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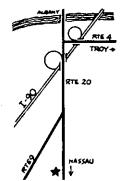
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Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary to Post 3185, VFW, third Monday, Post Rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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

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Glenmont Homemakers, third Wednesday, Glenmont Community Church, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutnuran Church, Sunday 10:30 a.m., Sunday School and Bible Class 9:15 a.m., Bible class meets Wednesday 10 a.m., junior choir Wednesday 6:45 p.m., senior choir Thursday 8 p.m., 85 Elm Ave., Delmar.

### **THURSDAY, JANUARY 25**

Wlidiile program, "The Bald Eagle in New York" speaker George Steele, wildlife technician from the Dept. of Environmental Conservation, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar.

Career-life planning course for women, Bethlehem Library, Thursdays, 10 a.m.-1 p.m.

### **FRIDAY, JANUARY 26**

Y-Guides, for fathers, sons and daughters, informational meeting and new member sign-up, Bethlehem Library, 7 p.m. Information, 439-3908.

Career and educational counseling, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.-noon and 1-2 p.m.

Musical, "Sing to the Earth," Martin Ainspan, director, Albertus W. Becker Elementary School auditorium, Selkirk, 7:30 p.m.

### **SATURDAY, JANUARY 27**

Delmar Progress Club, literature discussion, Cox residence, 1:30 p.m.

Football instructional clinic, for Bethlehem Pop Warner teams, coached by Bethlehem High School coaching staff and players, for ages 9-14 years, Middle School, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 1-3 p.m.

Round and square dance, Voorheesville PTSA, at American Legion post, Voorheesville, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. Tickets, 765-4654.

Tri-Village Little League, registration, Bethlehem Library and Clarksville Elementary School, 10:15 a.m.-2 p.m. First time registrants bring birth certificate.

### SUNDAY, JANUARY 28

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Chamber music concert, winds and strings, Bethlehem Library, 3 p.m.

### **MONDAY, JANUARY 29**

**Delmar Progress Club**, government council, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

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

Delmar Kiwanis Club, La Casa Restaurant, 6:15 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, JANUARY 30**

Preschool films, Bethlehem Library, 10-10:30 a.m. and 2-2:30 p.m.

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Cooperative Extension program, "Preparing for an Emergency Part 1," with Diane Snyder Ptak, Bethlehem Library, 10-11 a.m.

### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 1

La Leche League, Mrs. Pat Switzer, "The Advantages of Breastfeeding to Mother and Baby," at home of Mrs. Robert Poczik, 93 Fernbank Ave., Delmar, 10 a.m.

Red Cross water safety instructor course, Bethlehem Central High School pool, 7-10 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

### **SATURDAY, FEBRUARY 3**

Indoor Sports Day, American Legion Auxiliary, volunteers needed, Blanchard Post, Elsmere.

Turkey dinner, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rts. 396 and 9W, Selkirk, servings 4:30 p.m. on. Open to the public. Reservations appreciated but not necessary, 767-2248 or 767-9165.

Snowshoe workshop, presentation on various types of snowshoes as well as history and uses, outdoor demonstration to follow, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m.-noon and 1-4 p.m. Pre-registration, 457-6092.

### SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 4

Film, "Summertime," starring Katherine Hepburn and Rossano Brazzi, Bethlehem Library, 2 p.m.

### **TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 6**

Community Nursery School of Voorheesville, registration for 4year-olds, First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville, 9 a.m.

Lecture, Micki Nevett, discussing favorite authors of children's books, sponsored by the Welcome Wagon, Bethlehem Library, 7:30 p.m.

### **WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 7**

Public hearing. Bethlehem town board, rescheduled hearing to consider changing the cable television franchise monthly service charges, Bethlehem town hall, 7:30 p.m.

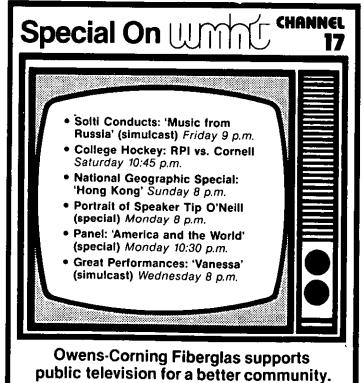
### THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 8

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

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

### TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 13

Wine and cheese party, joint meeting of Glenmont Homemakers and Selkirk Volunteer Fire Co. No. 2 Ladies Auxiliary, Glenmont firehouse, 8 p.m.



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# area arts

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

### **THEATER**

- "Camelot," Lerner-Loewe musical, Four Seasons dinner theater, Thruway House, Albany, Wednesdays through Sundays, Jan. 31-Feb. 25. Reservations 459-3100.
- "The Knack," comedy staged by students at College of Saint Rose, St. Joseph's Auditorium, 985 Madison Ave., Albany, Feb. 2-4, (Friday 8 p.m., Saturday 2:30 and 8 p.m., Sunday 2:30 p.m.). \$2, students \$1. 471-5102.
- "Celebrating Silence;" Rich Kuperberg, local mime, EBA Chapter House, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Jan. 27, 8:30 p.m., Jan. 28, 3 p.m. \$3, children \$2, 465-9916.

### MUSIC

- Capitaland Christian Music Concert, featuring The Joyful Noise, Naphtali, King's Kids, Bob and Elaine Jenkins, Master's Muppets, Empire State Plaza Performing Arts Center ("The Egg"), Feb. 2, 8 p.m. \$3.50, under 12 free. 768-2154, 439-4328.
- Piano Recital, Evelyn McKee, Campus Arts Center, 1069 New Scotland Rd., Albany, Jan. 28, 3 p.m. Free, 439-7895.

### ART

- Exhibition, American Decorative Arts, 18-19th century furniture, glass, china, silver, textiles, Albany Institute of History and Art, through March 25.
- Exhibition, 12 oil paintings by Sandford Silverberg of Chatham, Center Galleries, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through March 3.
- "Images of the City," exhibition of prints, posters, broadsides from New York State Museum collection, Terrace Gallery, New York State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through April 1. Daily 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Free parking on weekends.

### FILM

- "The Phantom of the Opera" (1925), Lon Chaney, Sr. original horror classic, COPC Auditorium One, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, Jan. 26-27, 9 p.m. \$1,50 436-7371.
- "The Man Who Loved Women," Albany Prize International Cinema Series, State University PAC Recital Hall, Jan. 26-27, 8:30 p.m. \$2.25, students, SCs \$1.35, 457-8606.

### **LECTURE**

Shana Alexander, CBS commentator, discussing her book, "Anyone's Daughter," on the Patty Hearst case, College of Saint Rose gymnasium, Feb. 8, 8 p.m. \$2 at door.

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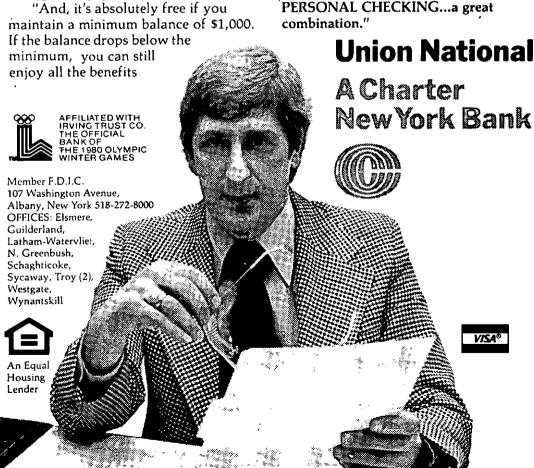
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**BETHLEHEM** 

# It's Queen Joanne, a versatile athlete

A chill breeze was swirling across crusted snow at the Elm Ave. Park when Supervisor Tom Corrigan started opening the sealed envelopes that would identify Bethlehem's 1979 Snow Queen. The sky was gray, but the ice nearby was smooth and ready for the Winter Carnival speed skating races later in the afternoon.

First on the platform was Leslie Duncan, a talented singeractress and a student leader at Bethlehem Central, voted by the judges as second runner-up. Then came Ann Czerw (pronounced Cerf), a tall BC junior, a varsity cheerleader and downhill skier, named runner-up.

When Corrigan opened the third envelope and started to read the name, he got only as far as "Joanne..." when the cheers erupted from the spectators. Queen Joanne Mulkerne, No. 6 on the roster of the seven children in the Donald J.D. Mulkerne household at 79 Jordan Blvd., Delmar, had a contingent of her family as well as friends on hand, and they gave her an ovation.

Small matter if the regal crown placed on her blonde head by W. Gordon Morris of the Bethlehem chamber of commerce slipped off the first time. Joanne was all smiles, her long hair falling across her eyes in character with her trademark. A Bethlehem Central senior. Joanne is a top-flight athlete as well as a recognized beauty: in four years on the girls' varsity tennis team she lost only twice in 27 matches, was 12-0 last year, holds Bethlehem's season record for the 100-meter high hurdles on the girls' track team, and teaches



An outdoor coronation: Bethiehem Snow Queen Joanne Mulkerne receives her crown from David Austin, assistant recreation director, as Leslie Duncan and Ann Czerw watch. At left is recreation director Phil Mahar and Supervisor Tom Corrigan (behind Mahar), Gordon Morris of the chamber of commerce and Michael Durand of the Bethlehem Lions Club. On the cover: Queen Joanne.

swimming at the town park and lifesaving at the Red Cross, along with teaching tennis in the junior clinics. She also is a volunteer collector in fund drives, is active in St. Thomas Church youth projects and is pointing toward nursing school. Her father is a PhD, on the State University faculty.

Other finalists were Hilary Breuel. 49 W. Bayberry Rd., Glenmont; Tracy Lynn Burkins, Delaware Tpk., Delmar; Ann Marie Everingham, 6 Borthwick Ave., Delmar, and Bill Reagan, 25 Wisconsin Ave., Delmar.

The coronation ceremony launched a full day of winter activities that included skating, races, cross-country skiing, snowmobile rides and a number of demonstrations before a snowstorm curtailed the evening festivities.

There was action galore in the skating races sponsored by the Blanchard Post, American Legion. Winners were:

Ages 4-6: girls - Heather Weldon, Kristen Jones, Courtney Macomber; boys - Michael Cohn, Billy Karens.

Ages 7-9: girls - Anne Carey, Jennifer Hunter, Mary Pat Henahan; boys - Chris Nolan, David Hughes, Chris Devlin.

Ages 10-12: girls - Gwen Glassman, Colleen Nyilis, Cindy Lovelace; boys - Charley Lynk, George Syrett, Steve Dandeneau

Ages 13-15: girls - Evelyn Carey, Kelly Burke, Trina Lenden: boys - Greg Portman, Andy Manion, Jay Henahan.

Ages 16 and over: girls -Carolyn Smith, Mary Reagan; boys - Erik Hall, Jim Mc-Dermott, Jay Henahan.

### Girls gymnastics start

The Albany YMCA's winter gymnastics program for girls 8-18 will begin Feb. 7. Sessions will be held Wednesdays from 5 to 7 p.m. and Saturdays from 9 to 11 a.m.

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Unidentified skier gets a hand with equipment.

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**GOVERNMENT** 

# Deadline is near for town taxes

Bethlehem and New Scotland property owners have until Wednesday to pay their 1979 property tax bills before the 1-percent penalty for late payment goes into effect.

Kenneth P. Hahn, receiver of taxes for the town of Bethlehem, will keep his office in town hall open until 6 p.m. on Wednesday, Jan. 31 for persons paying their taxes in person. Hahn also said that payments received by mail on Thursday morning would be honored without the late fee.

Edita Probst, tax collector for the town of New Scotland, will receive payments in person at town hall, and also will honor payments received in Thursday's mail.

Payments made during February incur a penalty adder of 1 percent, and 1½ percent is added to the base tax on payments made in March. Any tax bills unpaid as of April 2 will be turned over to the Albany County director of finance for collection with an increased penalty fee tacked on.

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### Low bld on Rt. 32

The state contract for reconditioning 1.2 miles of Rt. 32, Indian Fields Rd., between Meads Corners and the Coeymans line in the town of New Scotland is expected to be awarded to Callanan Industries, Inc., of South Bethlehem. Callanan's bid of \$636,530 was the lowest of three bids received last week. The work involves widening the highway from 18 to 22 feet, rebuilding several short sections to ease curves and dips, and resurfacing.



Bethlehem LVW members Doris Davis, left, and Carol Bullivant, hosted a panel discussion by Edward H. Sargent, Jr., second from left, and Tom Corrigan at Bethlehem Library.

Carol Gregory

**BETHLEHEM** 

# Population growth spurs service need

"The people in this nation are imbued with a restless gene," said Tom Corrigan, Bethlehem Town supervisor, addressing about 20 members of League of Women Voters who braved stormy weather Thursday morning to hear a discussion on the urban crisis in the Northeast.

"People see things that have to be done and that's why we're here," he told the small group who came to hear a panel discussion at Bethlehem Library by Corrigan, County Legislator Edward H. Sargent, Jr., and State Assemblyman C.D (Larry) Lane, who was snowed in at his home in Windham and couldn't reach Delmar.

In Sargent's view, the "single most important thing facing county governments is state mandates. We have no choice in the matter, and the state doesn't always give us the money to carry out these mandates."

Sargent feels that problems of small urban areas can only be solved with a regional approach, with some services provided by the state and some by the county.

Corrigan, speaking from a local perspective, feels Bethlehem is a prime example of the nations "restless" people, citing the growth of Bethlehem from

4,000 in the 1930s to its present population of over 25,000.

He said this influx of residents caused people to expect an increase in services, which in turn led to town indebtedness. But he stressed that the town "carries little debt, and this is not unusual for a first-tier suburban town like ours with some industry and a nice group of people who are a boon to the town."

Corrigan sees water as one of the biggest problems for the town in the near future. He said the town must make a decision by 1980 on how to supply its residents with dwindling water resources.

Doug Payne

BUSINESS

# Oil firm reopens station on Rt. 85

Bill Foster of Watervliet has reopened the vacant Mobil service station at the intersection of Rts. 85 and 85A opposite the Stonewell shopping center in Slingerlands.

Foster, 22, a Mobil Oil Corp. employee, will manage the station for the oil company, and will conduct his own automotive repair service at the facility under the name of Bill's Auto Service. He plans to move his home to the Slingerlands area in the near future.

The station was operated by Joe Franzioli under lease for the past several years, and prior to that by Robert Okesson of New Salem.

### Grade school musical

Students of the Albertus W. Becker Elementary School, Selkirk, will present a new musical work, "Sing to the Earth," Friday, Jan. 26, at 7:30 p.m. in the school, Martin Ainspan, music teacher at the school, will direct the production, which uses four choruses, narrations and solos from Grades 2-5. The public is invited.

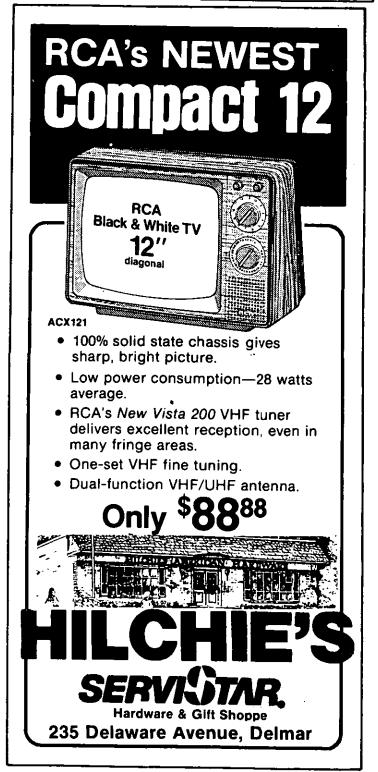
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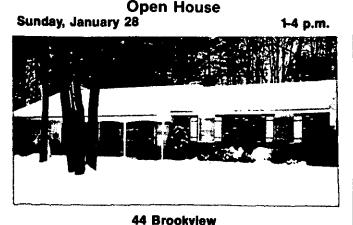
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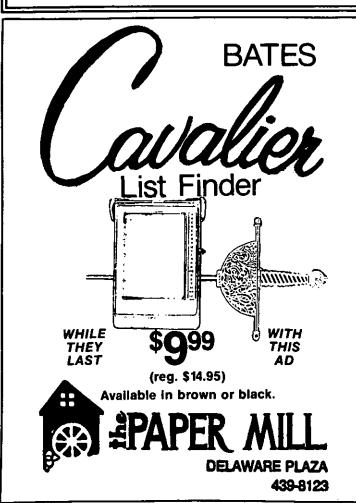
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**BETHLEHEM** 

# Town reimbursed on tax system

The town of Bethlehem has been certified by the State Division of Equalization and Assessment for reimbursement of \$18,080 by the state for installation of a modern property tax accounting system.

The state aid payment represents a reimbursement of \$2 per parcel, and is the first of four payments that total \$10 per parcel under a 1977 state assistance program for local governments that modernize their property tax administration systems. Under the new program, Bethlehem may be eligible for a total of about \$90,000 in state aid.

The \$18,080 payment is for installation in 1977 of the Assessment Roll and Levy Module (ARLM), the accounting portion of the New York State Real Property Information System—an integrated set of computer programs developed by the State Division of Equalization and Assessment to mechanize local property tax administration procedures.

The installation of the ARLM portion of the state system does not involve a revaluation of assessments. It converts existing assessment data and parcel identification information to computerized form so that assessment rolls can be compiled and tax bills

calculated and printed by machine rather than manually.

Bethlehem has not as yet moved to a full value assessment system, but is preparing to join the statewide conversion in 1980.

**MEDIA** 

# Delmar newsman assigned to DC

Victor (Vic) Ostrowidzki, 6 Spruce Ct., Delmar, veteran legislative correspondent and political columnist for the Albany Times-Union, has been assigned to the Hearst Newspapers Washington bureau after 16 years in the Capitol press room in Albany.

Ostrowidzki, a native of Poland, began his college career in London and completed it at Siena College, where he earned a bachelor's degree in 1952 and a master's degree in 1963. He joined the Times-Union as a copy boy in 1952, served three years in the U.S. Army and rejoined the paper in 1957 as a reporter. He was assigned to the political beat in 1962. He won the annual Albany Legislative Correspondents Assn. award for reporting in 1967 and 1976.

Ostrowidzky, 47, will start his Washington assignment in April, covering national news developments for Hearst papers in seven cities in addition to Albany. He and his wife, Rita, have three children.

### WINTER

### Stockpiles low on sand, salt

Severe icing conditions and a succession of snowstorms have come close to exhausting the full winter's supplies of sand and salt for local town highway crews.

A four-inch snowfall that turned to an all-day rain and then a sudden freeze-up over the past weekend nearly put the finishing touches on stockpiles in Bethlehem and New Scotland. Highway officials conceded that it has been "a most unusual winter" and certainly a costly one for road maintenance budgets.

In hilly New Scotland, whose 76 miles of town roads have relatively few level stretches, four two-man road sanders went through 300 tons of sandsalt mix in 14 hours Monday between 2 a.m. and 4 p.m. That took care of all the sand on hand, and sent Superintendent Peter Van Zetten to the phone to order another 500 tons.

"We started with 2,000 tons. which usually is plenty to see us through the winter," Van Zetten said this week, "We've ordered 500 more tons, and we'll probably use another 1,000 tons before we're finished."

New Scotland pays approximately \$7 a ton for sand and \$29.60 for salt. Van Zetten said he is ordering another 75 tons of salt, "and we'll need more."

In Bethlehem, Superintendent Martin Cross, Jr. said his department was "low" on highway salt. "We've used more salt this winter than all of last year, and more sand than the total of the last two years, and we still have another week to go in January and all of February and March," he said this week. "Our supplier in South Schenectady is running low, I understand, so we may have to send a tractor-trailer to the mines near Rochester.'

Cross said he had been told that the town of Colonie ran out of salt this week.

Both Bethlehem and New Scotland have been able to avoid major equipment breakdowns this winter, "We've been

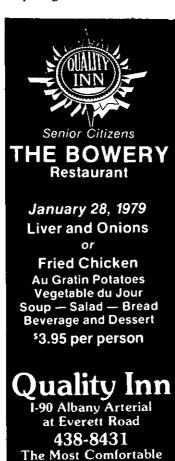
fortunate, just minor breakdowns," said Cross. "We've gotten along fine-so far, anyway." Van Zetten had a similar

Bethlehem has 130 miles of streets and roads to maintain. Unlike New Scotland, the town has relatively few treacherous hills, but has miles and miles of residential streets to plow in the more densely settled areas of Delmar, Elsmere and Slingerlands.

### Water safety course

An American Red Cross water safety instructor course will begin at Bethlehem Central High School pool on Feb. 1 and will continue for 10 Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. Students must be 17 years old and certified in advanced lifesaving. Instruction is free, a fee of \$4.25 covers costs of texts and materials.

Delmar residents serving as volunteer instructors include Robert Carroll, Frank Ferro. Elizabeth and Frank Strickler. To preregister, call 462-7461.



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### Court phase may be long for Fish

The latest delay in the dragged-out drama of Bethlehem's suspended police chief has postponed the start of the Peter Fish trial to Monday, Jan. 29, in Albany County court.

District Attorney Sol Greenberg announced last Friday that jury selection would begin the following Monday, Jan. 22, but the start was put off a week at the request of defense counsel.

Fish, suspended from his \$21,000 job last March for alleged misconduct in office. faces five counts in three indictments, four of them felonies. Greenberg's office has started proceedings to bring the chief to trial on two counts of firstdegree perjury stemming from a civil action brought by a Bethlehem towing truck operator in 1977. A grand jury last May indicted Fish on charges he lied under oath when he denied that he had ordered members of the Bethlehem police department not to call Bleau's Towing Service in emergencies, even when requested to do so by motorists. The second count alleges Fish "commended" a police officer to give the jury false testimony.

The trial, certain to attract wide public attention and detailed coverage by newspapers and television reporters, could drag on for weeks. For Fish and Bethlehem taxpayers the trial could be the beginning of the end: Bethlehem town officials have been trying for 13 months to oust Fish from his civil service job, but have been forced to await the Albany trial outcome before reinstituting civil proceedings on several charges.

Fish also faces possible trial on a third perjury charge and a charge of criminal possession of stolen property. Raymond Kelly, assistant district attorney. said those charges would be tried separately at a later date.

Fish also faces civil disciplinary proceedings in Bethlehem town hall based on 34 charges of misconduct handed up by a special prosecutor retained by the town last February

### 2 more channels on cable—maybe

Bethlehem Video, Inc. has asked the Bethlehem town board to support its petition to the Federal Communications Commission for approval to add two more channels to the town's cable television offerings.

The local CATV franchise is seeking to include Channel 2, Utica, and Channel 5. New York City, to the three nonlocal channels currently available on the system. William C. Henchy, president of the CATV division of Adams Russell Telecommunications of Waltham, Mass., parent company of Bethlehem Video, said in a letter to the town board last week that "we believe a general expression of support for this petition by the governing bodies will help."

Two of the Capital District's three commercial TV network outlets have sent the town board copies of their petitions to the FCC opposing the cable company's application.

Town board members gave the matter low priority and took no action at last Wednesday's session, which was abbreviated because of a major snowstorm in progress at the time. Although Supervisor Tom Corrigan and council members declined to comment. it appeared unlikely the board would make any further effort to put the cable firm's request back on the agenda in the near future.

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### Dance in Voorheesville

A round and square dance sponsored by the Voorheesville PTSA (Parents, Teachers and Students Assn.) is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 27, from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m. at the Voorheesville American Legion post. Tickets at \$4 are available from Mr. and Mrs. Doug DeDe, 765-4654.

### Historical speaker coming

The town of New Scotland Historical Assn. wil meet on Tuesday, Feb. 6, at 8 p.m. at the Center in New Salem, John J. Rosettie, researcher from the New York State Bureau of Historical Services, will speak on "The Houghton Farm Site." A social hour will follow.

### Post-stroke meeting

Arthur O'Keefe of Albany will show slides of Ireland at a meeting of the Albany County Post-Stroke Assn. on Jan. 28 at 3:30 p.m. at the Red Cross Chapter House off Hackett Blvd., Albany. Persons who have had strokes and their families are welcome.



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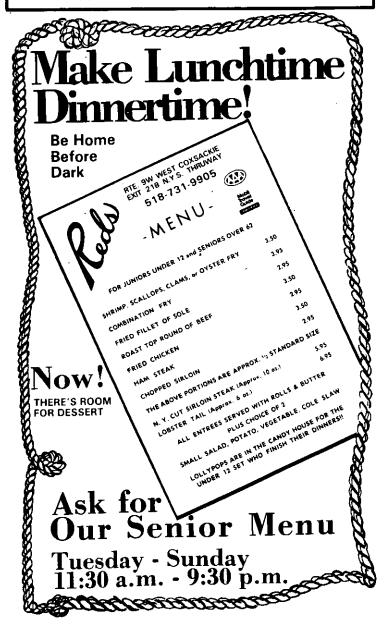
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**EDUCATION** 

### Learning can be fun, too

The Berkeley Health program has taught second grade students and teachers at Slingerlands Elementary School that you're never too young or old to learn that learning can be

Teachers call the Berkeley program "hands-on" learning. referring to what children have known all along: the best way to learn about something is to get your hands into the thick of things.

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tary lab set ups where normally disinterested second graders get involved listening, viewing and participating in year-long study experiments. This year's project is the human ear.

The students gather in small groups, coached and encouraged by teachers and volunteer mothers. One student smacks rocks together under water in a fish tank; at another table children pluck rubber bands to listen to the different pitch; another student listens as glass bottles filled to different heights with water are musically tapped by another; in the corner, at the experiment where children seem to be having the most fun. the children listen on makebelieve phones made of two

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Having fun is the result, but learning proper health care is the point of the Berkeley program, which is designed to teach good health care through a systematic study of body systems.

"Hopefully the children will learn to take better care of themselves," says Dave Murphy. Slingerlands principal, who participated in one of the first Berkeley health programs in 1971. He feels the program represents a milestone in elementary school health education.

"Before we had a health curriculum that sat on the shelf," he says. "It was a hit-ormiss thing. Now the entire program is laid out for the teachers."

"The children love it because they are doing things, not just reading or writing," says Marie Musgrove, librarian at Slingerlands, who along with Mrs. Dorothy Foley and Mrs. Mignonne Philips, both second grade teachers, went to San Mateo, Calif. last summer for 10 days to learn the program "The Ear."

Pending school board approval, "The Ear," will become part of the regular second grade curriculum next year after it is shown to the rest of Bethlehem's second grade teachers.

The Berkeley Health curriculum used to be completely federally funded, but the school district will have to approve further funds to continue the project this summer.

To convince the board of the program's worth, teachers are preparing a slide presentation of the students in action. From the sounds of amazement and the looks of unrestrained delight, few of the children need to be convinced of the program's worth.

Doug Payne

### Chorus rehearsals called

Rehearsals for "The Witness," a new musical by Jimmy and Carol Owens, begin Thursday, Feb. 8 at 8:30 p.m. at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, "Witness" tells the story of Jesus as seen through the eyes of the Apostle Peter. It will be presented in May at three area churches by Christian Music Ministries of Feura Bush. Vocalists from high school through adult will rehearse each Thursday evening from 8:30 to 10 p.m. There are choir openings for over 75 people. For information, call 768-2154.

### Series on crises

A three-part program on "Preparing for an Emergency" is scheduled for consecutive Wednesdays, Jan. 31, Feb. 7 and Feb. 14, from 10 to 11 a.m. at the Bethlehem Library. Diane Snyder Ptak and Mary Jane Rice of the Albany County Cooperative Extension, Voorheesville, will provide information on fire, home, food and car emergencies. The series is free.



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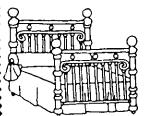


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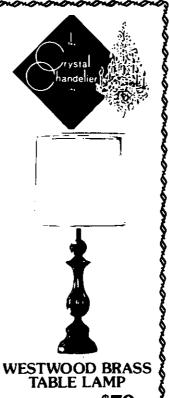
**NEW SCOTLAND** 

### **Board rejects** rent for land

With a parcel of absenteeowned vacant land adjoining the New Scotland town garage on the Rt. 85 hill, it seemed inevitable that some of the town highway department's material storage would encroach over the property line.

The four beneficiaries of the late owner have notified the New Scotland town board that it's all right for the town to use the land, but from now on there'll be a rental fee.

A letter signed by the four heirs of the White estate declared that "inasmuch as you (the town board) are still storing crushed stone, sand, trucks and equipment on our property, it will be necessary as of Feb. 1, 1979, to charge you a



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The owners are Mrs. Esther W. Hull of Ravena, Mrs. Eleanor W. Gardner of Amsterdam, Mrs. Jean W. Run-nion of Wheat Ridge, Colo., and Dr. Philip H. White of Norfolk, Mass.

Reaction of the board was prompt and sensitive: Supervisor Steve Wallace instructed Highway Superintendent Peter Van Zetten to move the crushed stone piles and other material off the tract and onto town land, and instructed Town Attorney James Ryan to notify the owners that the land would be clear by Feb. 1.

Also on the adjacent property is a utility pole with a light mounted on it, but the town expressed no interest in moving it.

### Invitation to nursery

Children and their parents who are looking for a nursery school program are invited to a "busy morning" at Tri-Village Nursery School, Delmar, on Tuesday, Jan. 30, from 10:15 to 11:30 a.m. Visitors will join students and teachers in a morning of art, music, rhythm, creative play and a snack. In case of snow, the event will be held on Feb. 6.

The school is a private, nonsectarian cooperative located in the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar. For information call Dale Hester, director, 439-6571

### Cornell clubs meet

Constance Cook, former Assemblywoman and a vice president of Cornell University, will be the speaker at a luncheon meeting of the Cornell Clubs of the Capital District on Saturday, Jan. 27, at the Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, McKownville. All Cornellians are invited. Mrs. Mauritz Johnson. 439-2409. and Wesley Knighton, 439-1616, are handling reservations. Mrs. W. Mason Lawrence of Delmar is president of the Cornell Women's Club of Albany.



Tri-Village Little League registration has one more Saturday to go at Bethlehem Library and Clarksville School Jan. 27. One of the early registrants was Adam Acquario, right, with his father, William, center and Richard J. Everleth of the Little League.

### Driver is booked in 90-mph chase

When a fast-moving car on New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, registered 75 miles an hour on his radar unit, Officer John R. Cox, Jr. gave chase in a Bethlehem police cruiser. The time was 3:50 a.m. Saturday.

Officer Cynthia Reed, on patrol in another police car on the Slingerlands Bypass, clocked the quarry's vehicle at 88 as it sped past the Blessing Rd. blinker with Cox closing in behind. At the Rt. 20 ramp on Rt. 85. Cox halted the vehicle and arrested the driver, Terrence J. Cassidy, 33, of Mechanicville.

At Bethlehem police headquarters Cassidy failed to pass a breathalyzer test, police said, and was charged with driving while intoxicated. He was ticketed for an appearance in Bethlehem justice court Feb. 1.

### Chamber music coming

The Winds and Strings ensemble of chamber musicians, all members of the Albany Symphony Orchestra, will present a free program at 3 p.m. Sunday, Jan. 28, at the Bethlehem Library. The group will perform the works of Bach, Haydn, Debussy, Ibert and others in duet, trio, quartet, quintet and sextet combinations. They include Eleanor Boot (flute). Lois Fishman (violin), June Partch (bassoon), Mary Van Citters (viola), Marjorie Hartzell (harp) and David Cobb (bass).

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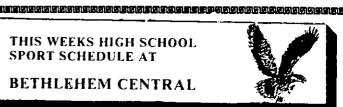
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### Blue Jays join a fast league

BASEBALL

If plans for a new Capital District Baseball League jell in the next few weeks, Bethlehem baseball fans will be treated to high-caliber action right in the home neighborhood.

Rudy Toffenetti, manager of the Delmar Blue Javs, disclosed this week that his team has joined the new league, which includes two present teams from the fast Albany Twilight League and may embrace 10 teams in two divisions.

Toffenetti, a Delmar resident who organized the Blue Jays last season and a veteran of amateur baseball circuits in the Chicago area, has already started a drive to recruit top-flight players for the local team. Playing at a level between college ball and professional baseball's Class A leagues, the Blue Jays will need substantial outside talent to go along with hometown standouts Mark Kleinke, Bill Karp, Jack Dalton, Mike Usher, John Terko and others.

A tentative league lineup shapes up like this: Division One-Sons of Italy (Schenectady), Cocco's Diner (Albany), Delmar, Bennington, Vt. and Schaghticoke; Division Two-Greenwich, Halfmoon, Rotterdam, Colonie and a Schenectady team to be selected. The Sons of Italy and Cocco's Diner also play in the Albany Twilight loop, considered the fastest in the area.

Toffenetti said the Blue Jays have tentative plans for a fundraising drive to cover the cost of umpires, baseballs and league fees. When the schedule is firmed up, presumably by April, he plans to book the Blue Jays' opening game for Memorial Day immediately after Delmar's traditional parade.

The Blue Jays started last year to recondition the Bethlehem Central High School diamond to make it suitable for amateur baseball. The team played its home games last year at Elm Ave. Park,

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### Big one coming up for Blackbirds

For Voorheesville Central's frontrunning basketball machine, Friday night could be the equivalent of the whole season. The Blackbirds, perched atop the Central Hudson Valley standings at 5-1, entertain Waterford, one game back and tied with Maple Hill at 4-2.

Coach Mike O'Brien's boys have the momentum, taking a six-game win streak into the test with perennial power Waterford. "The boys have been playing well individually and as a team. The morale is high and we're confident we can do it." says first-year coach O'Brien.

The Blackbirds survived a crisis situation in a 49-48 nailbiter over a strong Rensselaer team in a non-league scrap at home last Tuesday, and then put the blocks to Averill Park in a road game, 76-76, Friday. Jim Finnigan was the hero of the pressure-cooker, sinking two foul shots with 4 seconds to go.

The visitors were leading by one point and stalling when Craig Gleason grabbed a rebound. He cleared to Steve Smith on the side. Smith passed to Joe Probst, who fed Finnigan cutting across the foul line. O'Brien tried to call time to set up a play, but in the tumult no one heard him, and Finnigan was fouled while shooting. Rensselaer called time to let Finnigan think about his free throw, but he meshed both tosses.

"I'm glad they didn't hear me," O'Brien said later.

At Averill Park, Gleason had only four points by intermission, but wound up with 22 for



Steve Smith

game-high. Smith chipped in 15 and had 15 rebounds, and Tim Lewis contributed another 15 points. Smith's play made O'Brien happy: "He's really coming into his own now."

### Ski touring planned

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, in cooperation with Indian Ladder Farm, will hold its third annual cross country ski day Sunday, Jan. 28, from noon to 4 p.m. at Indian Ladder Farm, Rt. 156, Voorheesville. The event will include an amateur cross country ski race of approximately three miles, ski touring and cross country group instruction. All are welcome. For information, Robert Hoffman, 765-4257.

### Karate for children

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BASKETBALL

### Eagles set sights on No. 2 spot

With four straight Suburban Council scalps in their belts, Bethlehem Central's varsity basketball team is beginning to throw its weight around the league. The Eagles started the week in fourth place at 7-3, had a night off Tuesday and will travel to Burnt Hills for an important game Friday night.

There is virtually no chance to catch 9-0 Shaker, but victories over 8-1 Niskayuna and 7-2 Burnt Hills could put the Eagles in or near second place. BC lost to both those clubs the first time around, each by two points in overtime on the home floor, but Coach Jim Tedisco thinks the team's improvement will turn those scores around despite the unfriendly gyms.

Tedisco's coaching strategy paid off in a 59-57 cliffhanger at Colonie last Tuesday. Tedisco called a timeout with 15 seconds remaining and the score deadlocked at 57-all. In the huddle his instructions were to freeze the ball and have Joe Rutnik call another timeout when the clock showed 7 seconds left.

The Eagles stalled out the 8 seconds. Rutnik called time and Tedisco set up the play: a blind-side pick on Tom Fiato's man that would spring Fiato down the lane for a shot at the buzzer. It was timed perfectly, the lane was wide open and Fiato banked in the winning layup as the clock expired.

John Sica had a fine week, canning 22 points with 12 rebounds at Colonie and turning in his best game of the year Friday in a 71-59 putaway on Scotia at Delmar. This time



BC's Mark Lawrence was fouled on this jumper in traffic at Colonie. R.H. Davis

"the Seek" had 25 points and 16 grabs off the boards.

Jim Eckhardt, 6-3 senior, pitched in 10 points and had nine rebounds in his first start since replacing veteran Jim Giacone, out with a compound fracture of the jaw suffered in practice week before last.



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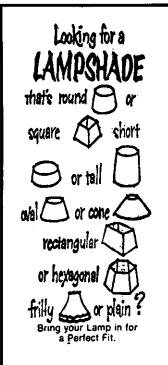
### BC girls win chiller in opener

The Bethlehem Central girl's basketball team opened its season Saturday with a 40-39 win over Scotia. Kathy Cleary netted the winning hoop at the buzzer. Cleary dominated the defensive boards and covered for strong rebounder Katy Fitzpatrick, who got into early foul trouble.

Scotia led after the first quarter, 12-11, but BC took a 23-18 lead at halftime on plays by Jackie Bevan and Molly Nevens. Alison Wrynn added a 15-foot jumper. Mary Howell was high scorer for Bethlehem with 11 points. Edie Eyres led the fast-break offense and added 10 points.

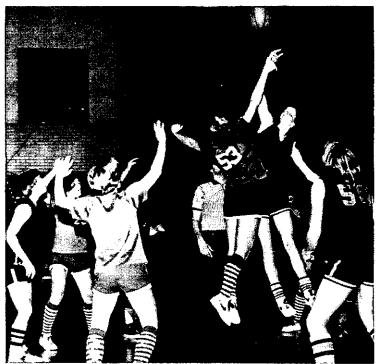
In the fourth quarter, Scotia was ahead, 39-38, but Cleary's 12-foot jumper saved the game.

Bethlehem will host Burnt Hills at home on Friday at 5 and will travel to Shaker on Tuesday night.



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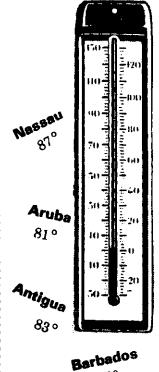


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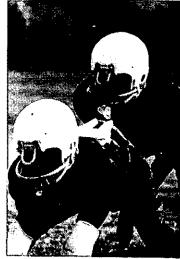
Bethlehem's 8-0 swimming team, its power still untested, will have two more weeks and three meets before its head-on collision with upstate power Rome Free Academy on Feb. 9.

Coach Jack Whipple's marine juggernaut swims against Shaker High at Latham today (Thursday), and entertains Albany Academy next Wednesday and Burnt Hills Feb. 7 before the showdown with Rome. Whipple gave most of his varsity a day off to let his youngsters swim against Voorheesville last week in a 62-21 meet.

Rome is still the power-house with two standouts who could be state champions. "They're strong enough to handle us," Whipple said this week. "Our job is to see that they don't."

### Tires stripped

A Glenmont woman reported to Bethlehem police that her 1978 four-door sedan parked in an open garage at her apartment on Rt. 9W had been jacked up and two radial tires valued at \$150 removed from the front wheels. Police said the hubcaps had been removed with a screwdriver and left beside the vehicle and cement blocks placed under the frame on each side of the vehicle between 9 p.m. Friday and 7 a.m. Saturday.



Football in January? Better believe it: Pop Warner players like these from the Bethlehem and Voorheesville school districts in the 9-14 age bracket are invited to a free instructional clinic Saturday, Jan. 27, from 1-3 p.m. at the Bethlehem Middle School, Delmar, conducted by Bethlehem Central coaches and high school players. Parents are also welcome.

### New Ballet heads

Michael Steele, former leading dancer for the Opera House in Cologne, Germany and a 10-year member of the New York City Ballet Company, have been appointed heads of the ballet department at Eleanor's School of the dance, which has many Tri-Village students. Tomislav, a native of Yugoslavia, danced in leading European companies before coming to the United States in 1978.



# Snow postpones cable hearing

A heavy snowfall that started six hours prior to an advertised public hearing on cable television fees caused the Bethlehem town board to adjourn the hearing to a later date.

In a storm-shortened session held in a deserted town hall last Wednesday, the board rescheduled the hearing for Wednesday, Feb. 7 at 7:30 p.m. "The public should have a full opportunity to voice their opinions on this matter," said Supervisor Tom Corrigan.

Bethlehem Video, Inc., franchise holder for the town's cable television system, has applied for an increase of \$1.89 in the monthly charge for the service, citing rising costs and comparable rate structures in neighboring towns and cities.

### **Immunization clinics**

Free immunization clinics have been scheduled by the Albany County Dept. of Health. The nearest for Tri-Village preschoolers will be held at the Berne-Knox-Westerlo Central High School, Berne, on Jan. 30 from 8:30-9:30 a.m. and at the Farnsworth Middle School, Rt. 155, Guilderland, Feb. 13, from 1-2 p.m. Snow dates are Feb. 6 for Berne and Feb. 15 for Guilderland. The clinics enable parents to meet the state's immunization requirements for admission to school.

### Charged with hoax

Bethlehem police investigating a complaint by a gasoline station attendant that a motorist had driven off without paying for gasoline ended up by arresting the attendant on a charge of falsely reporting an incident. Police said Paul D. Geisel, 19, of Albany had telephoned a report at 6:45 p.m. Saturday that a man about 6 feet 7 inches tall had pumped \$7.75 worth of gasoline at the Sunoco station on Rt. 9W, had thrown down a yellow metal box containing a ratchet and socket wrench set, said he couldn't wait any longer and drove south on Rt. 9W in a late model pickup truck. Police said Geisel gave a detailed description of the vehicle.

### Auxiliary volunteers sought

The American Legion Auxiliary will hold their indoor sports day Feb. 3 at the Blanchard Post rooms. The program includes a luncheon and entertainment for the Indoor Sports Club, an organization of handicapped individuals. Volunteers are needed to work in the kitchen, to serve the meal or to assist in other ways. For information, call Barbara Whitney, unit chairman.

### Moonlight requisition

Bethlehem police are investigating the theft of two wall ash trays and two 32-gallon trash cans from a laundromat at 390 Kenwood Ave., Delmar Four Corners, Saturday night.



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Mr. and Mrs. Kenneth Drobner of Rt. 144, Selkirk, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Tracie, to Paul Roberts, son of Mr. and Mrs. Austin Roberts of Wiggand Dr., Glenmont. A Sept. 15 wedding is planned.

### Delmar man to wed

Mr. and Mrs. John Solomon of Syracuse have announced the engagement of their daughter, Marcia, to Russell D. Atwood, son of Mr. and Mrs. Merwyn K. Atwood, 409 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

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Deborah Ann Davies

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Her fiance received an engineering degree from the Cooper Union School of Engineering, and is an engineer with the New York State Public Service Commission, Albany,

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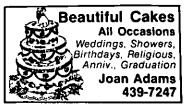
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Sandra L. Kennedy, assistant manager of the Community State Bank main office in Albany, has been named manager of the Glenmont office. She is a graduate of the University of Bridgeport and lives in Ballston Lake with her husband. She succeeds John M. Higgins, who has been promoted to manager of the New Scotland Ave. office.

### Poetry finalist

Jessica Treadway of Slingerlands, a senior at Bethlehem Central High School, was one of 14 women from public and private schools in the East to be selected as a finalist in the fourth annual Wells College high school poetry contest. Judge was Joseph Bruchac. American Indian poet and editor of The Greenfield Review, who is in residence at Wells, a liberal arts college in Aurora, N.Y. Winners were Elizabeth Torphy of Stratford, Conn.; Terry Mates of Wayne Valley, N.J. and Jennifer Weeks of the National Cathedral School, Washington, D.C.

### Open for skiing

Heldeberg Workshop has opened its land for cross-country skiing on Sundays from Jan. 28 through Feb. 18 from noon to 4. Free instruction, hot drinks, snacks and a warm fire will be available. Admission is \$2 adults, \$1 children with a maximum of \$5 per family. Information, 439-6225.



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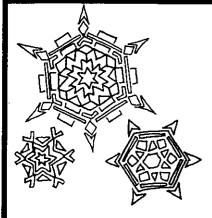
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### Forum on assessment

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