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Shawn Williams, 4, tells Santa of his his Christmas wishes at the Harris House in Voorheesville. The visit from St. Nick was sponsored by the

senior class at Clayton A. Bouton Senior High School.
Lyn Stapf

'Please don't miss my house'

By Lorraine C. Smith

Approximately 200 Bethlehem children used their most polite pleases and thank you's when they wrote to Santa Claus this year. Many thanked Santa for last year's gifts, asked about Mrs. Claus's health, and hoped "for a nice and safe trip." Others expressed their concern for the reindeer and hoped that they were "ready for the big trip."

Courtesy of the town's senior citizen volunteers, one of four elf-designed letters will be sent in reply to each of the requests, except for the few that even Santa can't answer for lack of a return

address. The letters will be mailed from the North Pole — really — when one of Santa's senior assistants escorts the letters there for an authentic North Pole cancel.

Written on a wonderful assortment of stationery, from yellow lined paper and torn-from-notebook sheets, to kitty-cat folded notes and a reindeer picture Christmas card, the lists are printed boldly, crayon outlined, written neatly, copied carefully or obviously dictated to a helper. They came in the mail in pencil, pen, red

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Schwartz named RCS superintendent

By Theresa Bobear

William Schwartz was appointed as the next superintendent of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District by the RCS Board of Education Monday night.

Schwartz, currently assistant superintendent for RCS, will serve a three-year term, beginning July 1. At the end of the 1984-85 school year, Milton Chodack, current superintendent of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk School District, submitted his resignation, effective June 30, 1986.

"I'm very happy, obviously, to be appointed. I've devoted 14 years of my career to the school district. I have a vested interest in it, both as a professional and as a parent," said Schwartz.

The motion to appoint Schwartz was made by board member Wayne Fuhrman, seconded by board member Ronald Selkirk and passed 7-1-1. Board member Susan Gottesman said she was voting no because of the terms of the contract. Board member Marie Muller abstained.

After thanking the people who put their time into the search process, board member Louis Neri said it was the board's purpose to choose the best candidate. Neri said the majority saw fit to appoint Schwartz and that for the sake of unity he would concur with that opinion.

The board then voted 8 to 1 to abolish the position of assistant superintendent, effective June 30. Board member Ronald Peretti, who voted against the motion, said he thought the superintendent should make the decision of whether the position should stay or go.

"There's no question in my mind that we're a fine school district doing a fine job; and, I think we should continue to earn that reputation," said Schwartz. "I think what we need to do is develop pride in ourselves as a school district."

"I am excited about being in a position of leadership to be able to meet the challenges and developments that education brings today," said Schwartz.

As superintendent, Schwartz said he will look at how the district is organized "particularly in light of what is happening with retirement incentive. With so many of the people leaving, reorganization is going to be very important."

Now that the state is providing information on evaluations, Schwartz said he will look at programs and, if necessary, make modifications based on what is learned from those evaluations.

Finally, Schwartz said "People who are affected by decisions ought to be a part of making

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Hazardous materials: who's in charge here?

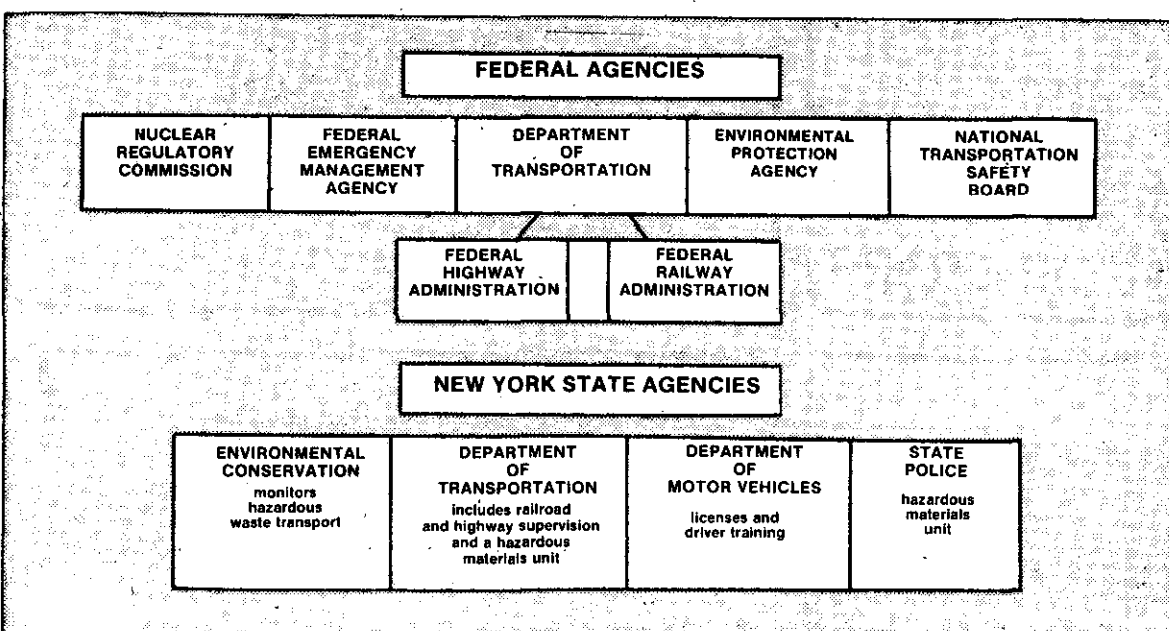
By Linda Anne Burtis

Second of two parts.

The toxins that are released into the air by General Electric's Noryl Products plant in Selkirk are well known to New York State's Department of Environmental Conservation. EnCon issues permits individually for each chemical, limiting the amounts which can be released.

But when those same hazardous materials are on their way to their destination, whether it is GE or some other chemical plant, no government regulator knows what they are or where they're going. In sharp contrast to the highly regulated industrial use and disposal of hazardous chemicals, the transport of materials that could endanger hundreds or thousands of lives is virtually an unregulated industry.

Hazardous materials transportation is not limited to pollution-hazed, overcrowded urban highways. As reported in last week's *Spotlight*, large quantities of dangerous cargoes pass through the quiet, residential towns of Bethlehem and New Scotland day and



A diagram of some of the federal and state agencies that are concerned with the transportation of hazardous materials.

night. Most of the materials are carried by freight trains, but some also move by truck. Local firefighters, despite their lack of information and sophisticated equipment, have the primary burden of containing a hazardous materials accident.

Often, the only thing local officials can do is be prepared — and pray. For instance, the Elsmere Fire Company has developed evacuation plans for the 100-resident Good Samaritan Home on Rockefeller Rd., which is located just south of the Delaware & Hudson

tracks.

But in addition to the problem of quickly evacuating elderly and non-ambulatory residents, the location of the tracks themselves is a cause for concern, says Chief Anthony Morrell. The tracks follow a deep ravine inland from the

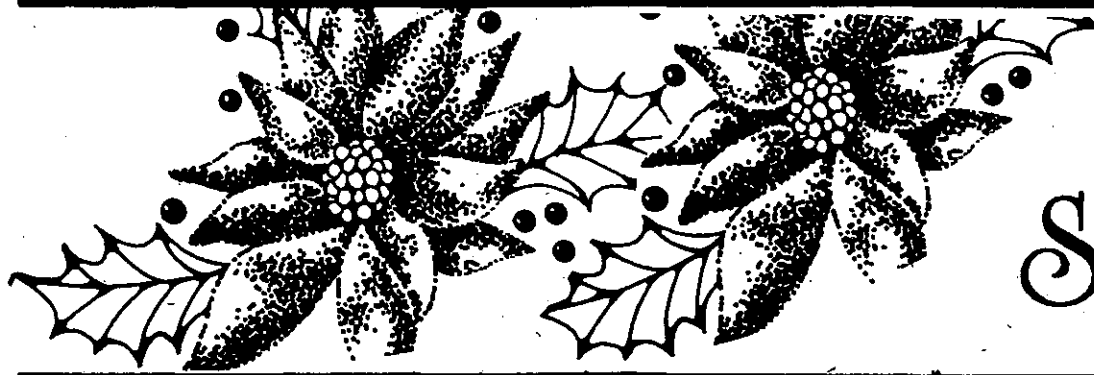
Hudson River, so if there were a derailment of a train carrying toxic cargo, fire trucks would have a difficult time getting to it.

It is important to understand how the local situation fits into the state and national picture. One fact stands out: while both the federal and the state Departments of Transportation are responsible for safe transport of dangerous cargo, most of the authority and power to make policy rests at the federal level. Yet, according to federal DOT spokesman Thomas Simpson, "We don't have any records on what is being shipped where."

"There is no federal system worth its name," says Fred Millar, director of the Nuclear and Hazardous Materials Project for the Environmental Policy Institute in Washington, D. C. "The chemical industry up to now has virtually no oversight."

Millar says the U.S. DOT falls pitifully short of adequate surveillance because it has only 16 inspectors for 160,000 railroad cars carrying toxic substances and

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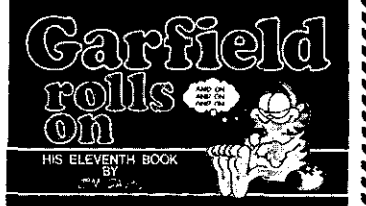


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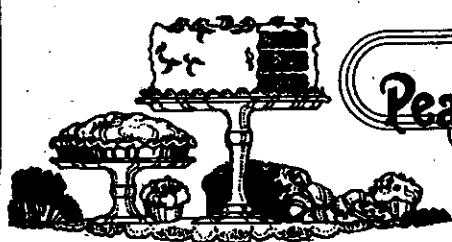
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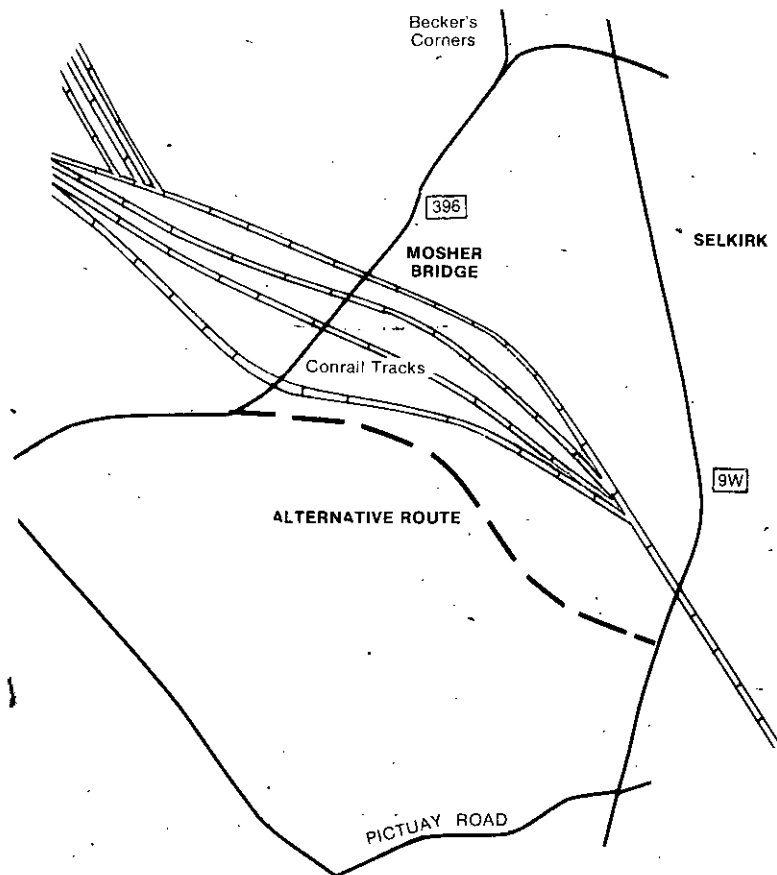
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The state Department of Transportation has proposed three plans for replacing the Moshier Bridge. Two involve new bridges. The third, which town officials oppose, would mean a new road southeast to Rt. 9W.

Spotlight map

Town to oppose bridge removal

A proposal to eliminate the Moshier Bridge that takes Rt. 396 over the Conrail yards near Becker's Corners will probably be officially opposed by the town, Bethlehem Supervisor Robert Hendrick said Friday.

"That bridge is pretty important," Hendrick said. "Not only is it necessary to fire and ambulance companies, but it is also a key to the town's efforts to bring development to the area south of the yards, he said.

The matter was discussed at the Bethlehem Town Board's meeting last week when Hendrick informed the board that the state Department of Transportation was holding an informational meeting at the Becker School yesterday (Tuesday). The state is weighing three plans for the replacement of the existing bridge, including building a new bridge at the present site or slightly to the east. But local officials say they consider the third alternative — to reroute Rt. 396 southeast so that it reaches Rt. 9W without going over the tracks — as the plan DOT officials are leaning toward because of its lower cost.

Early deadlines

The Spotlight will go to press a day early for the Christmas and New Years issues so that the papers may be delivered on Tuesday rather than the normal Wednesday delivery day. Therefore, we are asking our contributors and advertisers to observe the following deadlines:

For the Dec. 24 issue, the deadline for news releases and for display ads is Thursday, Dec. 19, at 5 p.m. The classified ad deadline is Saturday, Dec. 21, at noon. Papers will be on the newsstands and in the mail Tuesday, Dec. 24, and the Spotlight office will be closed at 1 p.m. that day.

For the Dec. 31 issue, the deadline for news releases and for display ads is Thursday, Dec. 26, at 5 p.m. The classified ad deadline is noon on Saturday, Dec. 28. Papers will be on the newsstands and in the mail Tuesday, Dec. 31.

"I think we should take an active part in this," said Building Inspector John Flanigan, who is also an area fire chief. "Because they are really going to do a number on us."

Councilman John Geurtze, who lives in Glenmont, noted that the public information meeting extended from 3 to 8:30 p.m. "By spreading it out over five hours you're not going to get 200 people in there to raise hell," he said.

Hendrick said the town's comments would probably be in written form, and that he will encourage local fire district officials to also speak out on the plan.

One dead in crash

A 77-year-old Lake Pleasant woman was killed and her two passengers injured Monday afternoon when her car was hit from the side while it was turning onto Rt. 144 from Thruway Exit 22 at Selkirk.

State police said the dead woman, Anna Bell Winchell, would have been charged with failure to yield in the accident. But they charged the driver of the second car, Joann F. Tune, 33, of 159 Dove St., Albany, with driving while intoxicated. Tune, who was treated at Albany Medical Center Hospital for hand and elbow injuries, is due to appear in Bethlehem Town Court to answer the charge.

Troopers said the Winchell car was knocked 60 to 70 yards south of the intersection by Tune's car, which was heading south on Rt. 144. Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance Squad and Delmar Rescue Squad transported victims to Albany Medical Center, and the



Rescue squads from Selkirk, Delmar and Bethlehem responded to the fatal accident Monday on Rt. 144 at Exit 22 of the Thruway.

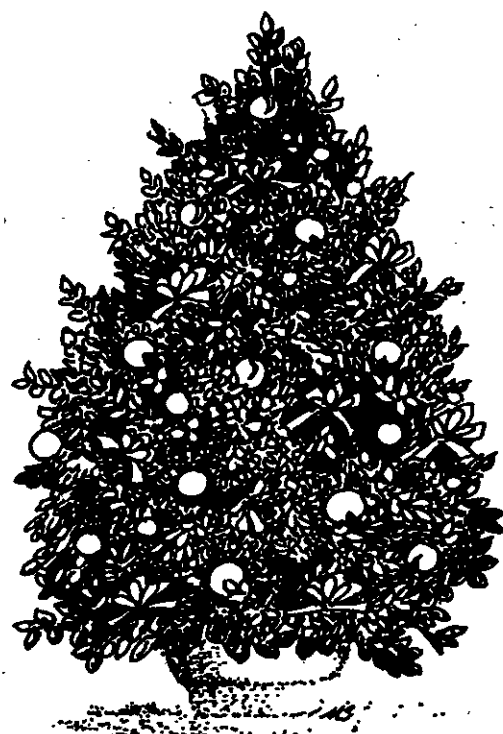
Jeff Gonzales photos

Slingerlands Rescue Squad was called in to use its Jaws of Life to free Winchell. She was pronounced dead on arrival at the hospital.

The two passengers in the Winchell vehicle were her brother and sister-in-law, Herbert and Gwendolyn Winchell of Speculator. Herbert Winchell, 80, was admitted to the hospital in fair condi-

tion with back injuries. Gwendolyn Winchell was in fair condition with pelvic injuries, according to state police. Trooper J.R. Dorn investigated assisted by Bethlehem police.

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Receives award

Kathleen Devane, a graduate of Clarksville Elementary School and Bethlehem Central High School, recently received a cash award from the Clarksville Parent Teacher Association.

Devane was a member of the basketball team, the volleyball team and the National Honor Society at Bethlehem Central High School. She is currently studying mathematics at St. Michael's College in Winooski, Vt.

Kathleen Devane is the daughter of Dr. and Mrs. Frank Devane of Clarksville.



Amateur Radio Operators Dean Stout, left, Jack Donnelly and Bill LaBrecque were at McDonald's Restaurant in Elmsere on Saturday to send holiday greetings, free of charge, from area residents to loved ones and friends. Jeff Gonzales

Elmwood Park voters oust 2 incumbents

Two incumbents in the Elmwood Park Fire District, which is embroiled in controversy over replacement of its fire house, lost their bids for reelection Dec. 10. In other district elections, incumbents in Delmar and Slingerlands were reelected with no opposition.

In the Elmwood Park district, which covers territory in North Bethlehem, New Scotland and Guilderland, 235 people voted. Commissioner George Mears lost

his bid for another five-year term to Paul Miller, 145-71, and Treasurer William Cleveland was defeated by Mary Cantwell, 130-87.

After two defeats of measures to replace the fire house on School House Rd., district officials have said they are considering a third proposal.

In Delmar, Commissioner George O. Mann won another five-year term with 33 votes.

In Slingerlands, Commissioner William B. Lenhardt received all 12 votes cast for another five-year term.



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Tips for shoppers

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The association offers the following suggestions: buy toys that suit the skills and abilities of the child; look for labels that give recommendations and safety information; watch out for toys with sharp edges, small parts or sharp points; avoid toys that produce loud noises, which may damage hearing, or propel objects, which may injure eyes; explain to children how to use toys properly and safely; always supervise young children while they play; insist that children put toys away so that no one trips on them, and examine toys periodically and make repairs or discard.

Thomas Pisa, president of the state's education association, says parents should not only take responsibility for examining toys for safety; but, also carefully consider whether a toy will generate true interest, healthy imagination and growth.

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in the effort included: front row, from left, Sharon Reiss, Emily Chen, Sara Israel and Jim Wolkenbreit; and, back row, from left, Kathy Bleymann, Nick Dubroff and Jeff Buenau. Jeff Gonzales

BC bond vote a breeze

The Bethlehem Central School District's \$4.6 million bond issue was overwhelmingly approved in light voting last week, and the district will get right to work on implementing the improvements.

But while some of the more urgent work may be done early next year, most of it will probably take a year to complete, Superintendent Lawrence Zinn said after the vote.

"We'll be meeting with our architects to get things started as quickly as we can," Zinn said. He said he was "delighted" with the 1,070 to 270 vote.

"I was amazed that we had that light a turn-out and that percentage of positive vote in combination," said Zinn. The outcome, he said, probably resulted from the fact that there was no organized opposition to the measure. About 3,000 district residents usually vote on budgets.

The bond issue will add an estimated \$3.30 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation to tax bills in the Town of Bethlehem in the first year of payment, declining each year. Over the 10-year life of the bond the Bethlehem tax bill will average about \$2.65 per \$1,000. In New Scotland, the average will be about \$4.60 per \$1,000.

Among the major items to be accomplished are a new swimming pool at the high school, new tennis courts at the high school and middle school, roofing and heating system work at all of the district's school buildings except Glenmont, and a variety of energy conservation measures.

Zinn said some of the more urgent items may be put out for bids on a "fast track" basis, allowing work to start within a few months. For most of the projects, however, design work and bidding procedures will take the better part of a year, he said.

Student arrested

A 16-year-old Albany resident attending Bethlehem Central Middle School as a BOCES student was arrested by Bethlehem Police on an assault third degree charge last Monday. The youth, whose name was withheld pending youthful offender status, was held in connection with an incident Nov. 25 at the middle school in which he allegedly struck another student. After the arrest, the Albany youth was arraigned in Bethlehem Town Court and released in custody of his parents.

2 Delmar burglaries

The Community Health Plan center and the Handy Dandy Cleaners on Delaware Ave. were both burglarized after business hours last Monday, and in both cases the culprits took advantage of an unsecured window, according to Bethlehem police reports.

At the CHP offices, a radio and tape player, as well as some medical paraphernalia, were taken, but no drugs and no cash. At the cleaners, \$100 was reported missing.

Bridge delays

Delays on the portion of Rt. 9W at the new bridge may be expected through Jan. 13, according to officials at the state Department of Transportation.

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eight inspectors for 400,000 trucks.

How does the federal system operate, if it doesn't gather information? The structure is a simple one: placarding. Thousands of hazardous materials are listed according to their code number. This code is supposed to appear on the outside of train cars and trucks. In an emergency, the code can be broken by police or firefighters.

'The chemical industry up to now has virtually no oversight.'

Other federal regulations have attempted to reduce the risk inherent in the presence of so many toxic chemicals. For example, John Chowske, assistant railroad engineer for New York State's Department of Transportation, points out that hazardous materials cannot remain idle in the railroad yard, but must be moved within 48 hours, exclusive of holidays and weekends. Also, he added, such cargo may not be unloaded at the yard. The receiver of the commodity must have his own track for unloading purposes.

At the state level, what surveillance exists involves two agencies. The state Department of Transportation has primary responsibility for hazardous materials, but the state Department of Environmental Conservation becomes involved if there is a spill. The involvement of two agencies means the possibility for cracks in bureaucracies through which hazardous materials could leak.

Judi Enck, executive director of the Albany-based Environmental Planning Lobby, argues for the "cradle to grave" approach. Dangerous chemicals, she says, should be carefully and evenly regulated throughout their life, but as it stands now they often fall under the purview of different agencies depending on whether they are

being manufactured, shipped, or disposed of.

According to James Moran, sanitation engineer for state EnCon, "hazardous materials are absolutely not controlled as carefully as hazardous waste."

When a hazardous material, such as liquified petroleum gasoline, is inside a train or truck it is a "Haz Mat" under the domain of state DOT. But that office is not aware of the path it will follow. However, if any of the gasoline leaks onto the ground it instantly

becomes hazardous waste, for which EnCon is responsible — and which, Moran says, is carefully monitored.

Cracks in the system have not escaped the attention of the New York State Legislature. Senator Norman J. Levy, chairman of the Transportation Committee, introduced legislation directed at the trucking industry. His bill would establish a hazardous materials transportation board. Such a board would address loopholes in the system which stem from "overlapping jurisdictions between local and state and federal regulations," said Daniel Payne, counsel for Levy. Levy's bill passed both houses last session but was vetoed by Gov. Cuomo.

Railroads, which handle most of the toxic cargo shipped in the United States, were excluded from this legislation.

On the local level, Bethlehem Town Supervisor Robert Hendrick recently proposed that the town board develop an "Emergency Preparedness Plan." The plan would set up a system to coordinate the efforts of all town departments, along with appropriate county, state and federal agencies, to handle an emergency such as a toxic transport incident.

Many trucks fail inspections

Hazardous materials-carrying trucks are a common sight in the Bethlehem area. However, according to Matthew Ryan, director of the Traffic and Safety Division for the state Department of Transportation, most of these trucks use major highways rather than local roads. It is Bethlehem's proximity to the New York State Thruway that places the community at risk in the event of an accident.

Ryan added that gasoline and home heating oil are some of the obvious dangerous cargos shipped on local roads. He explained that gasoline is the more volatile of the two fuels and could ignite in an accident if friction created a spark.

The Federal Highway Administration, a branch of the U. S. Department of Transportation, assumes most of the regulatory responsibility for safe transport of hazardous materials by truck. The FHA operates in a similar fashion to the railroad's regulator, the Federal Railway Administration. There are few restrictions on what can be shipped, but trucks must be marked — placarded — indicating the chemical inside.

New York State's Department of Transportation focuses its efforts on truck inspections, looking for proper "placarding" and faulty equipment that may cause leaks. Ryan said that he is in "dire need of more inspectors." DOT is currently assigning bus inspectors to this job. In January, Ryan hopes to be funded for 16 bona fide inspectors.



While the State Police and the FHA also conduct inspections, the ratio of inspectors to truckers is miniscule.

Sgt. William Ropelewski, supervisor of traffic for State Police Troop G, said that two hazardous materials trained officers conduct periodic spot checks at local exits of the Thruway. He explained that "40 percent of the trucks on the road carry hazardous materials, of which 60 percent are not in compliance with safety regulations."

"At the present time it is beneficial economically for trucking companies not to comply with federal regulations," a 1984 report by the State University at Albany's Institute for Traffic Safety Management and Research concluded. "The probability of being caught is low and the likelihood of an action being brought is even lower."

Linda Ann Burtis

Local fire companies and police officers, often first at the scene of an accident, assume an unusually large burden. They must mobilize despite the lack of information available. Harlen Metz is the district chief for the Selkirk Fire Department. His district includes two potential industrial trouble spots: the Conrail train yards and the Port of Albany. Metz said that he is never given advance notice of what is coming through.

Volunteer fire companies bear another hardship. Outfitting fire companies with adequate equipment to handle chemical accidents is a costly endeavor. For example, chemical and oil fires require "proximity suits which cost \$600 to \$700 apiece," according to Metz.

It is not unusual for the private sector to create its own fire company. Metz said that General Electric's Noryl plant in Selkirk has a sophisticated fire brigade. GE spokesman James Conheady told *The Spotlight* that the brigade has helped extinguish accidents in places other than their own plant, such as in Conrail's yard.

When asked if GE bought any chemical firefighting equipment for the local companies to ease their cost, Conheady said that they had not.

What role can the localities, who are at great risk in the event of a toxic spill, play to enhance their own protection? Because it usually involves interstate commerce, local governments have

not been very successful in their efforts to reroute hazardous materials away from their areas.

There are enough precedents, however, to indicate that it is not impossible. *The International Fire Chief* magazine reported recently that Cincinnati, Ohio, has begun to fine hazardous materials truckers for going through the city instead of around it. New York City also imposes routing regulations on transporters.

Environmental Millar, who often advises communities about their rights, has written a model local ordinance for use by localities that wish to regulate the transport of hazardous materials.

He argues that the routes taken by trains and trucks which carry hazardous materials should consider variables such as population density. Millar said that the shippers should have the burden of selecting the safest routes and that the technology is already available to do this.

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"Cities and states have considerable latitude, under the Hazardous Materials Transportation Act of 1974, in imposing rational routing choices on shippers of the most hazardous cargoes and in raising funds for adequate training and equipment," Millar says.

He also emphasizes the need for risk assessment studies. Local government can insist that industry provide information on how risks can be lowered. For example, Millar points to the ultrahazardous methylisocyanate (MIC), which is shipped daily in large quantities, at considerable risk, to FMC Corporation in Middleport, New York. The company could opt to store a similar chemical on site, from which MIC could be made. This would not compromise its industrial needs, but would eliminate the risks inherent in transportation.

Most important, Millar says, local officials, particularly fire companies, have the right to know what is transported through their districts. The names of ultrahazardous chemicals, in particular, should be made public, to ensure proper emergency readiness. And the safety records of railroads should also be made public, he says.

Clarification

The AIRCO plant, pictured in the background of a photograph accompanying last week's *Spotlight* story on the transportation of hazardous materials, does not itself contain or manufacture hazardous chemicals, according to plant manager Larry Luchkiw.

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Hamlet sees slow road to repair

Plans to do something about the decaying "Yellow Brick Road" in the hamlet of Normansville seem to be making more progress in the press than in the halls of government. That fact was clearly an irritant as Normanskill residents appeared again last Wednesday before the Bethlehem Town Board to ask for help.

"We're not getting the support from the town," complained Ed Tompkins, president of the newly formed neighborhood association, as he reported on a meeting earlier in the week with several area historians to discuss what

should be done about the road, "one of the first put down" in the area.

"Do you want to let it go as history or do you want it worked out?" he asked.

"We're not sure where you're coming from," replied Supervisor Robert Hendrick. He pointed out that Highway Superintendent Martin Cross had met with the residents to discuss repaving the road, as they had originally requested, but held off when they said they would like part of the original road preserved. Since then, he said, the town has been waiting for the residents to come up with a specific request, while warning that reconstruction of a brick road would be quite costly.

The meeting on the Yellow Brick Road was attended by Town Historian James E. Morgan, who Hendrick said planned to take the lead in the search for federal funds to preserve the road. Tompkins, however, said Morgan hadn't

stayed for the whole meeting and had not talked to him.

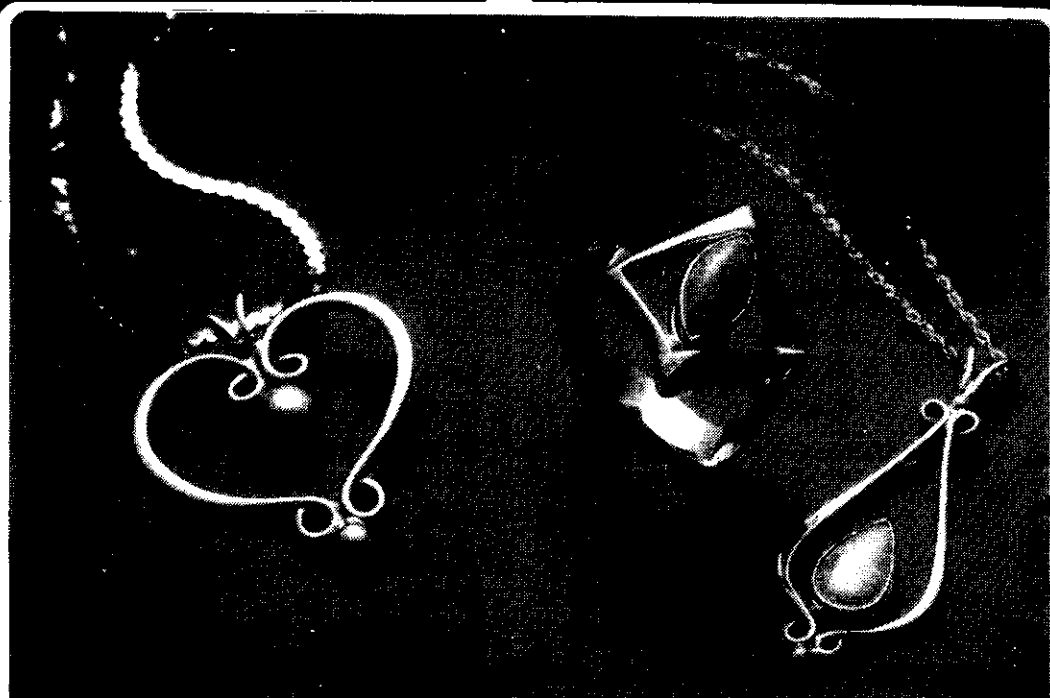
"Be more than polite," he urged.

"I guess there's been some poor communications," said Hendrick, noting that he wasn't notified of the meeting until the day before. Councilwoman Sue Ann Ritchko said she also hadn't heard of the meeting until it was too late for her to change her plans.

The meeting was, however, reported by *The Knickerbocker News*, which had previously reported on the group's efforts to form during the November election and of its search for information on the history of the road.

"I read in the paper that you're picking up the ball and going with it," said Councilman Scott Prothero. "If that's true, what do you want from us?"

Tompkins agreed to hold a meeting of his group with town officials Jan. 6 at the town hall.



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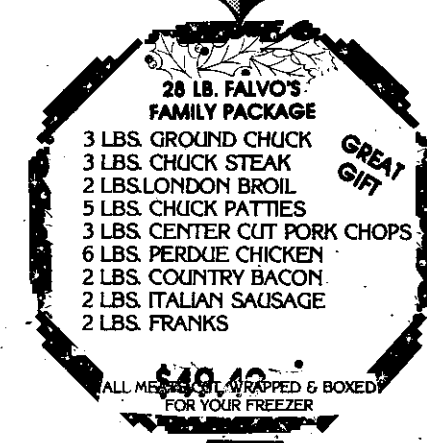
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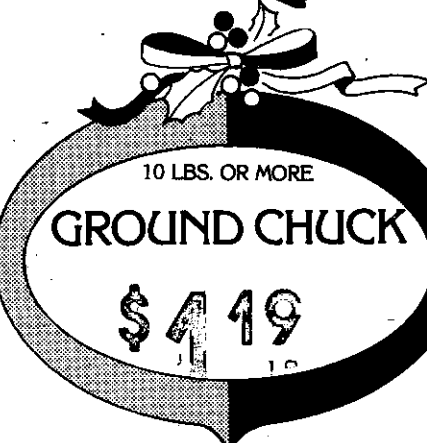
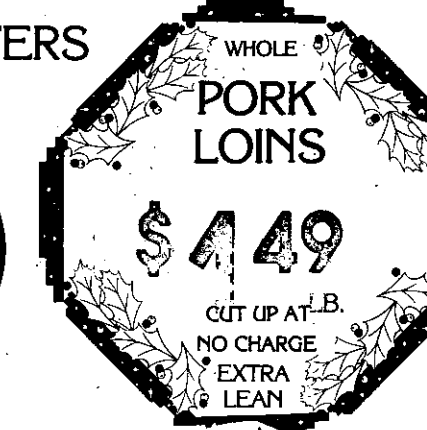
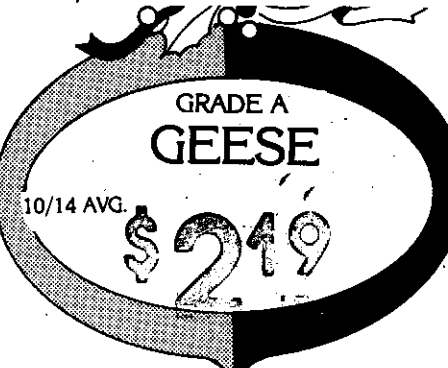
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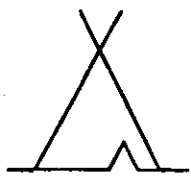


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Town to study bypass area

Taking its cue from the Vollmer Associates study of Bethlehem's changing traffic patterns, town officials are taking a closer look at some of the faster growing areas. One of the first candidates for the microscope is the area around the Delmar Bypass at Bender Lane, where a major development is planned for the old Piazza farm.

Public Works Commissioner Bruce Secor told the Bethlehem Town Board last Wednesday that he plans nine such studies in the coming year. All are based on the

Vollmer study's projections of growth in the town and how that growth will affect traffic on major arterials.

"That gave us some overall guidelines, but now we want to carry that further," Secor said. The first study area, in North Bethlehem, was started earlier this year, with Secor recommending that when land is developed several corridors be reserved for new roads.

"Our thought is to outline the town's point of view," he explained. In most cases, the town would require the developer to put in the new roads, as has been done with the Nolan-Heller development between Delaware Ave. and Orchard St.

Later in the meeting, it was revealed that there has already been some discussion about new roads for the Piazza development. Board member John Geurtze asked Robert Zick, a resident of Colonial Acres and an officer in the homeowners association, how residents would feel about a connection between their area and the new development.

Not well, responded Zick. "The idea came up," explained Geurtze, adding that nothing would be done without consulting the residents. The town's only obvious alternative southern access to that property is Bender Lane, a narrow, winding road that links to Rt. 9W.

In other business Wednesday, the board:

- Received, but did not act on, a plan for the new Halter Rd. water extension. Secor reported that the cost, with the addition of several houses on Rt. 144, now stands at about \$40,000, or \$34.50 per \$1,000 of assessed valuation, which apparently will be acceptable to the State Comptroller's office. The board informally gave approval to residents to circulate the petition needed to obtain the water line.

- Named Key Bank as the city's fiscal agent for the sale of \$5.125 million in long term bonds for sewer and water projects.

- Approved a rate increase to \$7 per ton for commercial haulers using Albany's Answers plant following a similar increase by the city in the rate paid by the town.

- Received requests from two school organizations for traffic safety improvements. The Bethlehem Central High School Community Organization requested the town to take a look at the Delaware Ave. crossings at the Brookfield subdivision and at Cherry Ave., and also the Elm Ave. crossing by the Lutheran church. And the Slingerlands PTO wants the town to establish a 20 m.p.h. school zone for Union Ave. Both requests will be studied.

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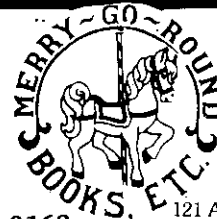
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Ticket blizzard irks homeowner

A Colonial Drive resident whose party for young people over the Thanksgiving holiday was broken up by a blizzard of tickets wants the Bethlehem Town Board to rethink the town's winter-time ban on on-street parking.

What it means, complained Robert Zick, a former Bethlehem Central School Board member, is that large gatherings are pushed out of homes to restaurants and bars — not exactly the sort of message the town should be giving to teens and young adults, he said.

Zick's party was broken up when snow started falling after midnight, he said. "I was rather abrupt with the officer," he added.

Town board members were sympathetic, but cautious. "There has to be a way," agreed Sue Ann Ritchko.

"Having paid one or two of those tickets, I can speak first hand," said Scott Prothero, who was on the board when the law was passed. "I still support it."

The problem, explained Police Chief Paul Currie, is that if the law does not have definite times it

leaves enforcement up to the discretion of individual police officers, who are bound to guess wrong some of the time — and be second guessed for it.

"It's a problem all over the Northeast," he said. The Police Department does get calls from people who had had to leave a car on the street for a party or because of a mechanical breakdown, and officers do refrain from ticketing, Currie said.

"We know, and that's the key," he said, adding, "I suppose you wouldn't want to advertise it."

No lawn driving

A Glenmont woman was arrested by Bethlehem Police for driving while intoxicated as a misdemeanor last Wednesday when her car ran off Clapper Rd., damaged a picnic table and ended up in the garden of a residence. No one was injured.

On Sunday, state police charged a Ravena man with driving while intoxicated when he fell asleep and his car ran off Rt. 144, causing damage to the lawn and shrubs of a private residence.

Police reported a number of minor accidents over the weekend due to the inclement weather and drivers failing to adjust their speed to the conditions. They warned drivers to be wary of icy spots and blowing snow.



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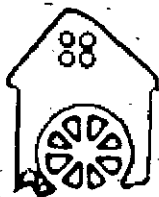
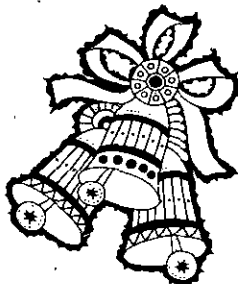


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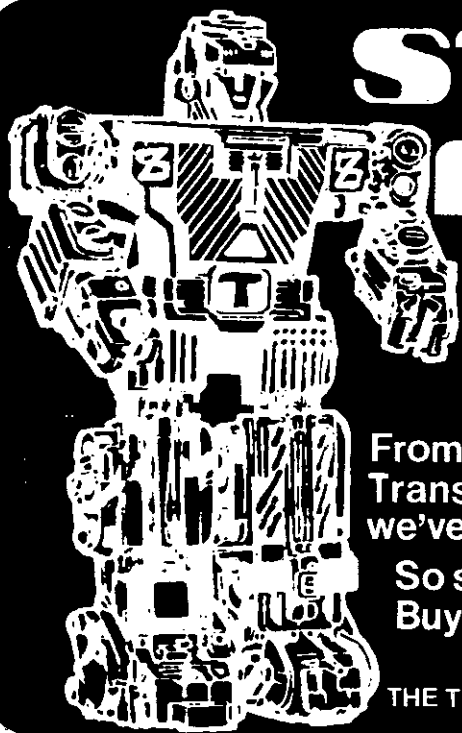
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Higher sub salaries discussed by RCS

Faced with a continuing difficulty in obtaining substitute teachers, the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education last week discussed updating of the per diem salary for subs.

After reviewing the quarterly substitute report, board member Ronald Peretti said he wondered if the district was being ruled out because of time or because of money.

Two building principals indicated the district's difficulty in securing substitute teachers may be related to the salary being offered.

"I think we've got to be competitive," said Peretti. "We've got to have substitutes." Peretti referred to the matter as a "constant problem."

Peretti made a motion to increase the salary for substitutes from \$35 to \$40 per day.

Board member Ronald Selkirk said the district should study the problem and not just jump in and

find out the district doesn't have the money.

Board member Frank Filippone's motion to table the matter and refer it to the finance committee was seconded by Selkirk and passed 5-2. Board members Marie Muller and Susan Gottesman arrived later; and Peretti and board member Ronald Neri voted against the motion.

Regarding an unrelated matter, the board accepted with regret four retirement letters. The board also received a refund of \$214 from D. and B. Construction Company for the unused amount of the \$7,000 allowance built into specifications for the \$126,000 Becker roof project. Finally, the board accepted a low rate of 5.19 percent from Chemical Bank for a \$650,000 bond anticipation note on the energy conservation project. Charles Emery, board clerk, said the district will have to sell bonds next year.

Theresa Bobear

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Student scores reported

By Theresa Bobear

The first Comprehensive Assessment Report for the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Central School District was presented by Assistant Superintendent William Schwartz and reviewed by the district's board of education last week.

While Schwartz pointed out sixth grade reading scores as something the district needs to look at, he said "I think we can be very proud of how our students perform."

The report of various test scores are required of every school district this year for the first time by the state Department of Education as a means of increasing accountability.

In presenting the statistics for student performance on standardized exams, Schwartz pointed out that the scores reflect the individual's lifelong history of development and not necessarily just the program. Schwartz also suggested that general intellectual level of the students, the students' motivation to learn and the availability of community resources, such as the public library, are reflected in the scores.

Schwartz also noted that the scores do not measure attitude, performance skills and ability in the arts and laboratory sciences.

Of the 205 eighth grade students administered preliminary competency tests at the district's junior high school in 1984-85, 98 percent scored above the State Reference Point (SRP) in reading and 90 percent scored above the SRP in

writing. The district is required to provide remediation to students scoring below the SRP.

Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) test scores for third grade students in 1984-85 showed 87 percent above the SRP in reading and 95 percent above the SRP in math. PEP test scores for 182 sixth grade students in 1984-85, showed 76 percent scored above the SRP in reading and 81 percent scored above the SRP in math.

Percentages of students passing various Regents exams in 1985 were: comprehensive English, 90 percent; comprehensive French, 100 percent; sequential math I, 78 percent; sequential math II, 84 percent; sequential math III, 79 percent; biology, 88 percent; chemistry, 74 percent; physics, 81 percent, and comprehensive social studies, 89 percent.

Schwartz said the total enrollment of the district has been dropping at a rate of approximately 60 students per year. The total student enrollment was 2,517 in 1984-85, 2,580 in 1983-84 and 2,638 in 1982-83.

A total of 166 out of 181 diploma candidates in 1984-85 received local diplomas, and 103 of those students satisfied the requirements for a Regents diploma.

According to information provided by the 1980 Federal Census, 6 percent of the district children are from families living below the poverty level.

Average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in 1984-85 were 429 for verbal and 461 for math. Average SAT scores for RCS students with an average of 85 or better were 504 in verbal and 549 in math.

Work to rule continues

Members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Teachers Association are continuing with phase II of their work-to-rule action.

"Things which we have committed to in the past we will continue to do," said Donald Prockup, president of the union. As part of the escalated action, Prockup said the teachers decided against volunteering for new committees or chaperoning.

Prockup said he expects to have the fact-finder's report from the Public Employment Relations Board by early January. "So,


we're sort of playing a waiting game," said Prockup.

The RCS teachers contract expired last June.

Caught with deer

Two Selkirk men were charged with taking a doe deer without a permit Dec. 8 after an anonymous caller alerted state police. Troopers found the animal in a tree at a Maple Ave. residence and arrested the two men when they saw bloodstains on their pants. The deer was killed in Coeymans, troopers said.

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THE Spotlight Calendar

Events in Bethlehem and New Scotland

Town of Bethlehem, Town Board second and fourth Wednesdays at 7:30 p.m. Board of Appeals, first and third Wednesdays at 8 p.m. Planning Board, first and third Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave. Town offices are open 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

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

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

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

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

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

Bethlehem Landfill open 8 a.m. to 4 p.m. Monday-Saturday, closed Sundays and holidays. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall, Elm Ave. Park office and town garage, Elm Ave. East.

New Scotland Landfill open 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays only. Resident permit required; permits available at town hall.

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

LaLeche League of Delmar, meets one Thursday each month to share breast-feeding experiences, 8 p.m. For meeting schedule and breast-feeding information call 439-1774.

Project Hope, preventive program for adolescents and their families, satellite offices for Bethlehem-Coeymans, 767-2445.

Food Pantry, Selkirk and South Bethlehem area. Bethlehem Reformed Church, Rt. 9W, Selkirk, call 767-2243, 436-8289 or 767-2977.

Project Equinox, Delmar Satellite office, professional counseling for substance abuse problems, all contact confidential. By appointment, call 434-6135.

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

League of Women Voters, Bethlehem unit, meets monthly at the Bethlehem Public Library, 9:15 a.m. Babysitting available. For information, call Linda Marshall at 756-6421.

Welcome Wagon, newcomers and mothers of infants, call 785-9640 for a Welcome Wagon visit. Monday-Saturday 8:30 a.m.-6 p.m.

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

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

WEDNESDAY 18 DECEMBER

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

Bethlehem Lions Club, meets first and third Wednesday of month, Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 7 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233 meets at lodge, Rt. 144 Cedar Hill, 8 p.m. first and third Wednesdays.

Onesquethaw Chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, first and third Wednesdays at Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

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

Concert, Bethlehem Middle School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Advent Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Voorheesville PTSA Family Fun Night, Voorheesville Elementary School, 6:30-8:30 p.m.

Public Hearings, before Bethlehem Board of Appeals, Bethlehem Town Hall, on application of Richard Phillips, 1615 Central Ave., Colonie, for variance to permit to install overhead aluminum door and to use balance of ground floor for non-noxious, low-use storage at 64 Hudson Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Board of Education, meeting at Bethlehem Central High School cafeteria, 8 p.m.

THURSDAY 19 DECEMBER

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

Bethlehem Senior Citizens, meet every Thursday at Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Archaeology Group, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience at Tuesday, Thursday and Saturday meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

American Legion Luncheons, for members, guests and applicants for membership. Post Rooms, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Thursday, noon.

Food Stamp Form Aid, third Thursday of odd-numbered months, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 9:15 a.m.-noon. Appointments required, 439-4955.

Overeaters Anonymous, meeting every Thursday at First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Christmas Bedtime Story Hour, all welcome, Mrs. Hutchinson will present holiday stories, rhymes and songs, Voorheesville Public Library, 7 p.m. Information, 765-2791.

Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

Sunshine Senior Citizens, dinner at Red's Seafood Restaurant, noon.

FRIDAY 20 DECEMBER

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

Holiday Concert, featuring Martha Gallagher singing and playing harp, guitar, flute, Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 4-6 p.m.

Duplicate Bridge, all levels welcome, St. Stephen's Church, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-5772.

Plus I and II Square Dance, with Ed Joynes, Slingerlands Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 8 p.m.

Christmas Films and Treats, all welcome, Bethlehem Public Library, 4 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

SATURDAY 21 DECEMBER

Tri-Village Squares, dance first and third Saturdays, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Children's Christmas Party, Selkirk Fire Company 3, South Bethlehem, 7 p.m.

Hoop Shoot Contest, sponsored by Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, at Peter C. Coeymans Elementary School, Main St., Ravena, 10 a.m.

Christmas Party, at Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, Rt. 144, Selkirk, 6:30 p.m.

Live Nativity, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

SUNDAY 22 DECEMBER

Hudson-Mohawk Bonsai Association, meets fourth Sundays at Albany County Cooperative Extension, Martin Rd., Voorheesville.

Christmas Concert, Community United Methodist Church, 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands, 4 p.m.

Religious Program, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Christmas Story told by Sunday school children, 10:30 a.m.; Live Nativity, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Christmas Dinner, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, dinner 6 p.m.; church school program, 7:15 p.m.

Religious Program, Delmar Presbyterian Church, adult ed., 9:30 a.m.; worship, 10:30 a.m.

Christmas Celebration, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., worship, 9:30 and 11 a.m.; children's service, 4 p.m.

MONDAY 23 DECEMBER

Delmar Kiwanis, meet Mondays at the Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6:15 p.m.

Mothers Time Out, Christian support group for mothers of pre-schoolers meets Mondays at Delmar Reformed Church, Delaware Ave., Delmar, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

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

Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

Live Nativity, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

Holiday Films, all welcome, Voorheesville Public Library, 10:30 a.m. Free.

TUESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Christmas Eve, New Scotland Town Hall closes at noon; Bethlehem Public Library closed.

Candlelight - Services, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., children's choir, 7 p.m.; senior choir, 9:15 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

"Christmas Fever", musical drama featuring junior and intermediate choirs, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., 7:30 p.m. Candlelight service, 11 p.m.

Candlelight Service, South Bethlehem United Methodist Church, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Service, First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, 7:30 p.m.

Candlelight Services, Delmar Reformed Church, 7 and 11 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 25 DECEMBER

Merry Christmas, Bethlehem Town Hall, New Scotland Town Hall, Voorheesville Village Hall and Bethlehem Public Library Closed.

Service, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-4328.

area arts

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

THEATER

"The Wonder Years," Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, through Dec. 22 (Fri., 8 p.m.; Sat., 5 and 9 p.m.; Sun., 2 p.m.). Tickets, 235-7969.

MUSIC

Noon organ concert, Neil Keen and Mary Bon will continue their survey of music by J.S. Bach, St. Peter's Episcopal Church, 107 State St., Albany, Dec. 20.

Ron Pecan and Pete Alexander, present evening of folk songs, traditional tunes and instrumentals on guitar, banjo and fiddle, Eighth Step Coffeehouse, 14 Willett St., Albany, Dec. 20, \$4 admission, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Scott Alarik, presents "Prairie Home Companion Christmas Show," Caffé Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 20 and 21, 8:30 p.m. Reservations, 583-0022.

"Nowell Sing We Clear," holiday concert presented by Old Songs Inc., St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146, Guilderland Center, Dec. 21, 8 p.m.; Dec. 22, 3 p.m. Tickets, 765-2815.

DANCE

"The Nutcracker," presented by Berkshire Ballet, Palace Theatre, Albany, Dec. 18 and 19, 8 p.m. Tickets, 465-4663 or 482-5224.

"Child's Christmas," presented by eba Dance Theater Ensemble, Chapter House Theater, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 22, 2 and 7 p.m. Tickets, 465-9916.

ART

"Maine-ly Tin," exhibit of painted tinware produced during early 1800's in Stevens Plains, Maine, Museum of Historical Society of Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through December.

"The Chapel," paintings by Cynthia Norton, Justice Building Lobby, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 2. Information, 473-5527.

"The New Response: Contemporary Painters of the Hudson River," exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art, through Jan. 15.

"Hanukkah: A Festival of Lights," exhibit at Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 21. Information, 463-4478.

"Art in Selling Spaces," presented by Macy's and Albany Institute of History and Art, Marketplace Cafe, Macy's, Colonie, through December.

"The Comet's Tale," exhibit depicting man's perceptions of Halley's Comet, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, through Jan. 10.

Robert and Lillian Longley of Slingerlands, exhibit of oils and pastels, Lee Ann Fanning Gallery, Rt. 4, Defreestville, through Dec. 31.

Craio State Historic Site, museum of Dutch heritage of Upper Hudson Valley, built in 1705 by Hendrick Van Rensselaer, Riverside Ave., Rensselaer, through December.

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on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 8 p.m. and on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 3 p.m. For \$3 and \$6 tickets call 765-2815.

THURSDAY 26
DECEMBER

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FRIDAY 27
DECEMBER

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School's Out Film, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Free; information, 439-9314.

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Delmar Community Orchestra, Bethlehem Town Hall, weekly at 7:30 p.m.

Pre-school Concert, with Paul Strausman, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Tickets, 439-9314.

TUESDAY 31
DECEMBER

New Year's Eve, New Scotland Town Hall closes at noon; Bethlehem Public Library closes at 5 p.m.

New Year's Eve at Noon, all welcome to celebrate New Year with count down at noon, Bethlehem Public Library, 11:30 a.m. Registration, 439-9314.

New Year's Eve Gala, with dancing to Melody 3, Voorheesville American Legion Post 1493, 9 p.m.-2 a.m. \$25 reservations, 765-4712.

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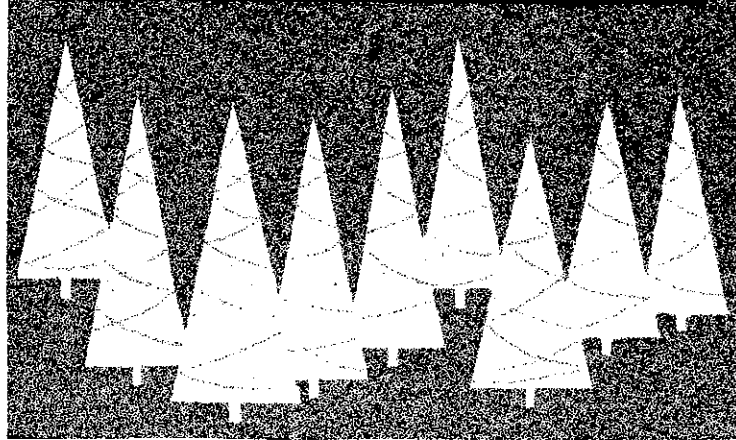


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DECEMBER

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Albany-Colonie Chamber of Commerce, meeting at Quality Inn, I-90 and Everett Rd., 5 p.m. Reservations, 434-1214.

Bloodmobile, American Red Cross, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 3-7 p.m. Appointments, 462-7461, ext. 237.

AIDS Support Group, for persons with AIDS and AIDS Related Complex, 332 Hudson Ave., Albany, noon. Information, 434-4686.

Christmas Celebration, featuring poetry, music, dramatic skits, recitations and stories, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, \$5 admission. Reservations, 583-0022.

THURSDAY
DECEMBER

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Wassail Celebration, with theme of world peace, Albany Academy for Girls, 140 Academy Rd., 7 p.m. Information, 463-2201.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, self-help support group for parents of substance abuser, meets every Thursday, Capital District Psychiatric Center, 75 New Scotland Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Slides and Lecture, about "The Exquisite and Terrible Scene," presented by

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Events in Nearby Areas



Some of the youngsters who will "star" in the Berkshire Ballet's rendition of "The Nutcracker" Wednesday and Thursday at 8 p.m. at the Palace Theater in Albany.

Bill Sullivan, contemporary landscape painter, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, 12:10 p.m. Free; information, 463-4478.

Transportation Planning Meeting, all welcome to join Capital District Trans-

portation Committee in discussing status of 1986-91 Transportation Improvement Program update for Capital region, William K. Sanford Library, 629 Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, 3 p.m.

Alzheimer's Disease and Related Disorders Assn. of Capital District Transport group for families and patients, meeting at St. Paul's Episcopal Church, 21 Hackett Blvd., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 482-8728.

Holiday Card Making, for children 3 and older, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., 3:30 p.m. Free; information, 449-3380.

Capital District Assn. of Rental Property Owners, monthly meeting at Quality Inn, with Wayne Cochran, fair housing administrator with Rensselaer County Community Housing Resource Board, speaking about federal and state housing laws, Watervliet Avenue Extension, Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-3920.

FRIDAY

DECEMBER

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Albany Soroptimist Club, meeting with Pauline Gray, certified nutrition consultant, speaking about how to "Pep Up Your Life," Tom Sawyer Motor Inn, 1444 Western Ave., Albany, 5:30 p.m. \$11 reservations, 482-1723.



Mel Winkler will play Eustace in Capital Repertory Company's upcoming production of Toni Morrison's *Dreaming Emmett*. The play will premiere at Capital Rep's Market Theatre from Jan. 4 through Feb. 2. For tickets call 462-4534.

Altamont Station Squares, dance at Guilderland Elementary School, Rt. 20, 8-11 p.m. Information, 872-1646.

Candlelight Tour, of Boscobel Restoration, Garrison-on-Hudson, Dec. 20-22, 5-7:30 p.m. Information, 1-914-265-3638.

SATURDAY

DECEMBER

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Country Dancing, with Jerry Jenkins calling and music by Fennig's All-Stars, sponsored by Old Songs Inc., Guilderland Elementary School and Community Center, Rt. 20, \$4 admission, 7:30 p.m. Information, 765-2815.

SUNDAY

DECEMBER

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"Albany's Anglicans," continuation of "Historic Albany: Its Churches and Synagogues" lecture series, all welcome, St. Peter's Protestant Episcopal Church, 107 State Street, Albany, 3 p.m. Free; information, 442-3577.

MONDAY

DECEMBER

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Easter Seals Benefit, featuring area bands, including Out of Control, The Sharks and South Bound, JB's Theatre, Albany, \$2 admission, 6-10 p.m. Information, 434-4103.

TUESDAY

DECEMBER

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Bloodmobile, sponsored by American Red Cross and Temple Beth Emeth Sisterhood, Temple Beth Emeth, 100 Academy Road, Albany, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m. Appts., 462-7461, ext. 237.

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Doane Stuart honors

Area students recently named on the high honor roll at the Doane Stuart School, Rt. 9W, Albany, are: David Cleary, Susan Cleary, Bartholomew D'Alauro, Jessica Harper, David Hughs and Mark Hughs, Delmar; Viratchada Koie Osathanugrah, Glenmont; Scott Spellmeyer, Selkirk; and Robert Hardt and Edgar Henriques, Slingerlands.

Students named to the honor roll included Jessica Bell of Glenmont and Katherine Fletcher of Slingerlands.

Adopt a vet

The "Adopt a Vet" program, founded 12 years ago by the New York American Legion Auxiliary, is continuing through another year.

Each requesting unit is given the name of one veteran selected by the Albany Veterans Administration Medical Center nursing staff. The nurses choose a veteran who has few relatives and will benefit the most from gaining a friend.

Barbara Palmer of Delmar, VA service volunteer for the American Legion Auxiliary, recalls the first adopted veteran, who had no relatives at all. "I would visit during the holidays, when no one else would be there for him," Palmer said.

"Along with family members, we at the American Legion Auxiliary think the program is great because it lets the men know we care and they are never forgotten," said Palmer.

Wins scholarship

David A. Kaczynski of Delmar has been awarded a scholarship by the Electronic Distribution Education Foundation.

Kaczynski is a junior at Clarkson University, where he is studying industrial distribution. He is a member of Alpha Kappa Psi at Clarkson.

Kaczynski has also been selected for a work-study program at General Motors, Flint, Mich., for the upcoming semester and summer.

He is the son of Mr. and Mrs. John R. Kacsynski Jr. of Delmar.

Calendars offered

The Northeastern Association of the Blind is selling a four-color illustrated 1986 calendar. Color photographs for the calendar were obtained through competition of local amateur photographers and camera clubs. Arnold LeFevre, director of photography for Capital Newspapers, was judge. The photographs depict seasons and holidays throughout the year.

The association is selling the

calendars for \$7 each, with proceeds supporting the association's work with the blind and visually impaired.

Service clubs, fraternal organizations, school booster clubs, and other not-for-profit groups also can sell the calendars, with the selling organization receiving \$2 and NABA receiving \$5.

For information on calendar sales or to place orders call 463-1211.

Red Cross gala

The American Red Cross will hold a fund raising gala at the Canfield Casino in Saratoga Springs on Feb. 14.

Incorporating symphony orchestra music, sculpture, jewelry and fashion, the gala is titled "The Finer Things." The music will be provided by the Love or Money Orchestra under the direction of Stan Rubin.

Painters and sculptors whose work will be displayed will include Betty Warren, Bette McBain, Gunter Karus, Harry Orlyk, Kristen Woodward, Jeffrey Stadenroth, Joseph Daniel, Barry DeBaun, Arline Shulman, Marjorie White-Williams, Robert Bloch and Karen Flynn-Williams.

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The school offers adult and young people an opportunity to study and become adept in the fundamentals of stage performance. The Theatre Arts School for Young People, with classes for students from kindergarten through grade 12, offers workshops on Saturdays and Thursday afternoons. The Theatre Arts School for Adults has sessions on

Tuesday or Thursday evenings. A scene study and monologue class, for students in 10th through 12th grades, is offered Thursday afternoons.

Within the School for Young People, classes are divided into several age groups. The creative dramatics workshop is a one-hour workshop for children through third grade that stresses imagination, concentration and communication. In classes for students in grades 4 through 12, the emphasis is on improving the actor's tools through exercises in acting and

dance. These are three-hour workshops.

The Theatre Arts School for Young People runs 12 consecutive Saturdays from Feb. 1 through May 10. The Theatre Arts School for Adults runs 12 consecutive Tuesday or Thursday evenings from Jan. 28 through May 8.

For information call 474-1199. Brochures and applications can be obtained from Vivian Oxford, Theatre Arts School, ESIPA, Empire State Plaza, Albany 12223.

The Theatre Arts School is located at the Egg in the Empire State Plaza, and parking is free on evenings and weekends.




Martha Gallagher will present the sounds of Christmas with harp, guitar, flute and voice at the Home and City Savings Bank, Delmar, on Friday, Dec. 20, from 4 to 6 p.m. The program is free.

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The dance troupe will present "The Nutcracker." For tickets call 482-5224.

Caroling for a cause

More than 400 people in the Capital District are Christmas caroling in their neighborhoods this holiday season to support the Albany Ronald McDonald House, a home away from home for the families of seriously ill children being treated at area medical facilities.

Organized by neighborhood residents, carolers can be identified by special buttons and donation canisters. Each neighborhood group leaves a notice the day before their visit.

Stage interns sought

The Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts (ESIPA) at the Egg in Albany is accepting applications for internships for the spring semester, beginning Jan. 21.

The internships offer teachers, college students and high school seniors academic credit for a semester's work at ESIPA. As full-time members of the institute's staff, the interns participate in all activities of a professional theater company. During the semester, interns also attend classes and are encouraged to audition for parts in the resident company's productions.

Interviews will be held during December. For information call Arlene Leff at 474-1199.

Tribute to women


The YWCA is sponsoring its seventh annual Tribute to Women, an annual event offering Capital District civic, business and community organizations the opportunity to recognize their outstanding women members and colleagues. Last year 10 women were honored, and more than 60 organizations and individuals nominated women who had made contributions in the fields of the arts, health and science, community services, education, government and politics, civil rights, human services, and volunteerism.

For applications and further information, call the YW office at 438-6608. Deadline for nominations is Friday, Jan. 17.

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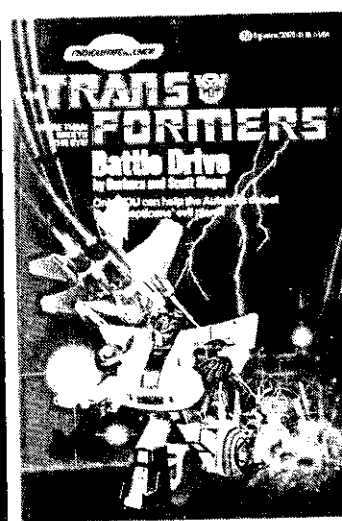
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News from Selkirk and South Bethlehem

Barbara Pickup



Good citizens feted

On Saturday, Dec. 7, at the home of Regent Mrs. Ronald E. Newton, Hannakrois Chapter NSDAR honored DAR Good Citizens from two local schools. The awards were presented by Mrs. Stephen C. Coye, DAR chairman. Guest speaker was Victoria Scader, State Flag Chairman from On-ti-ora DAR Chapter. The topic of Miss Shrader's talk was "Duty and Honor to our Country's Flag — So Proudly We Hail".

Receiving awards for good citizenship were Jennifer Nadspal, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Frank Nadspal, a student at Albany High School, and Ronda Newton, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Ronald Newton, a senior of Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School.

Candlelight service

A Candlelight Christmas Eve Service will be held at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church beginning at 7:30 p.m., Dec. 24, at the church on Willowbrook Ave. An invitation is extended to all to attend the service that will tell the story of the nativity through music and carols. The Christmas message "Sounds of a Silent Night," will be presented by Rev. Gary Dickson.

Christmas dinner

On Sunday, Dec. 22, The First Reformed Church of Bethlehem will hold its annual White Christmas Dinner and program. The evening will begin at 6 p.m. with a covered dish dinner, for which the Sunday School will provide the meat, rolls, and beverage. Those attending are asked to bring a

special dish to share, and their own table setting.

At 7:15 p.m., the children of the Sunday School will present their special Christmas program entitled "The Greatest Gift". Anyone who is unable to attend the dinner but would like to attend the program is cordially invited.

Reservations are required for the dinner, and should be made by contacting Colleen Janssen at 767-3406.

Hoop shoot

The Bethlehem Elks Lodge No. 2233 of Selkirk is sponsoring its annual Hoop Shoot Contest on Saturday, Dec. 21. The competition is being held this year at the Peter B. Coeymans Elementary School on Main Street in Ravena, and all girls and boys ages 8 through 13 are invited to participate. Youngsters will compete in three age categories: 8 and 9 year olds, 10 and 11 year olds, and 12 and 13 year olds. Trophies will be awarded to a boy and a girl in each division. Winners in the local competition will advance to district playoffs to be held Jan. 11 at Bishop Maginn High School in Albany. Pre-registration is not required — just bring a birth certificate and gym shoes and be at the school before 10 a.m. Further information may be obtained by contacting Dave Leonard, chairman of the event.

Seniors to dine out

After enjoying a number of activities this month, including a very special Christmas Party with a delicious Roast Beef Dinner prepared by members of the Bethlehem Grange and held at the Grange Hall in Beckers Corners, the South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens have just one more event scheduled for the month of December. They are planning to dine at Red's Seafood Restaurant on Thursday, Dec. 19. Any senior who would like to accompany the group is invited to

meet at the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem, Rt. 9W in Selkirk, at 11:30 a.m., where they will depart for the restaurant.

Special cards

It is not at all unusual to receive Christmas-greetings in the form of cards at this time of year, but many friends and families of members of the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church are enjoying some very unique and very beautiful cards that have been specially created.

At its loveliest, decked in holiday greenery and pointsettias the beauty of the church sanctuary Christmas Eve 1984 was captured by professional photographer Bob Riccardo. This re-creation has been made into full-color greeting cards which the United Methodist Women are selling as part of their fund raising involvement. The photos, mounted on ivory vellum folders, are being sold at \$1 each, or in sets of five.

Anyone who would like to purchase some of these unique cards or place an order for next year may call 767-3384.

Invitation to worship

An invitation is extended to anyone in the community who would like to join members and friends of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem in a Candlelighting service at the church, Rt. 9W, in Selkirk on Christmas Eve. The service, which begins at 7:30 p.m., will be conducted by Pastor Allen Janssen.

Children's party

The Selkirk Fire Company 3, Rt. 396, South Bethlehem, will hold its annual children's Christmas party on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 6:30 p.m. Children through 10 years from the South Bethlehem and South Albany area are welcome to attend the free holiday celebration.

Entertainment will be provided by Jim Snack, magician, and Sugar and Spice the clowns. Santa Claus will stop by; and, every child will receive a gift.

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them." Schwartz said he would be sure there is some mechanism for everyone in the school district and community to be included in the decision-making process.

"Using those vehicles we'll be able to identify other areas that need to be addressed," said Schwartz.

Schwartz joined the RCS School District in 1971 as vice principal of the senior high school. He served as director of secondary education, acting superintendent of schools and high school principal before being appointed assistant superintendent of schools in 1975.

Prior to joining the RCS School District, Schwartz served as an administrative assistant at Cambridge Central School, as English department chairman at Waterford-Halfmoon High School, as an Upward-Bound staff member at Union College, Schenectady, and as an English and reading teacher at McKinley Junior High School, Schenectady.

Schwartz is currently serving as a teaching center professor at the State University at Albany. He is a past member of the State University of New York Teacher Certification Consortium.

Schwartz earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and secondary English from the State University at Buffalo. He earned a master's degree in administration and supervision from Siena College. He has completed the coursework for a doctor's degree in education from the State University at Albany, and is working to complete his residency and dissertation.

He holds New York State certification for teaching elementary subjects and secondary English. He also holds New York State principal's, supervisor's, school administrator's and district administrator's certificates.

Schwartz is a member of the Association for Supervision and Curriculum Development, the School Administrator's Association of New York State and Phi Delta Kappa, an education fraternity.

He is past president of the Greater Ravana Area Lions Club, and past chairman of elections and treasurer of the Coeymans Creek Fire District.

He served in the New York Army National Guard for 6 years.

Schwartz resides in Selkirk with his wife, Sheila, and his two children. His daughter Jennifer is a student at RCS Junior High School.

Joshua Harkins, 9 months, visits with "the all-knowing one" at the Selkirk Fire Company No. 1. On the cover: Two jolly old men, Michael Gudiz, 2, of Selkirk and Santa Claus of the North Pole, talk about the good times ahead.

Cheryl Clary



AIDS helpers sought

Beginning in September, volunteers are being sought to assist with a "buddy" program for people with AIDS, (acquired immunodeficiency syndrome).

The AIDS Council of Northeastern New York provides services to people with AIDS and to their families and friends in 15 counties from Columbia north to the Canadian border.

"We are in need of volunteers from everywhere, especially the more rural counties," stated Laurie Novick, executive director of the council. "Most of our volunteers are from the Capital District. It's very difficult for us to find people to assist our clients who live further away in counties such as Warren, Essex or Columbia."

Buddies provide emotional support, make hospital visits, and assist with household chores. All buddies go through a 18-hour training program. People interested in volunteering should contact the AIDS Council at 434-4686.

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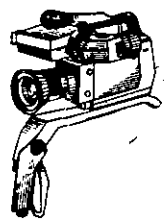
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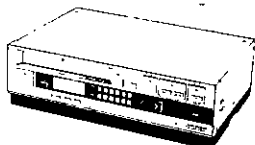
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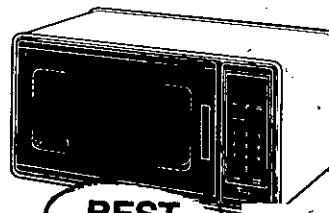
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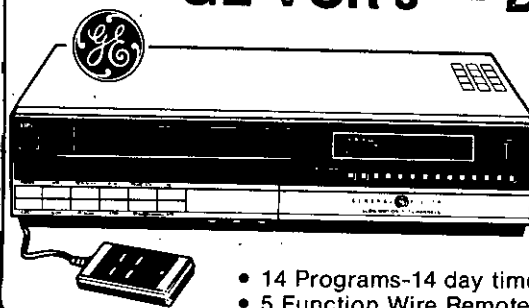
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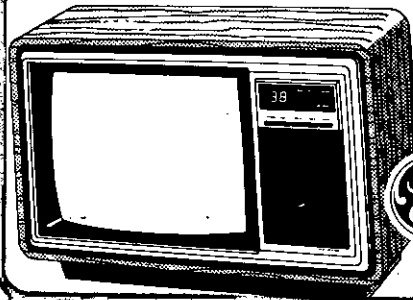


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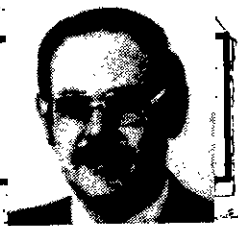
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During the season of Advent my mind turns to the crude birth place of the "Son of Man", holy and yet in the fullness of all that is human. My mind also turns to the good folk of Lake Wobegon, and their humanity, as it is encountered during the two hour period from six to eight on Saturday evening when host Garrison Keillor presents *A Prairie Home Companion*. Keillor is a phenomenon that is sweeping the country and winning the hearts of millions. Interesting that something that portrays such simple folk, to whom success is so foreign and

even scary, should be such a huge success. To speak of Lake Wobegon and success all in the same breath is something of a contradiction of terms.

What is the secret of this phenomenon? It is more than the fact that Keillor is a master at his art, although that is certainly part of it to be sure. A large measure of Keillor's success is that he speaks to our humanity and does so out of his humanity. At a very deep level we know that we are all "just people". We know that we are fallible creatures and although

many of us have made it into the more comfortable places in society we still carry inside of us the memory of our roots. For many of us those roots are somewhere in rural America.

The world in which we now live is a very fast and highly technological one, a world which does little to keep us in touch with our roots and our humanity. What Garrison Keillor does, through his monologues about the people and events of Lake Wobegon, is to remind us of our roots and give us permission to embrace our own humanity as we enter into the humanity of those good souls of Lake Wobegon.

I was not surprised when *Christian Century* editor James Wall reported about Keillor's strong religious background. In all probability this religious grounding has sharpened his sensitivity to people and has helped him to see their humanity and his own.

The church has for a long time been trying to remind people of their humanity. Indeed the message of Christmas is one that draws our attention to the importance of our humanity and the humanity of every person living on the face of this earth. In that birth in a manger in Bethlehem God took the form of humanity and lived among us as one of us. How much more human can you get than that? Christmas helps us to remember that God loves our humanity, indeed loved it enough to create it in the first place. God comes to us to remind us that we are loved by a Divine love and we are to rejoice in our humanity and in the humanity of each other.

And so this Christmas put away your Visa and Master Charge cards and give to each other a gift that can not be purchased, the gift of recognizing each other's humanity, as well as your own. Is that not what we need most? Even that man or woman who has

everything can use the gift of human honesty, warmth and genuine caring.

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Holiday services will be held at the First United Methodist Church of Delmar Dec. 22 and 24. A program for children will be held at 4 p.m. following the 9:30 and 11 a.m. services on Dec. 22.

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Soil mining to be reviewed by board

By Theresa Bobear

A letter from Supervisor Stephen Wallace, asking for a recommendation on the section of the town zoning ordinance that addresses land mining, was received by the New Scotland Planning Board. During their regular meeting last Tuesday night, the planners also cleared the way for 10 acres of land to be donated by local developers to the town park.

Wallace asked the board for "their" recommendation on the amendment to the zoning law which added a special use to remove fill, gravel or loam to a LDR (Low Density Residential) and Industrial District, to further make clarification, restriction and/or recommend repeal."

Richard Stickley, chairman of the planning commission, said the planning board will review the matter and discuss it at its Jan. 14 meeting. Stickley said the planning board may schedule a meeting with the town board for discussion of the issue.

The town's zoning ordinance was amended in 1984 to allow soil mining in areas zoned Low Density Residential and Industrial. Prior to that time, soil mining was

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allowed only in Residential Forestry districts.

A special use permit application being considered by the planners which would allow Voorheesville Sand and Stone to remove gravel from a portion of the former Tall Timbers Country Club, has drawn considerable attention to the town's soil mining amendment.

Regarding an unrelated matter, the planning board unanimously passed a motion to do away with a right-of-way through the Breen-Coyle subdivision on Swift Rd. provided the town board accepts a 10-acre parcel to the rear of the subdivision and contiguous with the town park.

According to William Hennessey, an engineer representing developers James Breen and Thomas Coyle, bringing sewer and water to the rear property would be difficult and the two front parcels would be more attractive without the easement.

"It sounds like a good deal for both sides," said Stickley.

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Board presents assessment

By Theresa Bobear

Prefacing their report with some cautions on the scope and limitations of the data being presented, Superintendent Werner Berglas and the staff of the Voorheesville Central School District presented their Comprehensive Assessment Report to the Voorheesville Board of Education last week. But by any measure, the district appears to come off well.

"Raw data, obviously, give only a partial story of a school," the report said. "There are no numerical ways in which the countless activities that enhance the lives of children in the present and prepare them well for the future can be depicted." This is the first year that school districts across the state have been required to present such a public report, and many educators have expressed reservations about its usefulness.

According to the data presented to the board, 100 percent of the 117 eighth grade students at the district's junior high school scored above the State Reference Point (SRP) on preliminary competency tests in reading and writing. The district is required to provide remediation to students scoring below the SRP.

Of the 83 third grade students who took the Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) tests in 1984-85, 93 percent and 95 percent scored above the State Reference Point in reading and math, respectively. Out of the 115 sixth grade students who took the PEP tests in 1984-85, 89 percent scored above the SRP in reading and 82 percent scored above the SRP in math.

Percentage of students passing various Regents exams in 1985 were: comprehensive English, 97 percent; comprehensive French, 100 percent; comprehensive Spanish, 97 percent; math 9, 94 percent; math 10, 78 percent; math 11, 76 percent; biology, 91 percent; chemistry, 90 percent; physics, 97 percent, and comprehensive social studies, 74 percent.

Masons meet

The next meeting of the Onesquethaw Chapter 818, Order of the Eastern Star, will be held at the Delmar Masonic Temple on Wednesday, Jan. 15 at 8 p.m. During the meeting Velma Fuller, Abdias DeMello, Marcia Pardoe, William Fuller, Muriel Snyder, Helen Reynolds, Shirley Leevis, Vivian Bennet, Genevieve Blood and Patricia Irwin will be installed as officers.

VOORHEESVILLE

With a total of 1,339 students enrolled in 1984-85 the district had an attendance rate of 96 percent and a dropout rate 1.09 percent. The district had a total enrollment of 1,359 in 1983-84 and 1,431 in 1982-83.

A total of 114 out of 117 diploma candidates in 1984-85 received local diplomas, and 65 of those students satisfied the requirements for a Regents diploma.

According to information provided by the 1980 Federal Census, 8 percent of the district children are from families living below the poverty level.

Average Scholastic Aptitude Test scores in 1984-85 were 431 for verbal and 500 for math.

In addition the data required by the state, Voorheesville's report includes a long list of student programs, activities, contests and events — additional information designed, the administrators said, to round out the picture. "But even those lists do not get at the full flavor of the services and programs available to students. For example, many excellent activities in the industrial arts areas, the home economics, art, business, physical education, vocational school and in all of the curricular areas cannot be readily measured in terms of numbers.

"Many efforts to see to the special needs of the individual child, to make a good student better, to make a fair student good, etc., cannot be described in symbolic terms. There are no quantitative ways in which we can describe the benefits accruing to the students through club activities, music programs, athletic teams, not to mention private counseling between a teacher and a student."

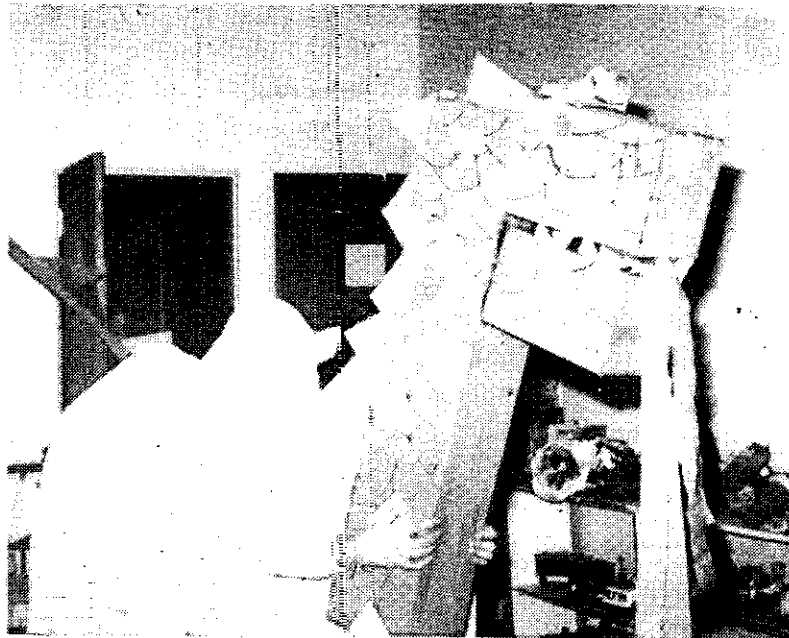
Red Cross speaker

The Albany Area Chapter of the American Red Cross has formed a speaker's bureau made up of staff members willing to speak on topics related to Red Cross activities. These include blood collecting, bloodmobiles, blood transfusion, AIDS, tissue and bone banking, and community services such as courses and training in cardiopulmonary resuscitation, first aid and emergency services.

Travel for teachers

Stipends of \$4,500 for summer study and travel are available to secondary level foreign language teachers in the Capital District through the Rockefeller Foundation.

Administered by the Upper Hudson Foreign Languages Consortium, the \$1.5 million fellowship program is designed to recognize and encourage exceptional foreign language teaching in high schools throughout the United States.



Members of Voorheesville Girl Scout Troop 682 entertain New Scotland senior citizens on Sunday in the Chinese tradition with their special holiday dragon.

Lyn Stapp

Area high school teachers interested in applying for a fellowship should write to Ms. Hallat, 4311 Herrick Ave., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.

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Holidays at the library

With one week left to Christmas, holiday activities still abound in Voorheesville.

At the library Nancy Hutchinson invites all children to attend a special Christmas Bedtime Story Hour to be held on Thursday, Dec. 19, beginning at 7 p.m. All are welcome to don their night clothes and come and hear some holiday stories.

On Monday, Dec. 23, the library will also treat vacationing students to a morning of holiday and family films. The film fest including the movie "The Snowman" will begin at 10:30 a.m.

A reminder to parents that story hours will end on Friday, Dec. 20, and will resume on Jan. 6. Story hours are held every Monday, Tuesday and Friday at 10:30 a.m. and also at 1:30 p.m. on



Four little singing snowmen from Voorheesville during Sunday's Christmas party for New Scotland Brownie Troop 47, Kyla Frohlich, left, Emily senior citizens. Lyn Stapf
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Friday.

In keeping with the new policy set by the library board, the library will be closed on both Christmas and Christmas Eve.

Upon its reopening on Dec. 26 the library will celebrate the holidays with a fine-free week, during which time all overdue books may be returned without paying a penalty charge.

Scouts go caroling

The Cub Scouts of Voorheesville Pack 73 will also be spreading a little holiday cheer this week as the boys carol at an area nursing home. According to Cub Master Bob Panthen and Past-Cub Master, and advisor, Nareen Cope-

land the boys gathered together this past weekend to bake cookies to treat the seniors to during their carol fest.

Students raising funds

Students at the high school will also have a taste of the holiday this week as the Student Council holds a candy cane sale on Friday, Dec. 20. According to co-presidents Nichols and Volkwein, as well as Secretary Sharon Lloyd and Treasurer Vinnie Foley will accompany class representatives on a trip to Guilderland High School to observe activities and view school spirit action.

Flower sale

Also to add some holiday color

to the school Key Club will be holding a flower sale this Thursday, Dec. 19 at the high school. Flowers are \$1 each and those buying may receive a 25-cent discount when they bring in canned or boxed goods for the local food pantry.

The students service group also met this week to wrap presents they purchased for local children.

Family fun night

A reminder that everyone is invited to this evening's PTSA Family Fun Night to be held from 6:30 p.m. until 8 p.m. at the Voorheesville Elementary School. The free evening will feature games by the Linendolls of Altamont followed by a dessert sharing. Each family attending is instructed to bring in a dessert to share and wear some comfortable clothes and shoes. All are welcome.

Nursery school gathering

Students at the Community Nursery School of the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville will be celebrating the holidays with their families at a special get-together on Thursday, Dec. 19, at the church social hall beginning at 7 p.m. The evening's events will include caroling with Aileen Lukomski at the piano and Sarita Winchell on flute. The highlight of the party for most pre-schoolers will be a visit from Santa. Refreshments will be served. Those parents wanting more information may contact Mary Nolan at 765-2687.

New Years Eve at the post

Those interested in celebrating New Year's Eve are invited to attend the gala event at the Voorheesville American Legion Post on Voorheesville Ave. The party sponsored by Voorheesville Legion No. 1493 will include a hot and cold buffet and dancing to the "Melody 3". The celebration, which runs from 9 p.m. to 2 a.m., will also feature champagne at midnight, as well as hats and noise

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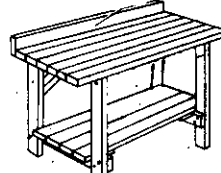
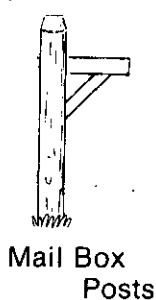
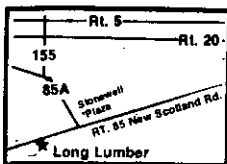
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Ravida heads club

Congratulations go out to Deborah Ravida who has been elected vice-president of the Early Childhood Club at Hudson Valley Community College. The club, which sponsors workshops for students and teachers in the area who work with young children, also holds meetings for community service — fund raising and educational purposes.

The daughter of James and Ruth Wilson of Altamont, Deborah is a 1984 graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior High School, where she was active in the drama club, the spanish club, on the magazine drive and on yearbook ad sales.

Big sales

Speaking of the Senior Magazine Sales drive — the class of 1986 ended its drive with a total of \$8,600 worth of subscriptions, followed by Lisa Corrado, who had \$353 in sales. Tied for third place were Mike Biernacki and Laura Scherer, both of whom sold more than \$300 worth of subscriptions, with Ed Hampston placing fourth.

For their efforts Janet received an AM-FM stereo cassette radio, Lisa took home an AM-FM cassette recorder and Laura and Mike received AM-FM clock radios.

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Town, PBA resume contract talks

By Tom McPheeters

A meeting last week between the chief negotiators for the Bethlehem Police Benevolent Association and the Bethlehem Town Board has created new optimism that a settlement in the long contract dispute is near. The PBA scheduled a membership meeting for Thursday to discuss the development.

But even the most optimistic town officials don't think things can be worked out by the end of the year, and that means no Christmas bonus for police officers. The town board was preparing to carry over into 1986 funds appropriated this year to pay for

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the retroactive raise police offers would be getting under a new contract. At its meeting last week, the board also carried over into 1986 \$11,000 set aside in case four officers suspended a year and a half ago for insubordination win their appeal in court.

The current contract expired last Jan. 1, and negotiations have been marked by public accusations from both sides — an unusual development for Bethlehem. Money has not been a major issue in the talks, with both sides appar-

ently in tentative agreement on two four percent raises a year in a two-year contract, but there have been sharp disagreements over working conditions and the rights of police officers during disciplinary cases.

The union had declared an impasse and asked for binding arbitration by the state Public Employment Relations Board, and preliminaries to that procedure were under way last month. Last week, however, PBA President John Cox met with the town's negotiator, Delmar attorney Melvin Osterman, for the first face-to-face meeting in several months.

"I'm glad to see that we're back to the bargaining table, and I'm optimistic that we can reach a settlement without resorting to binding arbitration," said Supervisor Robert Hendrick Friday.

Cox declined to comment Monday.

Hendrick said that even if a settlement is reached soon there is no way the town could implement it

in time to pay union members the amount they would be owed for 1985 under the new contract. That means that at its Dec. 26 meeting the town board will have to encumber that money so that it can be paid in 1986.

In October the town board granted retroactive raises to the three top officers in the department, who are not members of the union, apparently deciding not to wait for the contract negotiations to be resolved. The three got the same four percent and four percent offered to the union.

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Last year New Yorkers contributed over \$5.5 billion, which represents about 10 percent of the amount donated to various charities nationally, she said. She added that it was estimated that 83 percent of all contributions are from individuals.

While praising such generosity, Shaffer urged that residents beware of giving indiscriminately.

Shaffer said charities that take in more than \$10,000 year are required to file an annual financial report showing how the monies are allocated. There are approximately 8,900 charities and fundraisers currently registered in New York State. State law exempts registration of religious, education and certain other charities.

The secretary of state recommended that potential contributors check data to be found in financial reports that charities are required to file with her department. The report is designed to help potential donors by providing an overall view of the organization's program.

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The game Bed Bugs is a frequent request on the lists, more Transformers (with some specific preferences like Psycho and Omega Supreme,) more GI Joes, some He-man Gypsies, a few bikes, Robotix, Blaster, and Pound Puppies, (some for a certain color, like grey or brown.)

Here and there was a request for the big ones a few years ago, a Dukes of Hazzard car and Barbi accessories among the steady favorites like Legos, books, and trains. Voltron, The Get In Shape Girl Kit, Koosa and Optimus Prime also made the lists in abundance this season.

One letterwriter emphasized "PLEASE don't miss my house...There is REALLY a lot more. But now it's bed time and I'm tired." One child named Snake Mountain, Castle Greyskull, or the Fright Zone, "any one of those would be good." Another single request: "I hope you can give me a magnifying glass," and another simply said, "Can I please have some crayons."

One little three-year-old asked for a "snow cone machine (to share with my brother)" and then there was the pet owner's request, "Bring Winston (my dog) a bone. He has been a good dog." One little boy made separate requests for each of his nine cousins.

One student called her letter an "idea list," another said "I like everything," and several offered "I like surprises."

Many children prefaced their requests with "I have been trying to be good," even though "my teacher has been getting on my back. My father and my mother are getting on my back too." One child indicated that she was "waiting very pashently."

Several children asked "Did you have a good vacation?" A lot of letters expressed interest in Santa's reindeer. "Is Rudolf the red nose reindeer red?" "And along with a promise for cookies and milk for Santa was an offer of "sugar cubes for the reindeer."

Several of the correspondents were curious about details of Santa's operation: "Why don't you come in from the front door instead of the chimney? Do you really live at the North Pole?" "Do your elves really take notes?" And many pencilled in very plainly their feelings, "I love you," while another signed his more subtly, "Your admirer."

Then there was the writer who wrote two pages of weather forecasts, and cautioned, "We could get a 30" snow storm at Christmas. I think we're in for it this winter."

And there was even one request from a parent, obviously still a believer, "Could you please return my son's letter to Santa? This is the first letter he has written all by himself." Enclosed was her stamped self-addressed envelope, for when Santa was finished with it.



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LaPier says the 24-hour Freedom Line complements his organization's Freedom From Smoking Program, which includes self-help manuals, withdrawals clinics, bi-monthly support group meetings and the Staying Off Smoking (S.O.S.) Newsletter.

Honor society

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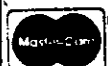
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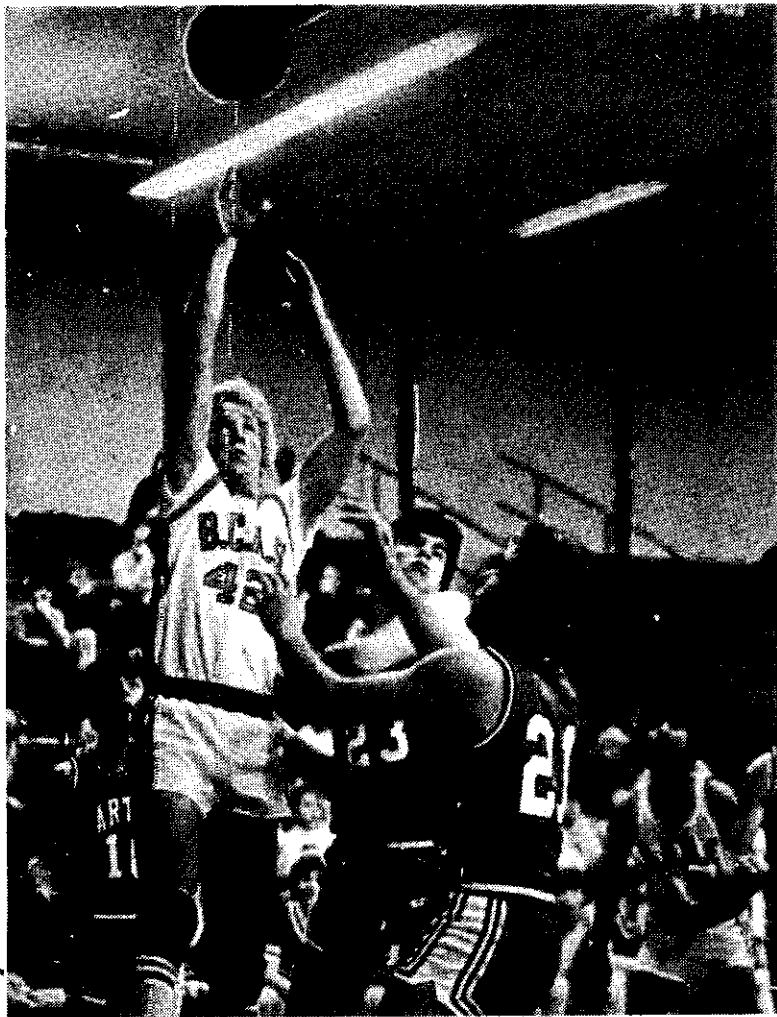
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Tuesday's frustrating loss to Scotia went something like this as Bethlehem's Eric Lewis (35) has his shot blocked by a Bison defender. Mike Gibbons (45)

stands by for the rebound. In photo at left, Bethlehem's Paul Stracke (42) penetrates the Scotia defense for two points. R.H. Davis

Caution does in Eagles

By Charles Henrikson

The Bethlehem Central basketball team played last week as it has played for the last few years — not with an attitude of "let's win," but, instead, "let's not lose." When playing with this in mind, it is virtually impossible to win.

The Eagles scored 72 points against Scotia in their home opener last Tuesday. There was an astounding lack of defense by both sides as Scotia scored 84 points and won easily. On Friday BC lost to Shaker in Latham, 77-59.

Against Scotia BC took an early lead, 20-14 in the first quarter. Then the game fell apart. The Eagles were outscored, 41-23 in the next two periods. Coach Jack Moser said that his team was simply "not there mentally." In the fourth quarter the game deteriorated into a purely offensive match, with each side scoring a ridiculous 29 points.

In spite of the poor team effort, a few BC individuals were worthy of recognition. Geoff Mackey was BC's high scorer with 16. Eight of

these came in the fourth quarter, when it almost looked as though BC was going to catch Scotia. Sophomore John Peyrebrune, starting for the first time, scored 15. Greg Dobbert had 11. Brian Battle, with nine points, was also singled out by Moser for good play.

Bethlehem's home crowd was unusually vocal in regard to its thoughts on the game and on the officiating. Play had to be halted at one point for a warning by BC principal Charles Gunner, who addressed the fans over their dubious behavior. Moser was quite perturbed by this. He thought that the officials' threat of having to call the game if anything was thrown onto the court was distracting, and probably had a negative effect on BC's game. "Maybe we should play at 3 in the afternoon with no crowd," said Moser.

At Latham, it again was the middle portion of the game that downed BC. The second quarter score was 18-8, Shaker. The Eagles had to play catch-up ball, which is bad news. Moser felt that

the team "played hard," but he pointed to several things that hurt BC, including mental lapses and poor fourth quarter shooting.

Battle started for the first time in this game, and drew praise from Moser for his solid defense. Mike Gibbons had 14 points, tops for the team, most of them coming in the second half. The only other Eagle in double figures was Peyrebrune with 10.

BC has yet to have a victory in the league, Moser says. The team "has to break the ice" and then the wins will come more easily. Yesterday (Tuesday) the Eagles were scheduled to play Niskayuna at home. On Friday they will travel to Burnt Hills.

Wait on pet gift

The Humane Society of the United States is advising families that are planning to get an animal for the holidays to wait until after the holiday season, when the family is more relaxed, to bring the animal into a new home.

"A pet needs time and patience to adjust to its new home, and the hectic holiday season is not a good time to introduce an animal into a household," said Nina Austenberg, regional director. The society suggests picking out a new pet at the local humane society and wrapping a dog dish, cat toy or picture of an animal instead.

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Birds pine for home court

It could be that Voorheesville's basketball Blackbirds need more home cooking. Or maybe it's meeting the league's tougher teams on the road.

Whatever the reasons, Bob Crandall's operatives went into this week standing 1-2 in Colonial Council play, winning their first home start in a 55-46 upset over previously unbeaten Lansingburgh, and taking a 73-51 drubbing at Watervliet.

This week it's Waterford at home last night (Tuesday) and Schalmont on the road Friday. After that comes the Christmas break, but there will be workouts and the annual Helderberg tournament at Bethlehem after Christmas, in which the Blackbirds open with the host team.

"We knew Watervliet was going to be tough from what we've seen in our scouting, but we figured that if we broke their press and shot well, we would be in the game," Crandall said. "As it turned out, we didn't have many turnovers, we handled the press

pretty well, but we hurried too many of our shots and we gave them a lot of easy layups."

The Blackbirds were in the game most of the first half, trailing by 31-21 at intermission, but the Cannoneers went on a 20-12 rampage in the third period and that sealed it. "They're a very good team, and it will take a really good night to beat them," said Crandall. "We figure they'll cool down before they come to our court."

It might have been a lot closer if the Blackbirds had been shooting better. After averaging 55 percent Tuesday night against Lansingburgh, they hit on only 30 percent at Watervliet, and that isn't going to win many games, let alone against a first-place outfit. Kyle Larabee, who canned 20 points in the Tuesday upset, led with 12 in the Friday debacle. Jerry Borg had 11 and Vin Foley 10.

Crandall could have made the final score look a little better, but he preferred to give his bench a chance to get a competitive workout. Everybody played. "I'd like to

see that every night, but when we're up by 20 points, not them," the coach said wryly.

The Blackbirds gave their home fans a real treat in the unveiling on Rt. 85A last Tuesday. Playing an undefeated team, they were down by eight at 24-16 with two minutes left in the first half before turning the gym into a turmoil by pouring eight straight points into the strings. Larabee and Foley did the scoring with two baskets apiece, Larabee hitting on a shot at the buzzer on a pretty pass from Dean Decker.

Larabee also led the charge in the second half as the Blackbirds put on their best shooting display of the young season, close to 70 percent. Larabee had eight of Voorheesville's 18 in the third quarter, and with a four-point lead going into the fourth the Blackbirds restricted the visitors to eight points and won by nine.

Foley and Justin Corcoran fired in 10 apiece and Borg had eight. Voorheesville ended the week 1-2 in the league, 2-3 overall.

Indians searching for scoring touch

By Dan Tidd

After three league games and three straight setbacks, Ravena basketball coach Jim Gorham is still searching for that offensive weapon that will turn the team around.

And with the Indians' latest defeat, a 60-36 rout at the hands of Waterford, Gorham knows he has to find that weapon fast. "We don't have a player who can take charge and score big points when we need them," he said. "Our offense has been disappointing. I didn't expect us to shoot so poorly."

In last Tuesday's loss to Waterford, Ravena was held under 40 points for the second game in a row. The Indians shot well in the first half, then it was all downhill. They stayed close in the first half, and trailed by just five at halftime.

"Our guards finally started finding the basket," Gorham said. "It was our first really good half of basketball this season."

Just when Gorham found himself entertaining thoughts of a possible victory, the Indians suddenly were behind by 15. Waterford burned the Tribe for 12 straight points to open up a 41-26 lead in the third period.

Gorham went to a box-and-one defense in the second half in an

effort to disrupt Waterford's powerful inside game and put a stop to easy baskets.

The Indians had a date last night (Tuesday) for a visit to Albany Academy, and at press-time were trying to schedule a makeup game with Schalmont after last Friday's meeting was snowed out.

Aerobics program

The Town of Bethlehem's Parks and Recreation Department will offer a program for adults wanting to participate in a high aerobic activity. The program, "Awake, Aware and Active," will be held from 7:30 to 8:30 p.m., Mondays and/or Thursdays, beginning Jan. 6 and ending March 27, at the Bethlehem Central Middle School girls' gym.

Snatch and cycle

Bethlehem Police are looking for a thief on a bicycle who grabbed an envelope with \$160 in cash and receipts from the cash box at the Big M Truck Stop on Rt. 9W in Glenmont last Monday. The getaway vehicle was described as an old 10-speed.

BC football schedule shapes up

The shape and dimension of Bethlehem Central's 1986 football schedule is still tentative, but BC athletic director Ray Sliter says eight of the nine dates look pretty solid.

YMCA holiday program

The Albany Young Men's Christian Association (YMCA) will offer a holiday program for children from 6 through 12 years during the school break. Featuring swimming, gym games, crafts, movies and other special events, the program will run from 8:30 a.m. to 5:30 p.m. on Dec. 26, 27, 30 and 31, and Jan. 2 and 3. Registration is \$20 for members and \$30 for non-members.

The YMCA is also organizing a New Years Eve celebration for children 5 to 12 years, featuring swimming, gym games, movies and a pizza party. The event will run from 8 p.m. on Dec. 31 through 9 a.m. on Jan. 1. Reservations are \$10 and \$12.

For information call 449-7196.

Sliter said local school officials were still waiting for principals of the remaining Suburban Council schools to resolve the league schedule in the wake of Bethlehem's withdrawal, announced at the close of the 1985 season. After seven seasons in which the team won six varsity games, the Eagles threw in the towel last month.

Sliter said it now looks like the Eagles will play an independent schedule that will include at least five of their longtime Suburban Council rivals, two new opponents from the Foothills Conference, and Bishop Gibbons, an independent team that Bethlehem defeated last fall for its only victory in a nine-game slate. BC will play the three remaining schools in the Gold (small-school) Div-

ision of the Suburban Council—Guilford, Niskayuna and Burnt Hills—plus Shaker and Columbia. Also on the slate will be new rivals Hudson Falls and Johnstown from the Foothills, and Gibbons.

That adds up to eight games, leaving an open date on the first weekend of the season. Sliter said Colonie, a member of the Suburban's large-school division, also has a possible open date that week, and if the two schools cannot find an outside opponent, may play each other.

"It's now pretty much a question of juggling a date here and there, but we can't make anything firm until the principals (of the Suburban schools) take final action," Sliter said.

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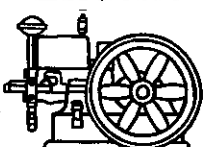
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BC keeps win skein—just

Bethlehem Central's legendary swim dynasty, which has dominated Eastern New York pools for more than 16 years, may go on a while longer, but its incredible win streak appears on the verge of termination.

The Eagles, showing only traces of the might that has obliterated all challengers for most of the last decade, knocked off their first two league rivals last week, running their winning skein to 132 consecutive dual meets, but No. 132 revealed a danger signal. That was an 86-83 escape from Burnt Hills on Friday.

Pool watchers in swim-oriented Bethlehem can be excused if they shudder at some of the numbers. They would have to go back beyond BC's last defeat—a loss at New Hartford by a touch in February, 1977—to find a closer score, and who can remember an Eagle tank corps winning only three first places in 11 events and losing both relays?

Coach Buzz Jones could not be reached over the weekend for an "inside" commentary, but pool-side observers credit him with strategic juggling of his out-manned troops to squeeze out enough seconds and thirds in a six-lane pool to get by.

That kind of stuff may not work when Bethlehem goes against the likes of Shaker, Glens Falls, Queensbury and others, let alone the two climactic meets with Central New York rivals Rome and New Hartford in February.

Later Jones remarked that "we would have lost (to Burnt Hills) in a four-lane pool, no question about that."

SWIMMING

The Eagles opened their new season last Wednesday with a 56-29 win over Guilderville, the merged Guilderland-Voorheesville team, numerically the smallest team in the league. The teams split the 10 first places other than diving, in which the Mergers did not compete.

Two young stars are carrying the Eagles in the early stages, but may need more help than appears available if Bethlehem aspires to salvage their league title, let alone the win streak. Justin Baird, a 14-year-old with the makings of a superstar, won the 200 IM and the 500 free against Guilderville and took the 500 against Burnt Hills. Chris Drew, a 15-year-old stand-out, took the only other firsts in the Burnt Hills meet, winning the 50 free and the backstroke, and he captured the 100 free against Guilderville, but beyond that the ranks are thin. Cam O'Connor, another 14-year-old prospect in his second year on the varsity, won the backstroke in the opening meet.

At Burnt Hills the seconds and thirds saved the day for BC. Baird's second in the 200 free was vital, as were the No. 2 finishes turned in by Pierre LaBarge, a senior, in the 200 IM and 100 free, Keith Dix in the butterfly, Peter Greenwald in the breaststroke and Alex Hall in the diving.

Baird and Drew are both versatile swimmers and can go against most of the best in their specialties, but Jones may have to spot them in relays and in selected locations where second places are more valuable. In scholastic ranks swimmers are limited to three events, including relays.

The outlook took a turn for the brighter last week with the appointment of Vaclav (Vaz) Sotola, a former member of the Czechoslovakian national swimming team, as assistant coach at BC. Sotola is also head coach of the Albany Starfish swim team, an amateur swim club headquartered in the Albany State pool, where he has turned out a number of scholastic stars now upgrading several BC rivals around the league. In the early and mid-70's Sotola coached age-group swimmers in his home city of Prague and at Charles University there, at both state and international levels.

The Eagles will have their first home meet today (Wednesday) against Amsterdam, and on Friday take to the road again for a meet against an improved Albany Academy team.

Birds win first 3

By Tania Severino

This year the Voorheesville wrestling team is off to a quick start on the mats. In two consecutive matches the Blackbirds stomped on Watervliet, 60-12, and beat Fonda-Fultonville, 35-15. Last Thursday coach Richard Leach's wrestlers beat on Watervliet, 62-12, remaining 2-0 in the league and 3-0 overall.

The Blackbirds' most productive action so far has come from junior tri-captain Rich Kane. Kane, 3-0, has pinned all three of his opponents in less than two minutes.

Bill Kelly has also had an easy start this year by accepting two

BC matmen prepare for sterner tests

WRESTLING

Rick Poplaski, a master psychologist as well as a standout scholastic wrestling coach, is putting his Bethlehem Central grapplers through a gruelling week in preparation for the sternest test of the season to date.

Poplaski figures that Friday's double dual meet at Voorheesville against the ever-dangerous Blackbirds and perennial mat power Averill Park requires him to prepare his young team not only physically but mentally. He doesn't want them to be lulled by their undefeated record in dual meets, 3-0 in the Suburban Council and 5-0 overall, but he also feels his Eagles have enough skill and strength to raise some havoc on Friday.

The BC team got a whole lot of lessons at the highly regarded Oxford tournament in Section 3 last weekend. The Eagles finished fifth among 11 teams in a shoot-out that was dominated by a Section 2 team, powerful Queensbury. Bethlehem had two seconds and two thirds, getting a sobering jolt when Chris Saba, a defending state and Sectional champion, could muster only a fourth place.

"We did about what we expected," Poplaski said on Sunday. "We had some good individual performances, some disappointments, but we don't have the experience to compete with some of those wrestlers at that level. Another year, perhaps."

There was abundant experience to be gained at Oxford, however, which will be a help this weekend. Pat Leamy, in his first year on the varsity, got second place in the 91-pound eliminations and Verne Thalheimer, a BC junior in his second year on the varsity, also got a second at 98 pounds. Two sophomores, Jim Dater at 126 and Steve Guynup at 145, were third in their respective weight classes.

Saba, wrestling at 112, came up against Queensbury's talented Robbie Weeks in the semifinals. The BC sophomore star was leading by 2-0 near the end of the second period when he gave up a reversal. In the third period Weeks got a point on a questionable violation called against Saba, and an escape made it 4-2. Both wrestlers were on their feet when Saba, attacking, shot in for a takedown. He put Weeks on his back, but was re-rolled and the decision went to Weeks by 9-2.

Saba also was outpointed in the consolation bout. "It was not a good weekend for Chris," observed Poplaski. "But this is a situation all athletes have to face. He is strong, he is very skilled and he has experience. He'll bounce back."

Earlier in the week the Eagles had another strong victory over a Suburban Council rival, taking Columbia by 50-22. They got pins from Leamy, Thalheimer, John Sinuc (138) and Bill Plunkett (167) and a technical fall by Tom Nyilis (119). A technical fall is new in wrestling scoring this year, awarded when one wrestler gets more than 15 points ahead of his opponent.

Scoring decisions in the Columbia match were Dater, Tim Dobert and Paul Evangelista.

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Indians topple Academy

By Tim Penk

The five-year losing streak of the RCS wrestling team to Albany Academy was broken this week with a 48-22 victory. Albany Academy came in undefeated, fell behind early and never recovered.

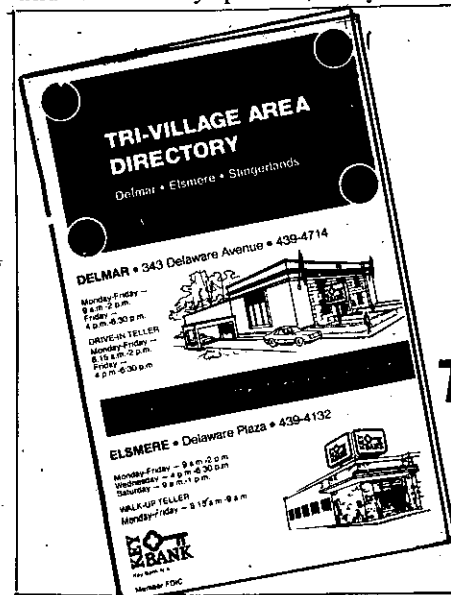
The Indians went up 27-0 early in the match, getting pins from Marty Stoddard, Brian Perry and a come-from-behind pin from Geoff Demis with two seconds left in the match. Ken Losee won on a forfeit, and Chip Cowles followed with a 9-7 victory over Albany Academy's captain, Eric Manning.

Luther Legg had a 9-3 win, Steve DiAcetis had a pin, Tim Baranska won by a technical fall (lead by more than 15 points), and Jerry Baranska won by a pin.

"The team wrestled very well and I am very pleased," says

Coach John Vishneowski. "The lightweights started us off and from there it was just a matter of the final score."

Vishneowski cited the consistent performance of Legg and Cowles and the outstanding season co-captains Perry and Baranska are having, scoring pins in each of the three matches so far. This is the week the Indians find out how good they really are in matches against Voorheesville and Schalmont, the teams favored to take first and second place in the Colonial Council. Vishneowski feels that his team is the underdog in both matches, but has the capability to beat them and take the league. Along with the matches against Voorheesville and Schalmont, RCS will face Johnstown away on Saturday.



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Indians, Birds make it to the top

Indians top Troy on way Birds lose in finals

By Bart Gottesman

All good things must come to an end. After rolling out to a 13-0 record, the RCS volleyball team suffered its first loss in regular season play, then a defeat in the semifinals of the Sectionals eliminated the team from further play.

The setbacks were to Voorheesville in the last regular season Colonial Council game, and South Glens Falls, a traditional Section 2 power, in the post-season tourney.

In the loss to Voorheesville, a team that the Indians had dominated earlier in the season, an overconfident RCS squad took an early lead by winning the first game, but failed to give the finishing blow as Voorheesville got rolling in the second game and never looked back. In the second game, frequent use of subs by coach Ron Racey proved to be deadly to the Indians as Voorheesville picked up momentum to deadlock the contest at one-game a piece. Going into the third game Voorheesville's momentum continued as the Blackbirds took a 12-0 lead before the home team could get on track. RCS managed to muster up four points, but couldn't prevent their first loss of the season as the opponent took the deciding contest by a 15-4 margin. Reflecting on the loss Racey said, "They deserved to win, they played better than we did."

In what was considered by Racey as "the best his team played all year," Ravena bounced back to defeat Big 10 champion Troy by 11-15, 15-9, 15-12. Racey credited much of the success to juniors Terri Baker, Marie Setford and Francesse Losee. Junior Tracey Klien also drew praise as she came off the bench as an effective setter.

BC winds up with loss

By Charles Henrikson

The Bethlehem Central volleyball team's season finally ended last Monday. In a match that was typical of the whole season, the girls were winning their final match, but they just couldn't score that last point needed to win.

The score against Saratoga was close. BC won the first game 15-7, then lost the second, 15-5. In the third game, BC was ahead 14-10, but couldn't finish, and ended up losing, 16-14. Coach Carol Walts termed this final game a "heart-breaker," because Saratoga finished second in the Suburban Council standings, so it would have been a great upset if BC had won. "I really thought we were going to pull this one out," said Walts.

This loss set the team's final season record at 2-8 in the league and 2-9 overall. Walts felt that the team did not mature and progress as quickly as it might have. The team was within a point or two of many of its opponents, and if luck had been in their favor, the girls could have had a winning season.

Of the 12 members of the team, six are seniors, so next year's team will have a good, solid and experienced nucleus. All three of the team's setters, Kerrie Grand, Peg Jeram and Jennifer Tweedie are

VOLLEYBALL

Although the game was a big win for the Indians, the team suffered a devastating loss as senior captain Sue Raynor suffered a season-ending injury.

Entering the first round of sectional play the Indians had a 14-1 record and were seeded third. In the first round game, Ravena dominated Ballston Spa, 15-8, 15-4. Any early rallies that the opposition could start were abruptly ended as Ravena players were making superb defensive plays. Two juniors, Colleen Farrell and Jackie Mulligan, who have led the team throughout the year, continued to excel at their specialties as Farrell set the ball well and Mulligan spiked and played an excellent defensive game. The victory marked the first time in many years that the Indians advanced past the quarterfinals.

In the semifinals the lady Indians played to their potential but couldn't overcome the powerful Bulldogs of South Glens Falls. Racey felt that his team played their best game of the season, but just ran into a better team. For the first time the Indians were hampered by ineffective serving, a strong point that had led the team throughout the 1985 campaign. The final score was 15-12, 15-8.

Winning the Colonial Council championship and having success in the Sectionals were high points of an outstanding season for the team. The 16-2 record will be something for next year's team to try to surmount. The Indians should be the pre-season favorites in 1986 as the majority of starters are returning. The ladies also have a strong JV team to make up for the lost varsity players.

graduating, so that gap will have to be filled. The other seniors are Maureen Montanus, Kris Withereall and Amy Zick.

Returning next year are juniors Tricia Mackey and Wendy Vogel, who have a lot of experience, having already played two years on the varsity. Amber Cole, Debbie Bailey and Lisa Pauley, all juniors, also will return next year. Sophomore Kristie Burkart, who has come a long way, should make many contributions to next year's team.

The JV team was 8-3 this year, and the Frosh were 7-3. All of this points toward a renewal of BC's winning ways.

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By Rick Leach

It had all come down to this one final match. All the practices and hard work were for this moment. It is every volleyball team's dream to win a sectional championship, and the Voorheesville Blackbirds were only one win away. However, it would have to come against an undefeated Germantown team that had outlasted Cobleskill in three sets the match before. Voorheesville had beaten Catskill, 15-10, 15-11 in their semifinal game to set the stage for the finals.

The first game was taken 15-9 by Germantown as the Blackbirds had trouble getting untracked. The Birds rebounded in game 2 and came away with a close 15-12 victory. This set the stage for the dramatic third set. Voorheesville struck early to grab a 9-5 lead, but Germantown came roaring back to even the score at 9-all. It was just not to be for the Blackbirds as Germantown then rolled off six more points to capture the game, the match and the Class CC championship.

Even with this heartbreaking loss the week was not a complete disappointment. The squad did reach the finals of the Sectionals, and last Monday defeated previously undefeated Ravena in what coach Tom Kurkjian called "our high point of the season." The Lady Birds lost the first game and trailed 8-1 in the second, but stormed back to win the final two games and the match.

Missy Biernacki filled in well for the injured Jen Kurkjian, and Betsy Zeh produced 10 straight points to pace the attack.

The squad finished a successful

Easy aerobics

The Town of Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department will offer a "low to medium" aerobics program for adults Mondays and/or Wednesdays from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m., beginning Jan. 6. The program will be held at the Glenmont Elementary School and is open to residents of the Town of Bethlehem and Bethlehem Central School District. Pre-registration is required and can be made by telephone (439-4131) or in person at the Elm Avenue Park Office between 8:30 a.m. and 4:30 p.m., weekdays, beginning Dec. 20.

Fees are as follows: Mondays or Wednesday only, \$15, Mondays and Wednesdays, \$30. There is a limit of 30 participants per night.

Christmas party

The Delmar Fire Department is planning a Christmas party for children of the Tri-Village area under 10 years of age. The holiday festivities, featuring a visit from Santa Claus, will be held on Saturday, Dec. 21, at 2 p.m.

season with a 15-and-5 record, and second-place finishes in the Colonial Council and Sectionals. They had won 13 straight matches before the loss to Germantown.

There were four seniors on this year's squad, Christy Tarullo, Kurkjian, Margaret Arthur and Jen Gordinier. They will be missed, but with Donna Mensching, Zeh, and an undefeated JV team, it should be another successful year for Voorheesville in 1986.

Deer vs car

Deer figured in four Bethlehem accidents last week, and one deer was killed.

On Monday, a car traveling on Rt. 32 hit and killed a deer, according to Bethlehem police reports. On Tuesday, another car on Rt. 32 swerved to avoid hitting a deer and ran off the road. There were no serious injuries. On Thursday, a car on New Scotland Rd. near Fisher Blvd. struck a deer, and another car on Clapper Rd. in Glenmont also hit a deer. There were no serious injuries.

STAR BOWLERS

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 8, 1985 at Del Lanes in Delmar, go to:

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Major Boys — Justin Burns-207, Steve Myers-503.

Jr. Boys — Arvid Johnson-195, Shawn Meher-491.

Jr. Girls — Sue Brown-215, 538.

Prep Boys — Chris Siciliano-172, 453.

Prep Girls — Jennifer Matuszek-164, Melissa Novak-377.

Bantam Boys — Eric Buzo-90, 247, Al Crewell-136, 357

Bantam Girls — Andrea Kachidurian-93, 237, Melinda Person-258.

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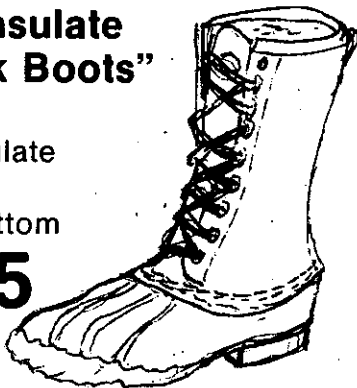
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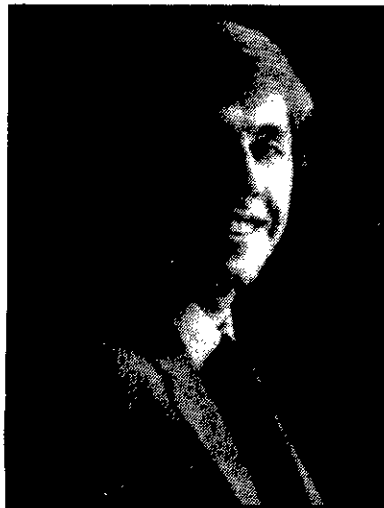


Fire Fighters Corner

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Date	Time	Department or Unit	Event or Type Call
Dec. 5	6:03 p.m.	Selkirk Fire	Car Fire
Dec. 6	2:21 p.m.	Elsmere Fire	Truck Fire
Dec. 6	6:49 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 7	7:11 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 8	11:31 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 8	1:52 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 8	4:09 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Transport
Dec. 8	4:30 p.m.	Elsmere Fire	Structure Fire
Dec. 8	4:40 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Stand By
Dec. 8	6:41 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Transport
Dec. 8	9:01 p.m.	Slingerlands Fire	Structure Fire
Dec. 8	9:01 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Stand By
Dec. 9	10:45 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Heart Attack
Dec. 10	2:45 p.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Drug Overdose
Dec. 10	4:51 a.m.	Elsmere Fire	Structure Fire
Dec. 10	4:51 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Stand By
Dec. 10	8:54 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory Distress
Dec. 10	11:25 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Medical Emergency
Dec. 10	11:38 a.m.	Delmar Fire	Structure Fire
Dec. 10	11:38 a.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Stand By
Dec. 10	6:42 p.m.	Selkirk Fire	Gas Leak
Dec. 10	8:57 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 11	3:00 a.m.	Beth. Vol. Ambulance	Drug Overdose
Dec. 11	12:25 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 11	4:54 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical Emergency
Dec. 11	9:18 p.m.	Delmar Rescue Squad	Drug Overdose

The Fire Fighters Corner welcomes items of interest to fire and rescue volunteers. Call Connie Parisi at 767-9037 or send information to The Spotlight, 125 Adams St., Delmar.



William F. Howard

Historian a Fellow

William F. Howard has been selected as a fellow in the Company of Military Historians, an international organization dedicated to the preservation and study of military history.

The selection was made in recognition of Howard's "discovery and editing of primary source material of the Civil War period" (and) "for sharing his knowledge with collectors and historians" in the form of lectures and published research.

Howard, a Delmar resident, has contributed many articles on historical topics to such magazines as *Civil War Times Illustrated*, *Yankee*, and *American Heritage*.

Much of his research has focused on the Civil War period.

Howard received a B.A. in American Studies from Manhattanville College and a M.A. from Rockefeller College at the State University at Albany, where he was a Herbert H. Lehman Fellow.

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WHEREAS, the said parties desire to amend said certificate and agreement,

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Obituaries

Kenneth Wells

Kenneth Cleveland Wells, 65, of Feura Bush, a veteran of World War II, died Dec. 12 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was born in Greene, N.Y., and was a longtime resident of Feura Bush. He was a retired dental technician.

He was a former member of the Onesquethaw Volunteer Fire Department and a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

Survivors include his wife, Mary (Shirley) Wedge Wells; two daughters, Marie Jeanette Lewis of Middletown and Gail Ann Wilkensin of Feura Bush; four sons, Kenneth Cleveland Wells Jr. of San Francisco, Calif., Brian Gregory Wells of Rensselaer, Mark Allen Wells of Ballston Spa and David Henry Wells of Feura Bush; a sister, Cora Nancy Darling of Albany, and two brothers, Ralph D. Wells of Greene and Richard Wells of Philadelphia. He is also survived by four grandchildren, a granddaughter, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Meyers Funeral Home, Delmar. Burial was in Our Lady Help of Christians Cemetery, Glenmont.

Charlotte Baker

Charlotte Mary Baker, 52, of Voorheesville died Dec. 12 at her

home after a long illness.

A lifelong resident of the Albany area, she was employed as an executive secretary for the New York Telephone Company.

She was a member of the Voorheesville First United Methodist Church.

Survivors include her father, Forrest A. Baker; two sisters, Ruth C. Baker of Voorheesville and Mrs. Ronald (Audrey) LaPointe of Schoharie; a brother, Richard R. Baker of Voorheesville, and several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home, Voorheesville. Burial was in the Evergreen Memorial Park and Garden Mausoleum Inc., Schenectady.

Harry Loucks

Harry Loucks, 85, of South Bethlehem died Dec. 13 at St. Peter's Hospital.

A lifelong resident of South Bethlehem, he was a farmer. He had worked at the VanAllen farm in Selkirk and later at the Koblers farm in Selkirk.

He is survived by several nieces and nephews.

Arrangements were by the Caswell Funeral Home, Ravena. Burial was in the Onesquethaw Cemetery.

Fred Milham

Fred Milham, 78, of Glenmont, an Army veteran of World War II, died Dec. 13 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, after a brief illness.

A native of Albany, he operated Milham's Barber Shop in Albany for 35 years before retiring.

He was a member of the Barbers Local union 1610, the Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185, the Bethlehem Elks Lodge 2233, the South End Immediate Relief and the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Organization.

He was a member of St. George's Antiochian Orthodox Church in Albany.

He is survived by his wife, Delia Albert Milham; three daughters, Lorraine Milham, Delores Docous and Helen M. Lent of Glenmont; a brother, George Milham of Cocoa Beach, Fla., and a sister, Victoria Stewart of Rensselaer. He is also survived by five grandchildren.

Arrangements were by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany. Burial was in the Graceland Cemetery, Albany.

M. Grace Calligeris

M. Grace Calligeris, 69, of Slingerlands died Dec. 9 at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany after a brief illness.

Born in Troy, she lived in Bethlehem for the past 36 years. She worked as a stenographer for the state Department of Labor before she moved to Bethlehem.

She was a member of the Normanside Country Club. She was a communicant of St. Thomas the

Apostle Church.

Survivors include her husband, James C. Calligeris, and two daughters, Susan Yuhasz of Rotterdam and Carol McHugh of Altamont. She is also survived by four grandchildren.

Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons, Delmar. Burial was in Calvary Cemetery, Glenmont.

Jeanette Mills

Jeanette W. Mills, 68, of Delmar died Dec. 6 at the Albany Medical Center Hospital.

Born in Orangeville, she graduated from Warsaw High School.

She was a member of St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar.

She is survived by her husband, Allen F. Mills; three daughters, Dr. Karen Courts of Fredonia, Mrs. Sandra Fitzpatrick of Delmar and Kathleen Mills of Slingerlands; two sons, Daryl W. Mills of Jacksonville, Fla., and Bruce L. Mills of Delmar; two sisters, Mrs. Gladys Kreutter of Warsaw and Mrs. Ruth Moyer of Lockport; three brothers, Claude Wheeler of Warsaw, Darwin Wheeler of Attica and Warren Wheeler of Livonia, Mich. She is also survived by seven grandchildren.

A memorial requiem will be held at 7:30 p.m. on Friday, Dec. 27, at St. Stephen's Episcopal Church, Delmar. Arrangements were by the Marley Funeral Home, Attica. Burial was in the Warsaw Cemetery.

Successful sale

St. Peter's Hospital's Hospice was the recent recipient of a contribution of more than \$3,000 from Ohav Shalom Senior Citizen Housing Complex. The donation was the result of proceeds from a "White Elephant Sale" held Nov. 23 and 24 at Ohav Shalom.

According to Diana McKenna, assistant vice President of Ambulatory Services, the hospital was "delighted and overwhelmed by the scope of Ohav Shalom's fundraising effort." A number of area businesses and restaurants assisted with the success of the sale by donating items and services for a raffle. In addition, residents of Ohav Shalom donated unusual items, giftware, crafts and baked goods.

Vaccine noted

Dr. Richard Eberle of Syracuse, president of the Empire State Medical, Scientific and Educational Foundation, Inc., has urged persons over age 65 and persons with chronic illnesses to consult their doctors for information about inoculation against pneumococcal pneumonia. The cost of the vaccine is reimbursable under Medicare, according to Dr. Eberle.

Individuals suffering from chronic illnesses such as diabetes, lung disease, heart disease, kidney or liver problems, alcoholism or sickle cell anemia were advised to contact their physicians concerning the vaccine.

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Real estate expert

Elaine R. Conway of Delmar has been named leasing agent for the Arbor Hill Redevelopment Project, being developed by Vulcan Development and Management Corp.

Conway is responsible for leasing plans for 233 apartment units and 15 commercial-retail stores in the 82 buildings of the project.

A graduate of Duquesne University in Pittsburgh, Pa., Conway has served as a retail leasing agent for Robinson Square and The Historic Mansion Area. Prior to joining Vulcan, she served as executive director of St. Vincent Apartments, Albany.

She is currently working toward obtaining a certified commercial investment member certificate from the National Institute of Realtors.

License law tougher

A driver who refuses to take an alcohol or drug test such as a breathalyzer, may not regain full driving privileges until the license revocation for that refusal is over, even if the driver completes the state's Drinking Driver Program (DDP), according to the state Department of Motor Vehicles.

Under a law that took effect Aug. 1, a driver who refuses an alcohol or drug test, then enters an approved drinking driver program and receives a conditional driver's license, will continue to have only conditional driving privileges until the mandatory revocation for the refusal ends.

Previously, such a revocation was waived when a person entered the program and received a conditional license. The driver received full driving privileges again after completing the program which could be within seven weeks. The mandatory revocation for a test refusal is at least six months.

License revocations and suspensions for refusing an alcohol or drug test are separate from those for drunken or drugged driving convictions. A driver can receive a conditional license only if the regular license is revoked or suspended for an alcohol-or-drug-related conviction. A conditional license cannot be issued based solely on a test refusal revocation.

A conditional license allows a person to drive to and from the drinking driver sessions, during work if the job requires it and during an additional three-hour period each week.

Savings on oil

The New York Public Interest Research Group Inc. (NYPIRG) has announced that the Fuel Buyers Group price per gallon for home heating oil averaged 10 to 15 cents less than that of retail oil dealers last heating season.

The group guarantees a price per gallon only 15 cents above the wholesale price year round by pooling the purchases of many homes and buildings.

Retailers frequently offer competitive prices in the fall, then charge 30 to 35 cents above the wholesale price per gallon in the dead of winter, when most oil consumers are set with a fuel company, according to a representative of the Fuel Buyers Group.

For information call Gregg Schank at 436-0870.

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Applications are available at any office of Albany Savings Bank.



Dana Broadaway

Promoted at Galesi

Dana Broadaway of Delmar has been promoted to assist vice president of the Galesi Group's Vermont operations.

A native of Massachusetts Broadaway earned bachelor's degrees in architecture and construction technology and a master's degree in business administration from Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

Prior to joining the Galesi Group, Broadaway was planning director for the City of Albany's Community Development Agency. He is a member of the National Trust for Historic Preservation and the Historic Albany Foundation.

New officers

Newly elected officers of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce are: Thomas C. Thorsen, president; Kenneth Ringler, vice president; Lee Faulkner, secretary, and George Gibson, treasurer.

Tour Dec. 19

Area residents are invited to tour the Price Chopper Reclamation Center, Northeast Industrial Park, Building 9, Guilderland Center, on Thursday, Dec. 19, at 10 a.m. The center reclaims food that would otherwise be wasted. The food is then distributed by the Regional Food Bank.

For information call 463-3544 or 381-1294.

Keeping track

"Do You Know Your Valuable Papers?"—an eight-page workbook from the Cornell Cooperative Extension—can help a family inventory important documents.

Birth certificates, licenses, insurance policies, bank account numbers and other valuable records should be listed for quick reference. The guidelines and outlined pages make important records useful in emergencies and help evaluate family business affairs.

"The Dollar Value of Household Work" is another Cornell Cooperative Extension publication designed to help people make sound financial decisions. Knowing how much housework is worth may help a family to decide if it is financially worthwhile for both parents to work outside the home.

Both publications are available from the Cornell Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850. "Do You Know Your Valuable Papers?" costs 85 cents a copy and "The Dollar Value of Household Work" is \$1. Prices include shipping and handling.

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SED intervention

Editor, The Spotlight:

The state Education Department, in its passion to absorb student and teacher time with ever more tests, now requires that we go public with the results. That should serve well to keep us laymen busy fussing over interpretations and administrators busy explaining and defending discrepancies.

Let me be one to start the ball rolling. As a Clarksville parent, I was disgusted to see in the *Times Union* that Bethlehem's "only rural school" didn't score as well as the others. What rubbish! Our thanks to Dr. Lawrence Zinn for attempting to clarify the situation. Certainly, special thanks to Dr. Briggs McAndrews for pointing out in his report to the district that the lower scores for Clarksville were predicted two years ago due to a larger than normal number of remedial students in that particular third grade class. Unfortunately, the *Times Union* failed to notice that 100 percent of our 5th graders passed their exams. It's abominable that the state even permits much less mandates, circumstances in which faulty interpretations can damage morale and reputation.

The New York State PTA has come out in opposition to the

ever-increasing emphasis on tests and the publicizing of results. There are numerous reasons to oppose this trend, including:

- Reduced flexibility for teachers and schools in determining what and when to teach certain concepts. Teachers must disregard student readiness or lesson plan continuity to teach for the tests.

- Many elements crucial to quality education cannot be measured by tests. When pressure is continually on for more skills at earlier ages, what happens to intangibles such as critical thinking skills, love of learning, creativity?

- Tests results aren't as accurate as we are led to believe. Reliability and validity are often highly questionable. For example, in small school settings such as ours in Clarksville, a few extra remedial students or gifted students can produce dramatically different group results without making any statement about educational quality.

- As Dr. McAndrews has stated, comparisons between schools and districts will breed competition rather than cooperation and sharing.

- Statistics can be very elusive. They can be compiled and interpreted in a multitude of ways. When their significance is allowed to become exaggerated, test scores cease to be tools offering guidelines. They become masters dictating the educational course to follow. They create dissension and distrust within school communities.

It would be easy for Bethlehem parents and school personnel to feel complacent about this situation. After all, Bethlehem has

come through this first public expose "looking good." Of course, we're pleased. However, this should not blind us to the dangers of the continual encroachment on the authority of local school districts. In fact, better school districts may be most at risk. The increasing state and federal regulations, the demands for ever more accountability, simply require too much of teachers and administrators in time, money, energy and focus. The growing intervention in affairs of local schools makes it impossible for a school system to have the freedom and flexibility necessary to achieve excellence.

Phyllis Brage
PTA President

Clarksville

Special thanks

Editor, The Spotlight:

A special thanks to all who helped make the Bethlehem Senior Citizens Christmas Luncheon, recently held at the Normanside Country Club, a success.

All 144 guests enjoyed the turkey dinner, Christmas musical and visit from Santa Claus.

Marge Morlock,
Secretary

Elsmere

'Christmas dreams'

WXXA Channel 23 in Albany is sponsoring a special holiday fund appeal to benefit Parsons Child and Family Center, a private non profit child care agency.



Holiday scenes by area students, including Christine Gilligan and Tony Cambareri of St. Thomas School, are on exhibit at Bethlehem Town Hall this month. The art work was prepared in conjunction with *The Spotlight's* holiday supplement published Dec. 4. *Spotlight*

Ring in new at HS

Teenagers are invited to celebrate the arrival of the New Year at a party at Bethlehem Central High School, beginning at 9 p.m. Tuesday, Dec. 31. A disk jockey will keep the music going all evening, and snacks and other refreshments will be provided until the 1 a.m. closing time.

Advance sale tickets are \$3 a person and can be purchased from members of Students Against Drunk Driving (SADD) at the high school during lunch hours. At the door, tickets will be \$4. The party is sponsored by SADD and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, and is open to all.

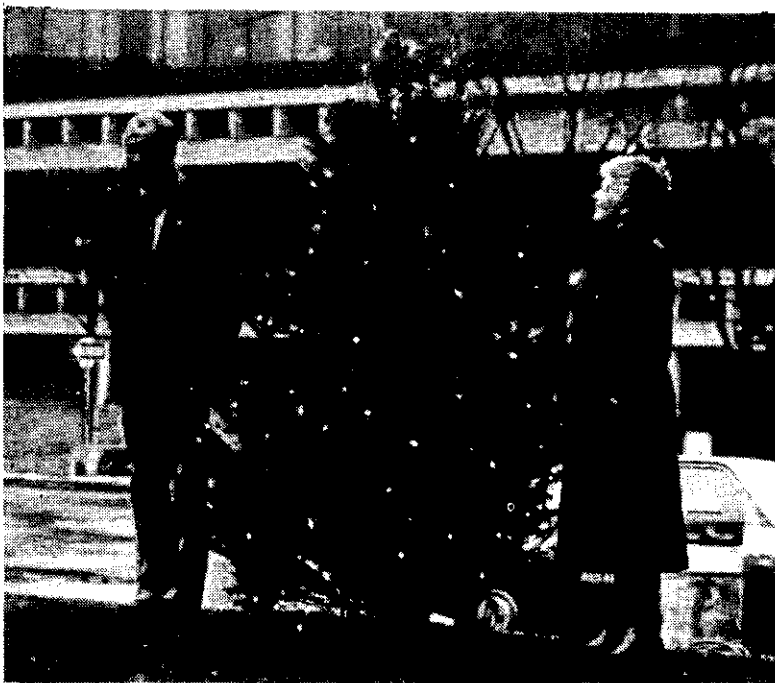
Award for seniors

The Albany Soroptimist Club is seeking applicants for its annual youth citizenship awards for outstanding high school seniors in Albany, Greene and Rensselaer counties. Deadline is Dec. 15.

This year the club is awarding two prizes, \$300 and \$200. The first winner also will automatically compete for a Soroptimist regional award of \$1,500.

Application forms and information are available from high school guidance counselors or from Elizabeth E. Walters, youth citizenship award chairperson, 1071 Regent St., Schenectady 12309.

Applicants must be under age 21 as of next July 1 and be graduating from a high school or equivalent.



The main entrance of the Capital District Psychiatric Center looks more festive with this Christmas tree, donated by the Garden Shoppe, Glenmont. Above, Jesse Nixon Jr. of Delmar, chief executive officer of CDPC, and Jeanne Shaw Berman of Glenmont admire the tree.

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Mr. and Mrs. William G. Cheney of Greenwich, CT, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katherine Mitchell Cheney, to Russell Lamont Creighton, son of Mr. and Mrs. Roger Lamont Creighton of Delmar. An April wedding is planned.

Miss Cheney is manager of Compensation and Benefits with Mobil Oil, Houston, Texas, and president of the Houston Area Health Care Coalition. She is a graduate of the Shipley School, Wellesley College and the Wharton School of Finance. A member of the Junior League of Houston, she was presented at the Westchester Cotillion in Rye, N.Y. Her father is retired from the Power Systems Division of Westinghouse Electric Corporation.

Her fiancé is Product Manager with Allied Chemical in Milpitas, Calif. He graduated from Williston Academy and received his B.A. and M.B.A. from Duke University. His mother is a harpist; formerly a member of the Albany Symphony Orchestra. His father is president of Roger Creighton Associates in Delmar.

Rudolph-Congemi

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Rudolph of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Elizabeth, to Christopher Congemi, son of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Congemi of Delmar.

The bride-to-be will graduate from the Junior College of Albany this spring. Following her graduation, she plans to study illustration in New York City. Her fiancé will receive his bachelor's degree in finance from Pace University this spring. He plans to pursue a career in finance in New York City.

A date for the wedding will soon be set.



Mr. and Mrs. James G. Schimanski

Married in Delmar

Carolyn Mary Smith, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. George A. Smith of Delmar, and James Gerald Schimanski, son of Mr. and Mrs. Gerald J. Schimanski of Delmar, were married Oct. 26 in St. Thomas the Apostle Church, Delmar.

The bride was attended by Ellen Smith, her sister; Lori Schimanski, sister of the groom;

Lauren Sitrin and Denise Koban. The bridegroom's attendants were Christopher Smith, brother of the bride; Dale Walker, W. Andrew Michne and E. MacLain Burriss.

The bride is a teacher at Parsons Child and Family Center, and the bridegroom is manager of the order consolidation department at Sears Roebuck and Co.

Promoted in Navy

Anne Angerame Bagley, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, has been promoted to the rank of Lieutenant Commander in the U.S. Navy Nurse Corps Reserve.

Bagley served on active duty in the U.S. Navy prior to transferring to the Ready Reserve. She resides in Casselberry, Fla., with her husband, Bill, and son, Drew.

Anne Bagley is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John Angerame of Delmar.



Mr. and Mrs. Francis Nemazie

Wed at St. Thomas

Kathleen Gorman, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Richard T. Gorman of Delmar, and Francis Nemazie, son of Dr. and Mrs. A.S. Nemazie of West Bayshore, N.Y., were married Oct. 19 at St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

Jeanne Gorman, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Bridesmaids were Barbara Gorman, Megan Gorman and Leslie Nemazie. David Nemazie, brother of the bridegroom, was best man, and ushers were Stephen Nemazie,

Michael Nemazie and David Gorman.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the State University at Binghamton. The bridegroom, a graduate of the State University at Binghamton and Rutgers University Law School, is employed by the Superior Court of New Jersey.

After a wedding trip to Bermuda, the couple settled in North Brunswick, New Jersey.

Holiday program

"Child's Christmas" will be performed by the eba Dance Theater Ensemble on Sunday, Dec. 22, at 2 and 7 p.m. The holiday program for children of all ages will be held at the eba Theater, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany.

For reservations call 465-9916.

Appointed to board

Donald Squire of Delmar has been appointed to the board of directors of the Epilepsy Association of the Capital District.

Squire is vice president of Central Telephone Exchange Inc. and Airpage, the Beeper People Inc.



Community Corner

Local Libraries Celebrate Holidays

The libraries in Bethlehem and Voorheesville are planning holiday activities for the entire family. The Bethlehem Public Library on Dec. 20 at 4 p.m. will show holiday films and on Dec. 31 at 11:30 a.m. will celebrate the New Year. The Voorheesville Public Library will also show holiday films on Dec. 23 at 10:30 a.m. A Christmas bedtime storyhour will be held on Dec. 19, 7 p.m. at the Voorheesville Public Library. Take time out of a busy holiday schedule to enjoy relaxing entertainment.



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