirk as a boy who gets drunk at a party, and Lisa

Nunez as the girl who is with him when he is fatally injured in a traffic crash. Joe Bardwell is the chief cameraman.

The scenario called for filming the crash scene last Friday, to be followed by splicing in flashbacks on the relationship of the boy and girl.

At the filming Friday on Evelyn Dr., a side street opposite the school parking lot, Bethlehem police officers Ted

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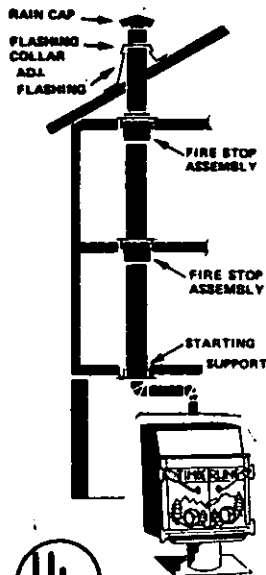
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Wilson, John R. Cox, Jr. and Det. Chuck Martin were on hand with a patrol car to lend realism to the scene, along with Capt. Amos Bastiani, Ed Moriarty and John Zboray with a Delmar Rescue Squad vehicle.

Also at the scene was a professional camera crew from News Center Six, Schenectady, including TV anchor man Ernie Tetreault. They aired a brief videotape on Friday's 6 p.m. newscast.

Meanwhile club members are getting experience with the school's in-house instructional television system, and have issued specs for bids to construct their own TV studio.

### Flute choir forming

A flute choir is being formed at the Campus Arts Center on Holy Names Campus, Albany. A new concept for the Albany



photos by Jim Carroll

Above, Ernie Tetreault, Channel 6 TV anchor man, tapes an interview with Nick Vischio, media technician. On the cover: a student camera crew "shoots" the scenario as the scene unfolds.

area, the ensemble will be directed by Alison Voorhees of Delmar, the center's flute instructor. All area flutists are invited to audition to become members of the ensemble. Auditions will be held the week of Feb. 12, with rehearsals once a week beginning at the end of February. For information, call 438-7895.

### Credit restored

The two news photos of firemen fighting a blaze on Fairway Ave., Elsmere, that appeared on the cover of last week's Spotlight were taken by Jim Carroll, the Spotlight's Johnny-on-the-spot photographer. The photo credit in the caption was inadvertently omitted.

### Needle workshops here

Six mini-workshops will be offered at the Feb. 21 meeting of the Capital District chapter of the Embroiders' Guild of America at 10 a.m. at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar. The workshops will be led by Joyce Strand, Dorothy Fischer, Marilyn Coll, Mary St. John, Harriett DeGraff and Jan Robinson.



Robert Famularo  
Wins sales award

Robert Famularo, Jr. of Ravena, formerly of Delmar, has received the Ford Motor Co. master sales counselor award for the second straight year. Famularo, a salesman for Bud Kearney Ford in Ravena, and his wife, the former Suzanne Segur of Delmar, have two children.

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## Media Rare

An occasional Spotlight commentary on the world of radio, TV and newspapers

by Nat Boynton

Of all the breeds of newspapermen inhabiting the halls of U.S. journalism, the most suspect from the standpoint of literary talent are sportswriters. In the social hierarchy of the newspaper plant they are tolerated by their counterparts in the city room, classified as clerks by newsroom editors who feel they are at their best in taking high school basketball box scores over the phone, and in the employees' coffee shop their profession is relegated to a level only one notch above the lowest — the publisher. You would never want your sister to marry one.

The fact that the sportswriters' guild has produced such a homogenous discipline of mediocrity is not the fault of the individuals who have become mired in journalism's traditional fen. Rather it is the nature of the craft itself, which demands low intellect, as witnessed by such prerequisites as voting in national football and basketball polls, perpetuating moldy cliches in chronicling the winning run, basket or touchdown, and being called upon to write vapid mid-week treatises between Saturdays.

Yet modern America, cradling the most restless of world populations and a civilization demanding seven-day entertainment, dwells on the Top 20 polls. These monstrosities are fashioned by the ballots of sportswriters in Birmingham and Omaha who have no way of seeing 18 of these teams perform in the flesh, whose votes are guided by pap fed them by other sportswriters, tavern television and glib public relations flacks hired by rating-hungry colleges. Then there are the All-American team selections, an indictment of the sportswriting specie (or a monument to the power of PR), and that grandfather of travesty, the Heisman hullabaloo.

As a longtime sportswriter, sports editor, sports columnist and a curator of baseball sentimentalism, I have looked upon the Baseball Writers of America as the last outpost of sports page integrity, relatively immune to flackery and spurious buildups of run-of-the-mill baseball players. After all, these are the people who comprise the jury for the Baseball Hall of Fame, perhaps the only U.S. institution short of the Supreme Court that motivates the sportswriter to reach into his bulging file of cliches for the adjective "hallow."

Thus it comes as a major disillusionment to read a UPI dispatch in the Times-Union that in the landslide vote that enshrined Willie Mays in Cooperstown, 23 of the 432 participating sportswriters (5 percent) didn't check Willie's name on the list of eligibles. Such heresy

calls for a full investigation by the Baseball Writers Assn. trustees: if these miscreants have never seen a major league baseball game, or belong to the Latvian chapter, their lodge cards should be recalled and they should be removed from the electorate.

Among U.S. baseball fans active in the Fifties and Sixties, few would dispute that Mays was the greatest all-around baseball player of the post-war generation. Scarred old-timers like myself, who date back to the 1920s of Cobb, Speaker, Simmons, Grove, Hubbell, Ruth, Foxx, Stengel, Gehrig and many others, are comfortable knowing we will not live to see his equal.

Small wonder the disrepute of newspaperdom's cliché clique: if one in every 20 writers in the 1979 Hall of Fame referendum passes by Willie Mays

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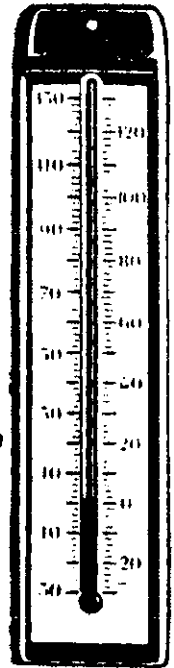
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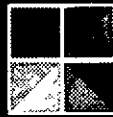
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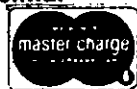


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on the first ballot, and there are 26 teams in what today is disguised as major league baseball, in which cities are the fans being disenfranchised by their sports reporters?

Even the UPI writer who declared it "unthinkable" that Mays was left off 23 ballots was guilty of a reportorial misdemeanor: the two authorities he quoted as being shocked were Joe McDonald, general manager of the Mets, and Donald Grant, Mets' president. Not only did the Mets finish three games ahead of Toledo last year, but these judges of playing talent are the same savants who traded Nolan Ryan for Lefty Sturdley, Amos Otis for Eddie Garvish, and Rusty Staub for Mickey Lolich. It's like asking Willie Sutton for investment advice.

It's a little easier, though no comfort, to understand how this erudite jury could pass over Enos Slaughter and Duke Snider in the last plebiscite. In the immediate post-war year there wasn't a team in baseball that didn't hunger for Slaugh-

ter, the country boy who was the most feared clutch hitter in the National League for two decades, who could catch everything that didn't land 10 rows up, and whose presence on first base gave pitchers the willywobbles. Old Country didn't hit enough home runs to impress the statistical-minded voters who never saw him play. All he did was win games for the Cardinals, including the seventh game of the 1946 Series when, with the score tied in the eighth inning, he scored the world championship run *from first base on a single*. This act of larceny became an eternal em-

*Nat Boynton will be a guest on Chris Martin's radio sports program on WABY, 1400 on the AM dial, Friday, Feb. 9, at 7 p.m. discussing baseball nostalgia.*

barrassment to Johnny Pesky of the Red Sox, a world-level shortstop who will never live down the felony of turning his back while Enos rounded third and kept going while a now-forgotten Boston outfielder was returning the ball to the infield.

But then it is unlikely Gil McDougald, a .270 hitter most of his career, will ever be nominated for Cooperstown. In the peak years of the Yankees' incredible domination, the one hitter opposing pitchers and manager dreaded most coming to bat with the score tied in the eighth and the winning run on second was McDougald, never Mantle or the other superstars on the team.

Patient readers who have stayed with this essay this far are asked to forgive this sentimental journey. It's just realizing that watching Mays, Musial, Williams, Terry, Joe D., Banks, Aaron and Clemente so many times from the stands or the pressbox was an important part of a life. Finding it hard to accept electronic buildups, fabricated carpeting, designated hitters, funny schedules and teams in places like Seattle and Arlington becomes, like arthritis and bifocals, a burden of approaching senility.

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**Mr. and Mrs. John Rodriguez  
Clarisa McRae bride**

Mr. and Mrs. Gordon McRae, 2 Leonard Pl., Delmar, announce the marriage of their daughter, Clarisa, to John Rodriguez of Newburgh, on Saturday, Dec. 30. Justice Harry B. Rezzimini officiated. A reception followed at the home of the bride's parents.

Mrs. Rodriguez is a student at Bethlehem Central High School. Her husband is attending school at the U.S. Naval Base at Great Lakes, Ill.

**Engagement announced**

Mrs. and Mrs. Wayne F. Wilson of Delmar announce the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth Ann, to Richard Nylund, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Nylund of Wantagh.

Miss Wilson is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College and Plattsburgh. She is a registered nurse. Her fiancé attended Plattsburgh State College and Nassau Community College. He is employed by American Airlines. A fall wedding is planned.

**June wedding planned**

The engagement of Nancy Ann Franchini of Voorheesville to Richard J. Cozy of Albany has been announced by the parents of the bride-to-be, Mr. and Mrs. Lawrence Franchini of Swift Rd.

Miss Franchini is a graduate of Vincentian Institute and is employed by Bankers Trust Co. Her fiancé is the son of Mr. and Mrs. James Cozy, 21 North Pine Ave., Albany. He is a graduate of Albany High School and is employed by the State Dept. of Civil Service. The wedding has been set for June 9.

**Delmar man to wed**

Mr. and Mrs. John J. Doyle of Ramsey, N.J. announce the engagement of their daughter, Patricia Ann, to David J. Doherty, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph W. Doherty, 123 Mosher Rd., Delmar.

The future bride is a graduate of Ramsey High School and Fairfield University, Fairfield, Conn. She is a claims adjuster for Selected Risks Insurance Co. Morristown, N.J.

Her fiancé, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University College at Plattsburgh, is employed by Sony.

The couple will be married in Ramsey on March 17 and will reside in the Washington, D.C. area.

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### Facilities for handicapped students

A committee to rehabilitate school buildings for the handicapped has made its recommendations that point toward two major options to make the Bethlehem school district's buildings more accessible to the handicapped.

The report representing the majority view of the eight-member committee stressed: "Access is the key. Programs can be moved and students can be moved."

The report recommended that the school board redesign buildings, providing ramps and elevators where necessary, and reassign classroom programs and rooms to ground floors where appropriate. It also favored rerouting handicapped children to schools in the system that already provide for their special needs.

"I see a little bit of each, refurbishing and reassignment," says Lawrence A. Zinn, superintendent of schools, who served on the committee. "We

could move programs to the children instead of moving children between buildings, except at the elementary level."

Zinn stresses that the report is only a recommendation, and that the board "has a lot of latitude in which to act. The board will take the recommendations under advisement. We will look for alternative ways that are less expensive."

Zinn estimates that the possible building modifications, stemming from a 1975 Education for Handicapped Children Act, could cost the board a maximum of \$100,000 to comply with the new law's June 3, 1980 deadline.

Among the committee's recommendations, presented at last week's school board meeting, were that the board:

- Make minor modifications to Glenmont, Hamagrael and Clarksville buildings that would bring them into compliance rather than provide full accessibility in all five elementary schools.

- Provide "reasonable access with assistance" to the programs in their respective buildings rather than feel obligated to provide access that each

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• Strive for workable solutions to overcoming obstacles as opposed to striving for complete adherence to minimum specifications that are for a new building.

Among the specific recommendations are: an elevator at the Middle School, ramps at the Middle School, the High School and at Hamagrael, modifications of restroom facilities, adequate off-street parking and special drinking fountains.

Zinn said that if parents weren't satisfied that all obstacles were eliminated, the board could reassign the pupil to a more fully equipped school. If the parents insisted that the student attend a "home" school, then an appeal to a federal agency could force the board to comply with the threat of elimination of federal funds.

He said federal guidelines were hazy. "Everyone is on the edge now, waiting," he said. "The board is keeping tabs on what federal money will be made available and if it will be retroactive. We want to minimize the impact the program will have on any single budget year." *Doug Payne*

#### Home decoration winners

The Bethlehem Garden Club has announced the winners in its holiday home decorating contest. The club's beautification and conservation committee judges the entries and Mrs. Edward R. Dillon, Jr., president of the club announced the winner as Mrs. Richard H. Brown, 1662 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Runnerup was Mrs. Kenneth Ford, 25 East Bayberry Rd., Glenmont, and third prize went to Mrs. Tobert Leather, 61 Orchard St., Slingerlands.

## BC girls quint 4-1 in league

Playing without injured sophomore Mary Howell, the Bethlehem Central girls' varsity basketball team suffered its first loss of the season last Tuesday night at Shaker, 59-46.

Shaker shot an incredible 70 percent from the floor to beat the Eagles. Katy Fitzpatrick led the scoring for the losers with 19 points after she had poured in 26 points last week against Burnt Hills.

On Friday, the varsity walloped Mohonasen, 65-33. This gives the Eagles a record of four wins and one loss. Edie Eyres had the best game of her career with 28 points and 15 assists, while Fitzpatrick added 15 points.

The Eagles will host Niskayuna Friday at 8 and will travel to Shenendehowa on Tuesday night.



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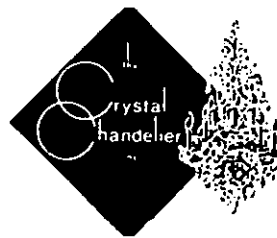
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## SWIMMING BC depth key In Rome mee'

Bethlehem Central's chances of preserving its unblemished varsity swimming record against Rome Free Academy's perennial powerhouse hinges on capturing most of the second and third places in Friday's meet at Delmar.

In Coach Jack Whipple's view, Rome has five outstanding swimmers who could take a flock of firsts, but the visitors lack their usual depth of talent. In a five-lane pool like Delmar's (one lane will be closed off to permit two entries per team per event) RFA has the advantage, because first place carries more points than second and third combined. In Rome's 6-lane tank BC would have the advantage.

"It's a chess game," says Whipple, whose 10-0 varsity will probably be 11-0 going into its first real test of the season. "It depends on whether the

coaches decide to match strength versus strength or dodge each other's top talent to try for points that way. Any way you look at it, if we win, it's going to be a team victory. We must take second and third in most events to have a chance."

Whipple sees the two relays as being critical. "We've got to win at least one to beat Rome," he said this week.

The visitors could get an early jump in the 200-yard medley relay, first event on the program. Rome's foursome is No. 4 in the state, which gives Whipple an option as to sending his best four into the lanes or saving some of them to challenge Rome in the individual events. His probable medley lineup will be Ken Neff in the backstroke, Dave Propp in the breaststroke, Eric Hall in the butterfly and Mike Fitzpatrick in the freestyle.

For the critical 400-freestyle relay, it could be Hall leading off, then Drew Hyde and sophomore Sam Neff, with Fitzpatrick again swimming the anchor leg.

The Eagles chances were dealt a heavy blow last week with the January graduation of Bill Reagan, the team's No. 1 freestyler.

Rome has lost three meets, to Liverpool, ranked no. 1 in the state, to No. 3 Pittsford Sutherland (Rochester) and to New Hartford (Utica), Bethlehem's next foe.

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In the home stretch of any pennant race, one misstep can be fatal, especially when you're tied for first place and the other guys have a softer schedule.

Voorheesville Central's basketball team moved into the second week of the current three-week crisis situation after surviving a major test at Castleton. The Blackbirds Friday put on a spurt in the last three minutes to get by Maple Hill, 62-56, to preserve the first-place deadlock with favored Waterford. This Friday it's another "must," this time at Catskill, always a tough foe and especially difficult on their own planking.

Going into Tuesday's non-league exercise at Chatham, the Blackbirds were 6-2 in the Central Hudson Valley League; with Waterford likewise and Catskill 5-3. Voorheesville not only needs a win at Catskill, but it needs a Maple Hill upset at Waterford to win the flag.

Tim Lewis came up with his best game of the season last week, meshing 24 points including 8-for-14 for 57 percent from the floor. Voorheesville shot 72 percent from the foul line and 48 from the field, and outrebounded Maple Hill 33-25. The Birds won the game from the foul line and on the backboards.

It was close all the way. Voorheesville opened an 8-point lead at halftime, but Maple Hill tied it at 46 going into the fourth quarter, and it was 50-50 with five minutes left.

The Blackbirds were up by one when they got a 2-shot technical with three minutes remaining. Lewis canned both shots and Joe Probst banked in a layup for a 5-point margin, and the boys protected it down to the buzzer.

**Choir in festival**

The youth choir of the First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville will participate in the Youth Choir Festival at Hudson on April 1. Gordon Lewthwaite is director of the local choir.



**Tim Lewis**

**School open house**

The Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, will hold an open house for prospective students, their parents and friends on Sunday, Feb. 11 from 2 to 4 p.m. Sister Margaret Seitz, headmistress, will present faculty members in "An Overview of the High School" at 2:45 p.m. This program is a re-scheduling of High School Night, a similar program for 8th grade students and parents which was cancelled earlier because of snow. There will also be a formal discussion of admissions and financial aid policies and procedures. Doane Stuart offers a full or half-day 4-year-old Nursery and a full-day 5-year-old kindergarten program. The school is co-educational, nursery through Grade 12.

**Fritts on TV**

Bethlehem Town Justice Roger Fritts of Delmar will be the speaker on the Feb. 27 segment of the WMHT-Channel 17 Tuesday series, "Dealing with Law." Fritts will discuss "Small Claims." Air time is 5:30 p.m.

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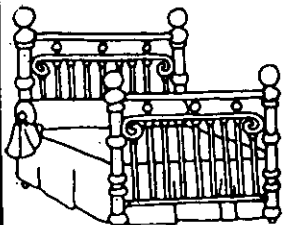
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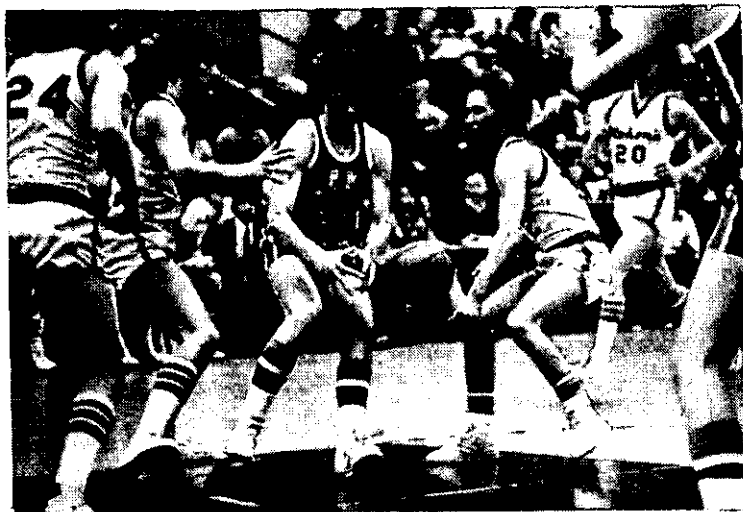
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Mohonasen players gang up on BC's Joe Rutnik on a loose ball in Rotterdam.

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### BASKETBALL

## Eagles eyeing Sectional seeds

Bethlehem Central's basketball fortunes were on the upgrade this week despite a 1-1 standoff in Suburban Council action last week. The Eagles were hoping to get their senior backcourt star Jim Giacone back this week, his fractured jaw mended enough to permit his return. They got a stellar performance from 6-5 senior John Okam, who came off the bench at Rotterdam Saturday to score 8 points and pull down 5 rebounds.

Bethlehem, settled in fourth place in the Council at 8-5, is now setting its sights on the Sectional draw. The Eagles benefit from each passing week under Coach Jim Tedisco's disciplined system, and could cause a lot of trouble in the post-season tournament with Shaker, Niskayuna and the others.

Bethlehem's stall worked pretty well against potent Shaker last Tuesday, but the Eagles shooting was atrocious. They held against Shaker's zone defense and forced the leaders to play man-to-man. On the offense they consistently picked Shaker star Sam

Perkins off down low, got a lot of easy shots, and would have upset the frontrunners if they'd done better than 14-for-44. Even at that, BC lost by only 7 points, 42-35.

It was a different story Saturday. BC took a good Mohonasen team, 74-66, at Rotterdam with a brilliant display of foul shooting. The Eagles missed only two of 28 from the charity stripe. John Sica was 10-for-10 and Tom Fiato 9-for-9. Sica wound up with 22 points and Joe Rutnik 21.

This week it was Guilderland at home Tuesday and Niskayuna away Friday, leaving three more games before the Sectionals.

### Scout uniforms too small?

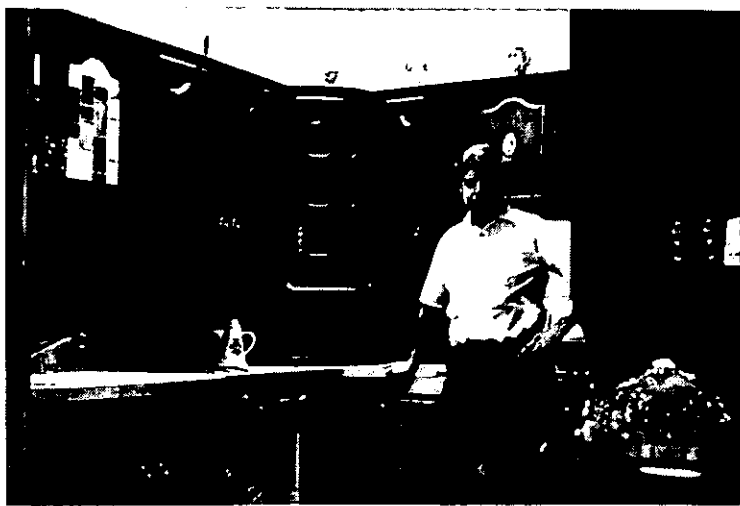
Voorheesville Cub Scouts in Pack 73 seem to be growing faster than their families' household budgets, so they've put out a call for donations of outgrown uniforms. Anyone wishing to help outfit a Cub Scout is asked to call Mrs. Wiltrud Rasmussen, 765-3188, or mail them to her at RD 2, Voorheesville 12186.

### In Army group

A Voorheesville resident, Maj. Bryan H. Gosling, of 123 Bedford Ct., has been elected a vice president of the Capital District chapter of the Association of the United States Army (AUSA).

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**BUSINESS**

**Kitchen supply showroom open**

Pete Merrill of Capital Region Kitchen Supply, Inc., Rt. 144, Glenmont, is busy putting the finishing touches to his spacious showroom of modern kitchen decor in preparation for a "grand opening" Saturday and Sunday, Feb. 10-11 from 1 to 6 p.m.

"Almost everything you'd find in a kitchen itself, you'll find displayed here," Merrill says of the \$50,000 showroom he plans to show off to area contractors, builders and architects as well as homeowners.

Capital Region Kitchens, which has operated out of Castleton since 1975, has been open to wholesalers at its present location since last August. His 15,000-square-foot showroom, housing all types of cabinets, countertops and appliances, makes him one of the largest kitchen wholesalers in the area. "In our third year of business we have more than tripled our sales," he says.

Recently he has been expanding the retail end of his

business with a newly opened remodeling division and interior decorating service.

Merrill, who has been a Delmar resident for five years, lives with his wife, Nevanne, and three children at 542 Huron Rd., Delmar.

**Invitation to children**

Plans for "February Sonshine," Bethlehem Lutheran Church's special mid-winter vacation celebration for children, are nearing completion. Robert Millspaugh, chairman of the event, says the three-day program Feb. 20-22 from 1 to 3:15 p.m. is designed for children age 4 through the 6th grade. There will be Bible stories, crafts, games, a magician, movies, singing, refreshments and fun for the mid-winter vacation. There is a \$1 registration fee with a maximum of \$1.50 per family, open to the entire community. Registration will be limited, so interested parents are urged to call promptly, 439-4328 or 439-7995.

**BC senior enlists**

Daniel F. Martin, son of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Martin, Delmar RD 1, has entered the U.S. Air Force delayed enlistment program and will earn transferable college credits in the technical training program as a security specialist. A senior at Bethlehem Central High School, he is scheduled to leave for basic training at Lackland Air Force Base near San Antonio, Tex., on Aug. 6.

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## Shop Talk

by Judi James

There's a new trend in merchandising! According to Addie Myers: "Today's average woman works outside the home, either on a full or part-time basis. Her time and energies are limited. She does not want to drive from one store to another, or walk from one department to another, in order to dress well and properly accessorize her costume."

Accordingly, many of the country's larger stores are setting up small shops within the store. These areas of concentration are tailored for the professional woman's total look, and also for her time. Many of them open at 8 in the morning, or arrange evening appointments to accommodate her.

"That's my object, too," Addie Meyers told us. In private life she is Mrs. William Myers, a smart, fashion-wise woman who has managed small specialty shops in Albany and in Pittsfield. Last summer she registered the name "Addie's Attic" and opened a shop in her home. With no hoopdela, Addie sent some notes out to friends, had the announcement made in club bulletins where she and husband Bill had affiliation, and sent out the message that she would be selling better fashion and designer label apparel close to wholesale prices, that there would be no "reject" items, that she would sell only by appointment, and (the good news for busy women) that her time would be her customer's time! Appointments for shopping could be made for any hour of the day or early evening.

Addie's Attic (no, not Aunt Addie of newspaper fame) was launched. There's no nonsense

about Addie's attitude. This is not a hobby with her, but rather a dedication. "No woman leaves here with a purchase unless I am satisfied with the way the dress or skirt looks on her," she told me.

I decided to have a look for myself. I made an appointment, and was greeted upon arrival by a slim, tanned woman who exudes enthusiasm, warmth and knowledge... but, I noted gracefully, is not a "hard sell" merchandiser.

We proceeded up the stairs to the "attic" and I was amazed. It really is a business! On the wall is a memo to the effect that these are all new, first-quality clothes. The memo also stated Addie's rules of business.

On other walls her fashion sense and display knowledge have been used as she shows "go togethers" such as one trim skirt topped with a white quiana blouse and a fine black knit sweater. "Hmm, smart!" I mentally noted as I observed that she had listed the "might have been" price for each and then her actual price. "This is possible," she told me, "because I go to New York each week and buy directly from the manufacturer."

Addie showed me some of her favorites. My enthusiasm rose. There was one particular "at home" caftan by Raoul, a new designer who favors the soft, supple quianas and crepes. She brought out a tea gown in draped jersey which had considerable elegance. "This one was purchased by one of the Governor's aides for the inaugural," she told me. And I especially liked a lovely dress in geometric design which featured dolman sleeves and would be smart at any day or nighttime affair.

The selection of skirts and blouses was even wider. Also, there were some fine wool suits. All the garments had one thing in common: a pleasing price, simplicity of styling and a genteel air.

Questions popped into my mind. What about store-front owners — what do they think of her shop? "Competition is the lifeblood of trade," she

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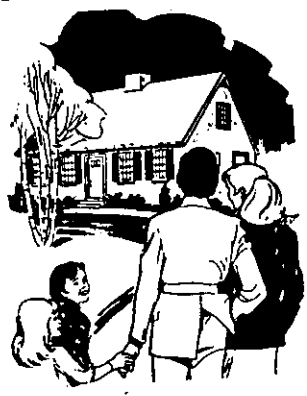
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answered. "I'm doing this only through appointments. My time is my customers' time. I take just one customer at a time so that I can devote every minute to her. This is no hobby, this is a business."

Will there be another location for Addie's Attic in the future? "I truly believe in the future of downtown Albany, and that's where I want to be," Addie responded. "But, I will not have a storefront locale. I will try to locate in a building convenient to offices and continue to serve the busy, working woman who wants to look her best and buy the best with limited time and conservation of her energies."

It's a great trend . . . and a needed answer for many women today. You will enjoy a visit to Addie's Attic and the pleasure of the personal attention of its knowledgeable owner!



**Donald W. Eberle**

**Wins national award**

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**Needleworker cited**

A Delmar needlework artist whose work was selected for a national exhibit has had her entry depicted in the official magazine of the Embroiderers' Guild of America, Inc. The publication "Needle Arts" illustrated its article on the 9th Biennial EGA Exhibition at Alexandria, Va. last Oct. 12-Nov. 5 with four photographs of exhibits selected from needlework exhibited by embroiderers from 39 states, many of them teachers and professionals.

One of the four was a contemporary canvas embroidery by Mrs. Stephen R. (Betsy) Ellsworth, 12 Carriage Rd., Delmar, entitles "Tides." The photo caption in the national magazine stated: "Worked in shades of beige and various off-whites with a mushroom coral, flat stone and ultrasuede applique, it had strong textural interest and strong rhythm reflecting the movement of the tides." Mrs. Ellsworth is a member of the Capital District chapter of the EGA, which meets monthly at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

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### Help from police

Editor, The Spotlight:

I am writing to bring to your attention the extreme kindness and courtesy shown to a member of my family by Officer Jerry DeMeur of the Bethlehem police department.

On Sunday, Jan. 21, during a severe ice storm a relative of mine visiting from out-of-state accidentally locked his keys inside his car with the engine running.

After trying to unlock the doors with a hanger for some 15 to 20 minutes, we called the Bethlehem police department, and Officer DeMeur arrived within several minutes. During the next hour Officer DeMeur experimented with various techniques in order to unlock the doors (the make of the car made this task quite difficult) in the cold and freezing rain. During this time he was most cooperative and anxious to help us out where someone else could easily have given up after the first 10 minutes and retreated to the warmth of his patrol car, leaving us with a real prob-

lem, particularly on a Sunday morning.

When finally he succeeded in opening the car, it was evident that Officer DeMeur was as relieved that the problem was resolved as we were.

For his concern for us and his personal sacrifice in braving the elements, I wish to again thank Officer DeMeur.

H. Stephen Kesselman

Delmar

### Wanted: bass relief

Editor, The Spotlight:

This June, we are to have the bass spawning beds of the St. Lawrence River once again raided under the excuse of boosting the local economy.

The Bass Anglers Sportsman Society (BASS), under invitation from the Alexandria Bay chamber of commerce, will hold their national tournament during the first week of the bass season. This rape of the spawning beds was done in 1978, despite all protest that fishing in such manner is both unsportsmanlike and that no expertise whatsoever is required in catching the aggressive male bass that are guarding the beds. Our demands that this tournament be held later in the season, such as was done in 1977, were laughed at. The season is open and they do what they please!

The Dept. of Environmental Conservation is involved, as they are using BASS free labor in order to secure bass for tagging. All DEC involvement in

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river history has been minimal, so they condone the potential destruction of the fishery. It is claimed that 97.6 percent of the fish are returned alive to the river. The facts prove otherwise! The bass are dumped at the Alexandria Bay town dock, nowhere near the spawning beds. The "released" bass have been found dead and dying, downriver for three weeks after release. Sickly and starving bass have been caught with the metal jaw tags prohibiting proper feeding! We have spent the last season securing the evidence, the photos, the tags and the statements of witnesses!

Spawning bed fishing started last year from Memorial Day weekend until after the season opened. The 250 contestants could not, by rule, fish the river prior to the tournament, but BASS membership in total is 300,000 and they have a tremendous following.

It is claimed by the tournament promoters that we are being emotional on the issue, or, we want the fishery for ourselves. It is claimed that the season would not be opened during the third week in June, if it was to damage the fishery. Yes, we are emotional, as someone has to have regard for the fishery, as the economic interests will crush the ecology every

time! No, we are not being selfish, as we would welcome a dozen tournaments in sporting times. The season is opened by "calendar" and unfortunately the seasonal weather and God dictate the spawning times, not DEC decree! In 1978, the tournament fell smack into the spawning! These people are hell bent on destroying the "source" of their tourist season, in quest of the instant dollar. BASS can go to greener pastures anytime, but we, the people, are left with the deathly residue of grandiose stupidity!

Now is the time when all persons are planning their vacation summer. We urge that all consideration be given to visiting and spending vacation dollars in the river communities other than Alexandria Bay. Perhaps even skipping 1979 on the river is best, or at least until sanity returns in a postponement of the tournament.

*James A. Patterson*  
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*Mr. Patterson has 41 seasons of bass fishing on the St. Lawrence and in 1965 purchased property there. He is director of the J.D. Lissow Memorial Smallmouth Bass Contest for kids each year and teaches respect and sportsmanship concerning the fishery. His auto license plates say MR BASS.*

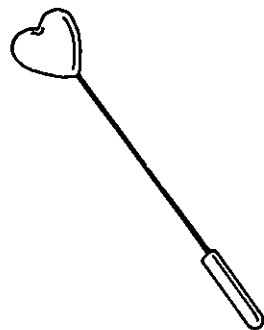
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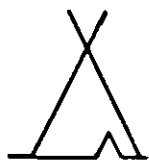
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