

# THE SPOTLIGHT

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## Plaza fence an 'offence'?

By Tom McPheeters

The range wars between the owners of Delaware Plaza and the mini mall began in earnest Monday. But the sheriff seems to have cooled things down.

Workers began Monday morning installing fence posts along the northern edge of the Albany City Water line right-of-way that divides the plaza and the mini mall. But by mid-morning work had stopped, by order of the city. And workers said the fence was not really a fence but a guard rail.

But the major parties in the dispute were still not talking.

The work was apparently ordered by the owners of the plaza, State Sen. Howard Nolan and Slingerland businessman Norris MacFarland. Last June, they wrote to tenants at the mini mall to inform them that a fence was being planned and that it would stretch all the way from Delaware Ave. to the woods at the east of the properties. That would mean that the only access to the businesses at the mini mall would be from Delaware Ave. over a narrow, unpaved access road.

In the June letter, Nolan and MacFarland wrote that they were taking the steps because repeated efforts to get the owners of the mini mall to participate in maintenance of the service road that divides the two plazas had failed. MacFarland recently announced a series of major changes at the plaza, including the addition of seven new stores by next spring.

The mini mall, the old L.C. Smith Bus Company, is held in trust and managed by Leonard Smith, proprietor of L.C. Smith Lawn and Garden store. Trustees are Mrs. Leonard C. Smith Sr. and the State Bank of Albany. A bank spokesman said Monday that decisions on maintenance of the property and build-  
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Katie Sumner, and Brad Fischer, both 4, got in some early-season sledding Monday during an unscheduled activity at the Slingerlands Nursery School. The first respectable snowfall and the town park at Bridge St. and New Scotland Rd. across the street were too much to resist.  
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## Currie plans to fit in

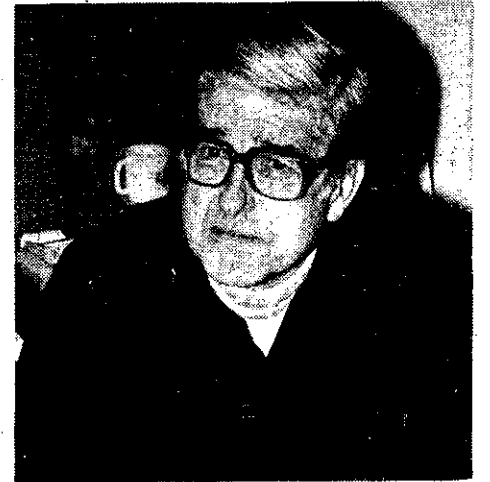
Paul E. Currie is going to be Bethlehem's first police chief in five years, and probably the first outsider ever to be chief. But there seems to be little reason to dispute his own assessment of the situation — he'll fit right in.

The new chief, who is scheduled to take office Jan. 1, was in town last week to apartment hunt and finalize his agreement with the town board. After clearing the last of his civil service hurdles last

week, Currie is scheduled to be formally appointed to the \$30,160 per year position by the town board at its meeting Dec. 14.

Currie is well aware of the controversies that have kept the Bethlehem Police Department and the chief's position in the limelight. He could hardly be otherwise, since questions relating to the past have been coming at him from all

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Robert A. Cook

NEW SCOTLAND:

## Cook leaving planning board

New Scotland is losing its planning board chairman, the citizen who orchestrated the adoption — after 10 years — of the town's comprehensive zoning ordinance.

Robert A. Cook is stepping aside as the chief town planner after two stints on the seven-member board that total more than 12 years. He has been chairman for the past seven years.

Cook, 57, said it was "time a younger person took over." His formal resignation will be submitted to the town board at its regular monthly meeting tonight (Wednesday) and to the planning board at next Tuesday's regular session.

Cook said he will remain as a member of the town's zoning board of appeals. He was reappointed this year to that agency, which has five members who serve five-year terms. Cook's new term on appeals board will run to August, 1988, but his resignation from the planning board leaves a vacancy for a seven-year term that does not expire until October, 1988.

Appointments to both boards are made by the town board. Although the supervisor and councilmen have attempted to follow an unwritten policy of keeping the boards non-partisan by appointing Democratic party members as well as those of the dominant Republican party, the town board customarily appoints new members recommended by the town Republican committee.

Such apparently was not the case with Cook's original appointment in the mid-Sixties. He "just happened to be at a town board meeting" when, he recalled, Ray Hunter, a Slingerlands neighbor who had headed the planning board since the institution of a master-plan study, submitted his resignation. When a council member, seeing Cook in the audience, asked him on the spot if he would like to serve on the board, Cook said he replied, "Well, all right, I guess so."

Cook left the board for several years during a stint in the construction business in Utica, but rejoined the panel when he returned to resume residence in Slingerlands. A graduate of RPI with a degree in mechanical engineering, Cook retired two years ago as assistant director of water management for the state Department of Environmental Conservation. He joined the former Department of Conservation in 1958 on the staff of the  
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## Fun and games at Albany theater

By Caroline Terenzini

Kids' Fare, an entertainment series especially for children, will debut on the stage of the Spectrum Theater in Albany on Saturday, Dec. 10. The shows run for 90 minutes and will be presented at 2:30 p.m. weekends during December at the theater on Delaware Ave. Performances also are scheduled at 10 a.m. Saturdays only.

The series for children ages 3 to 11 is an undertaking of the Washington Park Theatre Company, in Albany. Artistic director for the company is Linda Mossey of Delmar, who teamed with Ric Chesser to bring about Kids' Fare.

The fare includes music, magic, theater and mime, with magician Jim Snack as master of ceremonies. On Dec. 10, local storyteller Mary Murphy is on the bill, along with the play "Julius Dragon," which was a huge success in its five performances last summer. Featured musicians will be Jay Unger, Lyn Hardy and Molly Mason, who have recorded with Gentle Wind.

There is "an incredible demand" for theater for children, Mossey said. "There are always so many ifs, but there is such potential for it. We're trying to achieve something very fast-paced," she added, "so kids won't have time to get restless." How restless kids can get Mossey well knows with Justin, age 2, on the premises. Chesser, whose daughter is not yet 2, also knows and that is why they got together on Kids' Fare.

The Washington Park Theater Company had its third



Itinerant story teller Mary Murphy was spinning her web last week at Glenmont School's book fair (above and on the cover). Next week she's one of the featured attractions at Kid's Fare.  
Tom Howes

season this summer, in the former St. Anthony's Church, at Grand and Madison Sts. in Albany. The quarters were  
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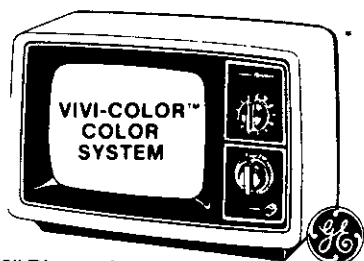
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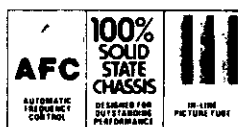
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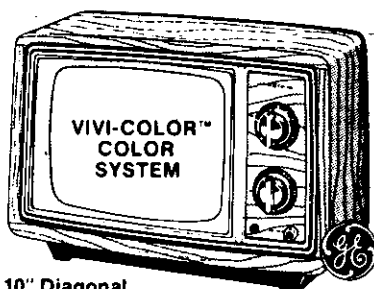


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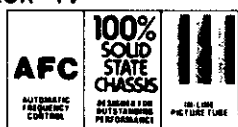


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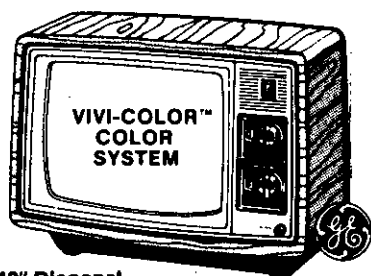


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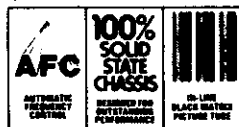


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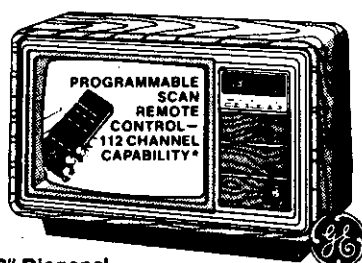


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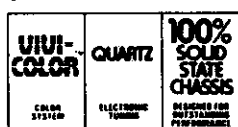


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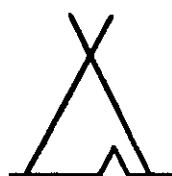
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Bethlehem Library's new computer provides hands-on experience for Leda Loux and her children, Andrew, 4, at the keyboard, and Peter, 6, playing tic-tac-toe. *Spotlight — Tom Howes*

## No byte too small

Everybody knows that today's kids were born to push buttons, and so the Bethlehem Public Library is giving them plenty of opportunities. In addition to the Apple IIe, which is available to those 13 or older who have been validated or to children under a validated adult's supervision, there is now a Texas Instruments microcomputer in the Children's Room at the library, just for children. Anyone under 6 should have an adult handy, and anyone over 18 should have a child in tow.

At present, users have a choice of seven cassettes, including a sorting game for young ones, math drills and "Hangman" for older children, and BASIC programming. A cassette with the popular Terrapin LOGO program is on the way. The machine is quite user-friendly and so are the staff, who are right there if doubt arises.

Users must sign up on the spot (no phone reservations, as with the Apple IIe) and are restricted to a half hour — which is the length of time most children can sit still. The machine is available during regular library hours, with the exception of story time Tuesdays and Wednesdays, when the staff have found they can't be in two places at once.

There tends to be a knot of spectators and kibitzers around the machine at any given moment, so it's easy to find. The for-children-only computer is a first among the 26 member libraries of the Upper Hudson Library Federation, library staff said.

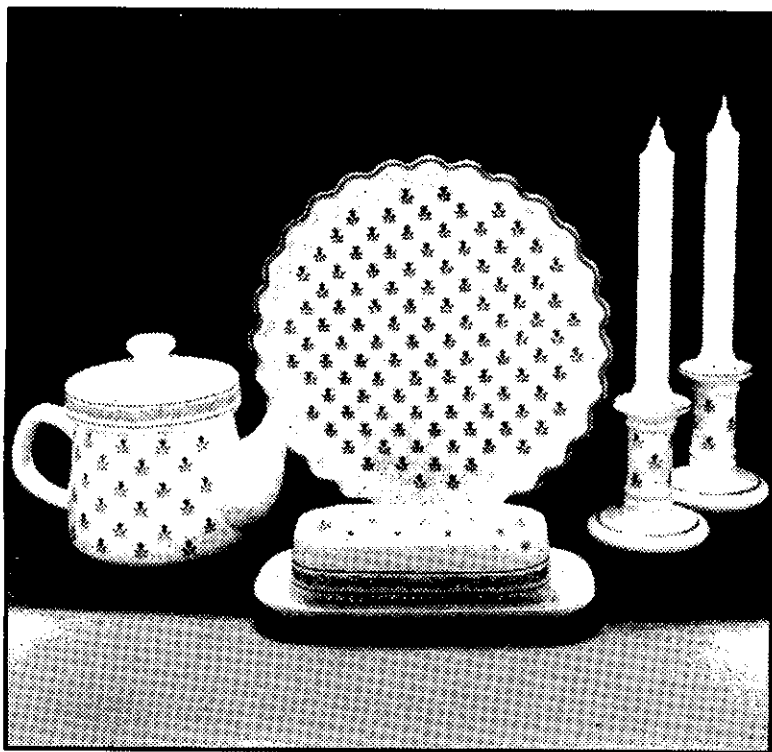
The Bethlehem library also is making available three Timex/Sinclair microcomputers for loan to anyone 18 or older with a valid library card. A Timex 1000 can be borrowed for two weeks and is accompanied by an instruction manual, software, a gaming switch and connecting cables for video display on a home TV.

*Caroline Terenzini*

### To discuss arms race

The Bethlehem Coalition for Survival, a political action group formed following ABC-TV's showing of "The Day After,"

will have its organizational meeting at 7:30 p.m. Monday at the Bethlehem Public Library. The group also will discuss proposals for action.



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Paul E. Currie

## Currie

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sides. Will the past affect his reception?

"I would think not," he said calmly.

"Policemen are very close," he explained. His own approach to running the department depends heavily on watching and learning, "a matter of communication," he said. "I'm certainly not aware of any major problems."

The Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association has complained publicly that the town's selection of an outsider to be chief deprives the officers now on the force a chance to move up. Currie doesn't agree, but noted: "I'm 54 years old. There'll be ample opportunity in the years to come."

As for following Peter Fish, the town's last chief, who was ousted five years ago amid charges of perjury and misuse of his office, Currie isn't biting.

"That's in the past," he said. What the new chief does talk about is his record in Mohawk, the Herkimer County village where he has been chief of police for the past 13 years. There his style would seem quite compatible with the way things are done in Bethlehem.

He points to his chairmanship of two county criminal justice coordinating

council. He talks about Mohawk's Stop DWI program (the village's efforts were aimed at educating young drivers), and about dealing with the universal problem of drug and alcohol abuse. And he talks about developing a modern communication and reporting system for the Mohawk Police Department.

"The police department here seems to be very community oriented," says Currie with satisfaction. "And I'm impressed by the form of government."

## □ Cook leaving

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former Water Purity and Control Commission.

Cook was the board's prime mover when the long-debated revisions of the town's zoning ordinance were adopted in January, 1979. Since then, except for an occasional application that stirs controversy, New Scotland's planning status has been relatively quiet, and Cook does not foresee any large surge in activity. The tone, he believes, "is not development-oriented" in New Scotland.

"I feel very fortunate in being able to serve the town in this capacity," he said over the weekend. "I was pleased to be named, and I've enjoyed it despite the amount of time it takes. I think it is time for a younger person to take over."

Supervisor Steve Wallace said Cook's experience has been "a major asset to the town for many years," and added: "We're all glad he will continue as a member of the zoning board. His contribution to the planning board will certainly be missed."

Cook and his wife, the former Susan Yaeger, live on Font Grove Rd. on the property where his parents lived when he was born.

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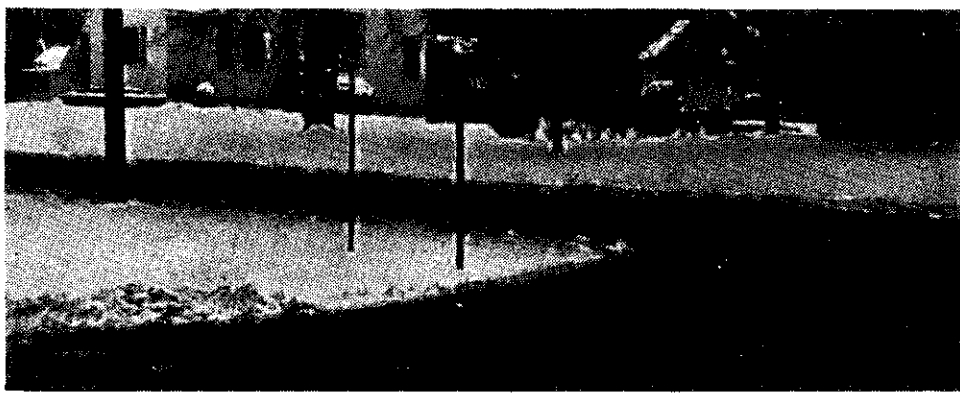
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Spotlight

# Robert Zick resigns from BC school board

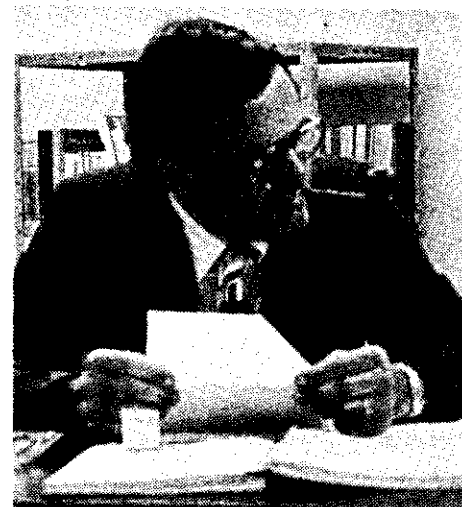
Bethlehem Central school board member Robert R. Zick of Glenmont has resigned from the board because he has accepted a new position with Southworth Machinery Inc. in the Boston area. Zick, who has served 7½ years on the board, had already announced that he would not seek reelection when his current three-year term expires at the end of June.

Past practice suggests Zick's seat will be left vacant until it can be filled in the annual election and budget vote in May. Board president Sheila Fuller said the district also could hold a special election, which can be costly, or could fill the vacancy by appointment.

Zick has been named vice president for parts and service for a previously independent Caterpillar dealership in Hopkinton, Mass. that Southworth has acquired. The position is comparable to the post he has held with Southworth locally, Zick said. Southworth, based in Menands, has been the Caterpillar dealer for 13 counties in the region plus parts of Vermont and Massachusetts. With the acquisition, Southworth now also will cover all of Massachusetts and Rhode Island.

Zick, frequently an outspoken member of the board, last spring announced his intention not to seek a new term because of his belief that there should be periodic changeover of personnel on public governing bodies. Reflecting on his 7½-year tenure on the board, Zick took credit for spurring the district to adopt a more business-like approach to its non-academic business. He noted that he had originally run for election in 1976 because he saw a need for the district to develop a system for scheduled maintenance and for planned replacement for such items as buses and roofs. He also brought to the board an interest in education for students who are not college-bound and in a business perspective on negotiations between the district and its unions.

In that area, Zick said, lies his chief disappointment. "I had hoped that by now we could have gotten away from across-the-board increases to a system of merit pay, which would reward both new and experienced teachers who put in extra effort." Zick noted that he was the



Robert R. Zick

only board member who did not vote for the last teacher contract. He withheld his approval, he said, because the pact lacked any merit recognition and also because of its failure to address what he termed "a discrepancy" between BC coaching salaries and salaries of coaches at other Suburban Council schools.

On the question of merit pay, Zick said, "We have some outstanding teachers who are not being rewarded and others who are being rewarded only for seniority. And," he added, "anybody who would challenge that statement would know they're being paid too well. That's somebody who's incompetent."

Zick's willingness to speak out has earned him a reputation as something of a hard-headed gadfly who has been willing to bring controversial questions into the open and to take a stand. Of his frankness, he admitted: "I'm bad that way." Zick also can be credited with galvanizing the board into action on occasion and with a refreshingly open approach to the public's business.

Originally from Illinois, Zick joined Southworth in 1966. His wife, Sue, is an interior decorator. They have three children — Todd, who is at Davis and Elkins College in West Virginia; Brett, a junior at Bethlehem Central, and Amy, a sophomore.

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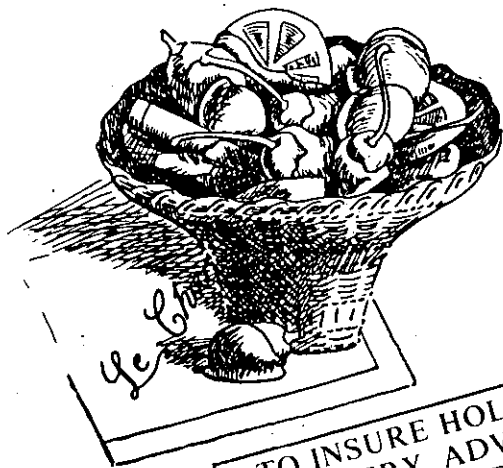
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Bethlehem's eighth grade band, conducted by George Smith, Middle School music teacher.  
Spotlight — Tom Howes

## Music on Bethlehem stages

Bethlehem Central sixth and seventh graders will be on stage Thursday evening for the Middle School's annual winter music festival. The sixth grade string orchestra will open the program at 8 p.m., followed by the choir and band. The seventh grade band will conclude the program of Christmas selections.

The eighth graders will perform in Part II of the festival next Wednesday, Dec. 14, with the band, Concert Chorale and orchestra on stage.

Other Bethlehem student musical productions will be the Slingerlands school concert at 7:30 p.m. Dec. 15; a high school holiday concert at 8 p.m. Monday, Dec. 19; Elsmere School's program Dec. 20 at 7:30 p.m. and a concert at Glenmont Elementary School Dec. 21, also at 7:30.

The Bethlehem Music Association,

formed in 1975 to support the music program in the schools, is seeking greater community involvement and will be signing up members at these concerts. The association provides certificates of recognition to student performers and supports musical undertakings throughout the school year. Dues are \$2 and may be sent to Mrs. Edward McEwan, treasurer, BMA, 79 Greenock Rd., Delmar 12054.

### Hits utility pole

E.T. McLaughan, 18, of Delmar was taken to St. Peter's Hospital by the Delmar Rescue Squad after the car he was driving went off Union Ave. near the Slingerlands Elementary School Thursday and hit a utility pole. The youth was treated and released. No charges were filed.

## Fun and games

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provided rent-free by the Italian-American Cultural Foundation, which owns the building. The church, vacant for 10 years, has peeling plaster and paint, the basement floods periodically, and the pews are "a little hard," but the company is grateful — "there are so many artists who don't have the space we have," Mossey said. The company is looking for about \$100,000 to redo the space as a theater, but right now the furnace is not operating so they're confined to warm weather performances.

Mossey, who has a bachelor's degree in theater from Northeastern University, moved to Delmar from Winnipeg four years ago and commuted to New York City for nearly a year after that. Her professional experiences includes off-off-Broadway, soaps and commercials, and also a stint as a resident actress in a children's touring company. In addition to her work with Washington Park Theatre and Kids' Fare, she also is an independent casting consultant.

Other Kids' Fare offerings include Ruth Pelham's Music Mobile on Dec. 17 and 18, and singer Cathy Winter on Dec. 22, 23 and 24. The series finale, Dec. 28 to 31, will be performances by Paul Strausman, whose tape "Camels, Cats and Rainbows" was singled out as a "notable" recording by American Library Services for Children, a division

of the American Library Association.

A subscription for the Kids' Fare series is \$12 and individual tickets are \$4, with special adult, senior citizen and group rates available. For information, call 482-2826 or 439-7979 or write Kids' Fare, P.O. Box 3038, Albany 12203.

### Hits tree

Kenneth Mattice, 23 of Feura Bush was charged with driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor after the vehicle he was operating went off Flat Rock Rd. in New Scotland and struck a tree, according to state police at Selkirk. Mattice and a passenger, Timothy Williams, for whom no address was given, were taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital after the early morning accident Saturday, where they were treated and released.

### 4 accidents Sunday

Sunday's snowstorm slicked up the roads, contributing to four accidents investigated by Bethlehem police between 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. that day. No one, however, was reported injured.

Among other accidents police investigated this week were two that occurred at 5:30 p.m. Thursday on Rt. 85 in Slingerlands when two deer dashed in front of vehicles. No persons were reported injured, but the deer were killed and the cars damaged.

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# The hills are alive with music

The Helderbergs will be alive with the sounds of music the next few weeks as students at both the elementary and high schools present their annual holiday concerts.

Tonight (Wednesday) at 7:30 p.m. the junior high chorus and band will perform in the high school auditorium, while

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Thursday night musicians from the high school music groups will entertain, same time and place.

Next week, on Thursday, Dec. 15, the elementary school band under the direction of Lydia Tobler and the fifth and sixth grade choruses directed by Cynthia McDermott will present their concert at the grade school beginning at 7:30 p.m. The choir groups will present separate selections and then join together to sing several numbers, including some accompanied by high school musicians Eric Phinney, Jeff Rockmore and Jennifer Ten Eyck. The public is invited to come and enjoy all three free musical presentations.

### Santa's first visit

Although Christmas is just a few weeks away, those who would like to see that

jolly-gift giver don't have to wait until Dec. 25. Both the young and the young at heart are invited to spend a fun-filled afternoon with Santa on Saturday, Dec. 10 at the Railroad Junction Restaurant on South Main St. in Voorheesville. The annual holiday fundraiser will take place from 11 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. and there will be plenty of hot dogs, drinks and cookies on hand, as well as pictures with Santa available, all for a slight fee.

This community project is co-sponsored by the senior class at Clayton, A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and John and Susan Williams, new owners of the Railroad Junction Restaurant.

### Party for seniors

In keeping with the tradition of sharing during this season the Girl Scouts and Brownies from the Voorheesville Neighborhood group will host a holiday party for area senior citizens on Sunday, Dec. 11, at the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church. The event, which will be from 1 to 3 p.m., will feature the girls in skits and songs dealing with this year's theme, "Under the Christmas Tree". After their presentation the young ladies

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and their guests will share some conversation and refreshments and the girls will present their elders with gifts they have made for them. Any senior citizen who would like to attend but who has not been contacted should call Lois Crounse at 765-2109.

#### Hanging the green

When Sunday arrives the picturesque Methodist Church will be decked out in festive array. On Saturday evening, Dec. 10, the annual "hanging of the greens" will take place. The festivities will begin at 5 p.m. when the members of the church will share in a potluck supper followed by the making of the greens and the decoration of the church. The get-together will conclude with a singing of carols.

The church is certain to be a busy place this weekend. On Saturday and Sunday the recycling truck will also be on hand. All are welcome to leave bundled papers and sorted glass. Anyone who has larger items to dispose of may call Lanny Parsons at 765-3124.

#### Gifts for the reservation

Members of Voorheesville's three Indian Guide tribes, the Apache, the Hopi and the Allegheny, will be busy this weekend enjoying their own Holiday party and preparing items for a party to be sponsored by the federation later this month at two New York State Indian Reservation Schools.

On Saturday, Dec. 10, the members of the YMCA-sponsored groups will hold their annual Christmas party at 3 p.m. at the Key Bank Community Room in Guilderland, after a tree cutting expedition at Van Ettens farm in Altamont. On the following day, the group will attend a workshop and open house at the 109th TAC Air Base, home of the Schenectady Air National Guard, where after a tour of the facility parents will wrap and package gifts to be airlifted by the guard to reservation schools in New York State. For the past month members of the parent-child groups have been collecting good used and new toys, clothes and

linens for the children at these schools. Anyone who has such items and would like to donate them should contact Roger Cooper at 765-4572 or John Oates at 765-4073 before this weekend.

#### Blood pressure clinic

As those holiday bills come in, blood pressures may rise! The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland invites all to come and visit their free blood pressure clinic this Tuesday, Dec. 13 from 9 to 11 a.m. and 7 to 9 p.m. at the Voorheesville Methodist Church.

The men's service group also reminds the community that this week they will be holding their annual wreath sale through Saturday. Wreaths as well as coloring books and calendars will be available at Grand Union, Stonewell in Slingerlands and Stewarts in the village.

#### Slides on holiday theme

The Delmar Camera Club will hold a special holiday program on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church in Elmsere. "Weihnachtzeit — Sights, Sounds, Memories," a Christmas slide program that was 80 hours in the making, will be followed by a Polaroid film demonstration and the club's annual photographic equipment sale. The evenings print and slide competition will have as its theme "Night Scenes."

The winners of last month's "Architectural Detail" contest included Elizabeth Christen, color slides; Sheila Schlawn, general, and Florence Becker, printmaker award.

#### Southern birds

The Albany Audubon Society's next meeting will be on Thursday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at the Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar. Dr. Charles Swartz will present a slide program detailing the birds of the Everglades, Sanibel Island and the rest of southern Florida.



Christy Schultes, foreground, Carolyn Wirth and Arielle Hecht of Troop 649, Slingerlands, are among the Girl Scouts getting ready for a gala Neighborhood Craft Fair Saturday at the Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar. Mrs. Doris Kirk is their leader. Fourteen troops are participating.

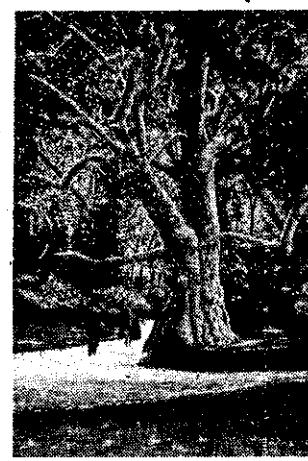
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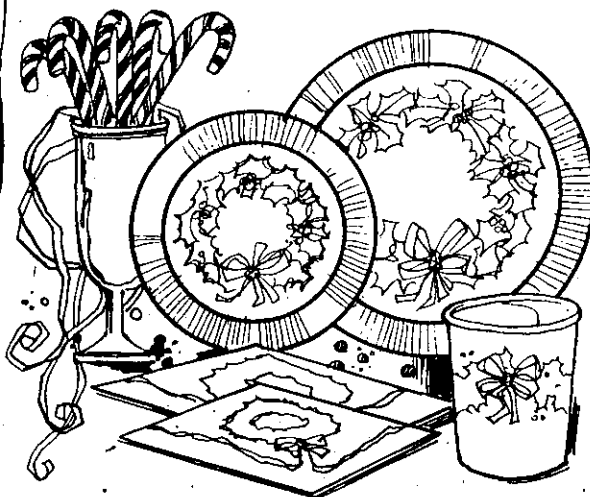
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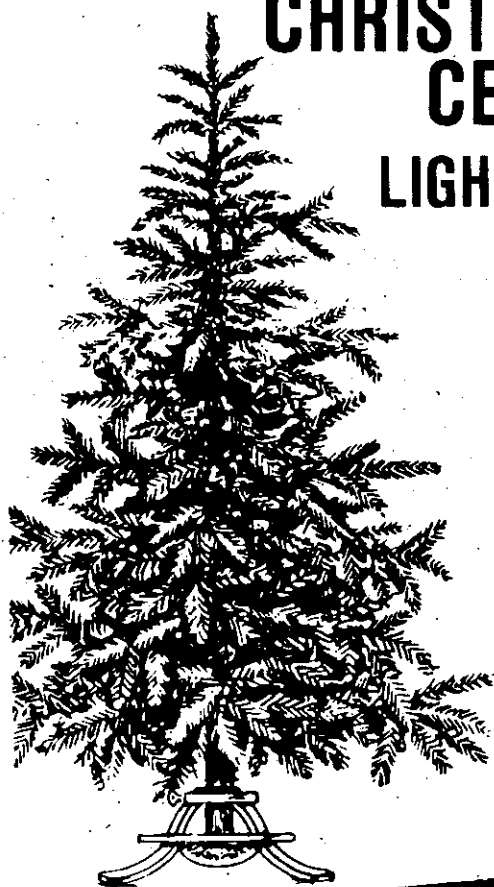
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# RCS forms task force against substance abuse

By Lorin Pasqual

School administrators, health care workers and local residents will continue in a joint effort to curtail substance abuse and social problems among students in the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk school district.

Concerned parents and residents met with professionals at the junior high school in early November to view and discuss "Chemical People," aired on public television. The two-part series provided information about drug and alcohol dependency among young people and offered guidelines for groups attempting to generate substance-abuse awareness.

In response to the program, community residents formed a task force Nov. 16 under the supervision of Joan Levine, program coordinator of Project Hope and Robert DeSarbo, junior high school principal at R.C.S.

The group's objectives include prevention, advocacy, intervention and treatment. By working closely with teachers, school officials and professional counselors, the volunteers hope to provide more recreational activities for students, establish a parent-school support system, help parents devise strategies to identify and cope with family problems, educate young children about drug abuse and refer problem students to agencies for treatment.

The school district has a working relationship with Project Hope, a human-service agency that operates a satellite office at the First Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. There counselors provide free comprehensive treatment and therapy to students aged 13-15 and parents in Bethlehem and Ravena.

Schools offer the transportation for children, and taxpayers support the program financially.

Equinox, Inc., an Albany-based agency also provides individual and family counseling in the school district. Steve Abrahamsen, a counselor at Equinox, offers individual and family therapy on an appointment basis at St. Patrick's Rectory, 21 Main Ave., Ravena. Client's fees are based on a sliding scale depending on income.

These services are vital to the community, according to DeSarbo. Schools cannot assume the entire responsibility for children, he says, adding that parents and residents have commitments as well.

## Injured in accident

Francis W. Bartholomew of Albany was listed in fair condition at St. Peter's Hospital Monday after he was injured while riding in a pickup truck that went off South Albany Rd. in Selkirk Saturday. James P. Calhoun, 29, also of Albany, was charged by Bethlehem police with speeding in the 1 p.m. accident in which the vehicle overturned and went into a ditch. The Slingerlands Rescue Squad was called to extricate Bartholomew from the vehicle and Bethlehem Ambulance took the two to the hospital. Calhoun was discharged from the hospital Monday.

## Party for Mondale

Among the more than 5,000 parties planned nationwide Saturday as fundraisers for Walter Mondale's presidential campaign will be one hosted by Barbara Smith and Midge McGraw at 35 Wiggand Dr., Glenmont, from 6 to 9 p.m. Anyone planning to attend is asked to call 439-5949 or 465-0113 after 6 p.m.

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## Christmas dinner planned

Family, friends, good food and a child's interpretation of Christmas — they're the basics that have made the annual White Christmas dinner and program of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem so popular in past years. It begins with a covered-dish supper, with meat, rolls and beverage provided by the Sunday School, a variety of side dishes contributed by those attending, and concludes with a special Christmas presentation by the children of the Sunday School. Their program this year is entitled, "The Hanging of the Greens."

The dinner is being held Friday evening, Dec. 16, at the church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk. Reservations must be made by Dec. 14. If you would like to attend, contact Colleen Janssen at 767-3406 or Joyce Layman at 767-2051. The dinner will begin at 6 p.m. If you are unable to attend the dinner but would like to attend the program, the time is 7:30 p.m.

## Special holiday program

A Christmas buffet for members and guests of the United Methodist Women will be held at 6:30 p.m. next Wednesday evening, Dec. 14, at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, Willowbrook Ave. Members are asked to bring their favorite covered dish. In keeping with the holiday, a special program will follow. The program, under the leadership of Jean Canuteson, will be "Unto Us a Child is Born." Refreshments will be served with Connie Lindale, Alice Haskell, Ada Court and Mary Blish acting as this month's hostesses.

## Seniors to celebrate

The Sunshine Senior Citizens will celebrate Christmas with a party at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Monday, Dec. 12. The festivities will begin at noon, with a dinner of Kentucky Fried Chicken and an ice cream dessert. The Seniors will then have a Christmas grab-bag. All members are asked to bring an attractively wrapped gift of approximately \$1.50 to \$2 in value to exchange.

## This week's menu

The menu for Senior Projects of Ravena, beginning Thursday, Dec. 8, will be: Thursday, evening meal only: Friday, beef stew, Waldorf salad, dessert; Monday, Tuna noodle casserole, peas, carrot raisin salad, dessert; Tuesday, stuffed peppers in tomato sauce, mashed potato, mixed vegetables, dessert; and Wednesday, corned beef, parsley potato, cabbage, carrots dessert.

## For high school seniors

If upcoming college expenses seem to be overwhelming, the Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233 of Selkirk might be able to provide some assistance. The Elks are accepting applications from any senior in the RCS High School or Bethlehem Central who would like to apply for an Elks Scholarship, state or national. For the necessary forms contact Ed Moss, 363 Second Ave., Albany, or call 436-4026. An application will be sent immediately. Applications must be returned by Feb. 1.

## Caroling group returning

They're doing it again. The adults only fellowship group has planned another

caroling and Christmas party for Sunday evening, Dec. 11. Reports have it that the group did a very respectable job caroling last year, but the Christmas party — an accurate accounting is difficult. When asked if the white elephant gift exchange was a success, those who attended are inclined to burst into laughter. From this, and the fact that everyone insists on having another this year, it must be assumed it was a big success. For those who may not know what a white elephant gift is, it's almost anything one has hidden away in basement or attic that's just too hideous or silly to deserve house room anywhere else.

The group will meet at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem at 7:30 and proceed from there for the caroling. Returning at approximately 9:15 p.m., they will gather at the parsonage for the gift exchange and refreshments. The cost of the evening is just 50 cents and one gaily wrapped white elephant gift per person. Anyone interested in joining in the fun is asked to contact Colleen Janssen at 767-3406.

## Winter concert coming

There's music in the air! Or at least there will be shortly, when the RCS Senior High School presents its annual Winter Concert on Thursday evening, Dec. 15. Sounds of the season will ring out as the Senior Chorus, Stage Band and Senior Band perform under the direction of Brent Wheat and Martin Ainspan. For those who take pleasure not only in listening but taking an active part, the final portion of the program will culminate with a sing-along of seasonal music.

The public is invited to the concert, which starts at 8 p.m. in the high school auditorium. Admission is free.

## Pecans for sale

The local Smith College Club is holding its annual pecan sale in time for holiday cooking and gift-giving. The nuts come in one-pound bags of fancy halves. Proceeds from the sale will be used for the club's scholarship fund benefiting Smith students from this area. To place an order, call Susan Filipp at 439-4187, Barbara Boynton at 768-2695, Atossa Wells at 439-0679 or Suzanne Hudacs at 439-7570.



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Girl, Megan Theresa, to Carol and Robert McRae, Albany, Oct. 7.

Boy, Brian David, to Wendy J. and David Ashline, Selkirk, Nov. 11.

Boy, Matthew Daniel, to Mr. and Mrs. Drake L. Lacy, Delmar, Nov. 14.

Girl, Jocelyn Kelly, to Mr. and Mrs. Don Pleines, Selkirk, Nov. 16.

## Quilters meet

Q.U.I.L.T. (Quilters United in Learning Together) will have a holiday-themed meeting on Friday, Dec. 9, from 9:30 a.m. to noon at the Delmar United Methodist Church. Included on the agenda are a quilt block and cookie exchange. For details, call Margaret Callahan at 477-9705.

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In rehearsal for "Soft Soap," a spoof of TV's popular daytime fare, are, from left, Carol McCormick, Phil Yournos, Jeff Ross and Julie Corbett. The Bethlehem Central senior class play will be presented Dec. 15 through 17 at the high school. Performances begin at 8 p.m. Gary Zeiger

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## Seniors spoof soap operas

"I wanted to be an investigative reporter. Now my father is unconscious, my mother's accused of murder and I've lost my notebook." Such is the plight of Spring Weatherby in the Bethlehem Central High School's comic senior play "Soft Soap," which will run Thursday, Dec. 15, through Saturday, Dec. 17. Admission to a full dress rehearsal on Wednesday, Dec. 14, is free for senior citizens. The BCHS auditorium curtains go up at 8 p.m. each evening.

Tickets for the soap opera spoof are \$4 for adults and \$3 for students. They will be available presale at the Paper Mill, Records n' Such and the high school box office and at the door on performance nights.

"Soft Soap" is the story of Betty Brown, a senior at Midwestern Tech who is so addicted to the lurid world of "Yesterday's Tomorrow," America's most popular continuing daytime drama, that she transfers herself bodily from the student lounge into the television screen. The timely comedy take-off on national soap opera fever comes replete with romance, murder and villainy in hospital environs that feature melodramatic characters with such names as Misty Weatherby, Tempest Frost and Hale Storm.

Nicolas Nealon, the BCHS media

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technician and BCTV advisor, is directing the play, assisted by senior Renna Komisar. Among the student-stars are John Budzyna, Julie Corbett, Nathaniel Goldman, Leslie Gould, Carol McCormick, Colleen Nyilis and Phil Youno.

Julie Ann Sosa

## He's good citizen

Thomas Denham, son of Mrs. Maud Denham of Delmar and the late Edgar J. Denham, has been named a recipient of a Good Citizens Award from Tawasentha Chapter, Daughters of the American Revolution. Awards are made annually to high school seniors chosen by fellow students and faculty members. Certificates and pins will be presented to area winners at a gathering Saturday, Dec. 10, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar.

## Stratton at library

Congressman Samuel S. Stratton will conduct a "town meeting" at 7:30 p.m. Friday at Bethlehem Public Library, in Delmar. The public, especially Stratton's constituents in the 23rd District, will have an opportunity to question the congressman and express their views.

## SYMPHONY PROFILE

# Taking the bass . . . seriously

David Scott Alleg of Delmar, principal bassist for the Albany Symphony Orchestra, got "sort of a late start" on the instrument. It was in high school when he wanted to join the orchestra that he was first given a double bass. But, "when you're really young, you can't just pick up the double bass, because of its size," he said. For a youngster to play double bass, "you have to take it seriously . . . and your parents have to have a station wagon," he added.

Apparently whatever car his parents had was big enough, and Allen became a serious bass player, moving from a liberal arts program at the University of Rochester to obtain a bachelor's degree in music performance from the Eastman School of Music, in 1980. He went on to obtain the master's degree at Eastman the following year, and then joined the ASO.

Allen now teaches and performs in the area, not only with the orchestra, but also with the Brant String Quintet, formed a year ago, and with Albany Pro Musica. He also was an announcer for WMHT for a while. Now, when Allen isn't performing or teaching, he is apt to be found behind his camera, since photography is another of his loves. He has had several shows of his photographs, including at the Bethlehem Public Library and at Community Dark Room in Albany.

Caroline Terenzini



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**Village of Voorheesville, Board of Trustees,** fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, second and fourth Tuesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, Village Hall, 29 Voorheesville Ave.

**Town of New Scotland, Town Board** meets first Wednesday at 8 p.m., Planning Board second and fourth Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals meets when necessary, usually Fridays at 7 p.m., Town Hall, Rt. 85.

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

**Bethlehem Board of Education** meets first and third Wednesdays of each month at 8 p.m. at the Educational Services Center, 90 Adams Pl., Delmar.

**Bethlehem Recycling** town garage, 119 Adams St. Papers should be tied, cans flattened, bottles cleaned with metal and plastic foam removed. Tuesday and Wednesday 8 a.m. - noon; Thursday and Friday noon - 4 p.m., Saturday 8 - noon.

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**The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education** meets the first and third Mondays of the month, 8 p.m., at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

**Voter Registration:** You may vote in New York State if you are 18 on or before the election, a U.S. citizen, a resident of the county, city or village for 30 days preceding the election, and registered with the county Board of Elections. Mail registration forms can be obtained at town and village halls; from political parties, from the League of Women Voters and from boards of election. The completed form must be received by your Board of Elections by the first Monday in October. Information, Albany County Board of Elections, 445-7591.

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**Food Pantry,** Selkirk and South Bethlehem area, Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-9140 (after 5 p.m.).

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

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

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

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

**Welcome Wagon,** newcomers or mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Mon. - Sat. 8:30 a.m. - 6 p.m.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Bethlehem Board of Education,** at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Delmar Progress Club,** creative arts and garden group decorate Bethlehem Public Library, at 9:30 a.m.

**Tri-Village Welcome Wagon,** annual potluck luncheon and bazaar at Delmar Reformed Church, noon. Babysitting available; for reservations, call 439-2744 by Nov. 30.

**Bethlehem Business Women's Club** meets first Wednesday of month at Albany Motor Inn, Rt. 9W, Albany, 6 p.m. social hour.

**Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233** meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, 8 p.m., first and third Wednesdays (third Wednesday in July and August).

**Public Hearing,** Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of James and Barbara Tombras, 30 Catherine St., Delmar, for variance to permit addition at premises; Bethlehem Town Hall, 8 p.m.

**Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star,** meeting at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Daytime Book Group** reviews "An Unknown Woman" by Alice Koller, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Winter Music Concert,** at Voorheesville Junior High School, 7:30 p.m.

**Lutheran Pot Luck Supper,** 6:15 p.m., and "Signs of Christ" Advent service series, at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Elm Ave. Information, 768-2279.

**Chinese Auction,** sponsored by St. Thomas Altar-Rosary Society, at St. Thomas School auditorium, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-2967.

**"Hanukkah: A Child's Celebration,"** first program produced by new Bethlehem Channel at Bethlehem Public Library, aired on Channel 16, 5:30 p.m.

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#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**New Scotland Democratic Social Club,** second Thursday, 8 p.m.

**Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary,** second Thursday each month except August, at the firehouse, 8 p.m.

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

**Bethlehem Personal Computer Group,** 7:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Public Library. Public welcome. Information, 439-4758.

**Winter Music Festival,** Part 1, at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Democratic Committee,** holiday luncheon and guest speaker J. Leo O'Brien, for committee members and invited guests, at University Club, Washington Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 439-7246.

**Winter Music Concert,** Voorheesville Senior High School, 7:30 p.m.

**"Hanukkah: A Child's Celebration,"** first program produced by new Bethlehem Channel, at Bethlehem Public Library, on Channel 16, 5:30 p.m.

**Elsmere Fire Co. Auxiliary,** business meeting and Christmas party at the firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3273.

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

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

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

**Q.U.I.L.T.,** quilt block and cookie exchange at Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 477-9705.

**Congressional Town Meeting,** U.S. Rep. Samuel Stratton to answer questions and hear constituents' views, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30-9 p.m.

**SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10**  
**Girl Scout Crafts Fair,** homemade crafts, clowns and food at Delmar Masonic Temple, 421 Kenwood Ave., 10 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 439-6515.

**Toys for Tots Pickup,** at Delaware Plaza, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 283-6200.

**Holiday Nature Crafts,** workshop for the family, 10 a.m., and for adults only, 2 p.m., studying history and mythology of holidays while making traditional decorations, Five Rivers Environmental Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, \$1 registration. Information and preregistration, 457-6092.

**American Legion Tinsel Ball,** pre-Christmas party tradition with food, music and dancing, at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 6:30 p.m. For \$11 tickets, 439-6427 or 439-9819.

**Tawassantha Chapter, DAR Tea,** honoring Good Citizen Medal winners and newly naturalized citizens, at Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 1 p.m. Information, 482-3865.

**"Lunch With Santa,"** sponsored by Voorheesville senior class at Railroad Junction Restaurant, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Mondale Fundraiser,** part of national fund raising event for Presidential candidate Walter Mondale, 35 Wiggand Dr., 6-9 p.m. To attend, call 439-5949 or 465-0113 after 6 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Bethlehem Historical Association,** Christmas tea at Schoolhouse Museum, Rt. 144 and Clapper Rd., Selkirk, 3-6 p.m.

**"Adults Only" Church Group,** Christmas party and caroling at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

## area arts

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

#### THEATER

Shari Lewis Christmas Show, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 8, 7 p.m. Community Box Office, or Proctor's, 346-6204.

"Awake and Sing" (Clifford Odets drama), Albany Civic Theater, 235 Second Ave., Albany, Dec. 14-18, 8 p.m., Sunday matinee 2:30 p.m. Tickets, Community Box Office or 462-1297.

"Gemini" (comedy by Albert Innaurato), Skidmore Theater, Saratoga Springs, Dec. 7-11 and 14-17. Reservations, 584-5000.

"She Loves Me" (musical presented by Heritage Artists), Cohoes Music Hall, Dec. 7-11 and 14-17. Reservations, 235-7969.

"Happy End" (Capital Rep presents Bertold Brecht-Kurt Weill musical), Market Theater, 111 N. Pearl St., Albany, through Dec. 18 (Tuesdays-Saturdays 8 p.m., Sundays 2:30 p.m.) Box office, 462-4534.

"Raggedy Ann and Andy" (Joe Raposo and Tim Mason's musical adaptation), The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, previews Dec. 8 and 9, 10 a.m.; opening Dec. 10, 8 p.m.; Dec. 11, 2 p.m.; Dec. 12, 14-16, 10 a.m.; Dec. 16 and 17, 8 p.m.; Dec. 18, 2 p.m.; Dec. 19 and 20, 10 a.m. Tickets at Community Box Office and Egg box office, 473-3750.

#### MUSIC

Ridge String Quartet (Dvorak, Beethoven and Mendelssohn), Union College Memorial Chapel, Schenectady, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.

University Percussion Ensemble, SUNY Performing Arts Center, Dec. 7, 8 p.m.

Russell Sage Women's Chorus, with Signs of Joy Sign Language Choir, annual holiday concert, Bush Memorial Center, Troy, Dec. 9, 7:30 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra (Randall Hodgkinson plays Edward Mac Dowell's Piano Concerto No. 2, plus works by Brahms and American composer Quincy Porter), Troy Music Hall, Dec. 9, and Palace Theater, Albany, Dec. 10, 8:30 p.m. Tickets, 273-0038 or 465-3334.

Pearl Bailey, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 10, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

Albany Pro Musica (chamber chorus), Bush Memorial Center, Troy, Dec. 11, 7:30 p.m.

St. Peter's Choir and soloists in a "Messiah sing-in", St. Peter's Church, 107 State St., Albany, Dec. 11, 3:30 p.m.

"Carmina Burana" (Carl Orff's secular cantata sung by University Chorale), SUNY Performing Arts Center, Dec. 11, 3 p.m.

Christmas Concert, Capital District Chapter of American Recorder Society, Helderberg Reformed Church, Guildersland Center, Dec. 11, 5:30 p.m.

Pianist Rudolf Serkin, Proctor's Theater, Schenectady, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Community Box Office or Proctor's, 346-6204.

#### ART

"The Esmark Collection of the Four Seasons of Rural Life" (86 lithographs by Currier and Ives), Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 8.


Museum of Early American Decoration, greens show and period decorations, 19 Dove St., Albany, through January.

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**Voorheesville Neighborhood Group**, Girl Scout-Brownies-Senior Citizen holiday party at Voorheesville Methodist Church, 1-3 p.m.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m. except June, July and August.

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

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

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

**Sunshine Senior Citizens**, Christmas party at First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, noon.

**Bethlehem Coalition for Survival**, group formed after viewing of "The Day After," to discuss nuclear disarmament, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

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

**Evening Book Group** reviews "Woodman" by Anne LaBastille, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Tri-Village Peace Breakfast**, non-sectarian event for area residents to express views on state of the world, second Tuesday each month, at Delmar First United Methodist Church, at 7 a.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-6674.

**Mothers' Time Out**, Christian support group for mothers of preschoolers meets Tuesdays at the Delmar Reformed Church, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Free child care; information, 439-9929.

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

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, sponsored by New Scotland Kiwanis, Voorheesville United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 9-11 a.m., 7-9 p.m.

**Christian Community Carol Sing**, Christmas music conducted by BCHS choir director Joseph Farrell, Delmar United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Free.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m., 7-8:30 p.m.

**Delmar Camera Club**, Christmas program, competition and annual photographic equipment sale, St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

On December 10th, 10 am - 2:30 pm, and on December 11th, 12 noon - 3 pm, Bethlehem Lodge #1096 F. & A.M. will act as a collection point for any and all toys and games that the public wishes to contribute to the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys for Tots program. The Bethlehem Temple is located at 421 Kenwood Ave. in Delmar. Please help make this Holiday Season a happy one for all children everywhere.

La Leche League, breastfeeding support group for mothers and prospective mothers to discuss nutrition and weaning at home of Marti McMahon, Glenmont, 8 p.m. Information, 439-9104 or 439-9917.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**"Soft Soap,"** soap opera spoof-senior play at Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Tickets (\$4 adults, \$3 students) at area stores, high school box office and at door.

**White Christmas Dinner**, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 6 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 17

**Country Dancing**, Old Songs Christmas ball with music by Fennig's All-Stars, Voorheesville First United Methodist Church, Maple Ave., 8:30 p.m.

**American Legion Christmas Party**, for children and grandchildren of members, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 2 p.m.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 19

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

**Holiday Concert**, Bethlehem Central High School auditorium.

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

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 20

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

**AARP**, Third Tuesday, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m. except July and August.

**Blood Pressure Clinic**, third Tuesday, Bethlehem Town Hall 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8:30 p.m.

**Multiple Sclerosis Support Group**, for patients, family and friends at Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 459-5118.

**Legion Auxiliary Christmas Party**, music and roast, beef dinner at Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 6:30 p.m.

**Elsmere Winter Music Concert**, at Elsmere Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

**Helderberg Business and Professional Women**, benefit Christmas buffet for members and their guests, Heavenly Inn, 6:30 p.m. For reservations, 456-5694 by Dec. 16.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 21

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

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

**Bethlehem Board of Education**, at Educational Services Center, Adams Pl. Delmar, 8 p.m.

**Glenmont Winter Concert**, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

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# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 7

**Jawbone Reading Series**, Judith Johnson Sherwin reads her literary work at SUNYA Humanities 354, noon-1 p.m. Free.

**"New Opportunities for Peace in the Middle East?"** Princeton University Prof. Ze'ev Sternhall lectures for Capital District Friends of Israeli Peace Now, Albany Public Library, 12:15 p.m. Free. Information, 482-4575.

**Iletis and Colitis Group**, discussion about "Life Insurance and the I.B.D. Patient," Key Bank community room, 1196 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 462-6791. Free.

**Association of the U.S. Army**, luncheon meeting at Golden Fox Restaurant, Central Ave., Albany. Information, 346-1059.

**Joseph Finder to Speak**, author of best-seller "Red Carpet" discusses connection between Kremlin and U.S. capitalists, College of St. Rose Science Hall, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 8 p.m. Free.

**Educational Opportunity Center Open House**, at satellite center adjacent to Westgate Shopping Plaza, 30 Russell Rd., Albany, 10 a.m.-3 p.m., 6-8 p.m. Information, 273-1900.

#### THURSDAY, DECEMBER 8

**Censored Friends of Hope House**, self-help support group for parents of substance abusers, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Thursdays. Information, 465-2441.

**Albany Symphony Orchestra Concert Preview**, with pianist Randall Hodgkinson at Albany Public Library, noon. Free.

**American Red Cross Meeting**, dinner with guest speaker Maj. Gen. Joseph Healey, at Americana Inn, 7 p.m. Reservations, 462-7461.

**Gansevoort Chapter, DAR Meeting**, and presentation of Good Citizen Award, at First Lutheran Church, 640 State St., Albany, 1 p.m.

**John Glenn Presidential Committee Seminar**, for local registered Democrats on delegate selection and affirmative action, Draper Hall (Center for Women in Government), SUNYA downtown campus, 7 p.m.

#### SUNDAY, DECEMBER 11

**Antiques Show and Sale**, at Albany Armory, New Scotland Ave., 11 a.m.-5 p.m.

**Lighting of the State Christmas Tree**, 6:30 p.m., preceded by Christmas music, caroling, international holiday fete and fireworks display, at Empire State Plaza concourse and outdoor plaza, noon. Free.

**"The Dickens Christmas Carol Show"** eighth grade student musical at Albany Academy for Girls, Academy Rd., 8 p.m. Admission \$2.50 adults, \$1 students.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 9

**Christian Singles Over 25**, covered dish supper for members and children, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740 or 439-6733.

**Sabbath Services** for singles Jewish adults at Congregation Ohav Shalom, New Krumkill Rd., Albany, 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, DECEMBER 10

**"Old Fashioned Christmas on Lark Street"**, street party with Christmas concert, strolling performers, gift certificate giveaways and Santa, noon-5 p.m. Information, 449-5011.

**Shoppers' Mart**, boutiques, specialty stores, bake sale, wreaths and plants at Albany Academy, Academy Rd., Albany, 10 a.m.-4 p.m.

**Antiques Show and Sale**, at Albany Armory, New Scotland Ave., 11 a.m.-7 p.m.

**Community Plea for Soviet Jewry**, at Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-noon. \$2 donation.

**Schenectady Antique Radio Club**, at Schenectady Museum, Nott Terrace Heights, 2 p.m. Information, 459-7407.

#### MONDAY, DECEMBER 12

**"How to be a Result-Oriented Person"**, sponsored by Personal Growth Community, Colonie Community Center, 1653 Central Ave., 7 p.m. Information, 869-0826 or 482-7042.

**Russell Sage Evening Division Registration**, for January session students, Administration Building (Registrar's Office), 140 New Scotland Ave., noon-6

#### TUESDAY, DECEMBER 13

**Adirondack Mountain Club**, meeting and discussion on skiing in Europe, St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8 p.m.

**Safe Place**, support group for family and friends of suicide victims, Friends Meeting House 727 Madison Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-0799.

**Recipe and Cookie Exchange**, at Albany Public Library, Washington Ave., 12:15 p.m.

**Russell Sage Evening Division Registration**, for January session students, Administration Building (Registrar's Office), 140 New Scotland Ave., noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

**"The Capital District Economy-1984"**, December breakfast-discussion with Raymond Schuler, president of state Business Council, sponsored by Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce, Turf Inn, Wolf Rd., 7:30 a.m. \$7 tickets.

#### WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 14

**Russell Sage Evening Division Registration**, for January session students, Administration Building (Registrar's Office), 140 New Scotland Ave., noon-6 p.m. Information, 445-1717.

**Albany-Colonie Regional Chamber of Commerce**, membership mixer at Computer Professionals Inc., Stuyvesant Plaza, 4:30-6 p.m. RSVP, 434-1214.

#### FRIDAY, DECEMBER 16

**Altamont Station Squares**, Christmas square dance at former Guiderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8 p.m. Information, 439-6476.

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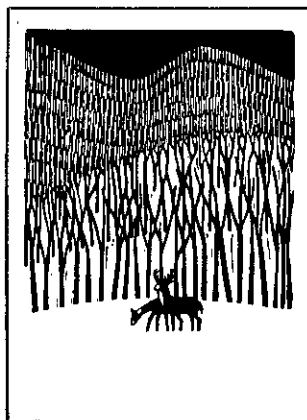
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## Arrested in stabbing


Robert G. Coffin, Jr., 58, of Schenectady has been charged with first degree assault in the stabbing of a Delmar woman late Friday evening. The woman, whose name police declined to release, was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for wounds to the back, thigh and arms and a black eye, according to police reports of the incident. Coffin was lodged in the Albany County Jail without bail after he was arrested on a warrant at the woman's home.

## The elves at Clarksville

The "elves" that are supplying Clarksville Elementary School with hundreds of craft items for its second annual Holiday House sale are hard at work, with their Dec. 14 deadline in mind. The handmade items will be sold — all for less than \$1 — to children who want to purchase gifts for family and friends. The elves also will be on duty manning (elving?) the booths mornings at the school. Last year more than 1,500 items were sold.



Local historian William Howard brought World War I home to young and old with his display at the Bethlehem Public Library. Two veterans of the war, Winthrop Robinson and John Hickman, visited the display with Howard last week. Howard, a Delmar resident, recently published a pamphlet, "America Goes to War." J.W. Campbell

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## Christmas at the post

Second-generation American Legionnaires are invited to the annual children's Christmas party at the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post in Elmsmere on Saturday, Dec. 17, at 2 p.m. The children and grandchildren of post and auxiliary members can snack, party and meet Santa Claus.

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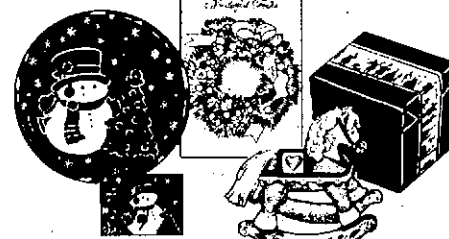
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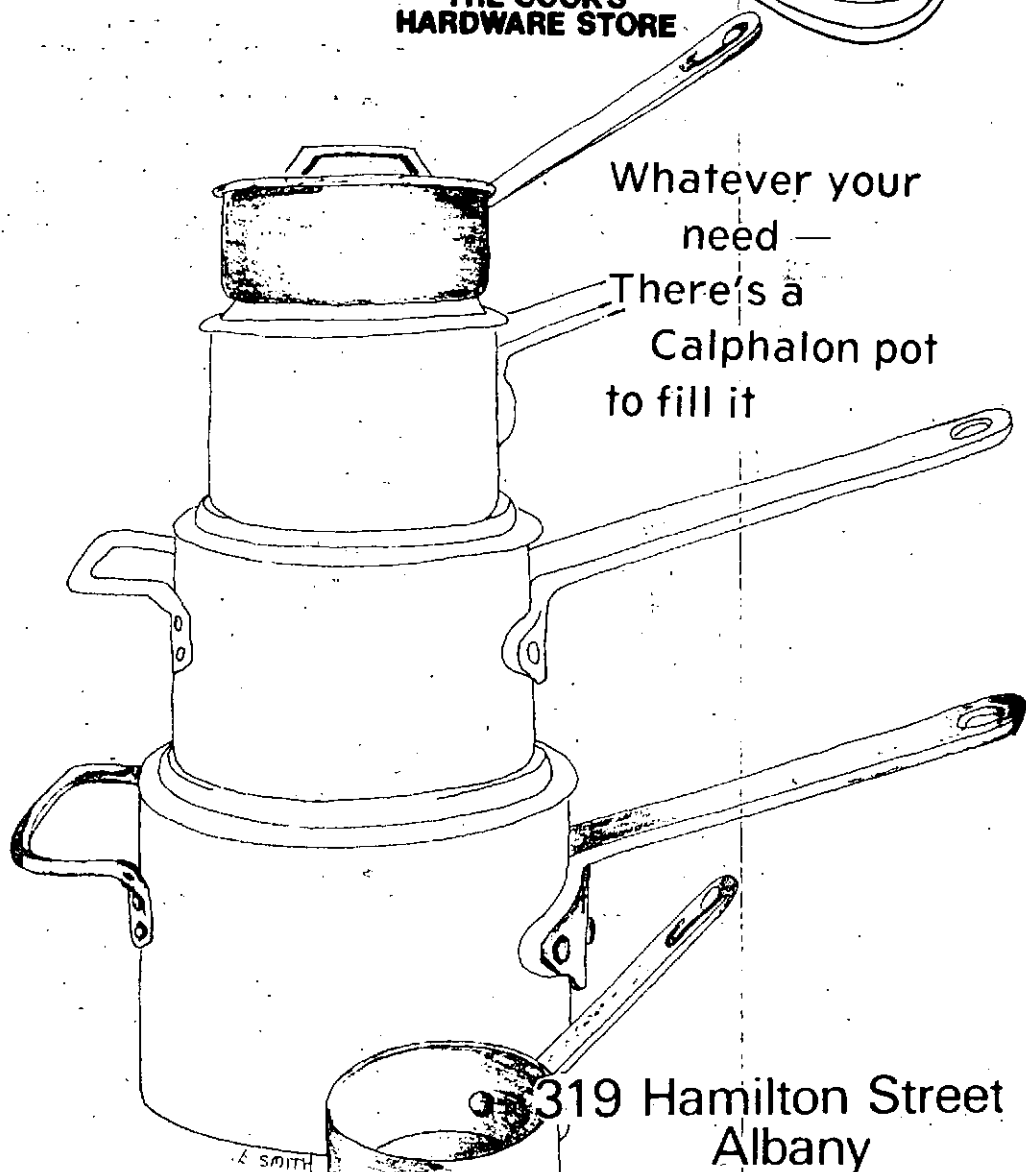


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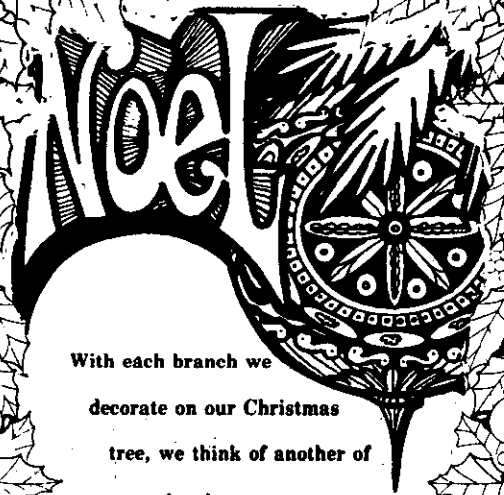
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## ☐ Plaza fence

(From Page 1)

ings are the responsibility of Leonard Smith. Smith last June referred questions on the fence dispute to the bank. He said Tuesday he is now responsible for maintenance decisions on the property, and has an attorney checking the situation.

"Right now, we're on hold, waiting to see what the decision is," Smith said.

Tenants at the mini mall are incensed at being put in the middle. Bill Johnson, owner of Bill and Lou's Antiques, called it a "spite fence" Monday. Only four of the mini mall businesses are dependant on walk-in trade, and only one of them could be considered even remotely competitive with stores at the plaza, he said.

"A very merry Christmas to both of them, too," said Johnson, referring to the plaza owners.

Nolan and MacFarland were both out of town Monday, and Nolan failed to return phone calls Tuesday morning although his staff said he was in his office.

HMC, the corporation controlled by Nolan and MacFarland, leases the water line right of way from Albany, and paid a reported \$6,000 for the rights this year. In previous years HMC had paid \$100 for the lease.

Albany Water Commissioner Charles Cahill said Tuesday that the city had

ordered the work stopped Monday. Any work on the waterline right of way requires permission from the city, he said. He referred further questions to Corporation Counsel Vincent McArdle, who could not be reached for comment.

Bethlehem Building Inspector John Flanigan said Monday the town requires permits only for fences over four feet in height that are solid, rather than opaque.

### Santa among the greens

Santa Claus will make two weekend stops amid the greenery at the Garden Shoppe in Glenmont to hear the secret wishes and shopping lists of customers' children on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 10-11 and 17-18, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. There will be gifts and candy canes for the children and coffee and doughnuts for their parents.

### BPW to raise funds

In order to raise money to benefit the Times Union Christmas fund and three Voorheesville church food pantries, the Helderberg Business and Professional women will hold a Christmas buffet-fundraiser on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. at the Heavenly Inn. Members can eat for \$5, and their guests are welcome for \$8.50. To make reservations, call Marge Vandenberg at 456-5694 before Dec. 16.

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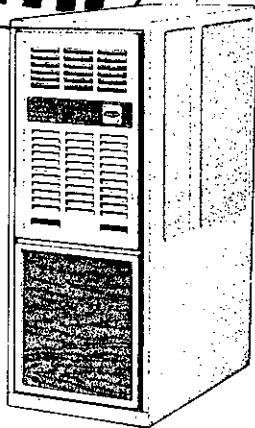
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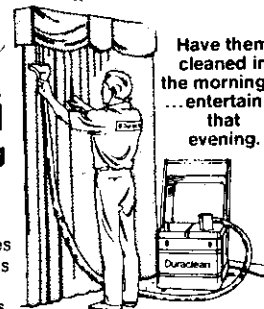
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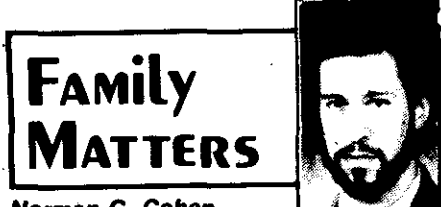
# It's only a game

My wife and I are really hung up on Bills. I'm not talking about those nasty pieces of mail that come in once a month threatening late charges, credit stoppages, collection and foreclosure. Those bills are much easier to deal with than the Bills I'm talking about.

We moved from Buffalo a few years ago after many years of a tormented love affair with those Bills whose "Electric Company" turned on the "Juice" every Sunday of every fall weekend. Of course, for those of you who follow the bouncing oblong pigskin, I am referring to the National Football League's Buffalo Bills. For those of you who prefer spending Sunday afternoons each autumn and winter pursuing healthy things like hiking and skiing, the Buffalo Bills are a source of intermediate frustration, having won their divisional championship only once in the past two decades. They have performed the rest of their team life only hinting at championship seasons.

The Bills of Buffalo have acquired mastery in various critical aspects of the strategic turf struggle known as football. To the chagrin of Bills' fans some of those aspects include fumbling, throwing interceptions, committing penalties and getting their own quarterback sacked.

Nonetheless, moments of greatness have graced those Bills, holding out the carrot of hope on the long stick of a grueling season in a near-brutal sport. For instance, the "Juice" to whom I referred earlier was none other than O.J.



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Simpson, whose movie roles are running almost as well as his off-tackle surges downfield. And it was the "Electric Company," the offensive linemen of the Bills, who opened the holes for O.J., hence, "turning on the Juice."

My wife and I attended our very first pro football games at Rich Stadium in Buffalo. The spectacle and awesome roar of 80,000 fans captivated us. We were just this side of being ancient Romans thumbing the gladiators. It was great.

Now that we're in Albany betwixt and between Buffalo, Boston and New York football teams, too far to attend any games with regularity, we have resorted to the tube on Sunday afternoons. Come the chill in the air and squadrons of colored leaves parachuting down from their dangling limbs, the autumnal cry heard 'round our house each Sunday is: "Are the Bills on TV this week?"

Every fall Sunday afternoon when other folks are out caring for their yards, my wife and I are caring about a hundred yards all of which are laid out neatly on a gridded field. While most neighbors might frown at a bunch of kids

roughhousing on their grass, my wife and I are glued to a game which pays enormous sums for men and boys to tear up its grass. While other reverent souls are worshipping our culture's day of rest, my wife and I are writhing tensed muscles with each incomplete pass and missed field goal as the Bills stumble their unmerry way through another hapless season.

When we moved to Albany I contemplated shifting my loyalty to the New York Giants, maybe even the Jets. Forget it. Those teams are as maddening to their fans as are our beloved, behated Bills. Besides, our hometown fervor is renewed

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whenever we run into ex-Western New Yorkers who apparently suffer the same football fever as we do, an unexplainable fixation on a faltering team. Upon a first meeting Bills fans customarily greet each other with wide smiles, a brief memorial to real chicken wing sauce and Italian bread, a raucous clinking of beer glasses, and then hours of comiseration over the Bills — usually reinforced by next Sunday's game.

Rooting for the Buffalo Bills is uncomfortably similar to rooting for Davy Crockett at the Alamo after you've

seen the movie a couple of times already. Yet the oddsmakers persist in baiting their bettors into believing the Bills can pull out a game here and there by laying favorable odds on many of Buffalo's games. They say the Bills are erratic, but talented. And so we fans irrationally stay hooked like neurotics who obsessively clean unused dishes and always climb the stairs with the right foot.

Well, this year as of this writing, the Bills have achieved a winning record thus far. Actually they're on the brink, because they have won only one more game than they have lost. Who knows, but my wife and I will stick it out. Our Sundays will continue to unfold an emotional atmosphere governed by the outcome of our Bills' games, and we'll accept that symbiotic fate as such.

And our children, our tolerant Sunday football orphans, will continue to express their respect for us by tiptoeing past the TV set during the games, getting their own drinks and snacks, and taking telephone messages from callers who don't realize we're being held incommunicado by a crazy game on TV.

In fact, I abhor violence. Perhaps my personal rejection of it in my everyday life is why I passively entertain it in the controlled, distant and impersonal display of a football game. Of course, the players getting hurt on the field are real people, but they chose that sport and are well paid for it, so I figure it's okay to watch the game and appreciate the skills involved in that struggle for artificial turf.

Besides, I like boxing much more anyhow.



The Friendship Singers, an ecumenical group of local women, entertained last week at the holiday tea at the First United Methodist Church in Delmar. The group is directed by Rhonda Ballou.

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### Auxiliary holds dinner

The American Legion Auxiliary of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post will be in the holiday mood at its annual Christmas party on Tuesday, Dec. 20, at 6:30 p.m. A roast beef dinner will follow the social hour and meeting. Party-goers are asked to bring unwrapped toys and 13 grab-bag gifts. Reservations are \$7, and they should be made before Dec. 14 by calling Tina Romanski at 439-7364. Pauline Ouderkirk is chairing the event.

### BC band members honored

Trumpet player Kevin Hendrick and clarinetist Christine Roche were named to All-American honors according to Louise Ferris, director of the high school's Marching and Pep Band. The All-American Hall of Fame Band is made annually by the All-American Hall of Fame Foundation, a national, non-profit organization created to recognize outstanding high school musicians throughout the United States.

### Community caroling

The Delmar United Methodist Church will sponsor a Christian community caroling for fans of traditional Christmas music on Tuesday, Dec. 13, at 7:30 p.m. Joseph Farrell, choir director at Bethlehem Central High School, will lend his expertise to the volunteer voices, and church organist Keith Williams will accompany the carolers. The church community service project is free.

### A plea for Soviet Jews

A community plea for Soviet Jewry will be held on Sunday, Dec. 11, from 10 a.m. to noon at Temple Israel, 600 New Scotland Ave., Albany. Professors Sophie Lubensky, Ed Padvaikas and Ann Sloan will head a panel discussion on "refuseniks," U.S.-Soviet relations, the controversial downing of the Korean airliner and Soviet Premier Yuri Andropov. The public is invited, and an admission donation of \$2 will be collected.

The Albany Synagogue Men's Clubs and Women's Organization for Rehabilitation through Training are cosponsoring the event.

### Commander in new role

Max Privler of Delmar, county council commander of the V.F.W., will be red-suited and bearded in the guise of Santa Claus at the county council meeting of the V.F.W. Ladies Auxiliaries on Thursday, Dec. 8, at 6:30 p.m. at the Sheehy Palmer Post rooms, 525 Delaware Ave., Albany. A Christmas party and covered dish supper will follow a short business meeting.



Children of the Slingerlands Community Methodist Church participated in an Advent Workshop at the church with children from the Albany United Methodist Society Saturday. Ashley Bogdanovich, 3, puts together a Christmas gift while Karen Gibson, 5, watches.

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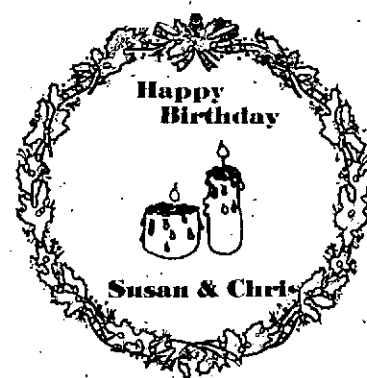
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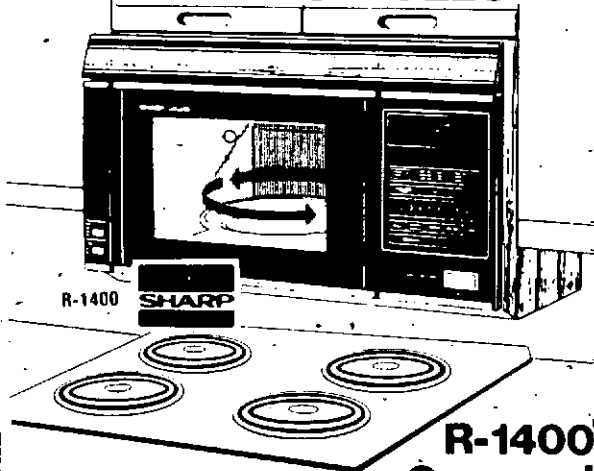
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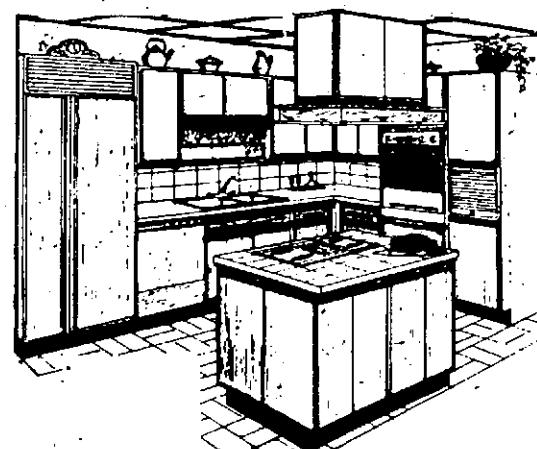
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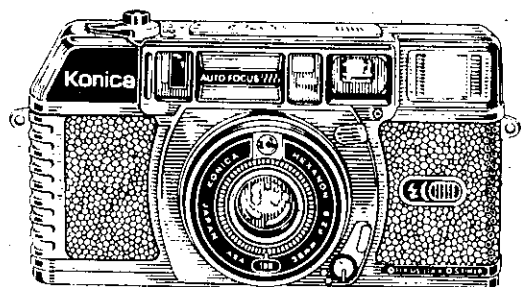
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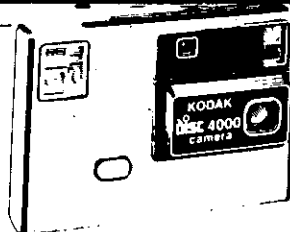
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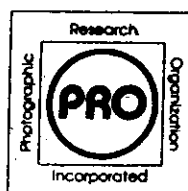
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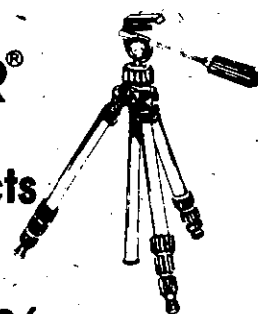
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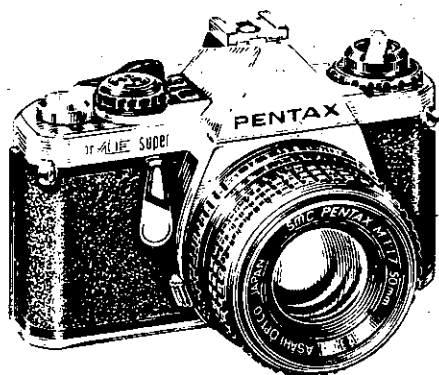
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# Voorheesville girls spike three of four opponents

By Frank Baker

Voorheesville's varsity girls' volleyball team continued to play well, winning three of four matches over the past two weeks.

Most recently, on Thursday, the Blackbirds defeated Colonial Council foe Schalmont in two straight games, 15-8, 15-1. A note of interest was that freshman Betsy Zeh served nine straight winners and 13 of the 15 total points in the second game.

On Wednesday the girls defeated Tamarac in a non-league confrontation, 15-8, 15-2. The preceding day Voorheesville lost a tough decision to undefeated first-place Cohoes, 15-5, 7-15, 15-13. Coach Tom Kurkjian wasn't pleased by the performance. "We should have won," he said, "We beat ourselves." He added, "Cohoes played defensively and didn't try to volley with us. Instead they just hit right back over." A week earlier the girls easily defeated Watervliet, 15-11, 15-7, in their only match of the short week.

The loss to Cohoes left Voorheesville with a third-place Council record of 4-2, while their overall mark stands at 8-3. Ravena is second at 5-1.

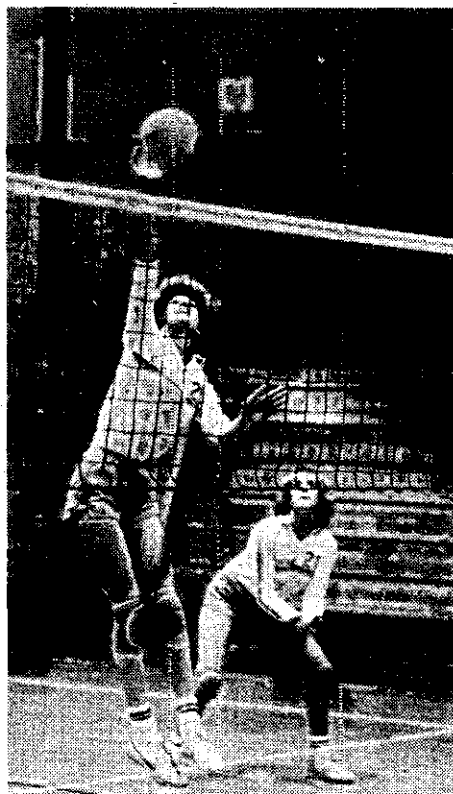
Voorheesville's starting lineup consists of senior setters Sue Dunning and Eileen Candido, senior spikers Karen Foley, Sandy Pinho, co-captain Patty Martin and freshman Zeh. The Blackbirds have been without the full services of their star player and co-captain Beth Mattfeld who has been out of action with an ankle injury. In the past two matches Mattfeld has been able to serve, but she has had to be taken out after each of her turns at server. This week she hopes to return to full-time duties.

Voorheesville traveled to Ravena on Monday in a key league match. The rest of this week's schedule consists of league-rival Waterford on Thursday at 4 p.m. in Voorheesville, and at Schoharie on Friday.

## Top bowler

Anthony Arduini, a Bethlehem police officer, was the winner on Channel 6's TV Tournament Time bowling event this week, taking home the \$250 prize. The event took place at TV 6's lanes on Balltown Rd. in Niskayuna. Arduini has a 180 average.

## Spotlight SPORTS



Bethlehem's spikers bowed to Burnt Hills this week despite heroic action at the net by Kim Zornow as Julie Liddle got set to help out. Tom Howes

## BC girls bow to Burnt Hills

Burnt Hills (5-2) has replaced Bethlehem Central (5-2) atop the girls' volleyball standings in the Suburban Council's Blue Division, since it is undefeated within the division. Although last week's development should leave BC intact on the opposite side of the draw from powerful Shenendehowa in this weekend's Suburban Council round-robin tournament, it has hurt its seeding in the abbreviated 10-game season. Not until 1985 will the state assign volleyball its own season, thus permitting a schedule extension and Sectional tournament.

BC fell from the top with a 15-5, 15-12 loss at home to Burnt Hills on Friday. Poor service reception and 81-percent serving, coupled with inability to block Burnt Hills' two tall primary scorers, proved to be the difference.

Recent Bethlehem matches included an easy, if sloppy, 15-12, 15-9 victory at Mohonasen and a 15-7, 14-16, 15-6 defeat of Shaker that was easier than the score told. In the Eagles-Blue Bison match, a referee's net call on a Kim Zornow spike nullified a point that would have completed a spectacular comeback by Bethlehem from 10-0 to end the second game and the match, 15-13. Kelly Burke helped the Bethlehem cause with perfect serving (12 of 12).

Julie Ann Sosa

## On college team

Marcie Manion, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Manion, 20 Huntersfield Dr., Delmar, was a member of the women's soccer team at St. Michael's College, Winooski, Vt. First-year coach Bob Kasle said the senior psychology major, who was a tri-captain, was "fearless and has great speed. When Marcie went for the ball, she got it nine out of 10 times." St. Michael's finished 5-5 in their second season in varsity soccer.

## Five with 4-H

Five area young people recently participated in the annual eastern regional 4-H Agricultural and Career Program at the State University College at Cobleskill. They are Chris Leach of Altamont and Kimberly Osborne, Robert Lewis, Robert Demis and Clifford Nooney, all of Feura Bush. More than 50 club members and agents from 16 counties attended the three-day meeting.

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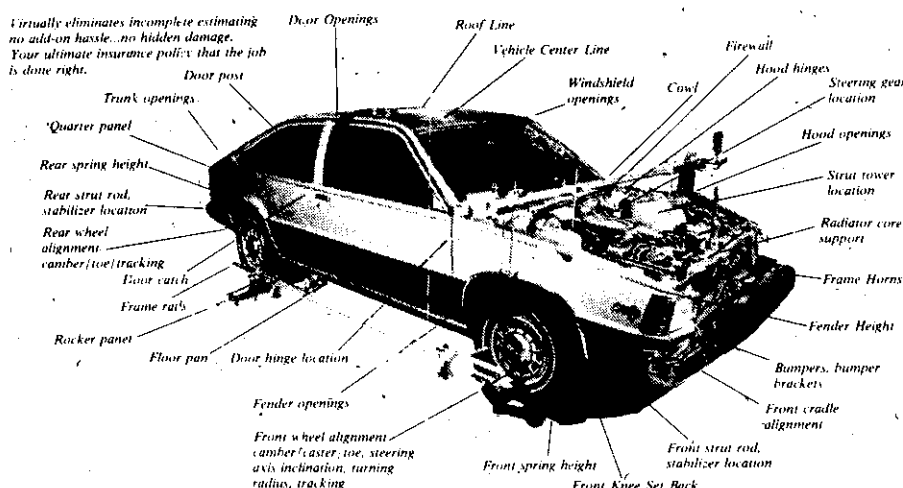
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# Eagles, Blackbirds to grapple Saturday

No one can ever accuse Rick Poplaski of picking soft spots to get his Bethlehem Central wrestlers tuned up for another gruelling Suburban Council season. For his opening dual meet he booked Amsterdam, ranked No. 1 among the large schools in Section 2. Today (Wednesday) it's Mont Pleasant of Schenectady, always a toughie, and after that come two of the best of the smaller schools, Voorheesville and Averill Park.

Poplaski refused to be discouraged after Saturday's 42-12 defeat at Amsterdam. The Eagles won only three bouts, but four others went down to the wire with BC grapplers ahead or tied deep into the third period.

"We'll be all right," Poplaski said over the weekend. "We may not be quite ready at this stage, but there are a lot of good things ahead of us."

The matches at Voorheesville this Saturday should provide some doozies. The Blackbirds, led by veteran coach Dick Leach and state champion Jeff Clark, an Olympic prospect, are, in Poplaski's words, "loaded." The matinee (junior varsity at 1 p.m., varsity bouts to

follow) looks like a top-drawer attraction for wrestling fans of both communities, and is certain to draw a crowd.

At Amsterdam the Bethlehem points came from Rob VanAernem, who disioned his man by 6-0 at 112 pounds; Keith Miller, who got a pin at 126 pounds, and Tom Saba, who won the 138-pound decision by 8-1. Several others were extremely close, including young Chris Saba, the eighth-grade half pint who lost his varsity debut by a 12-10 in the final seconds.

The home opener with Mont Pleasant tonight starts at 6 p.m. with jayvee matches, followed by the varsity pairings sometime after 7 in the main gym.

## Earns math honor

Michelle M. Hetling, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Leo T. Hetling of Delmar has been inducted into Pi Mu Epsilon, a national honorary mathematics society, at LeMoyne College in Syracuse. Hetling is a senior majoring in math management.

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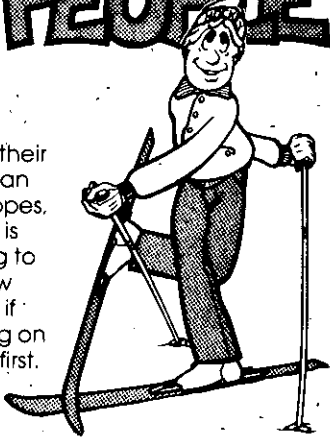
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# BC, RCS lose cool — and trophy

## Eagles learn bitter lesson

It was quiet on the bus coming back from Ravena Friday night. The players were dazed and the coach second-guessing himself.

Twenty four hours later things were better — happier but not exultant. A lesson had been taught, and it will be awhile to see whether it was learned.

Those moods reflected Bethlehem Central's fortunes — and lack thereof — in the Ravena Tip-Off basketball tournament, also labelled the Gold Medal Tournament. BC squandered a 14-point halftime lead and lost to Ichabod Crane in the opener, 65-63, but came back to blister St. Patrick's of Catskill, 90-50, in the consolation.

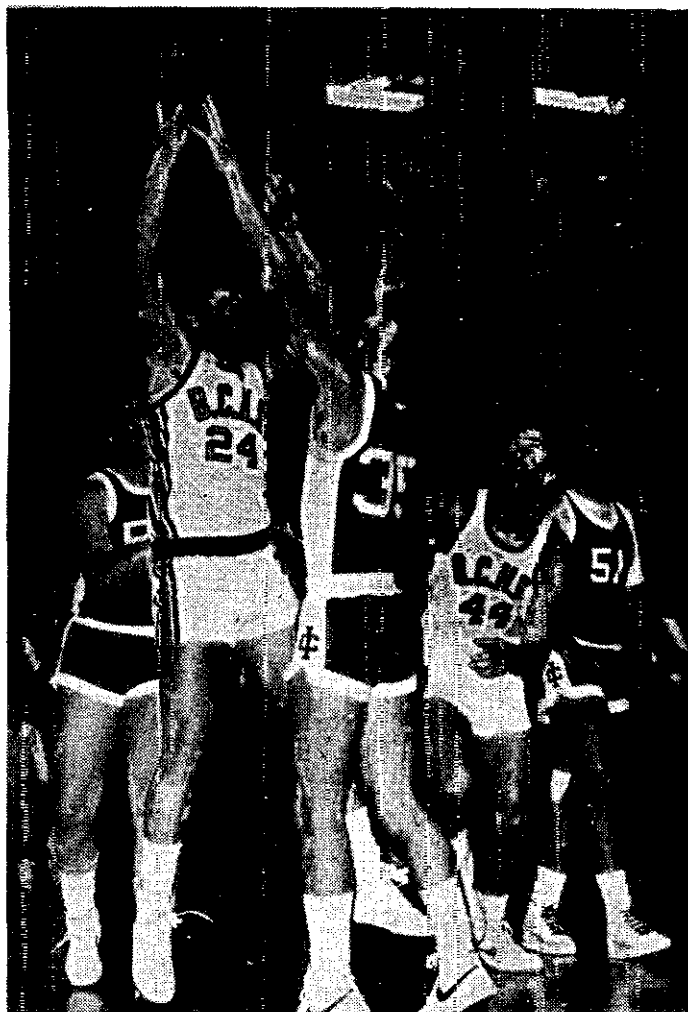
From now until Christmas, the Eagles will be playing for keeps in the Suburban Council, where they only won one game all last season. They go to Niskayuna Friday and entertain Mohonasen next Tuesday.

The scenario at Ravena over the weekend resembled a yo-yo. In the first game BC opened like world-beaters, missing only five of 17 shots from scrimmage in manufacturing a 42-28 lead over Ichabod Crane, a small school hardly anybody had heard of, let alone knowing where it was located.

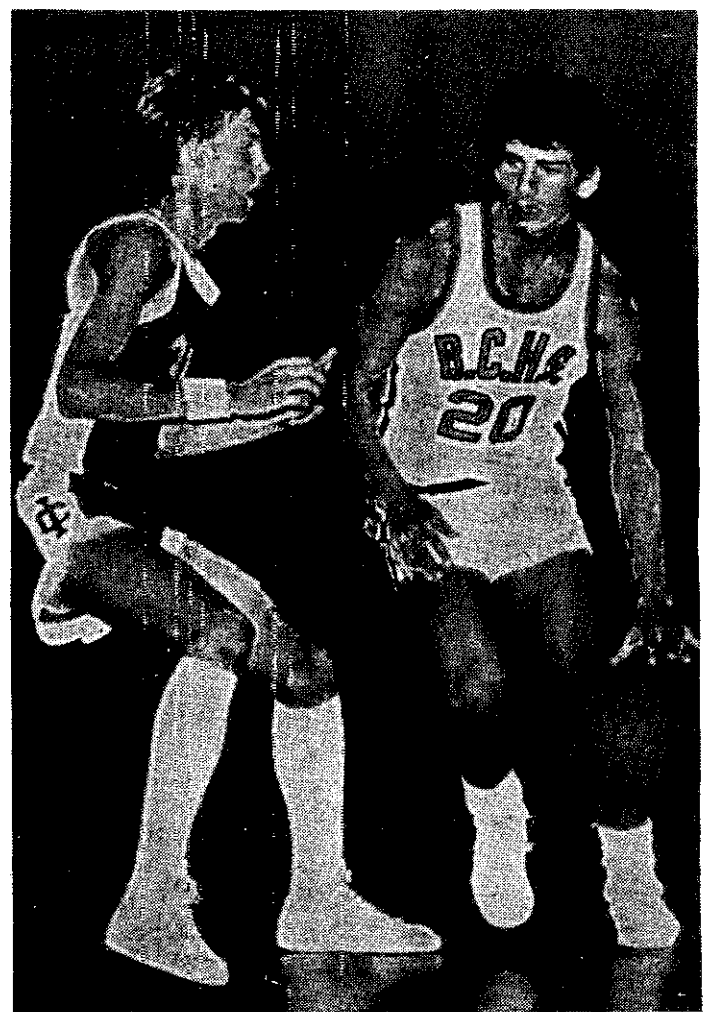
In the second half the Eagles reverted to playground basketball — one pass and a shot, or dribble once and shoot. At the three-quarter turn the big bulge had dwindled to 54-50. Ichabod caught up in less than three minutes and took the lead at 60-58 with 3:50 to go. Danny Piazza converted a steal for one more tie, but after the Eagles had missed four shots from close range in the final minute, the Riders tried to run out the last 40 seconds. With three seconds on the clock the Eagles missed a layup that would have sent the game into overtime.

Coach Gary Przybylo's tally sheet showed BC shooting 10-for-37 in the

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Bethlehem Central had shooting problems, both short and long, against Ichabod Crane in the second half of the first game at Ravena, but Jim Dering (left) made this one. At right, Dan Piazza, Bethlehem point guard, moves around an Ichabod



Crane defender at mid-court in Friday tournament action. Piazza scored 20 points the next night in a 90-50 win over St. Patrick's of Catskill.

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## Indians see a lead melt away

Tim Tucker's dream of a BC-RCS championship final in last weekend's four-team basketball tournament at Ravena — with the Indians winning, of course — went down the tube in the first game when Bethlehem was upset by Ichabod Crane.

Maybe upset isn't the right word,

because Ichabod came back the next night to destroy the Indians, 72-64, and haul the gold medal across the Hudson. Tucker, however, will take a lot of convincing to shake his belief that the two best teams in the tournament blew their games to the trophy winner.

The Indians played disciplined basketball Friday night and had an impressive win over St. Patrick's of Catskill. Against Ichabod Crane, they had a 36-34 margin at intermission, but fell behind in the third quarter and came up short in the final period. To his dismay, Tucker saw his team do the same thing Bethlehem

had done the night before, take bad shots instead of sticking to the game plan.

"In the first game we found we could do a lot of things," Tucker said over the Sunday papers. "We didn't get back fast enough on defense. We got away with it against St. Pat's, but not against Ichabod. We were impatient. We didn't wait for the good shots. I think Bethlehem and our team beat themselves while Ichabod Crane just waited."

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was no fluke they won the tournament. They also watched from the stands Friday as Tony Pearson and Mike Kerrigan put up looping passes to Mike Constantine, Dee Bowie and Bill Lipscomb beneath the offensive basket for many points in the first game. When the Riders took the floor Saturday they put a stop to that business.

Pearson, however, showed his class both nights, directing the Indians on the attack and shooting on target from outside. He had 18 points, Saturday behind Constantine's 20, and would have had more if he hadn't hit a cold streak in the last quarter of the final.

Despite the disappointment, Tucker sees the Indians as a definite threat in the Colonial Council if they can avoid panic and situations like last Saturday. Ravena opened last night (Tuesday) against Waterford in the first of two straight home games in the league. Schalmont comes in Friday. The Indians, now 2-1, hope to be 4-1 overall and 2-0 in the league for the first road trip Tuesday at Albany Academy.

## Appicelli tops in 4 events

Twenty-one Delmar Dolphins attended the Chenango Aquatic Invitational swim meet at Chenango Forks, outside Binghamton, on Sunday. In the competition among the nine visiting teams, the Dolphins won the second place trophy. The Dolphins' Merideth Dix, Kathleen Fish, Jennifer Mosley and Rima Woo won third place awards in the 11-12 girls medley and freestyle relays.

Lynn Apicelli brought home four firsts and a second in five events in the girls 15-18 age bracket, Lisa Ogawa (girls 13-14) and Jennifer Mosely (girls 11-12) one first-place each in "A" events. In "B" events, Peter Greenwald won the three events, he entered in boys 15-18, and Patrick Fish (10-and-under), Chris Engstrom and Drew Patrick (boys 11-12), Keith Dix (boys 13-14) and Mary Ellen Burda (girls 15-18) one first each.

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## BC's lesson An encouraging opener

second half. "In the first half, we worked around their zone and had good shots," he said. "In the second half we were impatient. We played their game. The kids had no intensity. Maybe they were looking ahead to Ravena the next night."

Przybylo also blamed himself for not putting a stop to firehouse basketball. "We kept attacking when we should have sat back. We learned a valuable lesson. I think it woke the kids up."

On Saturday the Eagles vented their frustration and ran a pretty fair St. Pat's team off the court. They didn't have to be patient after sprinting to a 12-point lead at the quarter and 43-23 at the half.

Przybylo was worried as to how his pupils would react to the disaster of the night before, but his fears disappeared in minutes. "We pressed from the start, and even with a big lead, we kept up the pressure. We weren't going to let them beat us. We just went after them."

The team shot a brilliant 41 for 60 the second time out, a pace that will be hard to match now that the Council teams are coming in. Piazza had 20 points against St. Pat's, Mark Gibbons 16, and three others were in double figures. Howard Thompson, who led the first half surge, was given Bethlehem's spot on the tournament's honorary first team, and Gibbons a spot on the second team.

As it turned out, Ichabod Crane, which geographically serves the Valatie-Kinderhook area, won the tournament with the same format they used against Bethlehem, waiting for their opponents to throw the game away. Against Ravena, Ichabod trailed at the half by two points, then outscored the host team by 10 in the afterpiece.

### BC harriers cited

Six members of the Bethlehem cross country teams were selected to the All-Suburban council team by its coaches. Chris Ainsworth received the honor for her third consecutive year. Peter Hammer and Colleen Nyilis received it for a second time.

Paul Montanius, Anne Carey and Tania Stasiuk were chosen for the first time.

This is opening week in Colonial Council basketball, and for Voorheesville a new challenge — defending a championship without four experienced starters.

The Colonial Council slate started last night (Tuesday) with Lansingburgh at home, then it's off to Watervliet Friday.

The Blackbirds opened their campaign with a non-league warmup against Duanesburg Saturday, playing as though nothing had happened since the end of last year's incredible season. They dispatched their guests in routine fashion, 62-46, taking command with an 18-8 first quarter.

Voorheesville may not have Mike Lewis this year, but they still have John Zongrone — and Chuck Abba. Zongrone didn't talk much, as usual, but on the hardwood he shot 12-for-15 for 26 points. Abba, back for a third year as resident strategist, liked that, but he liked even more the lanky senior's 10 rebounds.

"I was especially pleased with that job, because we're going to need that kind of rebounding from John to be in the race,"

the former Union star observed.

There were other bright spots. "I thought we responded well to the pressure of the opening game," Abba continued. "The boys did a good job on what they were instructed to do, and they executed well. The new kids did okay. Rissberger (Joe) had five rebounds and Hotaling (Brett) six, and they did some scoring. We moved Rissberger around to different spots. He'll help us a lot. Mike Larabee didn't score, but he played defense well, and when he loosens up he'll get some baskets."

Abba had special praise for Jeff Rockmore, his point guard, a combative senior who saw spot duty last season. "Jeff was 4-for-7 from the field and did a great job getting the ball upcourt," Abba said. "He's an unselfish player. It's encouraging to see how much he's improved in his fourth year in our program. He's come a long way from the ninth grade."

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## Election and fluoridation

Editor, The Spotlight:

In February, 1983, the Surgeon General of the United States from the Centers of Disease Control reaffirmed the strong endorsement of the U.S. Public Health Service for the oral health and cost benefits of fluoridation. He urged all health officials and concerned citizens to ensure these benefits for their communities.

It has been documented that fluoridation can provide a lifetime 60 percent reduction in cavities. A State of Michigan study confirmed that fluoridation yields a 49-to-1 cost benefit. Millions of people in the United States drink fluoridated water.

Sadly, it has been made clear by the Nov. 8 reelection of Mrs. Bickel and Mr. Prothero that the officials of Bethlehem, who prior to election lay claim to supporting good health and cost efficiency but who rejected a 1,200-name petition, and the loyal citizens who supported them are not numbered among the "concerned citizens" who might be interested in better oral health for the 4,000 kids of this community and the

(substantial) dollar benefits derived from fluoridation.

John Hawkins

Mr. Hawkins is an active member of the Bethlehem citizens committee that recently campaigned for fluoridation. The issue became an emotional one debated vigorously by proponents and opponents of fluoridation of the Bethlehem water system. After a series of public hearings, the town board rejected the issue by defeating a resolution to bring the issue to a vote. Ed.

## A cloudy portrayal

Editor, The Spotlight:

I watched the "Day After" movie with my wife, my 15- and 14-year-old sons and my 13-year-old daughter. My two boys had been told to watch the movie as a school assignment to prepare them for a class discussion on the topic.

I believe that the last hour of the movie provides us with an education as to the destruction and death such an attack would cause. It should make all who watched be against the aggressive use of such weapons, but cautious to the point that we are not the only nation without such defense.

However, my objection to this dramatization is not the moral issue of dropping the bomb or launching the missiles, but rather the lack of morals shown in the family plots. Two of the families involved in the movie had situations depicting loose sexual moral attitudes. One family had a daughter who was going to move to Boston with her boyfriend and was "not going to be living with him, at least not

right away." Dad smiles! A daughter in the second family, although nobly going to be married soon, discussed her episodes of pre-marital sex such as "falling off hay bales while making love in the barn." She spent the next five minutes of the movie looking for her IUD, which her 14-year-old sister had taken from her drawer, and then proceeded to chase her sister around the house after it, since her boyfriend was waiting outside. This was followed by her sneaking out of the house, only to be seen returning at 5 a.m., to be caught by Dad after her all-night rendezvous with her recaptured IUD and her boyfriend. Dad apologizes!

In the middle of all the death, destruction and chaos, the burning and brutality, all of which were necessary to depict the true impact of the situation, the most anguished screaming, the most pain-filled face and the only lengthy study of any of those suffering... was that of a mother giving birth... not one of the victims of the blast.

Any program that draws a wide spectrum of viewers, including school-age children, to present an important specific topic, should adhere to the topic at hand, and considering this audience, should not instill negative moral views in its course. This movie presented the acceptance of pre-marital sex as the American way of life, as do most of all of today's movies and TV programs, and then drifted into the main issue of the ramifications of nuclear war.

Edward A. Donohue

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# Spotlight IN RETROSPECT

Dec. 4, 1958

Playing at the Delmar Theater is the widely acclaimed epic, *The Ten Commandments*, starring Charlton Heston, Yul Brynner, Anne Baxter, Edward G. Robinson, Yvonne DeCarlo, Debra Paget and John Derek.

John Breeze, a junior at Milne School and son of Mr. and Mrs. Howard Breeze of New Scotland, spoke at the annual meeting of the American Red Cross in Bennington, Vt. last week. He described his experiences during an eight-week tour of Europe last summer, studying Red Cross programs on the continent.

Dec. 5, 1963

The Delmar Christian Science Society will dedicate their new church at 555 Delaware Ave. on Sunday. Members began meeting in their homes in 1955, and later leased the Masonic Temple on Kenwood Ave. for Sunday services, and mid-week testimony meetings.

Dec. 5, 1968

The Bethlehem Central School Board has agreed to postpone submitting two bond issue proposals to public vote until next year. The contemplated bond issues would finance \$250,000 to equip the new high school addition and a second issue to contract an 11-room addition to the Hamagrael School. Dr. Richard Moomaw, superintendent of schools, said the decisions had been reached during "informal meetings" of the board. Bethlehem district voters rejected the school budget last spring, but passed the

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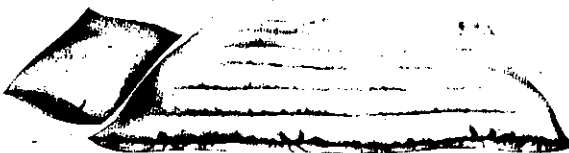
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budget in a later vote after the board had eliminated a proposal to use \$125,000 in accumulated balances to finance the completion of the senior high school addition.

Dec. 7, 1978

State and regional highway planners who for more than a decade have ignored Bethlehem's classic traffic bottlenecks have given local motorists a glimmer of hope that the notorious Rt. 85 will be improved. A DOT spokesman said the long-sought half-mile extension of the so-called Slingerlands Bypass (which does not bypass Slingerlands) from Mahar Rd. to LaGrange Rd. to connect with the Cherry Ave. Extension is "programmed" for going to contract in 1980-81. In a sidebar article *The Spotlight* pointed out that the half-mile section of Rt. 85 between the Blue Cross building and Cherry Ave. is the thinnest transportation thread in the Capital District: if a motorist at the Cherry Ave. intersection found the road blocked to get to the Blue Cross he would have to drive nine miles through Delmar and 11 traffic lights to reach the Blue Cross building. The motorist, the article pointed out, does have another option — it's only 8.8 miles and one light through Slingerlands via Font Grove, Krumkill and Blessing Rd.

### Student honored

Sheila VanWoert of Delmar has been named to the 1984 edition of *Who's Who in American Colleges and Universities*. She is a senior at Rivier College, Nashua, N.H., where she is majoring in art.



Mr. and Mrs. Andrew Creighton

### Wed in California

Susan Elizabeth Abouchar, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Abouchar of Villa Park, Calif., and Andrew Lamont Creighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Creighton of Delmar, were married on Aug. 20 in the Church of the Messiah in Santa Ana, Calif.

The bride was attended by Heidi Trezic, maid of honor, and by Jan Abouchar, sister of the bride, Barbara Koh, Jill Ratner and LaDonna France. David Creighton was best man, and Russell Creighton, John Abouchar, Mark Sander and Guy Molyneux were ushers.

The bride is a graduate of Villa Park High School and graduated magna cum laude from Harvard College, where she

was elected to Phi Beta Kappa. She is a third-year law student at Stanford University. The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and received his bachelor's degree magna cum laude from Harvard College. He is a doctoral candidate in sociology at Stanford University.

### Toys for cable

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### College singer

William Petroni, son of Mr. and Mrs. Joseph Petroni of Slingerlands, is a member of the Chamber Singers at Elmira College. He will sing bass in the winter concert planned for Sunday Dec. 11. Petroni, a freshman majoring in theater at the college, is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School in Voorheesville. He also had a role in the college theater department's production of Oscar Wilde's *The Importance of Being Earnest*.



Mr. and Mrs. John P. Thomas

### Nancy Spencer bride

Nancy E. Spencer, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. James M. Spencer of Delmar, was married Oct. 1 to John P. Thomas, son of Mr. and Mrs. John F. Thomas of Sidney, N.Y. The ceremony took place in the First Baptist Church in Sidney.

The maid of honor was Marilyn Spencer, sister of the bride, and the bridesmaid was Kim Spencer, also a sister. Bill Thomas was best man for his brother, and Jim Spencer, brother of the bride, and Richard Wakeman, brother-in-law of the bridegroom, served as ushers.

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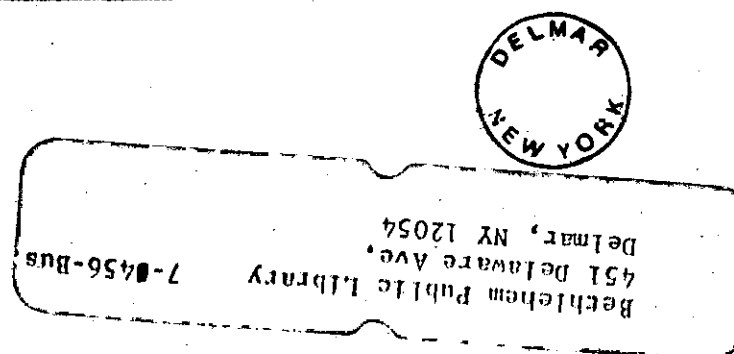
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