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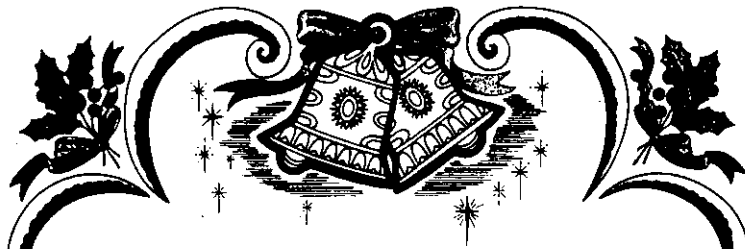
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**New Scotland Kiwanis Club**, Thursdays, New Scotland Presbyterian Church, Rt. 85, 7 p.m.

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

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

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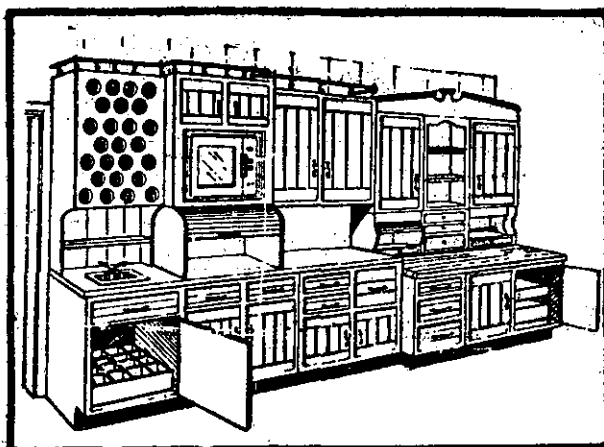
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**Temple Chapter 5 RAM**, second and fourth Mondays Delmar Masonic Temple.

**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 Tuesdays 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 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.

**Town of Bethlehem Town Board**, second and fourth Wednesday at 7:30 p.m., Planning Board first, second and fourth Tuesday at 7:30 p.m., Board of Appeals first and third Wednesday at 8 p.m. Town Hall, 393 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m.-4:30 p.m. weekdays.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 3

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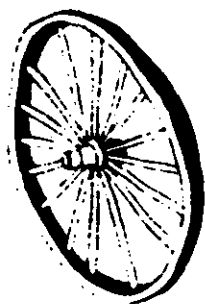
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### MONDAY, JANUARY 7

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

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

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

### TUESDAY, JANUARY 8

**Meeting**, Cub Scout Pack 272, Community Center, 7:30 p.m.

**Meeting**, for BCHS parents and students on course scheduling, school cafeteria, 8 p.m.

**Drama and Literature Group**, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 1:30.

### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 9

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

**Organization Meeting**, New Scotland Lodge of Elks, Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m. Prospective members welcome.

**Second Milers**, meeting and luncheon, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 12:30. Speaker: Evan Prichard on the AARP joint legislative committee work for laws for older citizens.

### THURSDAY, JANUARY 10

**"Self Esteem"**, a program by Sister Ann Bryant Smolin for teenagers and their parents, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Voorheesville Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee.

### FRIDAY, JANUARY 11

**"Family Enrichment"**, a program to improve listening skills, assertiveness, decision-making and problem-solving for parents and children between ages 11 and 16, directed by Anita Baker of the State

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#### MONDAY, JANUARY 14

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 16

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

**Antique Study Group**, Delmar Progress Club, Bethlehem Library, 10 a.m.

**Organizational Meeting**, New Scotland Lodge of Elks, Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m. Prospective members welcome.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 17

**Bethlehem Historical Assn.**, "Antique and Collectible Dolls," Ursula

Mertz, Cedar Hill School House Museum, 2 p.m.

**"South Pacific,"** Rodgers and Hammerstein musical, Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School auditorium, Rt. 9W, Ravena, 8 p.m.

#### SATURDAY, JANUARY 19

**Bethlehem Winter Carnival**, sponsored by Elm Ave. Park, Delmar.

#### MONDAY, JANUARY 21

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

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

#### WEDNESDAY, JANUARY 23

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

**Organizational Meeting**, New Scotland Lodge of Elks, Happy's Coach House, New Salem, 8 p.m. Prospective members welcome.

#### THURSDAY, JANUARY 24

**Communications Program**, Sister Ann Bryant Smollin, for teenagers and their parents, St. Matthew's Church, Voorheesville, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Sponsored by the Voorheesville Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee.

**Coffee**, open discussion with school board member Marjory O'Brien, 29 Preston Rd., Delmar, 10 a.m. All welcome.

## 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.*

#### MUSIC

Noon Concert, soprano Julie Kabat, violinist Leo Mahigian, pianist Carole Friedman, cellist Elsbeth Merriam, Albany Institute of History and Art, **Jan. 8**, 12 noon. Free.

Noon Concert, pianist, Shirley Swanker, Recital Hall, The Egg, Empire State Plaza, Albany, **Jan. 15**, 12:15. Free. Bring lunch.

#### ART

Exhibition, New York Dutch Scripture Paintings, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through Jan. 28**.

Museums of the Empire State, Terrace Gallery, N.Y. State Museum, Albany, **through Jan. 13**.

Featured Artist Show, paintings by Robert Longley of Slingerlands, Sales-Rental Gallery, Albany Institute of History and Art, **through Feb. 14**.

Exhibition, photographs by Florence Becker of Delmar, RPI Chapel and Cultural Center, Troy, **through Jan. 19**.

#### FILM

"Hans Brinker and the Silver Skates" (family), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., **Jan. 6**, 2 p.m. Free.

"Angel on My Shoulder" (Paul Mini, Claude Rains, Anne Baxter), Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., **Jan. 8**, 2 and 8 p.m. Free.

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Saturday 8:30 p.m.
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- **Democrats: Iowa debates**  
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## COST OF GOVERNMENT

### New Year for taxpayers: tax rates a mixed bag

In with the Christmas bills next week will be 1980 town tax bills for some 9,000 property owners in Bethlehem and 3,200 in New Scotland. The new year will bring mixed blessings to those battling household budgets in the form of a wide assortment of basic taxes and special assessments for fire protection, sewer facilities and street lighting.

A significant drop in the Albany County property tax rate has brought a drop of 39 cents in the basic rate for Bethlehem landowners, but New Scotland taxpayers will have to raise their ante by \$2.07 per \$1,000 assessed valuation. A year ago, their positions were reversed: the Bethlehem rate was up 31 cents, the New Scotland rate down \$1.35.

Taxpayers in the New Salem fire district will be getting an extra piece of bad news: their fire levy is \$1.80 higher than a year ago, when the increase was held to 25 cents.

Elsewhere in rural New Scotland, fire district rates show more modest swings. Taxpayers on the New Scotland side of the Slingerlands fire district will pay three cents more per thousand valuation this year. Onesquethaw district residents will pay the same as in 1979, and Krumkill (North Bethlehem) 63 cents less. The rate for the Clarksville lighting



Bruce Secor, right, town engineer, gets an assist from cabinetmaker Henry Cullen lifting Bethlehem's seal into place in the lobby of the new town hall in Delmar. The seal and its twin, now at the Schoolhouse Museum, were made by Edwin Becker, Delmar artist for the 1976 bicentennial parade

district is up 63 cents and Feura Bush up \$1.26.

Craig L. Shufelt, chief of the New Salem Fire Dept., attributed the large jump to soaring costs of fuel and insurance along with disappointing receipts from the annual Punkintown Fair.

"We haven't had a contract raise in several years, and

without the fair, we wouldn't be able to cover our costs," he said.

Voorheesville taxpayers will get a small reprieve. Their portion of the New Scotland town taxes is off 36 cents from 1979, from \$61.17 per thousand to \$60.81. Village property owners are exempt from several portions of the town's general highway budget. The

exemptions this year amount to \$12.09 per thousand.

Deadline for paying taxes without penalty is Jan. 31. There is a 1-percent surcharge on bills paid in February, and a 1.5 percent penalty thereafter.

#### Vandals on spree

Bethlehem police are looking for vandals who caused damage at four addresses in the Kenholm section of Delmar late Saturday night. Police said split rail fences were taken apart and broken at dwellings on Greenock Rd., Brookview Ave. and Devon Rd., and the antenna and wipers on a car parked on Gladwish Rd. snapped off.

#### COMPARISON OF 1980 AND 1979 LOCAL PROPERTY TAXES

	BETHLEHEM			NEW SCOTLAND		
	1980	1979	Change	1980	1979	Change
State and County	\$29.92	\$31.20	-1.28	\$41.76	\$43.51	-1.75
Gen. Town and Highway	16.76	14.92	+1.84	19.05	17.66	+1.39
General Highway	9.92	10.87	-.95	12.09	9.66	+2.43
<b>Total Tax Rate</b>	<b>\$56.61</b>	<b>\$56.99</b>	<b>-.39</b>	<b>\$72.90</b>	<b>\$70.83</b>	<b>+2.07</b>

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## DELMAR

### Rezoning sought for 'coffeehouse'

The proposed sale of the Bethlehem Community Center building in Delmar by the Bethlehem town board took a new turn last week when the prospective purchaser applied for a zoning change.

Nathaniel A. Boynton, editor-publisher of The Spotlight, made the formal application to the town board last week, asking for a rezoning from the present Double-C Commercial classification to Single-C Commercial. Under the town's zoning ordinance, operation of a printing press is permitted only in a Single-C zone. His bid of \$42,300 for the property was accepted by the town board Nov. 28 subject to a permissive referendum.

Boynton's plans to consolidate his newspaper operation and commercial printing business in the "coffeehouse" building ran into a legal block on Dec. 17 when George D. Cochran, Delmar attorney-investor who owns the property next door occupied by Delmar Printers, challenged the proposed transfer. In a letter to the town board filed by his attorney, Cochran called attention to an erroneous assumption on the part of the town that the building, once occupied by the Caslon Press printing establishment, was in the Single-C zone, and stated that the sale should be negated.

Town officials later confirmed that the zone boundary line was found to be on the north side of the building and that the property was in a Double-C zone.

Under municipal procedure, the town planning board holds a public hearing on any proposal affecting zoning classifications, and makes a recommendation to the town board within 45 days of the hearing date.

Meanwhile, a citizen effort to petition for a permissive referendum on the Community Center building was abandoned last week when the deadline date expired.

Dominick DeCecco, a Bethlehem Central High School teacher, said a group of teenage volunteers ran out of time in their efforts to preserve the building for future use as a youth recreation center. DeCecco said the attempt was motivated by last month's decision by the Bethlehem board of appeals rejecting establishment of a youth center in the former Knights of Columbus building on Hudson Ave., Delmar.

The petition to force a townwide vote on the proposed sale of the building required 608 signatures, DeCecco said. "It was just too many in such a short time (30 days)," he added.

### Burglary in Delmar

Bethlehem police are investigating a Christmas weekend break-in at a Bennett Terr. residence in Delmar in which an estimated \$2,000 in jewelry, watches and silver coins were taken. Detectives said a nearby resident called police to report a storm window was on the ground and the window open while the occupants were away for the holiday. Police found a nightstand drawer on the floor and a jewel box overturned when they arrived to secure the house.

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## VOORHEESVILLE

### Mayor asks new equalization rate

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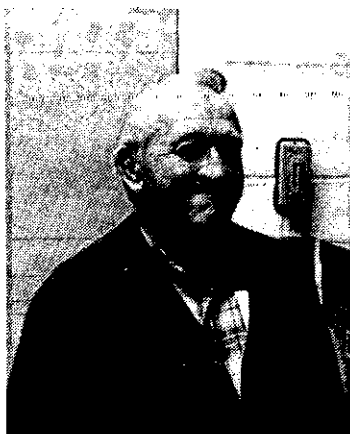
Armed with books that list the complete village tax roll, board members will conduct a personal drive-by of every piece of property in the village. Although no one would be quoted, Wenzel and the trustees feel Voorheesville is one of the few, if not the only municipality in the area that keeps its property valuations up to date each year.

At the final village board meeting of 1979—the first in temporary quarters at the firehouse—Wenzel asked the board to consider doubling the assessment values of the entire village and halving the tax rate. If the board takes such action, it will be the fourth time in Wenzel's administration the tactic has been used.

"It's a step in the right direction," Wenzel said. "Our equalization rate is now 37 percent, and the state is moving toward a 100-percent mandate. This should bring us closer to that objective without causing disruption."

### Attends seminar

Edward DeL. Palmer, of Slingerlands, president of DeL. Palmer Appraisal Corp., Albany, attended a week-long advanced course on industrial real estate appraisal at the University of Tampa, Fla. The seminar was sponsored by the Society of Industrial Realtors and the American Institute of Real Estate Appraisers, of which Palmer is a member and former regional vice president. Palmer is a fourth generation Albany appraiser and realtor whose company was founded in 1885 by his great-grandfather.



Kenneth M. Pangburn

### 'Pang' retires again

Kenneth M. Pangburn says he's retired for the last time, and from now on is just going to putter around his house at 15 Nathaniel Blvd., Delmar.

The secretaries in the justice department at Bethlehem town hall had a cake for 'Pang' Friday when the popular 74-year-old closed out 12 years as custodian of the justice building and police department. In 1967 he retired as proprietor of Pang's Coffee Shop on Delaware Ave. near Vet's Garage, and before that he was custodian of the Bethlehem Middle School for six years.

'Pang' was born in Unionville and has lived in Delmar since he was 17. In his career he has been a plumber, restaurant worker, bulldozer operator and a businessman: he ran Pang's Oil Service with two trucks from his home for 15 years. He and his wife, Ellen, have one son, Robert, who lives in Slingerlands.

### Opens office

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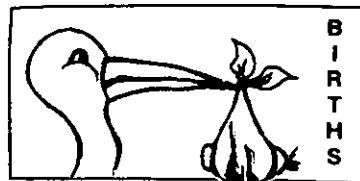
Gift-wrapped Warrell home a prize winner.

*Spotlight*

### BETHLEHEM

## Home decoration contest grows

A two-story Delmar dwelling tied with a ribbon top to bottom and side to side was awarded first prize in the Bethlehem Garden Club's holiday decorating contest. Winners were Mr. and Mrs. Norman Warrell, 62 Old Ox Rd. The judges' verdict: festive and creative.



### St. Peter's Hospital

Girl, Kristine, to Mr. and Mrs. Francis Asprion, Jr., Selkirk, Dec. 19.

Boy, James, to Mr. and Mrs. James Rarick, Selkirk, Dec. 6.

Girl, Maria, to Ms. Celeste Groesbeck, Voorheesville, Dec. 18.

Girl, Amanda, to Mr. and Mrs. Robert DeSarbo, Glenmont, Dec. 2.

Boy, Scott, to Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Hotaling, Selkirk, Dec. 5.

### Albany Medical Center

Boy, Eric Michael, to Mr. and Mrs. Lewis Schedibaur, Voorheesville, Dec. 11.

Second prize went to Mr. and Mrs. Theodore Rapp, 31 Groesbeck Pl., Elmsmere. Third place prizes were awarded to Mr. and Mrs. Harold Williams, Maple Ave., Selkirk, and Mr. and Mrs. Frank Riccardo, 36 East Wiggand Dr., Glenmont.

The committee, pleased with an entry list of 19, called special attention to a nativity scene at 24 Vagele Lane, Glenmont, and Santa in his workshop at 18 Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands. Mrs. John Rodgers and Mrs. Jan Elletson headed the committee.

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## Scuffle with police

A Normansville man who resented being asked for identification by police landed in Albany County jail on Christmas weekend. Bethlehem police said Wayne A. Cady, 22, of 19 Mill Rd., was charged with disorderly conduct, resisting arrest, second-degree assault, obstructing governmental administration and criminal mischief at his arraignment before Justice Harry B. Rezzemini Dec. 22.

Police said the charges stemmed from an incident at 4:10 a.m. when Officer Wayne LaChappelle stopped his patrol car to check a car parked on Rt. 9W in Glenmont. Police said Cady put up a struggle and had to be forcibly placed in the patrol car by LaChappelle and Officer Joseph Mastriano. At police headquarters another fracas broke out when Cady refused to permit police to conduct a routine check on his wallet, and had to be handcuffed.

## Speed limits set

The Bethlehem town board has set Jan. 9 at 8 p.m. for a public hearing on a proposal to lower the speed limits on Blessing Rd. in Slingerlands and North Bethlehem. Ralph A. Tipple, commissioner of public safety, said the hearing will be to change the portion from Rt. 85, curving around past the Bethlehem Terrace apartments and beyond to a pair of catch basins, to 30 miles per hour. A second motion, to change the remaining length of road to Krumkill Rd. to a 40-mile limit, would have to be addressed at a second hearing. Blessing Rd. is currently posted at 55 mph over its entire length.

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**Donald D. DeAngelis**  
**Named board counsel**

Donald D. DeAngelis of Delmar, a former Bethlehem town justice and an attorney with an Albany law firm, has been named attorney for the Bethlehem board of appeals. He replaces Peter C. Wenger, who resigned last month after being elected a town justice.

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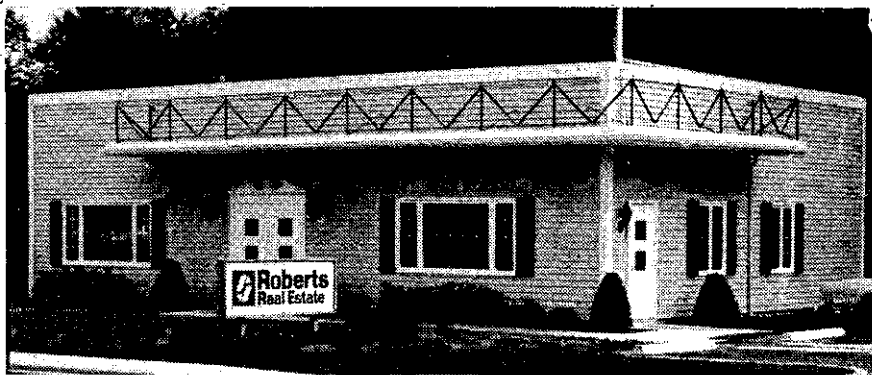
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Members of Bethlehem Tri-Village chapter of AARP distributed decorated containers of homemade cookies at Child's Hospital and Child's Nursing Home in Albany during the holidays. From left, William Reuter of Delmar, community services chairman; Marilyn Cline, director of volunteers for the hospital; Nona Reuter, AARP vice president, and A.R. Reissig, Tri-Village AARP board member, pose with Colleen Smith, resident of the nursing home.

### Second Milers meet

The Second Milers will hold their first meeting of 1980 on Wednesday, Jan. 9, at the First United Methodist Church, Delmar, beginning with lunch at 12:30. The speaker will be Evan Prichard of the AARP joint legislative committee, who will speak of his experience in working for laws pertaining to older citizens of the state.

### Family program slated

The First United Methodist Church of Delmar will sponsor a program called "Family Enrichment" beginning Jan. 11. The four-session program is designed to bring parents and children between 11 and 16 together and help them improve their listening skills, assertiveness, decision-making and problem-solving. The series will be directed by Anita Baker of Family Enrichment, an agency of the State Council of Churches, and is made possible by a grant from the state.

### Oil contract awarded

Main Care Heating Service of Delmar was the low bidder for 1980 fuel oil for the town of Bethlehem and was awarded the contract at 78.4 cents per gallon.

### On the cover:

Cub Scouts of Pack 232 made Christmas a little merrier when they presented gifts, a Christmas tree and turkeys to the Parsons Child and Family Center in Albany. Top, from left, assistant den leader Jim Hudson, Paul Blaber, Chris Aloisi, Gary Hammond; middle, Justin Baird, Jim Phillips, Patrick Leamy, (bottom) Michael Leamy and Glen Sequin.

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## Adventure and misadventure in darkest Africa

At a time of year when many houses are decorated with green boughs and red ribbons, the Woehrle home on Wellington Rd., Delmar, stood out. A blue bedspread was hung on the garage door, and its painted message was not one of holiday cheer, but a jubilant "Welcome home, Margaret."

The greeting was for Margaret Woehrle, who came home just before Christmas after two years as a Peace Corps volunteer in Chad.

She loved Chad, she said, "It was really simple and basic and backward."

But it was also in the throes of civil war, as it has been for 15 years, and that is why, eventually, she had to leave. It was Tuesday, Feb. 28, she recalled, when she received a radio message at her post in Kelo telling her to "prepare to flee." That afternoon vehicles arrived from the capital to take her and other volunteers in southern Chad to the airport many miles away.

The decision to evacuate the 70 Peace Corps volunteers in Chad had been made by the American ambassador, who believed the civil strife had become "extremely dangerous." The Chadian government was then controlled by southerners, who were being challenged by northern Moslems.

Thus, the Albany native found herself in Cameroun, where, after her official termination by the Peace Corps, she worked briefly for the British consul and later for the American embassy. Also in Cameroun, she met her fiancé, Serge Palu, a Frenchman. They are to be married this month in Delmar.

After her evacuation, Ms. Woehrle returned to Chad, but was airlifted out again by the French within two weeks. Some of her books on Chadian tribal language remain in Kelo, and she hopes eventually to be able to return to claim them.

This adventure began when Margaret responded to an ad-

vertisement and met with a Peace Corps recruiter in Delmar. She requested assignment to Paraguay, but the Peace Corps felt otherwise.

A graduate of the University of Chicago with a degree in linguistics, she was no stranger to travel at that point, having already spent four years alternately in the Scottish Hebrides and in Europe. So Chad, with no paved roads, no communications system, and a "summer" with 120-degree days, may have been a logical next stop. In any event, that's where she went, assigned to teach English, using only English herself, to classes numbering at times 60 students.

"Now ask me how many chairs we had," she said with a smile. Forty. And perhaps seven books for 140 students. Her students spoke, first, a tribal language, then had been taught French, and now she was to teach them English.

That was not her only challenge, however. Her first year in Chad, there was no running water, no electricity, and no refrigerator in her house. Those she taught lived in mud huts. The community of 17,000, at a crossroads in southern Chad, is the fifth largest population center in the country.

To obtain food, she daily took her basket to the village marketplace and bargained for beef, chicken (about \$1 for a whole one) lamb, peanuts (a staple) and vegetables. She had to learn not only how to ask "How much?" in the dialect, but also to interpret the hand signals that were given in response.

Ms. Woehrle said she was continually ill her first year in Chad, dropping at one time to 94 pounds. To defend against contagious diseases, she drank only tinned milk and filtered water, and vegetables were soaked in an antibacterial solution for 20 minutes before they could be used.

Without electricity, the day began at 5 a.m. and ended at dusk. School was over at 12:30

so everyone could escape the hottest part of the day with "la siest."


Her second year of service, she was able to move to a masonry house where she had the luxuries of running water—a toilet and a shower! There was also a refrigerator supplied by the Peace Corps. Her health improved, since, without a refrigerator, she had eaten much spoiled food.

Bacteria were not the only hazards in Chad. The day

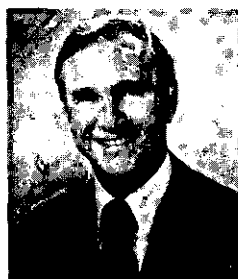


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before she was to leave the Chadian capital to begin her assignment in Kelo, Ms. Woehrle reported, all her possessions were stolen from a locked car. She had declined offers from street children to "guard" the car, she recalled ruefully.

In Kelo, money was taken from her house while she slept during siesta; in Cameroun, a thief passed through three locked doors, and at a Cameroun vacation spot, she was dragged down the road by a purse-snatcher. Though no one responded to cries for help, she held on—and won.

When she knew she had to leave Chad, she opened her library and told her students she would trade a book for a souvenir of Chad. Some brought elaborate items and received more than one book, and others simply drew a picture to be bartered. To Chadians, "books are treasures," she observed.

Looking back, the Bethlehem Central High School graduate said her only regret was "I wish I could have stayed longer." She had applied for an extension of her two-year assignment, but the mass evacuation brought "an end to the Peace Corps in Chad."

What about culture shock? Pointing to a television set, Ms. Woehrle said, "Things like *that* overwhelm me—I'm still not used to *that*!" She also has reacted strangely to telephones, she reported.

But then, these accoutrements of civilization hold no charms for her. After her marriage, she and her husband plan to go to Scotland, then France, skiing in Switzerland,

then back to Africa—the Ivory Coast, where he will be employed.

Meanwhile, in January-February, 1981, they hope to be crossing the Sahara Desert, from Chad northward, using "any transportation available"—including camels, if need be.

She noted with a smile, however: "You can make all the plans you want in Africa, and it will never ever work out that way."

One big lesson of the past two years: "I've learned patience."

Caroline Terenzini

### Voorheesville program

Sister Ann Bryant Smollin will lead two programs in communications on Jan. 10 and 24 at St. Matthew's Church in Voorheesville. Her first talk will be entitled "Self Esteem," followed two weeks later by "Mom and Dad, I Want to Learn to Talk to You." The programs are sponsored by the Voorheesville Drug and Alcohol Abuse Committee of St. Matthew's Church and Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

### Town to buy van

Marsh Hallman Chevrolet submitted the low bid of three received by the Bethlehem town board for a 1980 walk-in van to be purchased for the Bethlehem sewer district. The low bid was \$8,400.

### Elk Club forming

Organization meetings for a proposed New Scotland lodge of BPOE (Elks) are being held each Wednesday at 8 p.m. at Happy's Coach House, New Salem. Interested persons are invited.

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## Youths participate in video special

Several area youths are involved in the local aspects of "Campus Life," a nationwide group that is sponsoring the Johnny Cash Youth Special: "Where Have All the Children Gone?" The TV special, which will be aired on Channel 6 Friday, Jan. 4, from 7:30 to 11 p.m., features guest appearances by Roger Williams, Debby Boone, B.J. Thomas and other personalities in a crusade to "bring Christian principles into the lives of troubled youths."

Bob Brewer, of Delmar, the Campus Life director for the Bethlehem area, said that Bethlehem Central High School students Tim Woodin, Bob Dale, John VanNatten, Joanne Lehner and Eric Unright, as well as Hazel Wilcox of Voorheesville High School, will be on the set at WRGB as local personalities are interviewed about their views on youth. Scheduled to speak are Dr. Stephen Annett, 261 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, and Randy Browne, a correctional officer at Cocksackie Prison, who lives at Fonda del Sol, Ravena.

"The special is very smoothly done," commented Brewer. "We have a stage set as part of the videotape that's identical to the one being used at our headquarters in Wheaton, Ill. The same emcee on the national telecast came here for the interviews, so the show will seem to be local," he continued.

During the telecast, a phone number will be shown where interested viewers can call to get more information on Campus Life, or "Youth Guidance," the arm of the organization concerned with helping teens in trouble with drugs or the law. There will also be people available to take donations for the non-profit organization, plus counselors to talk to teens who might call in with problems of their own.

Beside his involvement in the program and Campus Life in Schenectady, Bob Brewer has weekly meetings with area

youths at his home in Delmar. "The groups average anywhere from 15 to 60," he said. "Some come every week, and others come sporadically." Anyone between the ages of 14 and 18 may attend the meetings at 433 Kenwood Ave. each Thursday at 7:30.

### Enlists in Army

James S. Staats, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Staats, Sr., South Bethlehem, has enlisted in the U.S. Army through the delayed entry program (DEP). Under the DEP, qualified high school students and graduates may enlist now yet take up to 12 months before entering the Army on active duty. Staats is scheduled to enter the Army on Aug. 12. He is a senior at the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School with a June graduation date. He is scheduled to receive basic training at Fort Dix, N.J., and advanced individual training as an electronic warfare interceptor at Fort Devens, Mass. Following training, Staats is set for assignment in Europe.

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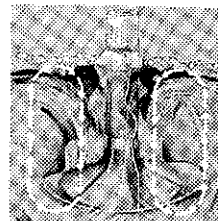
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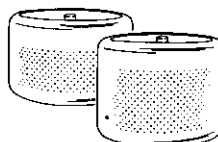
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### Park busy place —if snow comes

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But the lack of snow has curtailed the recreational offerings so far this winter. However, that can be fixed with one good snowstorm or a cold snap that will keep the ice in shape.

Park hours are 9 a.m. to dusk, with several areas lighted for use until 9 p.m. Among the programs on the winter schedule are:

**Ice skating.** Recreational skating is available on a large, free-form "pond" from 9 to 9. The ice is lighted from dusk to closing time. An ice hockey rink is available also during the same hours. Skaters are urged to watch for the green flag, which means all systems are "go" for skating. A red flag means that the ice is not suitable.

**Snowmobiling.** Snowmobilers are invited to use the terrain to the left of the maintenance road at the park, snow cover permitting. Caution is advised in the areas of the baseball backstops.

**Cross-country skiing.** Two trails for beginners and more experienced skiers are available. Both begin at the park's tennis courts. Skiers are asked to ski only when snow cover permits.

The park features a warming area, complete with rest rooms.

Persons wishing to organize skating parties are requested to contact the park office, 439-4131, between 8:30 and 4:30 weekdays.

## WRESTLING

### Grapplers open league season

Suburban Council wrestling action starts Friday after nearly a month of tournaments and outside meets. Bethlehem Central opens its league campaign with a dual meet at Gunderland.

The Eagles were busy during the holidays, travelling 125 miles to Canastota for a fifth-place finish in the 16-team Tri-Valley tournament in Central New York, and winning four places in the prestigious Clyde Cole tournament at Oxford.

Mark Dean won the 145-pound eliminations at Canastota. Other BC pointmakers were Jeff Herrmann, second at 119, J.B. Rodgers, third at 105; Dave Ruslander, fourth at 132, and John Herrmann at 98 and Andy Hickey at 112 each placing fifth in their weight classes.

At Oxford, Jeff Herrmann and J.B. Rodgers took third and John Herrmann and Tom Callanan (126) took fourth in their respective weight classes.

In dual meet action, the Eagles defeated Hudson Falls, 30-27, with John Herrmann and Joe Conway (105) posting pins to lead the scoring. Tom Callanan's victory at 126 avoided a shutout at the hands of Class A power Amsterdam in BC's last match before the holidays.

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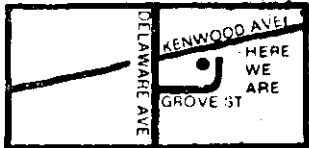


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**Bethlehem's Rick Wassenaar (41) battles Bishop Maginn's Bob Bruda for possession in Albany tournament game.** R.H. Davis

### BASKETBALL

## Crippled Eagles remain winless

Bethlehem Central's hopes of cracking the win column for the first time this season have been jarred by an injury to Mike Lawrence, the team's leading scorer and the lone senior in the starting five.

Lawrence twisted his knee with three minutes to go in a 62-53 loss to Bishop Maginn in the opening round of the Knights of Columbus tournament in Albany Friday, and will be out for at least a week. The following night, the Eagles missed his scoring and rebounding in dropping a 76-56 decision to Guilderland. This Friday, BC goes against the same Guilderland team in a Suburban Council collision in Delmar.

Bethlehem was down by nine at the half against Maginn and came back to tie the game with four minutes left. Maginn put on the press, forced turnovers and the game got away.

Coach Jim Tedisco is confident that his young team will rise up and surprise somebody soon. He installed sophomore Steve Gillespie in Lawrence's spot, and was delighted by the progress of Tom Dexter, another sophomore starter who had 15 against Mohonasen in the final league game before Christmas, plus 14 against

Maginn. "We're still making young mistakes, and the press bothers us, but we're improving even if the scores don't show it," observed Tedisco.

Tedisco's frustration drew blood after the Dec. 23 home game with Mohonasen. The Eagles battled the undefeated league co-leaders down to the wire before bowing, 65-58. Leaving the floor, Tedisco's pent-up emotion erupted: he put his hand through a glass door, which shattered. Tedisco was severely cut on his arm, and Dexter, standing nearby, suffered facial cuts. "I didn't realize it was glass... I thought it was plastic," he said later. "I didn't punch it, I just slapped it in a moment of frustration. I guess a lot of coaches felt the same way that night."

### Leash law hearing

A public hearing on a new dog control ordinance for Bethlehem has been scheduled for Jan. 23 at 8 p.m. The present ordinance must be updated to conform with changes in the state's Dept. of Agriculture and Market law. The new law, in the words of town attorney Bernie Kaplowitz, "has more teeth than the previous one," and under it, higher fees may be charged. The town board, however, anticipates few changes, with most being changes in wording only.

## BASKETBALL

### Blackbirds show signs of jelling

There is new optimism in the lee of the Helderbergs this week as Mike O'Brien prepares his Voorheesville Central basketball forces for the business end of the schedule. The Blackbirds, runners-up in their own Christmas tournament for the second straight year, travel to Cairo-Durham for a Central Hudson Valley League game Friday, then go to Duanesburg for a non-league exercise Saturday.

Bolstered by the return of Marty McTague, the new "big" man, Voorheesville played its best game of the season in obliterating Albany Academy by 23 points in the tournament opener Thursday, but in the final Berne-Knox had too much altitude and won comfortably, 54-44.

"They (Berne-Knox) must have seen how psyched up we were on Thursday and got psyched up themselves on Friday," commented O'Brien. "They got it early, 15-4 in the first quarter, and we had to play catchup all night."

With 6-5 Harold LeMay in top form and two 6-4 B-K forwards keeping the boards clear, the Blackbirds could only get one shot at a time. Against Academy, however, they had board control and were able to work the fast break. Joe Probst had 18 points and Jim Riviello, who was named to the all-tournament team, had 16. McTague made his debut with three hook shots and 12 rebounds. Overall, the Blackbirds shot 63 percent, a per-

formance that should win every time.

Voorheesville is still looking for its first league win, and Cairo-Durham may be the place to get it. O'Brien's book says C-D is big—they have a couple of 6-6 cloudscrapers—but they're not as physical as Berne-Knox.

### Open house set

The Campus Arts Center on New Scotland Rd., Albany, is accepting registrations for second semester music lessons which begin on Jan. 24. Private instruction is offered to all ages in piano, guitar, flute, violin and viola. A 12-week guitar class for beginners, taught by Carolyn Odell, will begin Feb. 5. An open house will be held on Jan. 13 from 2 to 4 p.m. Interested persons may tour the facilities and register for lessons at that time. For information call 438-7895.

### Narcotics charge

William A. Henderson, 27, of Schenectady was remanded to Albany County jail pending a hearing after pleading innocent to two counts of criminal possession of a controlled substance at his arraignment before Bethlehem Justice Harry B. Rezzemini Thursday. Henderson was arrested Dec. 27 by Bethlehem Det. Charles Rudolph after he allegedly had a quantity of LSD in his possession at the Town Squire shopping plaza last Nov. 2.

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## VOLLEYBALL

### Blackbirds 2nd in Sectionals

The Voorheesville High School girls' volleyball team had another successful season, ending up second in league play and second in the Sectionals.

Exhaustion took its toll in the team's bid to repeat as Section 2 Class C champions, according to Coach Robyn Lock. They began the pool play by defeating Schoharie, Corinth, and Whitehall in straight games to enter the semi-finals as the top seed. Then, after beating second-place Cobleskill (from the other division) the Blackbirds faced a return match with victorious Whitehall.

"In the first game of the finals," the coach said, "they beat us 15-12. Then we won 15-3, and they took the last one 15-1. We got to the last game of the final match and the kids were exhausted. Words of encouragement were meaningless."

"I can't begin to say enough about the kids," she continued.

"They were great all year." In view of her doubts at this season's outset, missing seven seniors from the Sectional championship team, she remains optimistic about her chances next year. "I'm graduating eight seniors," she said, "but I never expected we'd do as well as we did this year, so who knows?" Robyn Lock has been bringing good teams back, year after year.

### Eagle spikers end good year

The Bethlehem Central High School girls' volleyball team wrapped up its season with a third place finish in the Sectionals to go with second place honors in the Suburban Council.

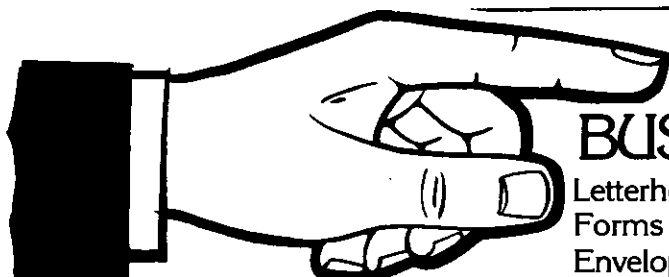
Shenendehowa proved to be their nemesis this year, beating the Eagles in two games, both in the Suburban Council tournament and in the Sectionals.

The season was not, however, without its bright spots. In the round-robin Sectional tournament, the Eagles were the only team to win a game from powerful Troy High School as it won its first Sectional crown ever. Troy won in convincing fashion over Shenendehowa in the finals.

"I think we did well," said Coach Carol Walts. She looks forward to next season. "We're losing our setter Shelly Richter and Carrie Howell (two of the three co-captains of the team) from the starting line-up, but a lot of our substitutes saw action this year and will be returning." Among them is Mary Howell, the third co-captain and Carrie's younger sister.

### An old grudge?

Someone threw a stone through the window of the men's washroom in the former Bethlehem justice building at 118 Adams St., Delmar, the night of Dec. 22, and a rock was hurled through the front door window the following night, according to reports on file at Bethlehem police headquarters. The building housed the police department until last October.



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**Local couple wed**

JoAnn Theresa Vitillo, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Nicholas Vitillo, 14 Minnowbrook Ave., Delmar, and Jeffrey Earl Voorhees, son of Mr. and Mrs. Henry Voorhees, 49 Union Ave., Slingerlands, were married at St. Thomas Church in Delmar on Oct. 20 at 6:30 p.m.

The bride's cousin, Ann



Mrs. Jeffrey Voorhees

Marie Verardi, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Mrs. N. Kurtessis, sister of the groom, Mrs. Joseph Korawajczyk, Anita Fish, Marianne Havill and Suzanne May. Debbie Spitzfaden was flower girl. Nicholas Vitillo, the bride's brother, was best man. Joseph Thierry was ring bearer and Andrew Batchelor, Douglas Hauser, Steven Davis, Leonard Tompkins and Nicholas Kurtessis, the groom's brother-in-law, were ushers.

A reception was held at Michael's Banquet House in Cohoes. The couple visited Florida and the Bahamas on their wedding trip.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and Albany Business College, is employed as a secretary for the New York State Teachers' Retirement System. Her husband graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and Alfred College. He is a partner in Professional Auto Parts of Delmar. The couple now reside at 35 McAlpin St., Albany.

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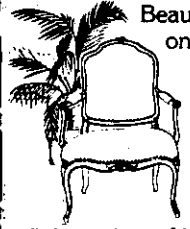
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### Who can save us?

Constituents who are becoming increasingly concerned over the United States' pell-mell rush to a second-class power in world politics will be treated to a rare spectacle when Channel 17 airs "The Iowa Debates" Saturday and Monday.

In this first week of a "presidential year" that also launches a new decade, it is sobering to realize how many thinking citizens voice genuine fears as to the future of the nation that for more than a century has been the strongest political, technological, military and social force on this spinning planet. In our two-party system, the cornerstone of the free democracy the world envies, people get vocal and

vigorous on behalf of one candidate or another depending on party loyalty, but never in recent memory (mine only goes back to Al Smith and Herbert Hoover) have so many people appeared so disillusioned as to the caliber of our future leaders.

More than in any other election since World War 2, Americans in 1980 must have a president to reverse the continuing backslide in our economic position, diplomatic power and overall image as an international leader. The sheer magnitude of the future of our way of government gives the 1980 campaign a dimension that hopefully will not be overwhelmed in the verbiage of political oratory soon to be loosed upon us.

Small wonder many loyal Democrats, even straight-liners shake their heads at the prospect of being given Jimmy Carter or Ted Kennedy on the November ballot. Small wonder longtime Republicans shake their heads when they look at the GOP scorecard and

wonder if they will be given a established loser or a wild-card choice.

On the Democratic side, it's hard to recall an election without less early enthusiasm for president seeking reelection. Will convention delegates appraising an incumbent with notably low leadership quotient, turn to a flamboyant politico with a magic name who has no record of any significant achievement?

On the Republican side, will rank-and-file voters from coast to coast support the candidate back-room politicians designate: Reagan, who could not defeat Ford, or Ford, who could not defeat Carter? Or John Connolly, who has turned off many voters? Or George Bush, a strong administrator and leader who needs publicity? Or Howard Baker, another dark horse in line as a possible compromise choice? Or whoever?

Even if you dread the gush of campaign rhetoric, tune in on Channel 17's commendable public service next week for an armchair preview of the presidential lineup. The GOP collection goes to bat first in "The Iowa Debates"—see for yourself the extent of Reagan's conservatism or Connolly's aggression, and be introduced to Bush and Baker. Then see Carter as a candidate rather than a president, Kennedy as an orator, and judge for yourself whether Jerry Brown is a dangerous radical or merely a maverick opportunist.

The Republicans are on at 8:30 p.m. Saturday, the Democrats at 8:30 Monday. The two programs may be the most illuminating of the entire pre-primary season. Meanwhile, let's all be grateful for having a Channel 17.

### Family swims resume

The town of Bethlehem's recreational swim program will resume on Sunday, Jan. 6, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School pool from 1 to 4 p.m. Sundays. Fees are adults 14-64, 75 cents; children 8-13, 50 cents and children under 8, free when accompanied by an adult.

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### Fear not publicity

A theft in Delmar last month has inspired Bethlehem police to renew their oft-spoken appeals to residents to call headquarters if they see anything suspicious in their neighborhood—or anywhere else, for that matter.

It has also motivated the *Spotlight* editor to state this newspaper's policy in regard to publicizing police matters. We hope many people read the following carefully:

A few days before Christmas, a Darroch Rd. resident notified police that a supply of fireplace logs had been stolen

from his woodpile. Police investigation disclosed that a neighbor had seen a car near the woodpile at 1 a.m. the night before and "three or four" men loading the car trunk with logs and driving off. The neighbor said she didn't call police because she "didn't want her name in the *Spotlight* and she thought the men would be gone before police could get there.

The incident is mentioned here because (1) her name would not have appeared in the *Spotlight* anyway, and (2) police radio patrol cars were on alert nearby and might have been at the scene within two or three minutes.

Here is the *Spotlight* policy on police reporting:

As a community newspaper, the *Spotlight* is dedicated to serving the best interests of local readers and residents. Our community's "small town" atmosphere is a valuable asset, and to preserve this, the editor will compromise his hard-line journalism precepts of "big

city" papers to protect innocent people.

Accordingly, *Spotlight* readers will notice such terms as "a Fernbank Ave. residence" or "a Font Grove Rd. homeowner" or "a neighbor reported" in our police stories; although specific names and addresses appear on the police blotter. We feel nothing would be gained by identifying, for instance, the driver who blocked the door of the OTB parlor, or the witness who reported seeing a shoplifter.

We also bypass reporting arrests for DWI (driving while intoxicated), marijuana possession, family altercations and other incidents unless there are unusual circumstances or a special significance.

We earnestly hope no one will hesitate reporting a suspicious car or person because of fear of unwanted publicity. We will always be sensitive to people's privacy when they are being helpful or are not involved in an unlawful act. The success of the new emphasis by

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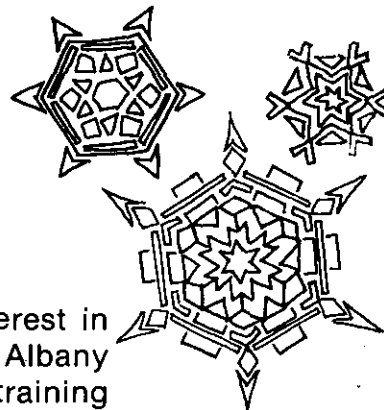
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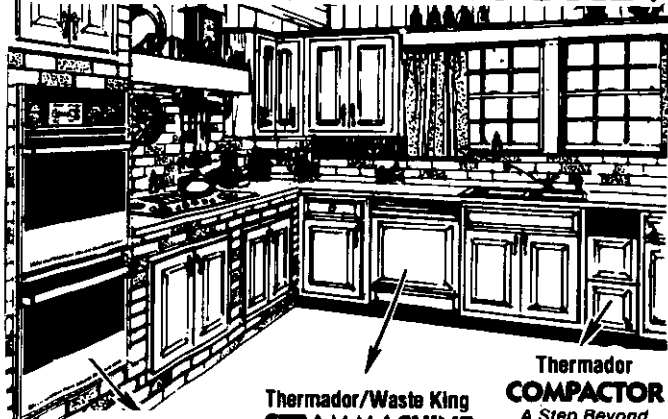
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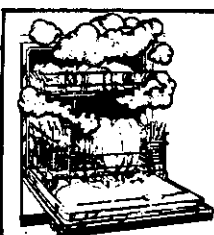
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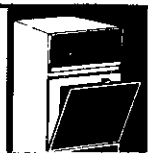
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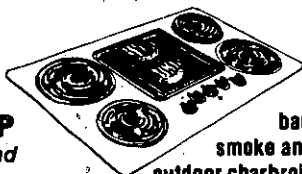


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