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Noriko Matusi, a graduate student in education at the College of St. Rose, talks to a third grade class. *On the cover:* Terumi Takamatsu, also an education graduate student, tries on her Japanese paper helmet, part of a Japanese costume during their holiday celebration of Children's Day on May 5.

Cultural barriers fall in Slingerlands

By Lorraine C. Smith

How does a child's view of his world become smaller and become broadened at the same time? When offered the opportunity to study another country, its customs and culture, and then actually meet citizens of that country, children of the world break barriers of all kinds, not just distances.

So it was last Friday, when Japan met America in the classrooms of the Bethlehem Central schools. Three Japanese students at the College of St. Rose (CRS) were getting acquainted with American life, and American students at Slingerlands Elementary School were given samples of Japanese writing, hearing of holiday celebrations and a typical school day across the oceans.

Meeting the Japanese students gave his class a better understanding than all the books and films the class has reviewed for the past six weeks, Slingerlands teacher John Caporta explained. "They could see first hand that there really are differences in their culture and our culture." Originally part of the Challenge program, this year for the first time intense study of a foreign country has been written into the social studies curriculum for all 54 third grade students, Caporta said.

As coordinator of the international student program at St. Rose, Paula Read was initiating her new educational exchange program designed to give the CSR student "opportunities to share his culture in a formal educational setting; to provide a group of young American students an opportunity to participate in a global education project." She plans to introduce the program to schools throughout the Capital District to continue
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Slingerlands School student Kathy Leyden was one of 54 third graders to have her name written in Japanese when three international students of the College of St. Rose visited the classes Friday.
Lorraine Smith photos

ANSWERS fee hike means higher bills, tax hikes?

Suddenly, garbage is a lot more expensive.

Because the ANSWERS refuse plant has turned into a money-burning proposition for Albany, local municipalities are facing budget-busting escalations in fees. And many homeowners and businesses who rely on private haulers will also see their bills go up after the first of the year.

Local officials representing the 14 communities that use the ANSWERS plant on Rapp Rd. — including Bethlehem, New Scotland and Voorheesville — were informed by the city last week that it wants to triple its tipping fees. From the current charge of \$6.59 per ton, the rate would go to \$18 per ton in January and \$20 per ton in July.

"I was prepared for an increase," said Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. "But I was startled by the size of the increase."

That reaction was echoed by New Scotland Supervisor Steve Wallace and Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark. \$6.59 a ton is "a real low rate," said Wallace. "I don't think anyone wants the city of Albany subsidizing our refuse burning. However, we all have our budgets in place."

New Scotland had budgeted \$40,000 for ANSWERS fees for 1987, up from \$32,000 this year, and is now facing the possibility of having to find an additional \$30,000 in a \$1.6 million budget.

Voorheesville is also affected because it uses New Scotland's

permit to dump at ANSWERS. The village budgeted \$18,000 in the current fiscal year, which ends in April. "It's going to triple," said Clark. "No question that it's going to impact, and quite seriously, on the village."

Bethlehem, with a much larger budget, is in a similar position — the increase over what is budgeted for 1987 could be just under \$100,000, based on figures supplied by Highway Superintendent Martin Cross. This despite the fact that town trucks haul very little of the refuse generated in Bethlehem; most of it is picked up by private haulers. The haulers pay Bethlehem \$7 per ton and Bethlehem reimburses the city at the \$6.59 per ton rate.
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Radon meeting confusing

By Patricia Mitchell

Voorheesville residents still don't have a clear picture of how much danger — if any — they are in from radon gas seeping into their homes. After an informational meeting Saturday, most people didn't seem overly concerned.

Radon screenings taken in Voorheesville homes were merely to help identify homes that will be used for further testing of remediation. That was the official word Saturday morning from state and county officials in an informational meeting on last month's findings.

They also told an audience of about 350 the preliminary tests are not conclusive and only measured the potential for exposure to radon, a radioactive gas that could be linked to lung cancer,

and further tests need to be done. Remediation techniques are also available, and can significantly reduce the amount of radon in a home.

"This is a research project for the government to learn more about remediation. We are all breathing radon at this minute. It is not a panic situation, but the levels are elevated. You can't ignore it," said Karem Rimawi, director of the state Bureau of Environmental Radiation Protection.

"There is not a lot known about radon. The good news is it can be fixed. There are techniques that work to bring it to a level that's acceptable," said Terry Brennan, a physicist working with the state and federal agencies that are sponsoring the study.

A Pennsylvania study of

10,000 deaths by zip codes found the lowest level of lung cancer deaths in areas where high levels of radon had been found, said John Matuszek, director of radiological sciences for the state Health Department, a Delmar resident who said he was at the meeting as a private individual. His statement received some applause from the audience.

Several members of the audience indicated that they are not overly concerned about the danger of radon at this point. The village was established in 1899 and there are still many oldtimers alive in the village, said one resident. She said she was not concerned because many words mentioned were "can, potential" and "may."

In the state and federally funded study, 84 homes in the
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A civic center 'guarantee'

By Patricia Dumas

What does a maximum guaranteed price of \$34,887,000 for construction of the Albany County Civic Center really mean?

Republicans and Democrats in the county legislature came up with different answers to that question last week in an hour-long discussion preceding their 27-8 vote to accept the guaranteed maximum price set by Beltrone Construction Co. and MLB Industries Inc., the project's construction managers.

The vote in a special legislative session Dec. 4 means that construction of the 15,000-seat arena in downtown Albany can

begin early next month—by Jan. 5, according to Majority Leader Harold L. Joyce, head of the legislature's Civic Center Committee.

The construction price agreed on does not cover professional fees, land purchase, furnishings or equipment. Nor does it include money already spent on preliminary planning and environmental studies. When all of that is added up, the total cost has been calculated to be more than \$42.5 million. The breakdown of who pays what and how—the county, the state, the taxpayers, apportionments, loans, borrowing—led to various interpretations and a series of

questions, accusations, answers, and defensive explanations during last week's legislative meeting.

The minority party won a commitment from Joyce that the legislature will be provided with quarterly reports, which will detail amounts spent on the center and income sources. But the Republicans are not enthusiastic about the start of the project which has been plagued by controversy and delays since first proposed by County Executive James J. Coyne.

James C. Ross of Delmar called the civic center "a comedy of errors" and declared: "It is not too
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ANSWERS hike

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So if the town's tipping fees go up, so do the private haulers'. Will some of the increase be passed on to the customers?

"Not some of it — all of it," said Robert Wright emphatically. Wright, along with his brother Don, handles most of the residential pickups in Bethlehem.

Wright said he currently charges his residential customers an 85 cents landfill fee on top of the pickup charge. That fee will have to be raised to reflect any change in ANSWERS tipping fees, which means that most residential bills will go up between 25 and 30 percent.

Similar hikes are in store for commercial customers, according to Wright and Tim O'Brien, of Environmental Transfer Service.

"We'll wait for official notification from the town," O'Brien said.

That notification may not come right away. Technically, Albany cannot raise its rates unilaterally because it is bound by contract to handle the waste from the 14 municipalities at fees that are governed by such factors as the Cost of Living Index and the price of oil. However, last summer the city informed all its customers it

was invoking the five-year cancellation clause in the contract — in effect, putting them on notice to either negotiate a new contract or face having no place to go in five years.

Locally, ANSWERS still appears the least costly option. Both Bethlehem and New Scotland are closing their landfills on state orders. New Scotland's Wallace estimated that it would cost his town about \$15 per ton to do its own landfilling — with no guarantee that those costs wouldn't continue to rise as fast as Albany's.

One of Albany's major problems is that a great deal of the shredded refuse from the ANSWERS plant isn't being burned, as originally planned, but is being buried at the Albany landfill. That landfill is also running out of room, and the city is having trouble getting state permission to expand.

Hendrick said several of the town supervisors plan to set up a meeting with Environmental Conservation Commissioner Henry Williams to press Albany's case for more landfill space.

At this point, Hendrick said, all the client municipalities can hope for is to get the rate hike down a bit. A second meeting is planned for Jan. 7, he said.

Japan connection

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CSR's commitment to education and the local community.

The three CSR participants, Terumi Takamatsu and Noriko Matsui, both graduate students in education, and Shigoda Toyoda, an undergraduate in business, each prepared a presentation that related to the third graders' studies. Together, the students from both countries learned about one another: an American breakfast, a Japanese breakfast; how Christmas is celebrated here, there; what time does the school day begin; how the American student gets to school, and how the Japanese student makes the daily trip.

What was the visitors' reaction to the American students? "I was very nervous," confessed origami instructor Terumi Takamatsu. "But I thought it would be much harder (to talk to them). The children are very knowledgeable." The Slingerlands students seemed most impressed with the Japanese

way of writing (figures, but no alphabet), their way of living (grandparents, aunts and uncles all in the same household), their school week (six days, including Saturday).

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The Delmar Branch of the Commercial Bank and Trust Company on Delaware Ave. in Delmar in a December, 1936 photo. The branch is now a part of Key Bank.

Delmar Key Bank 50 years old

In 1936, the Bank of Bethlehem became the third branch of the National Commercial Bank. Fifty years later, what is now Key Bank is holding a celebration for the Delmar community.

Thursday, Dec. 18, has been declared Key Bank Day in Delmar by Bethlehem Town Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick. A signed proclamation in honor of the Delmar bank's 50th anniversary celebration will be presented on Wednesday, Dec. 17.

As part of the 50th anniversary celebration, the public is invited to enter a grand prize drawing for a trip to the 50th state of Hawaii, a \$50 American Eagle gold coin and 50 Instant Lottery tickets. A \$50 coin will also be awarded in a separate drawing for individuals who will

celebrate their 50th birthday or couples who will celebrate their 50th anniversary between Dec. 15 and 19.

Throughout the years, the building at 343 Delaware Ave. has been extensively remodeled. During the 1960's major renovations included doubling the building area, adding a drive-in window and changing to a Colonial design exterior.

The Delmar office was managed by the late Harry Keelan, who was succeeded by Donald Terry, Richard Haverly, Clyde Winne, Marvin Elliott and Arthur Yates.

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'Streamlined' budget plan discussed for BC

By Patricia Mitchell

On their way to building a "positive" budget, the Bethlehem Central school board will first see the proposed basic budget on Jan. 21.

The 1987-88 basic budget, or fundamental operating budget, will be developed by the administration and supervisory staff, and will contain the items considered necessary to continue the present program.

Under the board's new budget procedure, all new programs and expenses will have to be reviewed for approval by the school board. These include new instructional and support staff; new and additional equipment, including buses; and new programs, in-service projects, facilities projects and changes in normal textbook and pupil costs. Proposals, the board said, should include two or three alternatives, and they should include a statement of need, and benefits and penalties that approval or disapproval will affect.

The school board is attempting to streamline and simplify its budgeting this year while it also looks for a new superintendent. At an October workshop on the process, school board members decided to start with the fundamental operating budget and then add programs requested by the staff. The board is also looking to cut down its time spent on budget workshops.

Before the staff proposes their programs and budget extras for next year, some school board members want to have their say and will discuss their desires for the budget at their next meeting. Some areas the board could discuss, said board member Charles "Bud" Reeves are staffing and funding for research, motivational training, contracting, and what can be done for the middle level achievement student. Reeves also said he wants to know more about substance abuse, what has to be done for prevention and how to get it in the budget, and an update its bus seat belt policy.

However, Dr. Briggs McAndrews, acting superintendent, said time on the budget could get tight if the board wanted to make suggestions to the staff in time to meet the Jan. 21 presentation.

The board should stick to administration, said board member Sheila Fuller, and proposals for programs and courses should come from the staff.

Board President Bernard Harvith said the board should be able to make recommendations to the staff. "If I thought we didn't have anything to do with courses, then I don't know what I'm doing here," he said.

The board needs time to review programs and policies for the upcoming year before the budget is proposed, said board member Barbara Coon. "If it's going to be big bucks, I don't want to find out

about it the night we're supposed to make a decision on it," she said.

With the new schedule, board members questioned how much community input they can get into the budget workshops. Public information can be helped with a calendar set for budget workshops, but Fuller said the board needs to address the opportunities for the public to speak.

The public should be given their opportunity on the basic budget after it is presented but before the board starts its work, Fuller said. During the budget workshops, there could be a time limit on input.

Harvith suggested putting the budget calendar in January's *Central Highlights* so everyone can know when the board will work on what part of the budget. He said the public should be able to speak to the board before it gets down to business each night, and should also be able to react to each night's discussion.

Board members also asked for more information and more items in their basic operating budget. Board member Marjory O'Brien said the board needed a firm grip on enrollment projections for the new school year, space availability, and how the district will operate. Reeves said the budget should also have some funds earmarked for upkeep of the buildings.

The staff will meet in January before the budget is proposed to review items in the fundamental operating budget and new proposals. After the Jan. 21 public

presentation, McAndrews said he will meet with employee unions as a courtesy.

Six budget workshops are scheduled after that. On Feb. 4, the board will review the operations and maintenance budget; on Feb. 11, staffing; on March 4, transportation; on March 11, instructional programs and Board of Cooperative Educational Services costs; on March 18, fringe benefits, debt service, insurance and revenue projections; and on March 25, review the total budget package and the projected tax rate. The board is scheduled to adopt the budget on April 1, before it is put to district voters on May 6.

While the workshops will be held on Wednesdays, some after regular board meetings, Harvith said it is good there are no Saturdays scheduled, but additional meetings would not be out of order for problems that might come up. He said he wanted to be sure the board has enough time on the budget.

The board also received its community audit from Dr. James O'Connell, consultant for the search for a new district superintendent. O'Connell said he held about 13 meetings with community groups and a public meeting last Monday to get ideas on the district's strengths and concerns, and qualities that the new superintendent should have.

The district is replacing Dr. Lawrence Zinn, who left the district in September to be

superintendent for the Saratoga Springs City School District. Dr. Briggs McAndrews has been acting superintendent during the search. In short, O'Connell said the superintendent's position will be a great opportunity for the right candidate.

The BC community enjoys its reputation, location in a cultural area, bright children, and is supportive and concerned about its schools, O'Connell said.

Some of the community's concerns include its growing population and how to keep its quality of education and improve on it with growth, the senior citizen population, the question of whether the middle level of achievement student is lost, longterm planning to answer its growing enrollment and general longterm planning.

The new superintendent should be well-educated; provide educational leadership; have a vision of education and translate it to the district, articulate it and have people buy the vision; be able to listen and hear; be able to make decisions and suffer their consequences; be able to govern and lead; have courage; and have a high level of personal and professional integrity.

The next step in the search will be to start advertising with the *New York Times* and other national publications, and writing to various institutions for referrals, O'Connell said.

In other BC school board business, the board adopted a new policy on involuntary transfer of instructional staff on its third and final reading. The policy allows seniority to govern if two or more people were qualified when staff transfers are needed for comparable positions.

A last-minute attempt to amend the policy to allow for other reasons on the board's judgement by Harvith and Reeves was defeated. Harvith said the board could have a policy that it is stuck with, and Reeves said he doesn't want to be governed by seniority.

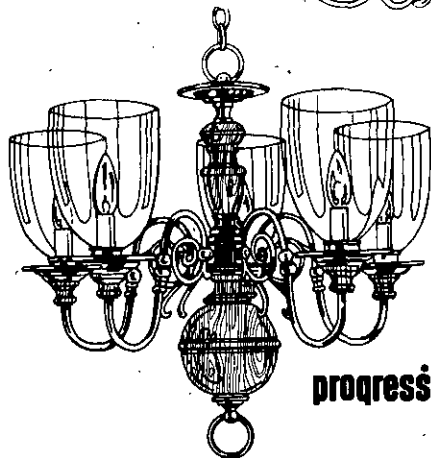
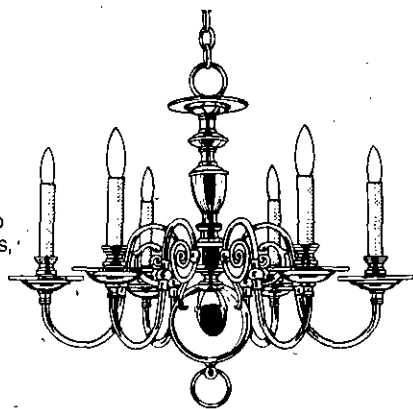
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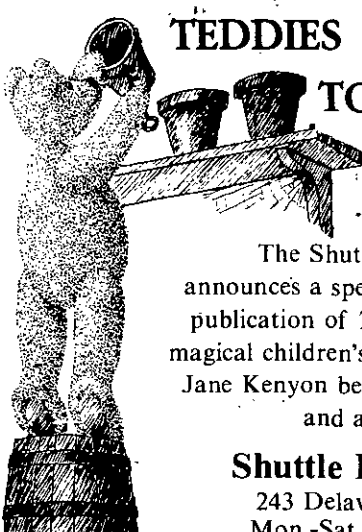
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Second report card even better

By Patricia Mitchell

In the second year of the state-mandated Comprehensive Assessment Report, Bethlehem Central students continue to shine.

In the district's Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR), released last Wednesday to the Board of Education, students show increased levels of achievement in both state and national tests, plus an increased ability to gain admission to high ranking universities.

BC students also show that they can hold their own in similar tests against similar state central school districts, including those in the Suburban Council, with 3,000 or more students.

"I think it's a good report card," said Acting Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews.

The report shows some gains, and that programs are at a solid level. Even with the high marks, McAndrews said, it doesn't mean programs don't need to be added, and revisions don't need to be made.

"I think it verifies that we are doing very good with our students," said school board member Robert Ruslander.

The CAR, required under the Regents Action Plan, is a summary of achievement tests for state school districts over the past three to five years. Demographic data collected by the state Education Department is also included.

In the Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP) scores, BC students consistently score higher than their counterparts in other similar schools in reading and math tests in grades three and six, and in writing in grade five.

Five percent of third graders scored below the State Reference Point on the reading test, and four percent on the math test compared to eight percent and three percent in the same tests in comparable schools. In sixth grade tests, four percent of BC students in reading tests and four percent in math scored below the SRP compared to 11 and seven percent in the similar schools.

The biggest decline in the PEP tests were in fifth grade writing with seven percent below the SRP, compared to two percent in 1984-1985. McAndrews said this could be because of a lack of a state standard and some inconsistency in rating writing tests from year to year. However, the writing score was still above similar schools

rate of nine percent below the SRP.

The PEP is used for early identification of students who need special help in developing the basic skills of reading, math and writing. The reference point has been established for each test, and pupils who score below it must be provided with remedial help.

Students taking Regents exams also score well, and are above other similar schools. For example, 100 percent of BC students taking the business math exam passed, compared to 86 percent in similar schools; 96 percent passed the biology Regents compared to 86 percent; and 99 percent passed comprehensive social studies compared to 84 percent.

In general, BC Regents exam scores are in the 90 percent passing range for all students, and this year 96.5 percent passed all their Regents exams.

The report says that 96 percent of BC seniors graduated this year, and 67 percent received Regents diplomas. These figures are at comparable levels to three years, 10 years and 15 years ago.

Attendance rate is also high at 95 percent, and the summary notes that this is an indicator that parents want their children to receive as much schooling as possible, and the effect of a quality circle group at the high school that recommended how to increase attendance and improve time spent in the high school. The gain of one percent over last year's 94 percent also shows that the district has met its goal to improve the 1984-85 attendance figure.

Average class sizes are approximately the targets set by the district when developing staff ratios during the budget. The summary said that the pupil-to-staff ratio is also a stable figure which fits the target the district has had over the years.

The report's summary also notes that the racial and ethnic distribution, and the limited proficiency numbers are similar to past years. Together with census figures on the number of families in the district below the poverty line show a very homogeneous population that probably has had very little experience with minority groups or low income people.



Reaching out to El Salvador's earthquake victims has been a project of Gytelle Bloom's fifth grade class at the Hamagrael Elementary School. After hearing about the disaster from Hamagrael parent Freida Bateman, a native of El Salvador, the class sold baked goods and solicited donations. Representing the class, Cori Cunningham, center, presented a check for \$116 to Claire Martin, left, executive director of the Albany Area Chapter of the Red Cross, for use in El Salvador as Bateman looks on.

five-year bonds for the new school buses. In October, the board agreed to sell statutory installment bonds or bond anticipation notes on the advice of their bond counsel.

• Approved Mary Ellen Saba, Linda Sinuc and Terry Vichot as advisors for the wrestling pep squad. The non-stipend positions are mainly to chaperone students on the bus and at away matches.

The board met in executive session before the meeting to discuss personnel matters, but Harvith said no action was taken.

The next meeting of the BC school board is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Dec. 17.

Holiday vandals

Elves — but not Santa's helpers — were busy at work in Bethlehem this week as three homeowners reported their holiday decorations had been taken and broken, police said.

Between 6 and 7:50 p.m. Sunday, an Old Town Rd., Slingerlands, resident reported strings of Christmas lights were taken from a tree in her front yard, and two strings were damaged beyond repair, police said.

Also Sunday, between 7 and 7:45 p.m., a wreath from the front yard of an Edgewood Dr. home was taken and thrown into the road, Christmas lights were pulled off

the outside of the house, and a street sign was broken at Edgewood Rd. and Old Town Rd. police said.

Between Wednesday and Thursday, Christmas tree lights valued at \$80 were removed from a tree in the front yard on Rita Court in Delmar and destroyed, police said.

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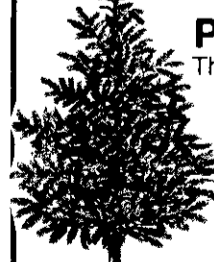
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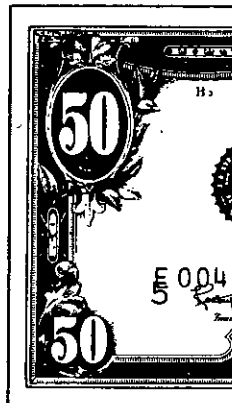
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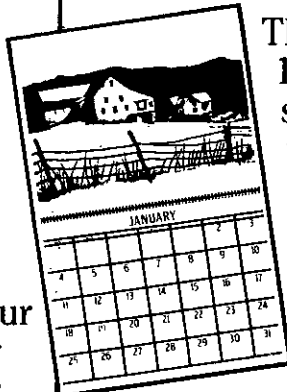
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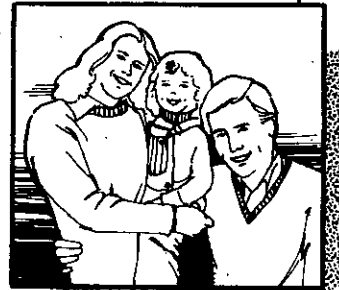
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How the Soviets cover Millard Harmon

The following news release was written by Igor Sapozhnikov of the Novosti Press Agency in Moscow and forwarded by the Embassy of the Union of Soviet Socialist Republics information department in Washington, D.C., to The Spotlight. The release offers an account of Delmar resident Millard Harmon's aeronautical adventures from a Soviet reporter's perspective. Ed.

By Igor Sapozhnikov

Millard Harmon, a 60-year-old amateur pilot from the USA, was in the Soviet Union at the end of November on a rather unusual mission. A resident of the city of Delmar, N.Y., he came to Moscow to thank the Soviet Morsvyazspunik agency (which is concerned with COSPAS-SARSAT satellite-aided rescue operations) for the opportunity to use one of the system's satellites in verifying his record-making flight to the North Pole. He had flown there on his single-engined aircraft Ten Romeo on August 8, 1985.

Together with WMHT producer Stephen Honeybill, his navigator, Harmon, when over the pole, dropped by parachute a radio buoy whose signals were picked up by a Soviet satellite operating in the COSPAS-SARSAT system.

In gratitude for the help, Harmon presented to Yuri Zurabov and Yuri Lavkovsky (who are deputy chairmen of Morsvyazspunik) the diploma issued to him by the U.S. National Aeronautics Association and a copy of the radio buoy dropped on the North Pole.

The idea of using a Soviet satellite for the purpose of his flight came to Millard Harmon when he was pondering the way in which his accomplishment could be verified.

"One thing I wanted to arrange when I thought about going to the North Pole was how to verify this," Harmon said. "The standard procedure with the National Aeronautics Association is to take a picture of the cockpit. But I can make such a thing on the ground in my airport. I thought that what I'd like to do is to borrow the Soviet satellite for three revolutions."



Dr. Millard Harmon with WMHT producer Stephan Honeybill on the ramp at Reykjavik after an earlier flight.

Harmon recalled when he shared the idea with specialists in Washington, they were not very encouraging.

"The Soviets are only interested in saving lives in the Soviet Union, they do not measure records, I was told. But I said let me go and talk to the Russians," he went on. "I came to Moscow and spoke to two Yuris. I told them: I want to borrow your satellite, just for a certain while. And they answered: Delighted. These two gentlemen were absolutely fantastic, because they said: Of course we'll work with you on verifying your record. So what we did was talk about how we might do this."

On his flight to the North Pole the American amateur pilot used a new model of radio buoy (transmitter) Carrier Burst that talks specifically to satellites. "We took the very first field-tested unit of this transmitter, put it in the airplane and over the North Pole we kicked it out with parachute and the Soviets read the transmitter," said Harmon. "It means that this is the first time that the presence of a record

aircraft in a remote position has been verified by external sources. The very first time."

Millard Harmon is well known in the Soviet Union. This is his twelfth visit to Moscow. The first time he came to the Soviet Union was in 1958 when as a young teacher of mathematics he arrived here to study the Soviet system of education.

After retiring on pension, Harmon started traveling on his single-engined Ten Romeo. Credited with 128 speed records, he has made so many flights that he finds it hard to give their precise number. Among the most-remembered is last year's Friendship Flight. He flew out of the small city of Dayton in Ohio, crossed

half the U.S. territory, overflew Greenland and made a landing in Reykjavik. Two more landings followed, in Oslo and Helsinki.

In the Finnish capital the American pilot was awaited by Soviet navigator Vladislav Zakharov. From Helsinki to Moscow they flew together. They made it faster than anyone else in the world on an aircraft of that type over such a distance. It was a record for an amateur pilot of such age.

As he plans flights for 1987, Harmon wants to devote one to the 50th anniversary of the famous flight by Soviet airmen Chkalov, Belyakov and Baidukov from Moscow to Vancouver, Washington.

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Slingerlands plan fought by neighbors

By Kevin Mullen

Residents from Orchard St., Western Ave., Greenwood Lane and Crestwood Lane voiced their concern to the planning board over the proposed Greenwood subdivision at a public hearing last week.

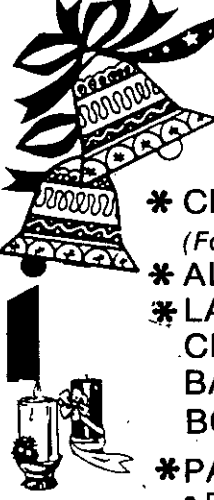
The proposed 18-lot subdivision of "raised ranch" homes is located northwest of the intersection of Orchard St. and Crestwood Lane in Slingerlands. The residents were concerned about drainage, the cutting down of trees and traffic.

Lindsay Boutelle, representing the Fred Alvaro Construction Company, brought a second proposal to the board after questions were raised about the initial proposal. Boutelle said that under the new proposal, a force main would not have to be relocated and a power pole wouldn't have to be moved. Two 25-foot radiuses of land would be conveyed. Boutelle said that the proposed subdivision has water, sanitary sewer and storm sewer.

But the proposed subdivision raised the ire of some residents.



The Friendship Singers performing at the United Methodist Women Interfaith Tea on Thursday, Dec. 4. The singers are a collection of woman from churches in the Town of Bethlehem and are under the direction of Rhonda Ballou. Patricia Mitchell



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Michele Keleher of Western Ave. was concerned about the drainage and the loss of trees. "Are the woods going to be taken down?" she asked. Boutelle said that some trees will be removed. Planning Board Chairman John Williamson reminded the neighbors that whoever buys a lot can do whatever they want with it.

Arthur Copeland of Greenwood Lane described the area as "very very wet... I'm lucky that I don't have water in my basement," he said. "But what will happen when other homes are built? I'm afraid that I might get water in my basement."

Several other neighbors voiced the same concern. But Boutelle reassured the residents that "we'll

pick up all the water in the area with the storm sewer." Williamson said that the drainage and water would be handled by the engineering department. He tried to reassure the residents that he "has yet to see a development not go in" because of a water or drainage problem. Building inspector John Flanigan said that when the storm sewer is installed, it should eliminate the water and dry up the area.

Brian Grimwood of Crestwood Lane was concerned about the traffic on his street. Another resident described Crestwood as a "narrow street" and asked for a traffic study. No one spoke for the proposed subdivision.

In another public hearing, no

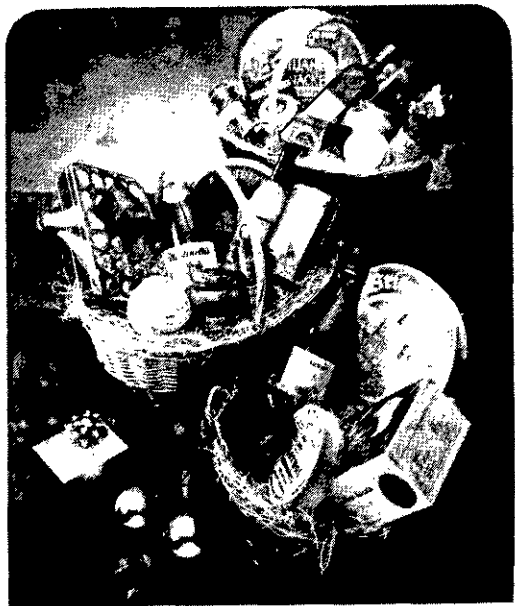
one spoke for or against the proposed two-lot Hilltop subdivision, located at the northwest corner of the intersection of Beaver Dam Rd. and Grandview Terrace in Selkirk. The property is owned by Scott and Diane Thompson. One house is planned for each lot; one will front Beaver Dam Rd. and the other will front Beaver Dam Rd. and Grandview Terrace.

A site plan application for the TAC's Auto Body Repair Shop on Rt. 9W at Beacon Rd. in Glenmont, owned by Erwin F. Ungerer, was tabled until the board can inspect the area to clarify some facts. Ungerer is seeking to build an addition to his premises. Bob Ganley, a local

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engineer and surveyor, represented Ungerer. A problem surfaced when it was discovered that TAC's proposal did not adhere to the new amendments of the zoning ordinance, which went into effect on Nov. 8. Ganley said that the proposal was completed before the date that the new laws went into effect.

Kevin Klersy faced the same problem when his site plan application for a two-story building next to the Peter Harris clothing store on Kenwood Ave. was discussed. Klersy described the proposed building as "colonial style" with a wheelchair access. Klersy, because of the new zoning amendments, faces a problem with the parking. The board suggested that he approach the owners of Peter Harris and ask for a permanent easement.

In other action, the board:

- Approved a preliminary plat for the Healy subdivision, three lots located at Maple Ave. and McCormack Rd., with conditions. The board was concerned with a steep slope on the lots. Boutelle said the area was "buildable." The conditions agreed upon were: a flat area 24 feet from the property line, no driveway will exceed a grade of eight per cent, parking spaces for at least two cars.

- Referred to the state Department of Environmental Conservation the preliminary Ridge Wood Acres Subdivision, 17 lots proposed to connect with Crossroads, Section I. A problem arose when town planning consultant Edward Kleinke received two letters from DEC, from two individuals who worked in the same department, who disagreed on whether the proposed subdivision was situated in a wetlands area. The board wanted clarification on the matter. Williamson said that DEC officials should survey the land and come to a decision.

- Tabled the proposed Cedar Ridge subdivision, 132 lots located at Orchard St. and Fisher Blvd. SEQR information and a preliminary data sheet were submitted. But more information was needed to clarify an ownership problem.

- Tabled action on the elimination of a berm in Section 3 of Chadwick Square off Wemple Rd. Board member John LaForte said that after inspecting the area, he didn't believe that a berm was appropriate. At the last meeting Flanigan said that a berm would

affect drainage. LaForte suggested the planting of a row of hemlocks.

- A public hearing was set for Dec. 16 for a division of lands owned by Dr. Parikh of Winne Rd.

- Tabled until its next meeting a discussion of the proposed revisions to the zoning ordinance on Rt. 9W.

The next planning board meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.

Rapist used patio doors

Bethlehem Police said they are investigating the rape of a woman early Saturday morning at the Bethlehem Terrace Apartments in Slingerlands.

The man, who police said was looking for money and made off with \$35, is described as a six-foot tall white man in his twenties, wearing a dark plaid shirt, jeans and work gloves.

Armed with a knife, the man gained entry by forcing the apartment's patio doors open, police said. He woke the woman up, showed his knife and asked for money. During the incident, the knife struck the woman's upper lip.

After sexually assaulting the woman, the man asked her for money. As he was leaving, the man said he was leaving the same way he came in, according to police. The woman then went to a neighbor for assistance and was taken to St. Peter's Hospital in Albany for treatment. Police said the woman also suffered lacerations on her cheek, abdomen and breast.

A check of the apartment

'Senior housing' plan ready

Plans for Village Green, a 152-unit, 30-acre condominium complex on Wemple Road in Bethlehem being billed as the area's first "senior citizens retirement community," will be presented at tonight's Bethlehem Town Board meeting, beginning at 8 p.m.

The developers, Edmond Morache Jr. and Gerald Keneally of the Morache-Keneally Development Group of North Bennington, Vt., must have the proposed project site in Glenmont rezoned to Planned Residential District before beginning construction.

The project, which is being billed as a senior citizens retirement community, features some 152 units that will range in price from \$80,000 to \$135,000.

According to the developers, a variety of services, including a recreation facility with a recreation director, food service, housekeeping, 24-hour security and grounds maintenance, will be offered. The developers said a couple of vans will be run to provide residents with transportation to church and shopping areas. An emergency call system will be installed in

each of the units, according to the developers.

According to Keneally, the residents will be charged a common maintenance fee. "We're really trying to make as many of the services optional as possible," said Morache.

"Village Green is different from Capital District senior centers and health-related facilities for the elderly," said Morache. "It is designed for active seniors who do not want to change their social and independent lifestyles."

Morache describes the prospective residents as people who "are of retirement age, in good physical and mental health, and may very well own a large single-family home but prefer to live in a more manageable, professionally maintained, secure atmosphere."

The developers are proposing the residential facility as an alternative lifestyle for senior citizens who choose to remain in their own suburban community with family and friends.

"We feel people are entitled to a choice; and, right now, we don't have a choice," said Morache.

Larceny charges to be dismissed

Grand larceny charges against three members of a Selkirk family have been adjourned for six months in contemplation of dismissal, Bethlehem Court officials said.

Arvonda Hanlon, 42, of Beaver Dam Rd. in Selkirk, her son, Wade Hanlon, 19, also of Beaver

Dam Rd., and his wife, Andrea Hanlon, 21, were charged with felony grand larceny after allegedly attempting to take money from a Glenmont woman's missing purse on Sept. 4, according to Bethlehem Police reports.

The purse contained credit cards, \$90 cash, a checkbook and a plane ticket, police said. The Glenmont woman had placed her purse on the roof of her car.

showed nothing else was taken except money, even though other items were in the vicinity, police said.

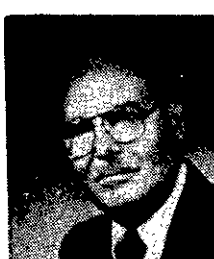
According to reports, police from East Greenbush contacted Bethlehem Police and said several rapes and robberies have occurred there under similar circumstances with a similar description of the suspect. Police said in both cases entry was made into apartments through patio doors.

Bike found

A 27-inch boy's 10-speed was found in a wooded area Saturday at the end of Stratton Pl. in Delmar, Bethlehem Police reported. Police are holding the bicycle at the station on Delaware Ave.

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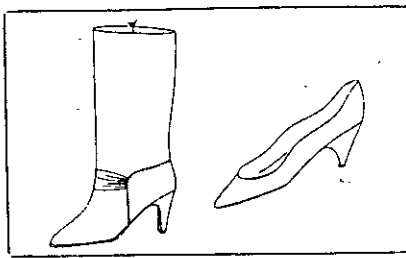
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McDonald's conditions set; board in tiff

By Kevin Mullen

It was an odd night of expected and unexpected happenings at a sparsely attended Bethlehem Board of Appeals meeting last week.

A proposed resolution approving the drive in window for McDonalds on Delaware Ave. was the expected happening; it was accepted by the board with nine conditions.

The board informally approved the addition for the restaurant on Nov. 19, citing traffic studies that indicated no adverse impact. Residents from the area were concerned that the new window would increase traffic on Delaware

Ave. The conditions for approval include:

- Exit drive should be delineated. There will be two exit lanes for left and right turns, with stop signs at the exit for both lanes of traffic.
- There will be two parking stalls/spaces at the east end, adjacent to Delaware Ave., for the ordering of special orders. An adequate safety barrier/railing and marking will be installed at the exit.
- All waste matter and debris will be consolidated and removed at least once a week.
- The exterior of the building, the outside portion of the

premises, landscaping, and fencing shall be maintained.

- No banners or similar advertising shall be displayed.
- All spot lighting be directed on the premises.

The next step for McDonalds is to get a plot plan approval from the planning board.

Rodney Conrad, in a reopening of an adjourned public hearing, took part in the unexpected happening. He came with what he thought was a registered plot plan of where his proposed home was situated in a flood plain; but he left in a huff, cursing the board of appeals as he exited.

The tension grew out of what Conrad maintained was a revised plot plan that showed where his proposed home was going to be built.

It was understood at the last meeting that all Conrad had to do to get approval was add three feet of block to raise the elevation of his proposed home and he would have been in accord with Federal law. Conrad agreed to do that at the end of the hearing but wanted the board to officially say that his home was not in a flood plain. Flanigan told Conrad that he would be happy to give him a building permit if he planned on adding three feet of block.

But on Wednesday board

Chairman Charles Fritts said that the plot plan Conrad had brought in was the same one he brought with him last time, except that the word "proposed" was deleted. Fritts said that the plan was not dated and Conrad's surveyor did not sign the plan. Conrad was vehement about the validity of the plan.

After Conrad got into a disagreement with attorney Donald DeAngelis, Fritts smacked his gavel, closing the hearing. He said Conrad wasn't cooperating with the board and that that the board would make a decision based on what evidence it had.

While Conrad's parents were objecting the closing of the hearing, he collected his papers from the table where the board was seated. Conrad removed some evidence from the table and began to leave. Board members asked him to return the evidence but he refused. In the meantime, Flanigan sought help from the Police Department, located at the other end of Town Hall. Lt. Richard Vanderbilt talked to Conrad about returning the evidence to the board. He did.

In another reopening of an adjourned public hearing, the board informally approved a variance for the North Bethlehem Fire Dept. to modify its building at 307 Schoolhouse Rd. for use as

an office space. The building will be sold to two businesses, a contract engineer and a manufacturing representative. The board was concerned about "high intensity traffic" generated by the two concerns, but were assured that neither deals directly with the public.

Speaking for the variance was Frank DeCerce of the fire department and John Arcolano, who said that the modification would "benefit the neighborhood."

In other action, the board:

- Informally approved a special exception for Andrew and Elizabeth Koonz, who were seeking to keep three horses for pleasure on their farm on Beaver Dam Rd. in Selkirk. Dr. Henry Camperlengo is buying the land from Koonz. Camperlengo wants the horses and said at the last hearing that he would like to return to farming. It was approved with the conditions that the owners fence in no more than three acres, which must be connected to the barn; and that the horses are for personal use, with no breeding or boarding.
- Informally approved a variance for Andrew J. and Mary L. Caplis of 27 Dumbarton Dr. in Delmar. They were seeking to expand a one-car garage into a two-car garage.
- Had a public hearing for Stuart M. and Barbara M. Lasnick, who are seeking a variance for a front porch overhang on their premises at 38 Dover Dr. in Delmar.
- Scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 7 for Henry Turner of 6 Bedell Ave. of Delmar. Turner is seeking a variance to allow a two-car detached garage to his premises.
- Scheduled a public hearing for Jan. 7 for Joseph and Ellen Bernier of 5 Werner Ave. in Elsmere. Bernier is seeking a variance to allow a bath and bedroom addition to his premises.

The next board of appeals meeting is scheduled for Dec. 16 at 8 p.m.

Slides off road
Slush-covered roads contributed to the accident when a car went off Elm Ave. in Selkirk Wednesday and struck a tree, state troopers reported.

The car, driven by a Feura Bush man, failed to negotiate a curve, went off the right shoulder and struck a tree, troopers said.

The driver complained of neck pains, and a passenger complained of foot injuries, but neither sought medical treatment, troopers said.

The man was ticketed for speed too fast for road conditions, troopers said.

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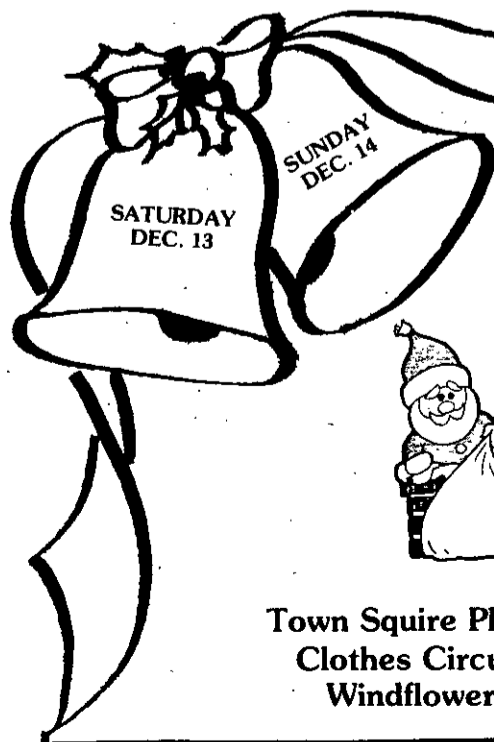
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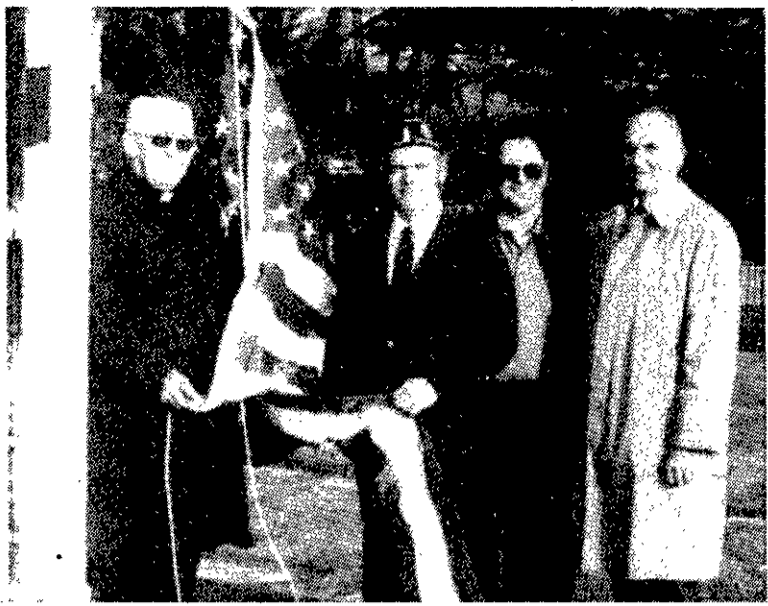
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The Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040 of the American Legion has donated a new American Flag for the veteran's section of the Calvary Cemetery of the Albany Catholic Diocese. Raising the flag are, from left, Diocesan Cemetery Supervisor Rev. Robert C. Buckley of the St. Anne Parish in Waterford; Post Vice Commander Peter F. Rossman of Delmar; Calvary Cemetery Manager Ron Martell; and Diocesan Cemeteries Manager Paul J. Buehler of Delmar.

Troopers transferred

The State Police substation at Selkirk has some new faces as the result of departmental transfers.

Sgt. John Caulfield, the station commander at Selkirk for the past three years, has been assigned to the Bureau of Criminal Investigation and will be station with troopers in Guelderland.

Sgt. Thomas J. Regan has been assigned as station manager at Selkirk. He was transferred from

the state trooper station at East Greenbush.

After completing their six weeks' field training, two troopers have received their assignments. Trooper Jorge I. Plata has completed his field training in Selkirk, and has been stationed at state police in East Greenbush. Trooper Mark Phillips, who has completed his training in North Greenbush, has been assigned to replace Plata in Selkirk.

□ Civic center

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late to admit you made a mistake. Tell Coyne he led you astray."

Ross added that "that only politician who made sense on this project was the mayor of your city (Thomas Whalen of Albany) who said simply 'Put it in Albany' and then he shut up."

Republican Robert Hoffmeister, Delmar, reminded his colleagues that he had been opposed to the civic center "ever since it became apparent that it will cost the taxpayers one and a half million on a yearly basis."

"When it became evident that the project would not be self-supporting, it became non-viable...by building this facility, we will be building into the budget money to be outlaid on a project that is not necessary," Hoffmeister said.

Republican Minority Leader W. Gordon Morris, Jr., Delmar, protested that items had been cut from the arena design without the cuts having been clearly explained to the legislators. But Joyce countered that the cuts involved alternatives and said that "hundreds of drawings were available with 600,000 details there to look at."

Morris said "no matter what, the civic center cost was never to exceed \$42.5 million and now we are well past that."

But Joyce replied that the county's debt would not go over \$41.5 million, including the \$35 million bond issue already authorized and the \$6.5 million loan from the state Urban Development Corporation. There is a \$1.5 million fund in the 1986 county budget for civic center development and debt payments. Civic center profits are also to be used to pay back the state loan.

Republican legislator Paul E. Scaringe, Colonie, figures the civic center "true cost" will be \$44.3 million because of the money already spent on planning and environmental costs.

County attorney William Conboy III defended the fact that the guaranteed maximum price does not include the construction managers' fees. "It is not included. It is where it belongs, outside the scope of the guaranteed price," he said.

The legislature last week also voted approval of the \$200 million Albany County operating budget for 1987. The budget projects a slight decrease in property taxes, but tax rates for individual municipalities have not yet been set.

In Voorheesville The Spotlight is sold at Voorheesville Pharmacy and Stewarts

Deputy assaulted

An Albany County sheriff's deputy assigned to the Voorheesville substation was struck in the mouth and eye by an Albany man being booked at the substation for driving while intoxicated Sunday, deputies said.

Sgt. John Mahan was treated and released at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany following the incident, deputies said.

Charged with DWI and felony second degree assault is James F. Tommaney, 52, of Stonehenge La., Albany, deputies said. He was arraigned in Berne Town Court, and sent to the Albany County Jail without bail. He will appear in court at a later date, sheriffs said.

Tommaney was stopped on Rt. 20 in Guelderland by deputies for DWI and other traffic violations, and taken to the substation for processing when he allegedly struck Mahan, deputies said.

Home burglarized

A Waldenmaier Rd. home was burglarized between 7:20 a.m. and 5:45 p.m. Friday, Bethlehem Police said.

No value on items taken was available, but missing are a VCR, turtleneck sweaters and shirts, assorted jewelry and VCR tapes, police said.

Entry was made to the residence by kicking in the front door, police said.

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Conners will support home rule on mining

Assemblyman Richard J. Conners has agreed to support the fight against a proposed mine in New Scotland by sponsoring a bill that would modify an Environmental Conservation law that has been interpreted to supercede local laws.

Conners, the Democratic assemblyman representing New Scotland, Guilderland and parts of the City of Albany, is planning to sponsor a bill when the state Legislature reconvenes next month, said Voorheesville Mayor Edward Clark.

What would be modified is a section of state law that supercedes local governments to enact stricter conservation standards for reclamation on land that has been mined. That has been interpreted by several courts to mean that a local zoning law cannot prohibit mining.

Clark and New Scotland Supervisor Stephen Wallace and Councilman Allyn Moak have been appealing to state organizations for a lobbying effort to amend the law. They would like to see the law allow local governments to impose local standards dealing with quality of life and aesthetics on mining proposals.

Voorheesville allows no mining within its borders except for construction purposes, and New Scotland allows mining only in Residential-Forestry districts.

Officials are concerned that those zoning prohibitions would not be able to stand up in court under most recent interpretations.

In the most recent case, a state Supreme Court turned down a request by Concerned Citizens of New Scotland, Inc., to stop a public hearing on a mining special use permit from New Scotland. The court denied the request because Voorheesville Sand and Stone for miners William Larned and Son already hold a mining permit from DEC to mine 27 acres of the Tall Timbers Country Club, and the permit superceded and preempted any zoning ordinance relating to mining.

Clark said, though, that DEC's mining permit stated that the miners would still need local approval from the town planning board before they go ahead.

Aid for head injured

An outreach program of family support for people who have suffered traumatic head injury is being sponsored by the state Head Injury Association.

Counseling, bedside respite in acute care settings, and information and referral will be offered by registered nurses and the staff of the association.

For information on the outreach program, phone the association at 434-3037.

Radon hearing

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Scotch Pine area and neighboring New Scotland were just some of the homes in the Capital District tested for high concentrations of radon. Eight other communities, and homes in Orange and Putnam counties were also tested.

Of the 84 homes, 74 tests have been completed by placing a canister with charcoal in the basement for three to four days. Results released last month by the state Health Department show 44 had radon concentrations above 20 picocuries per liter, and 25 had concentrations between 20 and four picocuries per liter.

Those findings, Rimawi said, should not be interpreted that Voorheesville is a "hot spot" for radon. He said the results just show a potential for exposure to radon, and testing over a year in the living areas of homes with more sophisticated equipment should be done to fully determine the radon level in a home, and before any remediation work is started.

Even though the state has no formal policy in place for radon, the Environmental Protection Agency recommends immediate remediation for homes with concentrations above 200 picocuries, within several months if it is between 20 and 200 picocuries, and within a few years if levels are between four and 20.

In each testing area, the screening tests will help narrow identification of 30 homes for more testing and evaluation in January. Then eight homes will be chosen to help test state and federally funded remediation procedures. What they really want to know, Rimawi said, is what type of remediation works best with what type of home and what level of radon.

Those homes not chosen for further testing can still have more conclusive tests and remediation procedures. "It's really a personal choice," said Rimawi. "You make up your own mind if you want to do something about it."

Another test by the state Energy Research and Development Authority found five percent of state homes with high levels of radon above acceptable standards, according to preliminary tests. The Environmental Protection Agency has estimated that 12 percent of homes within the country have high levels of radon.

Radon was first found in coal miners, but the link to lung cancer is still up in the air because many miners exposed have not died. Rimawi said miners are physically active, spend at least 40 hours a week in a dusty mine that is not well ventilated, and are usually men between 18 and 40 years.

Translating radon exposure to the home allows for different characteristics, and it is still undetermined how much radon can kill. Rimawi said there are estimates by the National Council on Radiation Protection (NCRP) that place about one percent, or one in 100, of deaths by lung cancer among non-smokers that could be linked to radon. That estimate could be a little high because it is based on a lifetime exposure from birth to age 70 at four picocuries a liter.

Some debate on detection procedures and effects of radon occurred throughout the three-hour meeting between Rimawi and Matuszek. On one topic of discussion, Matuszek challenged the validity of the charcoal detectors, and said the test results are not conclusive and radon should be determined by annual averages. Matuszek said charcoal detectors used over three days

probably remember only emissions from the last 24 hours.

"Saturday's performance was unacceptable," said Mayor Edward Clark of the debate between Rimawi and Matuszek. On Monday he said Health Department officials who are also dissatisfied had contacted him. The officials were planning to meet that night to prepare a packet for presentation to village residents on some of their unanswered questions, Clark said.

"It sounds good. It is a different approach. It might work better than Saturday," Clark said.

The Voorheesville and New Scotland area was chosen for testing because of its loose, gravelly soil that allows air and radon to freely travel, and those characteristics are not unique to the area. Testing was also done on homes built on black shale, Rimawi said. "It's convenient, it's near us and we knew there was a gravel bed," he said.

Similar findings could also be found in the Capital District, but Rimawi said he doesn't know how high those readings would be.

After the meeting, Trustee Richard Langford questioned Rimawi why the results of the preliminary testing were released so soon. Langford said village officials, residents and the media could have had a similar public meeting instead of reports that were "blown up" by the media.


Whether to release the news so early was hotly debated by the Health Department, Rimawi said. There is always a balance between the people's right to know and personal privacy. He said the information on the Voorheesville test couldn't really be kept in the Health Department, but the department made sure the results were sent to homeowners before they became public.

Mitigation can be as easy as going to the hardware store, said village building inspector Jerry Gordinier, who also offered to help any village homeowner with further testing and basic steps to remediate. If needed, he will even assist in finding professional services for mitigation. However, Gordinier said anyone uncomfortable with their readings should first contact the village building department.

The cost of mitigation can be anywhere from \$100 to a few thousand dollars, said Brennan. Mitigation procedures should be able to prevent entry, remove the source and increase ventilation.

A variety of procedures are available, and should be selected according to the type of house. They include soil depressurization,

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alking, soil removal, ventilation, heat recovery ventilation, and covering exposed earth in basements. Homes should have their radon levels tested for five years after mitigation.

"I've seen everything fail. Some of them can be corrected," Brennan said.

Radon should be taken out at roof level to be sure it won't go back in, Brennan said.

State courses on mitigation have been offered, that Gordinier said he has taken. Another is scheduled for January. A list of contractors who have taken the course is available from the state Energy Office.

Residents were cautioned that if anyone is seen going door to door selling radon detection or mitigation devices, to call the village to help keep tight control on salesmen. "We want to know what's going on in the village," Clark said.

Addressing the concern about market values, Brennan said New Jersey and Pennsylvania have been dealing with radon levels for years, and homes sell near or at market value. When a house changes hands, a screening test can be done, like a termite test. Often \$2,000 to \$3,000 is set aside in an escrow account for mitigation. While there might be a slight decline in sales for a short time, Brennan said, education about radon is the key and the market will eventually find its own solution. "As more becomes known, I think (escrow accounts) will be the answer," he said.

The audience also learned at Saturday's public meeting:

- That the Voorheesville Central schools will also be tested for radon levels, according to Superintendent Louise Gonan, and any corrective measures needed will be taken. Lower exposure levels in school are expected, Rimawi said, because of the amount of time spent in the buildings, state requirements for ventilation that homes do not have, and because schools are often built better than homes.

- Voorheesville's public water contains a very small amount, about a fraction of a picocurie, of radon, Rimawi said, and a problem isn't expected. The real risk of radon in water, said Rimawi, is breathing the radon.

- Charcoal and one-year detectors may be available for free or a low cost within a few months. The state Legislature has provided \$2 million in funds to purchase detectors, Rimawi said. Energy conservation program participants will be able to receive their device free, and the Health Department will buy the detectors in bulk, cutting down their price.

Volunteers sought

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Recreation funds allocated

By Patricia Mitchell

Senior citizens, soccer players and swimmers all received continued support for their programs at last week's meeting of the New Scotland Town Board.

New Scotland's senior citizens will again be receiving \$2,000 in state aid for their recreational programs in 1987. The town board, which receives matching funds for the program, agreed to apply again for the state aid at last Wednesday's meeting.

The state aid will go towards bus trips and crafts for town seniors. The town will continue to pick up the maintenance tab for the seniors' old schoolhouse building off Rt. 85 in New Salem at a cost of about \$2,000.

The board also agreed to give \$600 to the New Scotland Soccer Club to cover liability and medical insurance. According to director James Hladun, there are 100 to 300 children ages eight to 19 years

on six traveling teams in the club.

The board also received a letter from Voorheesville Central School Superintendent Louise Gonan, which said that 245 children participated in the summer's learn to swim program, and 2,759 people in the recreational swim program. The board gave \$3,320 in funding for this year's program.

In other business, the board also:

- Received a letter from the Town of Bethlehem, informing the town that a road extending into Feura Bush has been named West Yard Rd. The road previously was not named.

- Received a letter from the state Department of Transportation noting that a 35 m.p.h. speed limit has been established in Clarksville.

- Set a year end meeting for Monday, Dec. 22, at 9:15 a.m. to pay all bills and finish the year's work.

The town's annual meeting is scheduled for Thursday, Jan. 1 at 1 p.m. The next regular meeting of the town board is scheduled for 8 p.m. Wednesday, Jan. 7.

Manzella earns award

Michael Manzella, son of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred R. Manzella of New Scotland Rd. in Slingerlands, is one of the winners of the Tawasentha Chapter DAR Good Citizens Awards for 1986-1987.

The award is given annually to a high school senior who displays dependability, service, leadership, and patriotism. Manzella is a student at Bethlehem Central High School. His name will be submitted to the State DAR for consideration of regional and state DAR good citizenship awards.

Musicians cited

Dave Burnham of Voorheesville was chosen as Songwriter of the Year at the second annual Northeast Country Music Association awards show, held on Nov. 23 at the Empire State Plaza Convention Center in Albany.

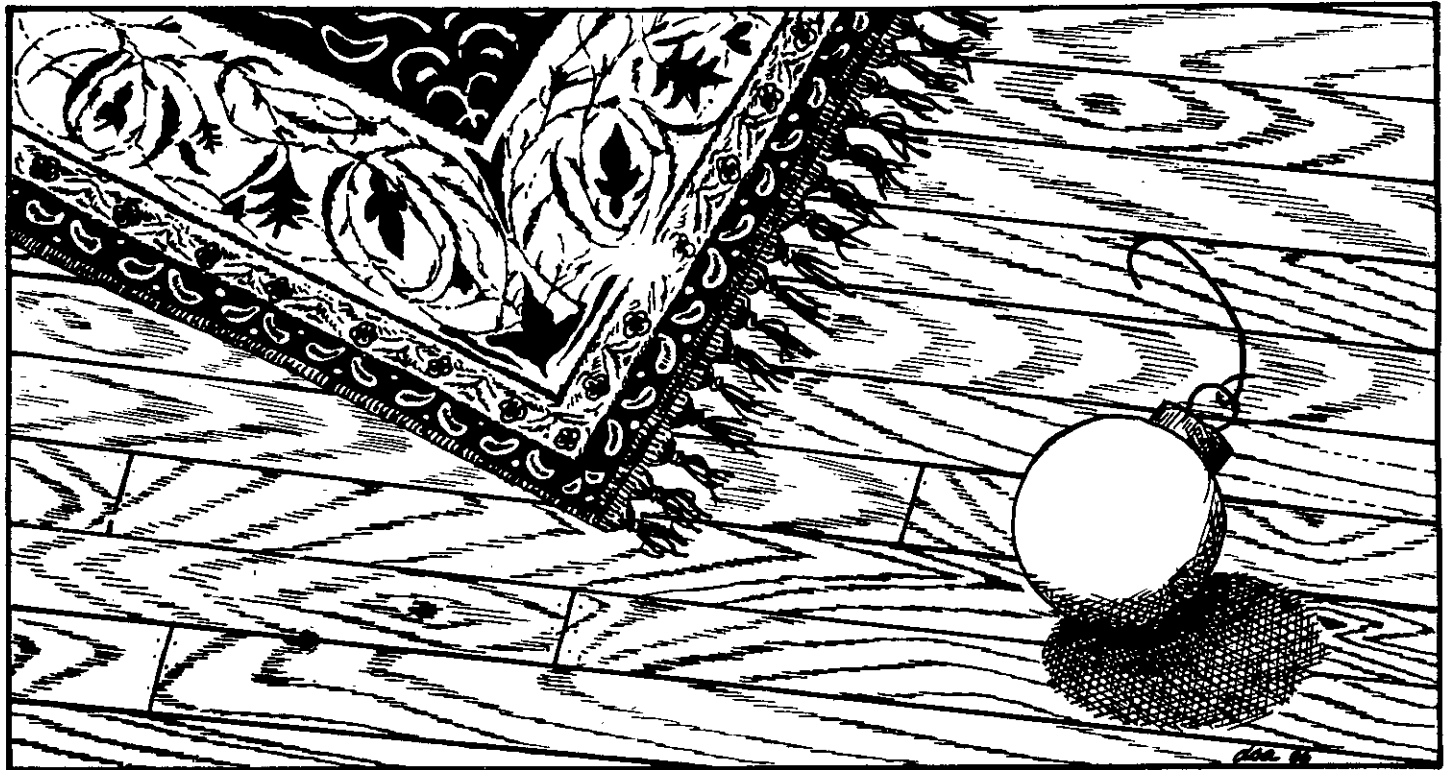
Burnham and Billy Montana won the award for Song of the Year, *Silver Haired Lady*. Both musicians have been associated with the popular country group, Southbound.

Sale to benefit ASO

An Oriental rug sale to benefit the Albany Symphony Orchestra will be held at Kermani Oriental Rugs, 1593 Central Ave., Albany, on Dec. 12 from 11 a.m. to 9 p.m., on Dec. 13 from 10 a.m. until 6 p.m., and on Dec. 14 from 11 a.m. until 5 p.m. Featured will be rugs from Iran, Turkey, China, India and Pakistan.

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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.

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.

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

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

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

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

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.

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

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

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

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.

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

Red Men, second Wednesdays, St. Stephen's Church, Elsmere, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Elks Auxiliary, meets at lodge, Rt. 144, Cedar Hill, second Wednesday of month.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

"Where has Christmas Gone," play will be presented during Advent services at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, 7:30 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Book Discussions, "Death of American Innocence," reading, and discussion Sinclair Lewis's "Main Street," with Helen Adler, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m.

Library Decorating, members of Delmar Progress Club will decorate Bethlehem Public Library for Christmas season, Bethlehem Public Library, 9:30 a.m.-12:30 p.m.

"Merchants of Darkness," explore world of night in walking tour, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 7 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

Chinese Auction, Altar-Rosary Society of St. Thomas the Apostle Church, hand-crafted items, Christmas dishes, ceramic Christmas tree and stenciled Christmas tree skirt, St. Thomas School auditorium, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Advent service, 7:30 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "The Delmar Crafts Club," 4:30 p.m.; "Not Really Page One News," 5 p.m.; "The Job Board," 5:30 p.m.; "Happy Hanukkah," 6 p.m.; "Grandma Ena," 6:30 p.m.; "Boom-Boom Branigan Live Wire: Social Action Center," 7 p.m.; "The Festival of Trees," 8 p.m.; "Understanding Economics," 8:30 p.m.

Winter Concert, Voorheesville Elementary School; all welcome, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Covered Dish Dinner and Devotions, Faith Lutheran Church/Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, all welcome; 6:30 p.m.

THURSDAY 11 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. Call 439-4258 for more information.

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

Delmar Fire Dept. Ladies Auxiliary, regular meeting second Thursday of every month except August, at firehouse, 8 p.m.

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

Elsmere Fire Company Auxiliary, meets second Thursday of each month at firehouse, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, 8 p.m.

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

Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, mainstream class, 7 p.m.; workshop, 9 p.m. Information, 439-3689.

Bethlehem Art Association, meeting and discussion of "The Artist and the Gallery," by Janis Dorgan, Bethlehem Public Library, 7-9 p.m.

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 10 a.m.; Creator's Crusaders, 6:30 p.m.; adult choir, 7:30 p.m.

Winter Concert, high school band and chorus, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, all welcome, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Women's Bible Study, Faith Lutheran Church/Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, all welcome, 10 a.m.

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

Recovery, Inc., self-help for people with chronic nervous symptoms, First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, weekly at 12:30 p.m.

Youth Group Meetings, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Christmas Stories and Craft," 5:30 p.m.; "The Job Board," 6 p.m.; "The Spotlight," 6:30 p.m.; "International Holiday Celebration," 7 p.m.; "Holiday Arrangements with Evelyn Sturdevan," 8 p.m.; "Cynthia Golderman: A Visionary Poet Speaks," 8:30 p.m.

Quilters United in Learning, convey message of peace, Harriet Seeley will show segments of Peace Ribbon made from people around world, United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m.-2 p.m.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Bible study, 7:45-9 a.m.

Christmas Concert, "Holy Day and Holiday," popular tunes of the season, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 7 p.m.

Christmas Party, Bethlehem Grange, Rt. 396, Selkirk, covered dish supper, 6:30 p.m.

Holiday Gathering, Christmas party for South Bethlehem Squad of Selkirk Fire Department, raffle for VCR and AM-FM cassette player, South Bethlehem Fire House, 7 p.m.

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Delmar Presbyterian Church, worship, 10:30 a.m.; adult education, 9:15 a.m.; senior high fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; junior high fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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.

THEATRE

"Community Property," comedy-drama, Market Theatre, downtown Albany, through Dec. 21, Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m.; Saturday, 4:30 and 9 p.m.; Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Information, 462-4531.

"Little Shop of Horrors," suspense, laughter and chills, Cohoes Music Hall, Cohoes, through Dec. 21. Information and times, 235-7909.

"A Christmas Carol," Empire State Institute for the Performing Arts, Albany, Dec. 11-12, 15-16 and 18, 10 a.m.; Dec. 14, 2 p.m.; Dec. 12-13 and 19, 8 p.m. Tickets, 474-6143.

"Giving Up," two-act drama, Cafe Lena, Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 10, \$4, 8 p.m. Tickets, 583-0022.

"The Mask Man," one man play with a variety of faces, Maureen Stapleton Theatre, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Dec. 15, 9:30 and 11:30 a.m. Reservations, 235-2120.

MUSIC

Free Organ Concert, featuring organist Mary Bon, St. Peter's Church, State and Lodge Sts., Albany, every Friday, 12:05 p.m.

"Popular Music of 1886," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 11, 12:10 p.m.

Holiday season concert, University at Albany Performing Arts Center, Albany, Dec. 11, 8 p.m. Information, 442-3995.

Mendelssohn Club Male Chorus of Albany, holiday concert, Chancellors Hall, State Education Building, Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 12, 8 p.m. Information, 482-2142.

60-Voice Masterworks Chorale of The College of Saint Rose; 17th Annual Christmas Concert, Cathedral of the Immaculate Conception, Albany, Dec. 14, \$4, 8 p.m. Information, 454-5102.

Holiday Concert, string ensembles from Livingston and Hackett middle schools, Albany Public Main Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, Dec. 16, 12:15 p.m. Information, 448-3380.

Bob Franke, music with guitar, banjo and National steel guitar, Cafe Lena, 47 Phila St., Saratoga Springs, Dec. 12, 8:30 p.m.

Schuyler String Quartet, classical music, Hudson Valley Community College, Troy, Dec. 16. Information, 270-7117.

Karen Beth, music with guitar, accordion, lap harp and piano, Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Dec. 13, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

Bridget Ball, acoustic singer, Eighth Step Coffee House, 14 Willett St., Albany, Dec. 14, 8 p.m. Information, 434-1703.

DANCE

"A Child's Christmas," holiday tale of friendship and foe, eba Dance Theatre, 351 Hudson Ave., Albany, Dec. 13, 11 a.m., and 2 and 7 p.m.; Dec. 14, 1 and 3 p.m. Tickets, 465-9916.

ART

"Bitter Hope: From Holocaust to Haven," photographic exhibit, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, permanent exhibit.

"Nature's Hold: 150 Years of Natural Science at the New York State Museum," State Museum, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Jan. 1.

"New Traditions: Thirteen Hispanic Photographers," pictures from South America and Spain, State Museum, Empire State Plaza, through Dec. 28. Museum hours, 474-5842.

Exhibit, drawings of Dale Malner and polychrome steel sculpture of Victor Zaikine, Rensselaer County Council for the Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, through Dec. 20, 5-8 p.m.

"Made in Maine," College of St. Rose, Picotte Gallery, Albany, through Dec. 17. Information, 454-5185 or 454-5189.

Sculptures and drawings by local artist Gay Matin, Junior College of Albany, Rathbone Gallery, 140 New Scotland Ave., Albany, through Dec. 17, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"American Craftsmen," faculty and student selected work from School for American Craftsmen at Rochester Institute of Technology, The Rice Gallery, The Albany Institute of History and Art, 135 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 20, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. Information, 463-4478.

"Give a Present with a Future," holiday show featuring locally and internationally known artists, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through January, Monday-Saturday, 10 a.m.-9:30 p.m.; Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

"Set-Ups," black-and-white photography by area artists, Schacht Fine Arts Gallery Center, Russell Sage College, Troy Campus, through Jan. 11, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4:30 p.m.; Sunday, 1-4 p.m. Information, 270-2246.

"Passages," artwork by incarcerated Vietnam veterans, Vietnam Memorial Gallery, Justice Building, Empire State Plaza, Albany, through Dec. 17, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-4 p.m.

New York Mountain Artists Holiday Show and Sale, over 20 artists exhibits with theme of holiday gift giving season, Lake Placid Center for the Arts, Lake Placid, through Dec. 20, Tuesday-Sunday, 1-5 p.m. Information, 523-2512.

"The Ice Age," prehistoric exhibit of men and animal that first roamed Northeast America, New York State Museum, Albany, permanent exhibit. Information, 474-5842.

"The Statue of Liberty: A Contemporary Graphic View," celebration of Liberty centennial, New York State Museum, Albany, through Feb. 1, Information, 474-5842.

"Art in Search of...1986-87," paintings, drawings, sculpture and prints, Harmanus Bleecker Center, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Jan. 31.

"The Hudson River and Highlands: The Photographs of Robert G. Ketchum," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through Dec. 30.

Special On WMBH CHANNEL 17

- The Nutcracker Wednesday, 8 p.m.
- Saving the Wildlife Thursday, 8 p.m.
- Great Performances Friday, 9 p.m.
- A Wonderworks Special Saturday, 8 p.m.
- Masterpiece Theatre Sunday, 9 p.m.
- Benny Goodman: Let's Dance-A Musical Tribute Monday, 9 p.m.
- Nova Tuesday, 8 p.m.

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"Nowell Sing We Clear," a pageant of midwinter carols of holiday fare for the Capital District, will be presented at 8 p.m. Saturday, Dec. 20, and 3 p.m. Sunday, Dec. 21, at the St. Mark's Community Center, Rt. 146 in Guilderland Center. Sponsored by Old Songs, Inc., Tickets are \$6 for adults and \$3 for children six to 12. Phone 765-2815 for information.

United Pentecostal Church, Sunday school and worship service, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m.; Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, nursery care provided for pre-school children, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; junior youth fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; senior youth fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

Christmas Cookies and Films, bring cookies to share and watch films, Bethlehem Public Library, all welcome, 2 p.m. Registration, 439-9314.

Christmas Music, presented by choir of Delmar Presbyterian Church, 585 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 7 p.m.

Religious Program, worship with holy communion, 9 a.m.; Sunday church school and adult forum, 10:10 a.m.; Faith Lutheran Church/Glenmont Community Church, 1 Chapel La., Glenmont, all welcome.

Christmas Pageant, Delmar Presbyterian Church, 7 p.m.

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

Bethlehem Memorial Auxiliary Post 3185, VFW, meets third Mondays at post rooms, 404 Delaware Ave., Delmar.

Quartet Rehearsal, United Pentecostal Church, Rt. 85, New Salem, 7:15 p.m. Information, 765-4410.

Holiday Concert, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Capital Chamber Artists," 4 p.m.; "The Job Club," 5 p.m.; "The Festival of Trees," 5:30 p.m.; "The Reader's Digest," 6 p.m.; "Happy Hanukkah," 6:30 p.m.; "A Childrer's Storytime," 7 p.m.; "Delmar Crafts Club," 7:30 p.m.; "Astrology with Judith Longley," 8 p.m.

South Bethlehem-Selkirk Senior Citizens, Christmas dinner and party, Bethlehem Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Beckers' Corners, Selkirk, reservations require 1 p.m.

AARP, third Tuesdays, First United Methodist Church, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 12:30 p.m.

Legion Auxiliary, Nathaniel Adams Blanchard Post 1040, Poplar Dr., Elsmere, third Tuesday, 8 p.m.

Medicare Form Aid, sponsored by AARP, first and third Tuesdays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. Appointments required, 439-2160.

Bethlehem Masonic Lodge 1096, first and third Tuesdays, Delmar Masonic Temple.

Christmas Program and Musical, songs and celebration of the season, New Scotland Historical Society, Information, 439-7770.

Coloring Winter, make crafts and listen to stories about winter, ages 3-5, Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. or 1:30 p.m. Register, 439-9314.

"Inside Your Schools," information programs for parents, children discussing educational, controversial topics, Adams-Russell Cablevision, channel 24, 3:30 p.m.

Book Discussion Group, overview book, "Museum Pieces," by Elizabeth Tallent, Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

New Scotland Democratic Social Club, meets third Tuesday of each month, Meads Corners, Rt. 32, Feura Bush, all invited, 7 p.m. Information, 768-2117 or 439-1511.

Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Albany-Rensselaer Counties, "Holiday Travelogue," by Dr. Richard Howser, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 452-1613.

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, "The Friendship Singers," 10 a.m.

"Star Spangled Banter," Princeton Triangle Club's musical review, comedy, Bethlehem Central High School, auditorium, 7:30 p.m. Tickets available at Paper Mill, Delaware Plaza, Delmar.

Town of Bethlehem Blood Pressure Clinic, Bethlehem Town Hall, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. and 7-8 p.m.

"Business after Hours," for busy business person, Chamber of Commerce members and those interested in joining, Star-Lite Restaurant, Glenmont, 7 p.m. Information, 439-0512.

Holiday Concert, Clarksville Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Project WILD Workshop, build basic knowledge of outdoors, open to teachers and youth leaders, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 3:30-6 p.m. Information, 457-6092.

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.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilla at 439-4039.

Holiday Concert, Glenmont Elementary School, 7:30 p.m.

Delmar Progress Club, making of Williamsbury table decoration with garden group, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.-noon. Registration, 439-1094.

"Waiting for the Christmas Guest," play will be presented during Advent service at Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7:30 p.m.

Winter Concert, presented by junior high band and chorus, Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, all welcome, 7:30 p.m. Free.

Bethlehem Channel Cablecast, "Holiday Arrangements with Evelyn Sturdevan," 4:30 p.m.; "Not Really Page One News," 5 p.m.; "The Job Board," 5:30 p.m.; "Paper Folding Workshop," 6 p.m.; "Christmas Stories and Craft," 7 p.m.; "Ornaments on Your Own," 7:30 p.m.; "The Delmar Community Orchestra for the Holidays," 8 p.m.

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Clarksville Elementary School Choir, 10 a.m.; Bethlehem Central High School "Sound System," 12:15 p.m.

THURSDAY 18 DECEMBER

"Key Bank Day," celebrating 50th anniversary of Key Bank's Delmar branch. Refreshments and gifts.

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.

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Silver Bullets Square Dance Club, mainstream class, 7 p.m., workshop, 9 p.m., First United Methodist Church, Delmar. Information, 439-3689.

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WEDNESDAY 17 DECEMBER

Delmar Rotary, meets Tuesdays at Starlite Restaurant, Rt. 9W, Glenmont, 6 p.m.

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

MONDAY 15 DECEMBER

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

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

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They will join to present an overview of the profession, both its unromantic and romantic sides; to explain why geography is essential to good travel agency professionalism; and — with other members of the faculty — to be available for discussion and questions.

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SENIOR CITIZENS NEWS AND EVENTS CALENDAR

TOWN OF BETHLEHEM SENIOR VAN
call 439-5770, 9:11 a.m.

There will be no meeting of Bethlehem Senior Citizens on Thursday, December 11.

On Monday, December 15, the Van will take residents of Delmar, North Bethlehem and Slingerlands grocery shopping at the Delaware Plaza. Call 439-5770 to reserve a seat.

On Thursday, December 18, the Van will take residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and So. Bethlehem grocery shopping at Town Squire Shopping Plaza.

GROCERY SHOPPING DAY

Mondays: Residents of Elsmere, Delmar, Slingerlands, and North Bethlehem to Delaware Plaza 8:30-11:30.

Thursdays: Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk, So. Bethlehem to Glenmont Plaza 9:00-11:00.

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Christmas Luncheon, celebrate Christmas with foods of season, Albany Country Club, Voorheesville, \$10.50, noon. Reservations, 439-3061.

"The Sounds of the Holidays," Christmas performances at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Delmar Reformed Church "Happy Voices," 9:30 a.m.; United Methodist Church Choir, 11:30 a.m.

Christmas/Holiday Message Fair, members of Albany Amateur Radio Association will send free holiday wishes to anywhere in America, McDonald's of Delmar, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. Information, 439-2839.

Mobile Post Office, mail delivered for senior citizens, Good Samaritan Home, Delmar, 11:45 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 456-5137.

Holiday Concert, Bethlehem Middle School, 7:30 p.m.

Meeting, Bethlehem Ambulance, Glenmont Fire House, 7 p.m.

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Delmar Reformed Church, church school and worship, nursery provided during worship, 386 Delaware Ave., 10 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

First United Methodist Church of Delmar, nursery care provided for preschool children, church school and worship, 10 a.m.; adult education, 11:20 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

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

Christmas Party, for children ages 10 and under in Selkirk area, Selkirk Fire Company No. One, 1 p.m.

Delmar Presbyterian Church, Church and Worship, 10:30 a.m.; Family Worship and Communion, first Sunday of each month, 10:30 a.m.; Adult Education, 9:15 a.m.; Senior High Fellowship, 4:30 p.m.; Junior High Fellowship, call 439-3052. Information, 439-9252.

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"Inside Your Schools," information programs for parents, children discussing educational, controversial topics, Adams-Russell Cablevision, channel 24, 3:30 p.m.

WEDNESDAY 24 DECEMBER

Slingerlands Fire Co. Auxiliary, fourth Wednesday, Slingerlands Fire Hall, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Elks Lodge, meets second and fourth Wednesdays, Voorheesville Post Office, 8 p.m.

New Scotland Senior Citizens, every Wednesday, old schoolhouse, New Salem. Information, Martha Navilia at 439-4039.

Bethlehem Public Library, closed for Christmas; reopens Dec. 26, 9 a.m.

Christmas Eve Egg Nog Party, celebration of holidays, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 3-4:30 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

WEDNESDAY 10 DECEMBER

"Toughlove," support group offering parents solutions in coping with kids in trouble with school, law, family, substances, Bishop Gibbons High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

River Valley Auditions, for people interested in American folk art of singing in four-part harmony barbershop style, Clover Patch School of United Cerebral Palsy, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 372-9166.

Seminar, program on how to deal with product tampering, job layoffs and lawsuits, "Crisis Management: Dealing with the Inevitable," Steuben Club, 1 Steuben Place, Albany, noon. Reservations, 457-7463 or 438-7538.

Stop Smoking, "Breath Easy Five-Day Plan to Stop Smoking," Tri-City Junior Academy, corner of Boght Rd. and St. Agnes Highway, Cohoes, 7 p.m. Information, 456-0077.

Senior Postal Service, mail delivered for seniors, Albany Jewish Community Center, Albany, 10:30-11:45 a.m.

THURSDAY 11 DECEMBER

Benefit, Memorial Hospital Woman's Auxiliary, gold and silver exhibit and sale, 50 percent discounts, lobby of Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Concerned Friends of Hope House, support group for parents of substance abusers, rear of Christ Lutheran Church, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30-10 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

Careers in Travel and Tourism, colloquium with speakers in field of travel, Maria College, 700 New Scotland Ave., Delmar, 6 p.m. Information, 489-7436.

Defensive Driving Course, 10 percent discount on auto insurance and three-point reduction of traffic violations within past 18 months, Safety and Health Council, Inc., 875 Central Ave. Albany, 6:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 438-2365.

"Careers in Chemistry Day," free program for students interested in chemistry and to high school teachers, speakers of all levels in chemistry education, Siena College, Loudonville, 9 a.m.-1:45 p.m.

Grandmother's Club, meeting, Oceans 11, Western Ave. Information, 439-5047.

FRIDAY 12 DECEMBER

Benefit, Memorial Hospital Woman's Auxiliary, gold and silver exhibit and sale, 50 percent discounts, lobby of Albany Memorial Hospital, Northern Blvd., Albany, 9 a.m.-5 p.m.

Albany Symphony Orchestra Benefit, Oriental Rug Sale, rugs from Turkey, China, India and Pakistan, Kermani Oriental Rugs, 1593 Central Ave., Albany, 11 a.m.-9 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

Christian Singles over 25, covered dish supper and musical program, bring gift suitable for nursing home, Loudonville Community Church, 6:30 p.m. Information, 797-3740 or 355-3921.

SATURDAY 13 DECEMBER

Craft Show and Bake Sale, do extra Christmas shopping in booths of crafts and decorations, see Santa Claus, First Congregational Church, 405 Quail St., Albany, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 489-2406.

Jewish Book Festival, area's largest collection of Jewish authors, and topics, featuring author Yale Strom, Jewish Community Center, 2565 Balltown Rd., Schenectady, \$5, 8 p.m. Information, 377-8803.

Christmas Reception at Olana, home of Frederick Edwin Church will be decorated in style of 1880's, traditional carols and classical music will be performed, Olana State Historical Park, Rt. 9G, Hudson, south of Rip Van Winkle Bridge, 1-4 p.m. Information, 828-0135.

Winter Walk for Homeless, proceeds to benefit Joseph's House, shelter for homeless, St. Anthony's Parish Center, corner of Fourth and State Sts., Troy, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. Information, 272-0793.

Art Auction, benefit Cander Research by Colonie Hadassah, paintings ranging from \$30-\$2,500, Desmond Americana, 660 Shaker Rd., Albany, \$3.50, 7:30 p.m. Information, 785-7107.

Albany Symphony Orchestra Benefit, Oriental Rug Sale, rugs from Turkey, China, India and Pakistan, Kermani Oriental Rugs, 1593 Central Ave., Albany, 10 a.m.-6 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

Northeastern Regional Weekend Workshop, answers to help those who stutter, for children, teens and adults, College of Saint Rose, 432 Western Ave., Albany, 9 a.m. Information, 454-5102.

"Sunflower to Suet," tips on feeding birds in winter, Saratoga Spa State Park, Saratoga Springs, 10 a.m.

Christmas Party, for Pine Hills neighbors of College of Saint Rose, 420 Western Ave., Albany, 8:30 p.m.-midnight. Information, 454-5102.

SUNDAY 14 DECEMBER

Meeting, Multiple Sclerosis (MS) support group for employed, talk about others reactions towards disabilities, film, "A Different Approach," MS Chapter Office, 421 New Karner Rd., Shaker Park West, Albany, 3 p.m. Information, 452-1631.

Religious Program, to Rev. Anthony LaFache's Christmas Healing Mass, St. Mary's Church, Utica, area pick-ups in Rensselaer and Schenectady. Information, 449-7250 or 477-4750.

SATURDAY 20 DECEMBER

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

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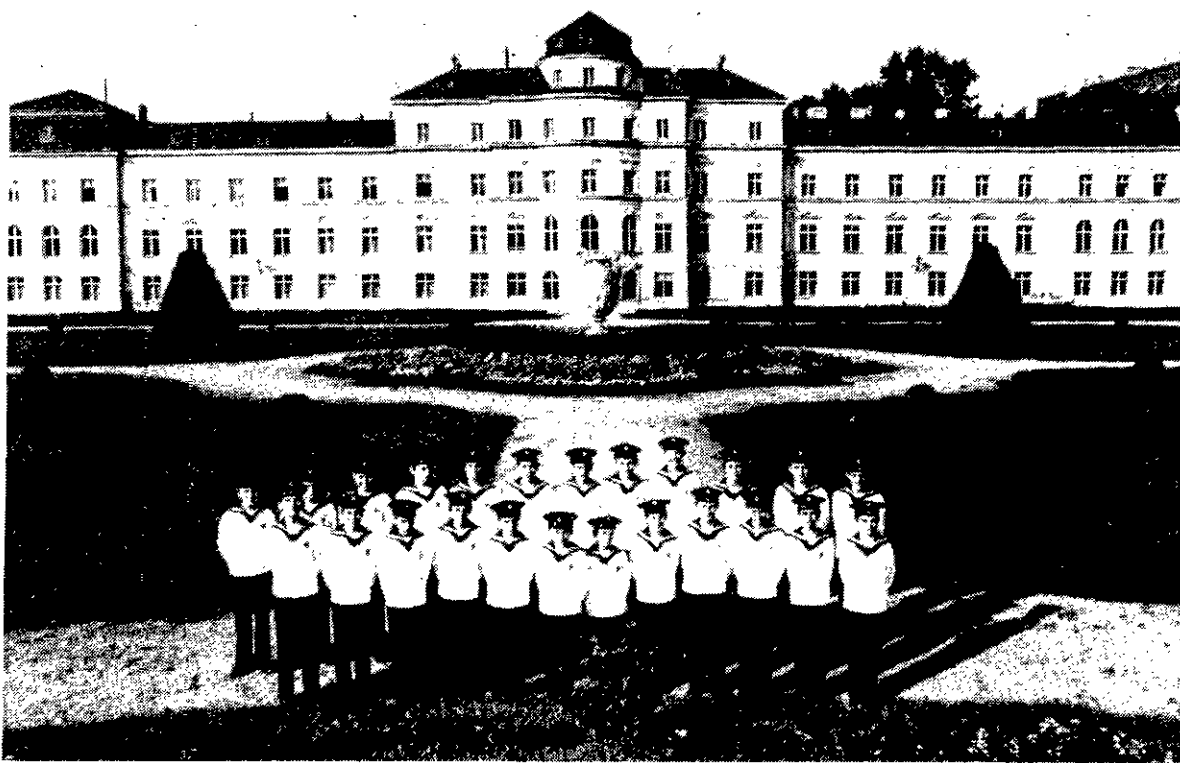
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Auditions, Schenectady Light Opera Company production, "A Funny Thing Happened on the Way to the Forum," parts of seven men and two women and both male and female chorus, Schenectady Light Opera Company, 826 State St., Schenectady, 1:30 p.m. Information, 270-2738.

Christmas Reception at Olana, home of Frederick Edwin Church will be decorated in style of 1880's, traditional carols and classical music will be performed, Olana State Historical Park, Rt. 9G, Hudson, south of Rip VanWinkle Bridge, 1-4 p.m. Information, 828-0135.

Colonial Christmas, see Christmas decoration of 18th century, music and exhibitions, Schuyler Mansion State Historical Site, Clinton and Catherine Sts., Albany, 1-5 p.m. Information, 474-3953.

Holiday Extravaganza, International Holiday Fair, ethnic food, song, dance and holiday customs, presentation of "The Nutcracker Suite," and lighting of New York State Christmas Tree, Empire State Plaza, Albany, 11 a.m. Information, 474-5986.

Winter Series, runs of five and 15 kilometers, Hudson Mohawk Runners Club, State University of New York at Albany, Physical Education Building, \$2, 12:30 p.m. Information, 462-9594.

Albany Symphony Orchestra Benefit, Oriental Rug Sale, rugs from Turkey, China, India and Pakistan, Kermani Oriental Rugs, 1593 Central Ave., Albany, 11 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 465-4755.

Holiday Craft Show, more than 100 exhibitors, handmade crafts including leatherwork, jewelry, pottery, macrame and woodwork, Columbia-Greene Community College, Rt. 23, one mile east of Rip VanWinkle Bridge, 10 a.m.-4 p.m. Information 828-4181 or 943-6703.

"Holiday House Tour", visit Albany's most elegant historic homes festively decorated for the holidays, Historic Albany Foundation offices, 44 Central Ave., Albany, \$6, 1 p.m.

Informational Meeting, by Delta Sigma Theta Sorority, Inc., sisterhood of predominately black college educated women, information for prospective Miss Deb contestants at Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, Mt. Calvary Baptist Church, 58 Alexander St., Albany, 4 p.m. Information, 382-8394.

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"Lighting of the Menorah", Jewish Festival of Lights, Empire State Plaza North Lobby, Concourse Level, through Jan. 2.

Christmas Carolling, around Washington Park, begin in gallery of Rensselaer County Council for Arts, 189 Second St., Troy, 7 p.m.

TUESDAY 16
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Breakfast Program, "Urban Traffic Congestion: Where Do We Go from Here," talk with official close to federal transportation spending, Quality Inn, Watervliet Ave. and Everett Rd., 7:30-9 a.m. Information, 434-1294.

Christmas Concert, Bethlehem Central High School chorus and band, Empire State Plaza Concourse Level South Gallery, noon-1 p.m.

Compassionate Friends, self-help group for parents whose children have died, Westminster Presbyterian Church, 85 Chestnut St., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 438-7316.

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"Toughlove", support group offering parents solutions in coping with kids in trouble with school, law, family, substances, Bishop Gibbons High School, 7:30 p.m. Information, 393-4253.

River Valley Auditions, for people interested in American folk art of singing in four-part harmony barbershop style, Clover Patch School of United Cerebral Palsy, 34 Worden Rd., Scotia, 8-10:30 p.m. Information, 372-9166.

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Voorheesville News Notes

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Winter concerts

Sounds of the season continue as the district schools present their winter concerts. This Thursday, Dec. 11, the high school concert band and stage band under the direction of Frank McDermott and the high school chorus, directed by Margaret Dorgan, will present their musical offerings.

Concert highlights will include a Cole Porter Medley by the concert band, "My Way" by the stage band and "Do You Hear What I Hear" by the chorus. Allison Egan will accompany the chorus group on the piano.

Next Wednesday, Dec. 17, the junior high band, directed by Lydia Tobler and the junior high

chorus, under the direction of Margaret Dorgan, will perform.

During the evening the band will perform "Have Yourself a Merry Little Christmas." The chorus will sing "St. Elmo's Fire."

Both concerts will begin at 7:30 p.m. at the high school. All are welcome to take advantage of these free presentations.

A final reminder that the elementary school band and chorus will present the grade school winter concert this evening at 7:30 p.m. at the elementary school.

Holiday activities at library

Christmas time is coming to the Voorheesville Public Library as

well, as librarian Nancy Hutchinson invites area children to come and decorate a Christmas cookie on Thursday, Dec. 18, at 4 p.m. A holiday film will also be shown at that time.

And children won't want to miss a special Christmas Bedtime Story hour to be held on Tuesday, Dec. 23, at 7 p.m. at the library.

Hoop shoot Saturday

The New Scotland Elks Lodge No. 2611 will hold its annual hoop shoot on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the high school. Both boys and girls are invited to come down and take part in the competition in three categories: ages 8 and 9, ages 10 and 11 and ages 12 and 13. Placement will be based on the age of the students as of April 1, 1987.

The top two contestants will be awarded trophies with the top contestants going on to further competition.

For more information, contact Mike Burns at 765-4390.

Musical evening

Members of the New Scotland Historical Association will be guests on Dec. 16 at the home of Dr. and Mrs. Joseph Gabriels. During the evening the group will be treated to musical presentations by Ruth Baumbach on violin and Mark Baumbach on piano. Members of the choir of the historic New Scotland Presbyterian Church will also join in with the caroling.

Due to the limited capacity only

members of the Historical Association are welcome to attend.

Legion auxiliary meets

The Voorheesville Unit No. 1493 of the American Legion Auxiliary, Dept. of New York, will hold its monthly meeting on Thursday, Dec. 11, in the post room at the Legion Hall.

The meeting will be preceded by a social gathering at 6:30 p.m. followed by a covered dish supper at 7 p.m.

The auxiliary's Girls State representative will speak about her experience in state government.

The evening will close with a gift exchange. Members are asked to bring a gift costing no more than \$3.

Girl scouts entertain

Area Daisies, Brownies and Girl Scouts will be busy this weekend as well as they host their annual Holiday Get Together for area senior citizens on Sunday. The afternoon will include skits and songs by the scouts on the theme of "75 Years of Girl Scouting" in honor of the diamond jubilee of scouting in America. Refreshments will be provided by the younger girls while the older scouts will present hand made gifts to the seniors. The festivities will take place at the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville.

Greens at church

The Methodist Church will be

well decorated for the event after the annual Hanging of the Greens ceremony on Saturday, Dec. 13. The evening will begin at 5 p.m. with a pot luck supper. A worship service will follow the completion of the decorating.

Celebrating Christmas

Youngsters from both area churches will be celebrating the true meaning of Christmas this weekend at their respective churches.

At St. Matthew's Catholic Church the annual Children's Christmas program will take place on Saturday at 10 a.m. at the church. Students in grade 1 through 4 will decorate the church tree with handmade ornaments. Caroling and a movie will round out the morning. In the spirit of the season children will be bringing in canned goods for the Human Concerns food pantry.

At the Methodist Church children will be participating in the annual Birthday Party for Jesus on Sunday, Dec. 14. Area students will be bringing in toys to be distributed in the inner-city. December is also Red Stocking month, during which money is collected for the Methodist Children's Hospital in Brooklyn.

Kiwanis party

The Kiwanis Club of New Scotland will hold its annual Christmas Party this Saturday at Francesco's on Western Ave. Besides celebrating the merriment of the season the men's service club will also be bringing gifts that evening to be distributed to those in need in the area.

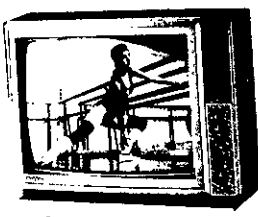
A caroling we go

Members of Cub Pack 73 will be caroling in the village this Saturday for Ronald McDonald house. The group is scheduled to meet at the Cole home and carol throughout the afternoon. The day's activities will conclude with a visit to the home of Packmaster Bob Panthen for games and refreshments. The cub scouts will present gifts they have made to an area Elks representative for distribution to children in the area.

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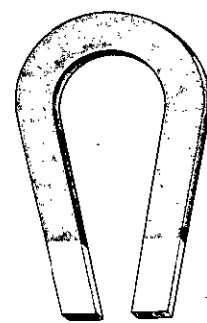
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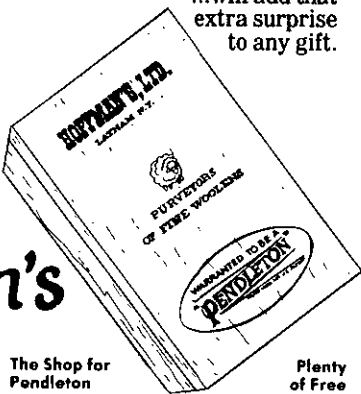
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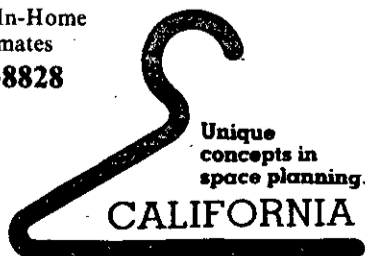
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RCS board gets state help

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education will be getting some help on their facilities review from the state Education Department.

The board set up a committee in September to look at its programs, buildings and space, population and projected enrollment to assess future building needs. Because any construction project, especially those eligible for state aid, need to be approved by the Education Department the district decided to start soliciting assistance, said Superintendent William Schwartz.

Representatives from the district were expected to meet with the Bureau of Facilities Planning of the Education Department Tuesday

morning. Schwartz said a report of that meeting could be made at the next school board meeting.

He pointed to the proposed Carriage Hill 110-lot subdivision on Jericho Rd. in Selkirk as an example of how planning can impact on the district. The subdivision is presently going through a full-scale State Environmental Quality Review for the Bethlehem Planning Board.

"These are the kinds of things we're planning for," Schwartz said. "It's going nicely. It's very challenging."

The facilities review committee is expected to give their report and recommendations to the board in February.

The next meeting of the RCS

school board is slated for Monday, Dec. 15, at 8 p.m. at the high school when the district's Comprehensive Assessment Report will be given.

'Body Wise' exercise

For people wanting to participate in easy, non-aerobic exercises, the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department's "Body Wise" classes will start on Monday, Jan. 5. The class, which will also be held on Thursdays, will run from 6:15 to 7:15 p.m. at the Middle School through March 9.

There will be a fee of \$14 for the 8 classes, and the program will be limited in size. To register, starting Dec. 15; call Parks and Recreation at 439-4131.

NEWS FROM SELKIRK AND SOUTH BETHLEHEM

Barbara Pickup



The AW Becker Store

Fifth grade REACH students will have an opportunity to sharpen their consumer skills as they organize and run the A.W. Becker School Store. The store hours are from 8:25 to 8:55 a.m. on Thursdays and Fridays. Items being sold include assignment pads, pencils, markers, folders, erasers and notebook paper.

The future salespeople sent fliers home advertising the store, made signs for the items to be sold and are now open for business. The store has been set up as a self-supporting venture with the initial funding from the PTA.

White gift program

The first Reformed Church of Bethlehem will hold its annual White Gift Christmas Program and Dinner Sunday, Dec. 21, at the church on Rt. 9W in Selkirk. Reservations are required for the dinner, and must be made by Dec. 13. Each family attending is asked to bring a casserole to share, and place settings for their group. Ham, turkey and beverage will be provided by the Sunday School. Attire for the special evening is "Sunday Best." Reservations for the dinner, which begins at 6 p.m., may be made by contacting Colleen Janssen 767-3406.

The White Christmas Program will begin at 7 p.m. and all are invited to attend.

Good citizens at RCS

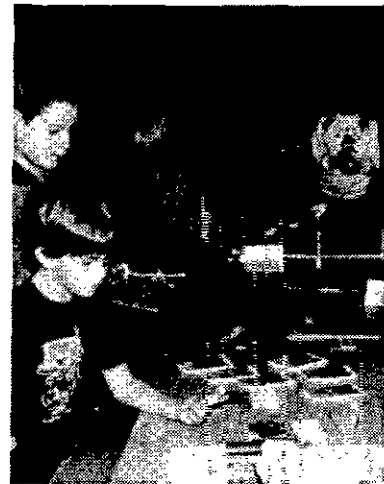
Recipients of Good Citizen Awards for the first marking period of 1986-87 from the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Junior High School are Lori Friday, Carrin Swanson, Jeff Quenneville, Joan Marie Nunziato, Matthew Gutches, Tamie Gaylord, Ronald Dean, Keri Spisak, Melissa Slater, Frank Lopez, Kristina Shubert and Joanna Libertucci.

Grange celebrates holidays

An invitation has been extended to all friends of the Bethlehem Grange to join members for this year's Christmas Party, which will be held Saturday, Dec. 13, at the Grange Hall, Rt. 396, Becker's Corners, Selkirk. Festivities will begin at 6:30 p.m. with a covered dish supper, for which each family is asked to bring a dish to share.

The evening will include a visit from Santa, entertainment, a grab-bag exchange from which each person is asked to bring a \$2 gift and light refreshments.

The Bethlehem Grange is at present collecting gifts of food for needy families in the community for Christmas-giving; anyone who would like to make a contribution may do so at this time, or by



Plenty of trading is going on at the recently opened A. W. Becker school store.

contacting Helen Raynor.

Francais at Coeymans

Counting, colors, school supplies and delicious crepes were all part of a mini-French class offered to the fifth grade class at Pieter B. Coeymans School by Barbara Ryan. Miss Ryan, REACH instructor, taught Sue Patten's fifth grade one period Tuesday mornings for six weeks. Students responded to questions orally and learned to count to 50. Color words, greetings and days of the week gave the students a challenge. The mini-course culminated with a French treat—crepes with fruit and chocolate sauce. The students found making the crepes as much fun as eating them.

Pastor hosts open house

The congregation of the First Reformed Church of Bethlehem is invited to a Christmas Open House given by the Janssen family on Sunday, Dec. 14th. The coffee hour will be held immediately following the morning worship service at the parsonage.

Holiday fruit

Holiday fruit packages may still be purchased at the South Bethlehem United Methodist Church. For information call 767-2280.

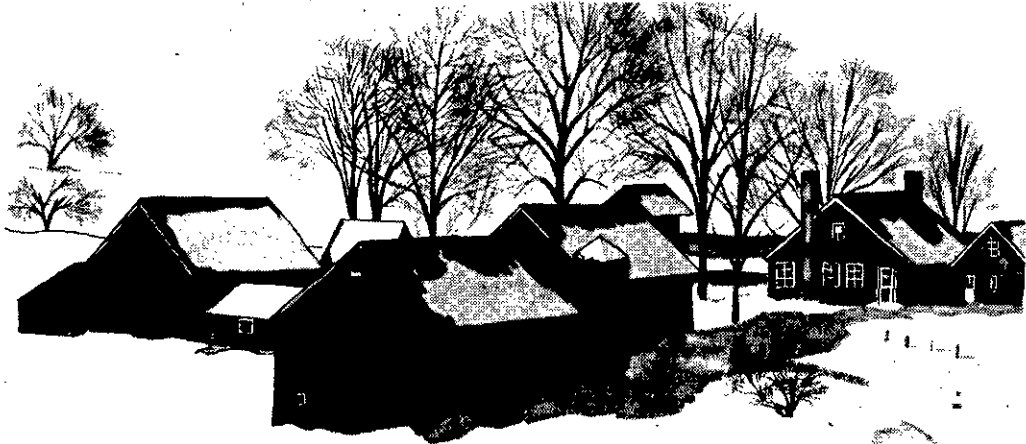
Arrested for robbery

An 18-year-old Feura Bush man has been arrested on a warrant from Village of Ravena police, troopers said.

James J. Gallogy was arrested on Thursday for felony second-degree robbery in a case investigated by Ravena village police, troopers said. He was arraigned before Village Justice Owen Mudge, and is being held at the Albany County Jail, troopers said.

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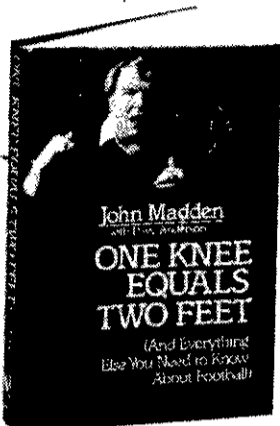
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Holiday house tour

The Historic Albany Foundation's holiday house tour will be held on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 1 to 4 p.m.

The tour of festively decorated homes will begin at the Historic Albany Foundation's offices at 44 Central Ave., Albany. Tickets may be purchased for \$6 on the day of the tour. For information call 463-0622.

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First United Methodist Church, Voorheesville

Unlike many others, I have not yet had the experience of taking a trip by plane and winding up in a holding pattern over a strange city's airport. After the snowstorm I tried to drive in the other day, however, I think I can understand something of what that feels like.

In the middle of the afternoon, as I was trying to get home, it was not surprising that traffic was moving slowly. After all, we were being hit by what some called blizzard conditions. Still, the way we were just inching along made me concerned about what was happening up ahead. Then, a person driving as slowly in the opposite direction rolled down her window and called out to me. "The road's closed back there," she said. Though she did not know the cause, she could tell me that traffic was being turned around back in the direction from which I was coming.

Realizing that I would not get home that way, I turned at the intersection at which she had given me the warning, planning to take another road home, even though I knew that that road was a steep and winding hill. When I reached the bottom of the hill, I saw cars backing down the hill, turning around, and once more heading in the direction I had left behind.

So, I, too, turned around and went back to the main highway,

hoping that the third road that might lead me home would be passable. Still, the traffic on the highway was moving at a snail's pace. We drove one mile in about twenty minutes. Eventually, I was able to find a road that was open and that did get me home, after having driven an hour and a half in steady snow. I had only been four miles away to begin with, but I couldn't get home, I couldn't find a way through.

Those 90 minutes were an extremely aggravating and frustrating time. Not because of the traffic or the driving conditions, for I was confident that my car and I could handle those. What was difficult was not being able to get through and having no way to reach home so that my family would know where I was and that I was all right.

For many people, that sense of being cut off, out of touch, unable to make contact is an everyday reality. It is a powerful experience of loneliness and isolation, a despair-producing feeling of being alone. They are not able to rejoice in life because their solitude—physical, mental, or spiritual—gives them no reason for joy.

Therefore, the period of celebration and joy which we are now entering can be a frightening time for such people as they are made even more aware of the emphasis our society places on human contact, warmth, joy and love. The constant reminders of merriment can be painful to one

who feels shut out of everyone's life already.

Sometimes, a person in such a situation will complain that they cannot get through to God. Even God is cut off from them, set apart, ignoring their fears and their needs. In their minds, God must seem cold, impersonal, distant and aloof.

Yet the message which Christians now proclaim with rejoicing is that the God whom we worship is not a far-off uncaring deity. The coming of Christ is a powerful statement of our God as we are shown the love of God in full, rich and human ways and form. In Jesus, God reaches out to place a loving and compassionate hand on each of us and draw us into the circle of divine love.

While we worry about not being able to reach God, God has come to us. The implication of Christ's Advent is that we need not be alone or cut off, ever. We have a God whose concern touches every living creature. Even in our loneliness; even in our isolation and fear; even in our pain—perhaps especially in our loneliness, our isolation, fear and pain—Christ comes to us and we are not alone.

We need only stop and receive Christ to know the powerful love of God. We need only open our hearts to the touch of God's grace to know the comforting presence of the divine. We need only accept the mercy and renewal that God offers to find life restored and made whole. Because God comes to us, we are not alone.

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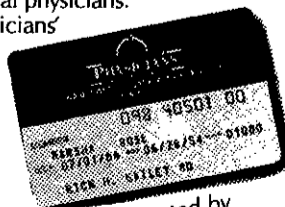
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Clarksville Elementary School students Jennifer Ayers, left, Matt Thornton, Mike Fralick and Christian Petrocine were joined by Principal Cheryl MacCulloch and Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post Chairman Charles J. O'Hara in making collection boxes for unusable American flags from the Bethlehem Central School District and Bethlehem Public Library.

are made more fully aware that God does not leave us cut off or isolated, perhaps we will grow in our love and compassion for the others of God's children around us. As we encounter those who are lost and confused, frightened and lonely, we need not be judge but recognize in them our brothers and sisters in Christ for whom God sent the Son. Perhaps through our touch, God's touch might be felt.

Yuletide concerts

The Bethlehem Central School District has scheduled several concerts during this holiday season.

The Elsmere school held its concert on Dec. 9. The middle school concert is on Dec. 10 at 8 p.m.; the Slingerlands elementary school on Dec. 11 at 7:30 p.m.; the high school on Dec. 15 at 8 p.m.; the Clarksville Elementary School on Dec. 16 at 7:30 p.m.; the Glenmont Elementary School on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.; the middle school on Dec. 18 at 7:30 p.m.; and the Hamagrael Elementary School on Jan. 13 at 7:30 p.m.

Any member of the Bethlehem community is eligible to become a member of the Bethlehem Music Association, which sponsors the concerts.

Academy honors

The following local students have earned academic honors for the first quarter at the Albany Academy:

Highest honors: Raymond Endres and John Scicchitano of Feura Bush; Matthew Fleming of Slingerlands; Michael Cohn of Glenmont.

High honors: Eric Martin, Charles Mason, Eric Oberheim, Eric Pelletier and Robert Griffin of Slingerlands; Gregory McQuide, Christopher Tobin, Craig Fasser and Quinby McCaskill of Delmar; Todd Giombetti of Gunderland; and Vangeli Gouvakis of New Scotland Rd.

Honors: John-Erik Amundsen, Mark Fasser, Kevin Allen, Stein Amundsen, Kenneth Hawkins, Luke McKneally and Keith Tobin of Delmar; Eric Drometer and Michael Kinum of Glenmont; William Mosher of Voorheesville; Scott Cary of Gunderland; Joseph Grogan of Slingerlands, and James Wood of New Scotland.

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Honors for the first marking period at the Clayton A. Bouton High School have been announced. High honors are indicated by an asterisk (*).

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Tracy Avgerinos, Sarah Bissell, Ryan Brennan, Deborah Burns, Matthew Burns*, Kevin Clark, Erin Donnelly, Lara Fedele, Michael Haaf*, Karie Hammond, William Kerr*, Jessica Killar*, Jennifer Kraemer*, Cher Krajewski*, Thomas Jurkjian, Kevin Lenihan, Michael Malark, Lisa McClelland, Chris McDermott*, Richard Oliver, Tina Panting*, Marianne Passarelli*, Julia Popkoski, Randolph Rathke*, Kyle Relyea*, Adam Rose, Eric Rose, Christian Scharl, Craig Schreivogel*, Benjamin Schwartz, Tracy Stevens*, Lori Tremblay, Krista Wagner, Alice Warden*, Angela Washburn*, Sarah Wilkes.

Grade Ten

Kelly Avgerinos, Haven Battles*, Natalia Bausback*, Justin Birk*, Stacie Blackmer*, Colin Breeze, Julie Brown, Stephanie Brown*, Patricia Carmody*, Scot Chamberlain*, Joseph Colburn*, Orion Colfer*, Kevin Davis, Jill Decatur, Carey Donohue*, Alison Egan*, James Feck, Kristina Flanders*, Paulette Galusha, Heather Glock, Deidre Gobeille*, Bret Hart, Donna Hawkins*, Amy Hibbert*, Denise Hoagland, James Hooks*, Joseph Kraemer*, Craig Lapinski, David Larabee*, Richard Leach, Adrienne Long, Scott Mattimore, Peter Meilinger*, David Mistrretta*, Michael Mullins, Cynthia Murphy*, Maura Murphy, Keir Neighmond, Jeffrey Pierro, Lori Rafferty, Stephanie Reh*, Kevin Russo*, Patrick Ryan*, Michael Sestak*, Chris Stevens, Kim Sullivan, Kirsten Taylor*, Amy Tesch*, Jennifer Toritto*, Todd VanWormer, Gary Washburn*, Jennifer Zeh*, Amy Zongrone.

Grade Eleven

Renay Arbour, Matt Bates*, Susan Carhart*, John Corcoran*, Melissa Donnelly, Darrin Duncan*, John Elmendorf, Sara Fike*, Michael Galusha*, K. Glastetter*, Denise Gobeille*, Bradley Goldstein, Thomas Hampston*, Joseph Harding, Renee Hunter, Christopher Jeffers*, Bruce

Kinisky, Staci Loewy*, John Martin, Rachel Martin*, Ann Mattfeld, Janine McAssey*, Martha Oden, Wayne Oliver, Aaron Parsons* Todd Porter*, Michael Race, Tiffany Ranalli, Lucretia Rathke*, Kevin Reeth*, Andrew Rockmore, Edwin Sapienza, Jennifer Schwartz*, Lisa Semenick*, Kathy Tarullo, Kevin Tyrell, Mark Veeder*, Melanie Wakeley, William Warnken, Mark Wight*, Shannon York.

Grade Twelve

Heather Brennan*, Natalie Cass, Vicky Chamberlain*, Jonathan Chapman, Thomas Clark, Jay Curtis*, Alex Diener, Sandra Dinova, Karen Donato, David Dunning*, Lisa Fedele, Johanna Fisher, Audrey Fitzgerald, Jon Flanders*, Jill Guyer, Sandra Hawkins*, Lyle Larabee*, Patrick Lentlie*, Laura Martin*, Erin McNamara, Daniel McKenna, Donna Mensching*, Meredith Messina, Cheryl Nendza, Jennifer Ramsey*, Wendy Rubin, Karen Russo, Richard Samuel, Michelle Schaff, Tanya Severino, Carolyn Sommer, Alexis Steinkamp, Cynthia Tanner, Colleen Taylor*, Rebecca Teneyck, Pamela

Tibbits*, Amy Verhagen, Martha Mary Wagner, Laurie Warner*, Kelly Weightman*.

Caroling for Ronald

"Caroling for Kids," a fundraising effort sponsored by Ronald McDonald House in Albany, is looking for volunteers to organize local caroling groups. Each group will sing and collect donations in various neighborhoods during the week of Dec. 14 through 21.

The Voorheesville Cub Scout Pack 73 will be among local groups caroling for Ronald McDonald House.

Chamber reception

"Business After Hours," a reception for members and prospective members of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce will be held on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from 5:30 to 7 p.m., at the Starlite Restaurant in Glenmont.

Admission is \$2. For information call the chamber office at 439-0512.

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High honors at Bethlehem

Bethlehem Central High School has released the names of its High Honor Roll students for the first marking period this school year. Those students are:

Ninth Grade

Carmine Angelotti, Jeffrey Ballou, Matthew Thomas Begg, John James Bellizzi, Daniel M. Blaustein, Hillary Ann Bollam, Andrea Hilt Brennan, Lauralee Anna Butt, Rogean Cadieux, Kara E. Carlson, Michael Kyo Chung, Kimberly Ellen Clash, Rebecca J. Cunningham, Robin Dax, Daniel G. Dunn, Timothy H. Edgar, Michelle Fisher, Crystal L. Fournier, Emily Parry Fraser, Gretchen J. Fritz, Alex Hackman, Jennifer Haug and Arielle Hecht.

Also, Matthew Hess, Alex Jeremy Hillinger, Mark S. Hotaling, Christopher W. Hudacs, Kathryn Ruth Jerabeck, Jennifer A. Joy, Kirsten Allison Kearse, Charlene Kelly, Jason Kirkman, Lynn Stacey Kovach, Jason Laks, Louis John Lazarus, Stephanie Lefevre, Joshua Levensohn, Maryann K. Loegering, Courtney B. Macomber, Michael Savas Mafflios, Daniel Eric Mandel and Brian Manning.

Also, Sara Kenee Masline, Anthea Mataragnon, Edward T. Messenger, Jonathan Millett, Eugene A. Mirabelli, Megan E. Mitchell, Tara Murphy, Martin R. Naley, Stewart Newman, Tracy A. O'Donnell, Andrew Phillip Patrick, Robert Charles Pauly, Amy Lynne Pierce, Jennifer Ann Platt, Nicole L. Rosenkrantz, Kevin Robert Schoonover, John Schroeder, Marisa Sellitti, Gayle Simidian, Tammy Lynne Smith, Judith Stasack, Jacquelyn Steadman, Michael Sussman,

Karen L. Timmerman, Randi Wolkenbreit, Jessica Winter Wolpaw, and Frederick Y. Wu.

Tenth Grade

Maureen Anne Ahern, Leslie G. Anderson, Christopher Ayers, Amy Michelle Aylward, Lisa M. Babiskin, Deneige Gabriel Barlow, Julie Ann Battles, Suzanne J. Bellacqua, Edward Joseph Bombard, Eric Brown, John Francis Burda, Karen E. Callender, Bryan F. Carnahan, Peter Cocozza, Rebecca Ann Colman, Elizabeth Cornell, Jeremy Crean, Jean Marie Cunningham, Laura Ann Da Polito, Kimberlee Dale, Lisa M. Dambrosi, James T. Dillon, Robert P. Dillon, Jennifer Eileen Flynn, Adam Peter Gold and Christopher Grenwald.

Also, Deanna Greer, Tammy Guarino, Timothy A. Hansen, Jeremy R. Hartnett, Heather J. Hawley, Michelle Lee Hylan, Gregory B. Jaczko, Eric B. Joachim, Catherine Karamanol, Amy Koretza, Amy Koski, Peter Kroth, Patrick James Leamy, Anne Mineau, Tamara L. Oliver, Cathleen Marie Quinn, John D. Reagan, Susan Shayegani, David Sodergren, Lance P. Sprinkle, Amy Storfer, Kimberly Sullivan, Viancent Thompson, Paul Andre Vichot, Beth E. Whitaker, Evelyn Lea Wright and Matthew Arthur Young.

Eleventh Grade

Teresa Marie Allen, Jason Donald Baum, Jeremy Birn, Kristin Burkart, David Defazio, Geoffrey Frank, Alfred Funk, Wendy Ann Gill, Marla Sheryl Gordon, Beth A. Handwerker, Justin Clark Hopson, Absar Husain, Craig Isenberg, Babak Jahan-Parwar, Stacy M. Kahalas, Rena Kaminsky,

Brendan Patrick Kearse, Katherine Lawrence, Eric Wei-en Lee, Donna J. McAndrews, Patrick McSharry, Brendan Peter Mitchell, Matthew Newman, C. Elise Relyea, Cynthia J. Riegel, David Even Rosewater, Christopher Paul Saba, Brian Saelens, Lynne Silber, Andrea Stancin, Bruce Trobridge, Tracy L. Vrooman, Scott Winne and David Winter Wolpaw.

Twelfth Grade

Holly Ackerman, Stephen D. Ainsworth, Laurie E. Alexander, Peter C. Anderson, Victoria Angelotti, Naomi Barr, Melissa J. Cocozza, Robert Warren Colquhoun, David S. Comi, David M. Cunningham, David C. DeCecco, Lisa Mary DiFrancesco, Meghan E. Dorgan, Kristin A. DosPassos, Eric J. Downie, Anna Mae Georgiopoulos, Peter W. Greenwald, Alexander Hall, Gregory Mark Hearn, Charles Alan Henrikson, Christina M. Honikel, Amy Lynn Horowitz, Shalyn Ingraham and Janet A. Joachim.

Also, Carolyn Jonas, Steven M. Jordan, Daniel Kerness, Stanley Weilun Lee, Katherine Anne Lempert, William Arthur Liddle, Suga E. Loegering, Lucia Theresa Lomotan, Deborah L. Meester, Catherine A. Miles, Jennifer Miller, Lisa Lynn Pauly, Jan Marie Peters, Mark G. Richter, Susan Schipano, Perrin Scott, Sharon H. Steadman, Diane Steffens, Dee Ann Swan, Tanya Marie Voss, Gideon Walter, Peter M. Winkler, Portia Wu, Yoko Yamanaka and Susan M. Zolezzi.

Holiday music

Sounds of the holidays will be presented at Home and City Savings Bank, 167 Delaware Ave., Delmar, during the week of Dec. 16.

The Friendship Singers will perform in the lobby at 10 a.m. on Dec. 16. On the following day, Wednesday, Dec. 17, students in the Clarksville Elementary School choir will sing at 10 a.m.

The Bethlehem Central High School brass ensemble will present a noon concert on Thursday, Dec. 18. On Friday,

Dec. 19, the Creator's Crusaders and the Senior choir of the Bethlehem Lutheran Church will perform at 4:30 and 5:30 p.m.

Finally, on Saturday, Dec. 20, the Happy Voices of the Delmar Reformed Church will ring out at 9:30 a.m., and the United Methodist Church choir will sing at 11:30 a.m.

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Letters to Santa Claus from Town of Bethlehem children can be sent for a reply until Sunday, Dec. 14, according to Bethlehem Police Officer James Corbett.

A Town senior citizen, acting as Santa's elves, are writing replies to children from the North Pole resident.

Corbett said mailboxes are located in grade schools, the Paper Mill in Delaware Plaza, and the children's section at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Pecans on sale

The Smith College Club of Albany is again selling pecans to benefit its fund for scholarships for local students. The shelled, halved pecans are \$5.50 per pound or \$32 for a six pound box. For information, call Susan Filipp at 439-4187.

Dreams come true

The Glenmont K-mart store will join K-mart stores throughout the nation in opening their doors early on Saturday, Dec. 13, to bring Christmas cheer to underprivileged children.

Locally, 20 children will be admitted at 8 a.m. and will be allowed to pick out \$20 worth of merchandise. In addition, the children will be treated to breakfast and a gift-wrapped present from Santa.

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Nov. 27	11:07 p.m.	N. Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Nov. 27	11:07 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Mutual aid
Nov. 28	6:23 a.m.	Onesquethaw Ambulance	Medical emergency
Nov. 28	8:38 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Nov. 28	10:01 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Nov. 28	3:20 p.m.	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Gas fumes
Nov. 28	3:20 p.m.	Delmar Fire Dept.	Mutual aid
Nov. 28	3:20 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Nov. 29	4:33 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Nov. 29	8:06 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Nov. 29	1:00 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Nov. 29	1:39 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Heart attack
Dec. 1	11:15 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 1	4:00 p.m.	N. Bethlehem Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 2	5:29 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Dec. 2	10:12 a.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Respiratory distress
Dec. 2	2:19 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Heart attack
Dec. 2	5:31 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Personal injury
Dec. 2	6:51 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 2	7:05 p.m.	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 3	12:42 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Vehicle accident
Dec. 3	6:47 p.m.	Delmar F.D. Rescue Sqd.	Medical emergency

The Ladies Auxiliary of the Elsmere Fire Co. will have its regular monthly meeting at 6 p.m., Dec. 11th, followed by a Christmas party at a local restaurant.

Bethlehem Ambulance will have its monthly meeting at the Glenmont Fire House on Dec. 18. The meeting will begin at 7 p.m. There will be ambulances for members to view at that time.

Selkirk No. 1 is sponsoring a Christmas party for children in the Selkirk area on Dec. 21 at 1 p.m. This event is for children up to 10 years of age and children must be accompanied by an adult.

Three members of the Selkirk squad have completed the Hazardous Materials course. They are Bill Aspion, Chuck Wickum and Terry Ritz.

Any healthy, able-bodied person interested in becoming a member of Selkirk Fire Department can contact Craig Wickum at 767-3494.

On Saturday, Dec. 6th, the Selkirk Fire Dept. in Glenmont brought Santa to the Flea Market at the Town Squire Plaza by fire truck.

The South Bethlehem Squad of the Selkirk Fire Department will be having its Christmas party for members on Dec. 13 at 7 p.m. The party will be at the South Bethlehem Fire House. A raffle drawing will be held, sponsored by the Ladies Auxiliary. Being offered is a VCR and an AM-FM cassette. Proceeds from the raffle will go to the Burn Unit and tickets are available from any Selkirk No. 3 member.

In January there will be three courses for firefighters. They are: management and operations in Ravena, officers training at Elsmere and essentials of firemanship at Voorheesville.

Door kicked in

Damage to a front door and a garage door resulted after the robbery of a Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere, home Wednesday or Thursday, Bethlehem Police reported.

Taken in the robbery was an automobile water pump, valued at \$250, police said.

Entry was gained by kicking in the front door, causing \$100 in damages. Police said a garage door, valued at \$100, was also damaged when it was forced open.

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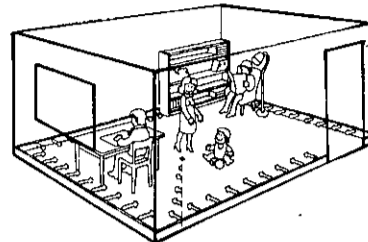
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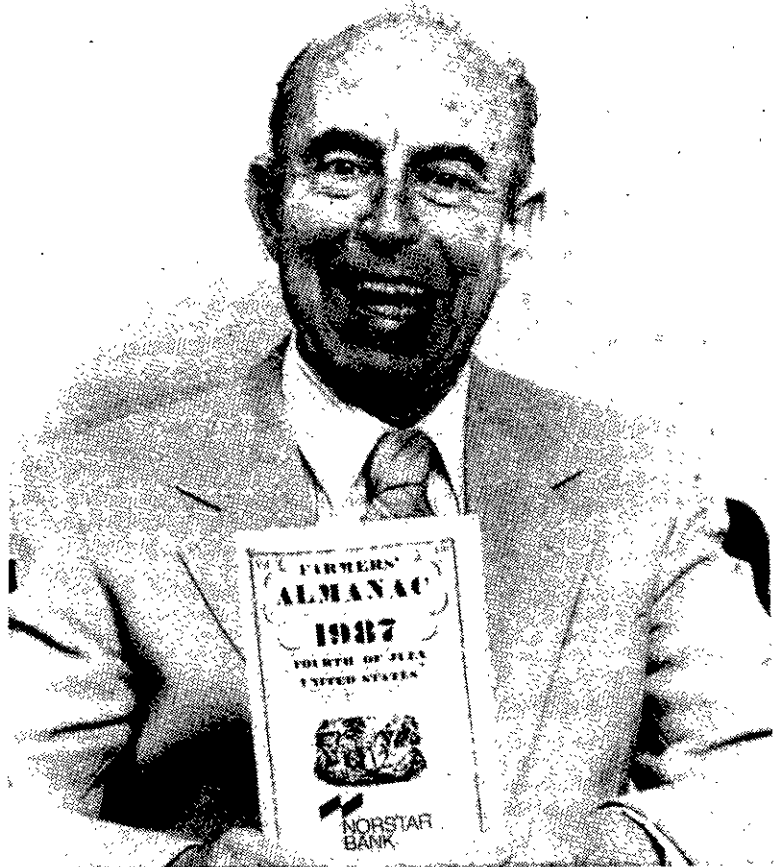
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"By combining forces and using modern techniques in underwriting and accounting plus utilizing the latest in electronic data processing equipment, we will be able to better serve a greater number of clients than ever before," said David P. Cook, president of Rose and Kiernan.

Chinese restaurant opens at Town Squire

Szechuan, Hunan and Cantonese-style dishes prepared at the North China Chinese Restaurant at the Town Squire Shopping Plaza, Glenmont, serve as a welcome change from the past week's turkey leftover dinners.

The restaurant, which was opened last month by Kwok Chun Wan and Wong Chong Kil, features a full menu of appetizers, soups and entrees to take out or eat in. Soups, including hot and sour soup, wonton soup, are served with fried noodles. A variety of chow mein, chop suey, fried rice, chow fun, lo mein, egg fun young, dishes are served with beef, shrimp, chicken, lobster, vegetables or roast pork.

Szechuan specialties include kung bo chicken ding, shredded duck with pork and beef with orange flavor.

Lunch specials — entrees with wonton or egg drop soup and pork fried rice — are served from 11:30 a.m. until 3 p.m. The

specials, which start at \$3.30, include spare ribs with black bean sauce, shrimp chow mein and sweet and sour pork.

House specials, which are served with rice, include chow gai kew, lobster almond ding and sam gup tai.

And, of course, fortune cookies may be requested as a side order.

Wan, who is originally from Hong Kong, has worked in the Ho wan Restaurant in the Bronx. He now resides in the Albany area with his wife, Wonong, and his son and daughter.

The North China Chinese Restaurant is open seven days of the week as follows: Monday through Thursday, 11 a.m. to 10:30 p.m.; Friday and Saturday, 11 a.m. until 11:30 p.m., and Sundays and holidays, noon until 10:30 p.m. Take-home menus are available at the restaurant. Orders may be placed by calling 434-8540.

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For children's clothes

Growing Concern, which stocks a wide selection of children's apparel, recently opened at Cosimo's Plaza, 1790 Western Ave. in Westmere. The shop is owned by Jill Boehler and Debby Levine of Albany.



David Vigoda

Planner picked

David Vigoda of Delmar has been appointed to the regulatory committee of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners. As a committee member Vigoda will work with the legislatures and Congress on regulation of investment advisors and financial planners.

Vigoda has also been awarded the professional designation of Chartered Financial Analyst.

Vigoda, a Certified Financial Planner, is serving his second term as president of the Capital District Society of the Institute of Certified Financial Planners. He is principal of Associated Investment Management, an independent Albany firm.

2 join Sawchuk

Two residents of Bethlehem, Deborah Ward and Laurie O'Connell, have joined the staff of Pamela Sawchuk Associates, an Albany public relations firm.

Deborah Ward of Delmar, formerly an editor at the *Albany Times-Union*, has been named the firm's managing editor. She has 10 years of journalism experience, including several years as a reporter covering courts, government and education. She was city editor of the *Daily Star* in Oneonta, and has written articles for a number of publications.

O'Connell of Slingerlands, formerly a public relations assistant at Beckman Associates Advertising Agency, has been named administrative assistant at Sawchuk Associates. She will be involved in a variety of administrative and account services.

Pamela Sawchuk Associates, founded in 1979, has a staff of ten and provides public relations counsel focusing on media relations, community relations and publications.

Party organizers

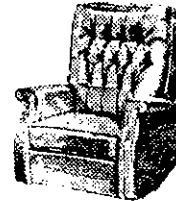
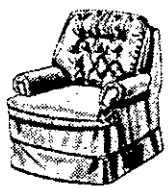
Ellen L. Malkis and Gail D. Sokol, both residents of Slingerlands, have announced the opening of Posh Party Associates, a meeting and party planning service. The services will extend from small parties to large social or fund raising events.

Malkis previously assisted in the coordination and organization of public ceremonies, receptions and celebrations while serving as a special assistant in the New York City Department of Public Events during the Beame administration. She attended American International College and the University of Colorado.

Sokol, an Albany native, is a graduate of Union College and Russell Sage College. She has organized various events for non-profit organizations in the Capital District.

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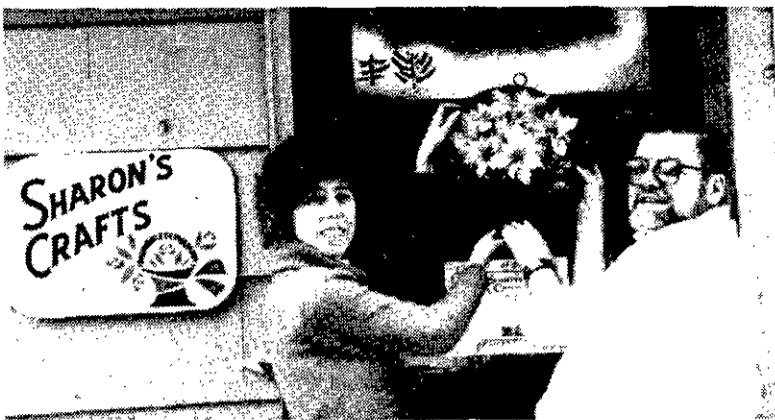
Store offers unique crafts

By Lorraine C. Smith

Just in time for the holiday shopping comes Sharon's Crafts, "Almost One Of a Kind," a cozy, one room shop at the rear of Tollgate Center, Slingerlands. Today (Wednesday) is grand opening day complete with ribbon cutting ceremonies at 11:30 a.m., with hot cider and cookies for buyers and browsers alike.

Holiday floral designs, hand-made decorations, quilted items, dried and silk gift bouquets, miniature paintings, copper enamel jewelry, seasonal wall decor, wire sculpture bonsai trees with semi-precious stones, as well as some more unusual items like hand painted hay saw blades and beaded flower pictures fill the small shop in a very affordable range of prices.

Already displaying the work of eight local craftsmen, Sharon's Crafts is the first-time business effort of owner-craftsman Sharon Weber. Explaining that it has always been her ambition to open a shop, "to have a place to make things," Weber has already been making new floral arrangements and hopes to offer ribbon and fabric flowers soon. She has her degree in commercial art at New York City Teaching College, has participated in several craft fairs and shows including Sheepshead Bay Art Show and has won several ribbons for her photo-



Sharon Weber and her husband, Charlie Smith, put the final touches on Sharon's Crafts in the Tollgate Center in Slingerlands.

graphy, which is also featured at the shop.

Pointing to some of the fun items like the woodniks, bird apartments and fancy cans—ornaments made from cat food cans—Weber describes her business as "a craft shop with a sense of humor."

Weber is a newcomer to the area along with husband Charlie Smith, who was a project director of crime prevention programs in New York City. Their move to Slingerlands, home for Smith's relatives, represents a change of lifestyle: "Trying to lead the simple life, and get away from the hustle and bustle."

Weber captures that quality of

"the simple life," in her matted color photographs suitable for framing. Her photography developed from her painting, she said, because of her love of travel. The colorful photographs on display reflect her favorite time of year, autumn, in New England, Cape Cod and the White Mountains.

Business hours are Monday through Saturday, 10 a.m. to 7 p.m., Thursday and Friday nights open to 9 p.m. and Sunday, noon to 5 p.m.

In Slingerlands The Spotlight is sold at Toll Gate, Judy's, Stonewell, Falvo's, and PB's Deli

Survey deadline

The deadline for returning survey forms for *The Spotlight's* second annual business survey, which will be a feature of January's special Business Supplement, is next Monday.

The six-item survey asks participants to identify the type of business they are and to define their activities.

More than 600 businesses in Bethlehem and New Scotland have been mailed the survey. Any businesses that were not contacted by mail and would like to be included may pick up a copy at *The Spotlight's* offices, 125 Adams St., Delmar, or call 439-4949, by Dec. 15.



Thomas P. Redding Delmar man promoted

Thomas P. Redding of Delmar has been promoted to vice president in the Consumer Loan Division of Key Bank N.A.

Redding has been with Key Bank since 1983 as an assistant vice president in Consumer Loans. He was educated in Niagara Falls, Ontario and attended the University of Windsor in Ontario. He is a member of the American Legion.

Secretary seminar

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These Eagles can shoot!

By Dave DeCecco

Friday night the Bethlehem boys' basketball team "came out ready to play," in the words of coach Jack Moser, and proceeded to trounce host Scotia, 75-51.

The Eagles wasted no time in proving their dominance over the Tartans, for they jumped out to a 24-8 first period lead and never looked back. Todd Wright led BC, pumping in eight field goals and nailing eight of eight from the free throw line. He also led the team with 14 rebounds, and fellow big man John Reagan hit double digits in that category, too. Brian Battle had yet another "very nice game," according to Moser. The senior guard played solid defense, scored 12 points and dished out a few assists in his stellar performance. At halftime, the score was 42-22 in favor of Bethlehem, and Scotia had little hope of a comeback.

The shooting that hurt the Eagles in the Rensselaer Tournament was quickly forgotten. BC shot over 50 percent from the floor, and over 70 percent from the line, which is a huge improvement over their tournament performance.

"We needed that one," said Moser, "I've been saying all along that we have good shooters on this team, and they just had to break out." In addition, every member of the team saw action; the first taste of varsity hoop for some players.

Last night (Tuesday), Niskayuna took on the Eagles in Delmar, where the Eagles hoped to improve on their 1-2 record. The Silver Warriors lost to BC's other Gold Division rival, Burnt Hills, on Friday, and both Nisky and Bethlehem look forward to a good contest. Shenendehowa will visit Bethlehem this Friday, and they



Jim Blandell, BC's no. 45, scores against the Tartans of Scotia.
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Christmas plays

Two Christmas plays will be presented during Advent services at the Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., Delmar, on Dec. 10 and 17.

"Where has Christmas Gone" will be presented on Dec. 10 at 7:30 p.m. "Waiting for the Christmas Guest" will be presented on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m.

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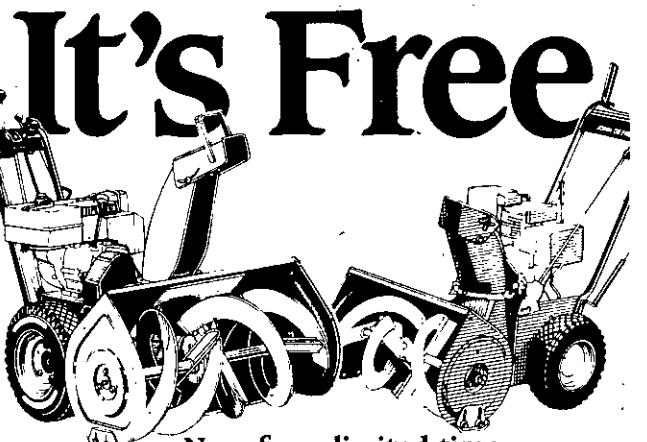
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Indians hang on, nip Lansingburgh

By Bart Gottesman

"It was a game that we would have lost last year," said Ravena varsity basketball coach Jim Gorham after his team fought off a strong fourth period surge by Lansingburgh, to defeat the Knights by a 54-53 score.

The game had to be a big morale builder for the Green and Gold, who proved to themselves that they can play well in all facets of the game and can pull together when the pressure is on.

Playing away against a traditional Colonial Council rival, the Indian defense finished with its best outing of the young season, coming through with big plays when they were needed.

The most notable play was a blocked shot by 6-foot-5 center Adam Wheeler. In the closing minutes the Indians' lead — one that had been as big as nine — had been cut to one point. A Lansingburgh player drove to the hoop looking for the go-ahead bucket and his shot was blocked into the backboard. Wheeler then alertly grabbed the rebound to give his team a chance to reestablish its 3-point lead. Playing his usually aggressive defense on and off the boards, senior Scott Bernacki played "great on defense."

The offense's 54 points was nearly double what it had been the week before. Leading the scorers for the third consecutive game was Wheeler, who netted 25 points in his highest outing of the season.

In the final three minutes the score of the game changed in a

see-saw manner. Ravena led by five, then three then five, then three and finally down to one. In that span, point guard and play maker Mike Fracetta fouled out and John Waddingham, Lance Tucker and Tony Williams shared the duty of controlling the team against Lansingburgh's pressing man-to-man defense.

In the final minute, shooting from the line was the major factor in the outcome of the game. Out of a possible four points from the line, Lansingburgh scored no points. The Indians had a chance to score six from the line and Waddingham, Tucker and Wheeler all hit both of their shots for the maximum of six points. Had the opponent hit on any of their foul shots, or if any of the Ravena players hadn't responded to the pressure with perfection in the final 60 seconds...the outcome might have been different.

RCS now stands at 1-0 in the council. After this week they will be able to tell how good (or bad) of a season they will have as they take on two of the teams picked to win the Colonial Council crown. On Tuesday Ravena hosts Watervliet and on Friday they travel to Waterford. "It's going to be very, very tough," said Gorham. The JV games being at 6:30 p.m. with the varsity following.

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Lady Indians press for win

By Paul Curley

Behind by six points at the start of the third quarter, the Ravena girls basketball team decided to use the press against Lansingburgh. It proved to be a good decision as Lansingburgh's offensive attack crumbled. The intense Ravena defensive effort led by Terri Baker at the point, and Jackie Mulligan and Frances Losee, created turnovers and pulled down rebounds, helping Ravena outscore 'Burgh by 20 points in the second half to win 55-41.

"This was a fantastic win because they're an excellent team," said Coach Betty Faxon. She cited their impressive height and ball-handling

ability as their main strengths.

Tracy Tucker led the scoring for Ravena with 22 points, mostly from the baseline. "She ate 'em up alive," said Faxon of Tucker's demolition of the 1-3-1 defense. Other leading scorers were Losee with eight, Baker with six and Mulligan, who was all over the court, scoring nine, getting 12 rebounds, making five steals and three assists.

It looks like there will be no easy games this year. Faxon believes the teams in the Colonial Council are at one of their highest levels of quality this season and Lansingburgh is one of the better ones.

Holiday messages

The Albany Amateur Radio Association will hold its holiday message fair at McDonald's of Delmar on Saturday and Sunday, Dec. 20 and 21, from 10 a.m. to 7 p.m. Radio operators will send holiday greetings to friends and relatives of area residents. Messages will be sent anywhere in the

United States or Canada without charge.

Yoga for beginners

A class in "Yoga," aimed at beginners in the ancient Hindu philosophical exercise, will be held Tuesday mornings, 10 to 11:30 a.m., starting Jan. 6 at the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Office Building on Elm Ave.

Size of the class will be limited and there is a fee of \$16 for the sessions, which will run through March 3.


Registration for the class, which is designed to increase muscle flexibility and strength, may be made by calling the Parks and Recreation office, 439-4131, starting on Dec. 15.

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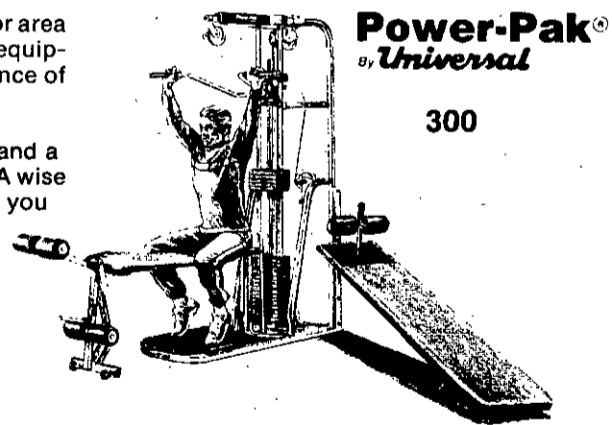
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BC swimmers: team without a home

SWIMMING

Two new swim coaches at Bethlehem Central, possessor of the greatest pool dynasty in the annals of Eastern New York, start a new league season today (Wednesday) with several major problems.

But personnel talent is not one of them. Ken Neff and Mike FitzPatrick have 21 swimmers and two divers back from last year's team, Section 2 champions for an unprecedented 16th year.

The problems are formidable but not fatal — an inadequate home pool that will make the incumbent Eagles virtually a road team, inadequate ventilation that puts a crimp in practice time, and a puzzling decision by the Section 2 committee to lop two weeks off the competitive season.

The Eagles can live with the first and compensate for the second, but the third presumably will either terminate or at best interrupt the treasured rivalries with Rome and New Hartford, which in recent years have injected excitement into otherwise relatively dull seasons.

Meanwhile Neff and FitzPatrick, BC alumni with high swimming credentials, and a spirited group of hard-working athletes have been going about their business as usual, pointing toward another league title one meet at a time. At the moment there are only 13 dual meets on the card instead of the usual 16 or 17. The first is a home engagement with Burnt Hills this afternoon, but when this page went to press it was uncertain whether the action would be shifted to the Burnt Hills tank.

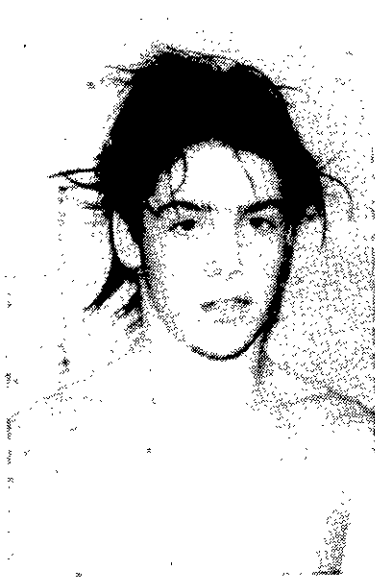
Many a coach would envy the talent Neff and FitzPatrick have inherited from Buzz Jones, who added two league titles to the long string initiated by Jack Whipple. The legacy is intact except for Pierre LaBarge, the versatile co-captain of last year's champions and the only competitor lost to graduation.

The current crop has strength as well as depth. There is a wealth of freestylers, both in the sprints and distances, led by sophomores Justin Baird and Chris Drew, and a good mix in the specialty strokes. Alex Hall, who last year developed into a top-flight diver, and Scott Reed, both seniors, head a four-man contingent on the springboards.

Neff, in his debut as a scholastic varsity head coach, concedes that BC is "a little thin" in the IM and butterfly, but is hoping to develop some of his younger swimmers as the season progresses.

In addition to the freestyle events, the Eagles also appear strong in the breaststroke, where Peter Greenwald and Keith Dix have several years of varsity experience. Greenwald is one of five seniors on the current roster. Dix is a junior. Scott Whitney, a sophomore breaststroker, is also coming along well.

The only newcomers are two divers, Bill McCarthy, a sophomore, and Andrew Satinger, a diver. The only other freshman is Drew



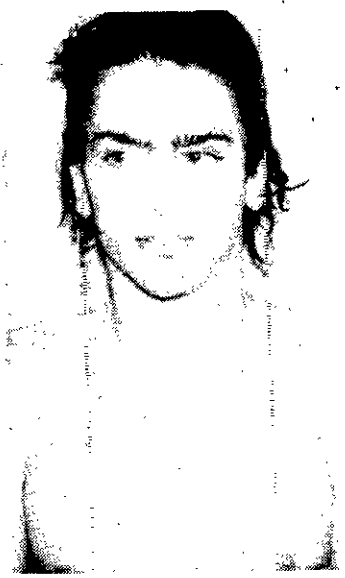
Justin Baird

Patrick, who already has a year of varsity competition behind him.

Neff sees Troy High as the major threat to BC's perennial domination of Section 2 swimming. That could mean the Jan. 22 collision at Troy will be significant in determining the 1987 conference crown. The league this year has one new member, Hudson High.

A decision by Bethlehem school officials to dismantle the high school pool last summer preparatory to major reconstruction next spring has forced the swim team to work at the middle school. That move, in turn, has led to two complications — poor ventilation and not enough pool depth to qualify for competitive diving.

The lack of proper ventilation has cut short some of the regular workouts. "We try to get in two full hours of training every day,



Chris Drew

but sometimes we have to cut them short," said Neff.

That's only part of the problem. Whipple and Jones conducted conditioning laps daily at 6 a.m. at the high school pool, a practice denied the new BC coaches with the tank dismantled. How does Neff compensate?

"Weights," he said. "We work on weights instead (before school)."

The diving problem will probably mean transplanting many, most or all of BC's home meets to alien pools. Divers need the experience of competitive meets, which translates to the more "away" meets, the better. Neff indicated that the decision to hold each of the scheduled home meets on Kenwood Ave. would rest with the coach of the opposing team.

Adding to Neff's logistical frustrations is the decision last week by the Section 2 committee to advance the date of the sectional championships by two weeks. Neff said he objected to adding two weeks to the gap, normally two weeks, between the sectionals and the state meet, but was outvoted. He feels that such a policy not only places a hardship on Section 2 qualifiers by subjecting them to four weeks of tedious training, but also places them at a competitive disadvantage when they go against swimmers from other sections who have kept sharp in dual meets.

Neither Rome nor Hartford appear on Bethlehem's 1987 schedule. Those two teams have provided Bethlehem swimmers with high-level late-season competition as well as a rich rivalry valued by parents and community boosters.

Neff said those two meets had not been scheduled a year in advance, as customary, but he indicated he would contact each of those schools in an effort to "find a free weekend" in which to salvage the rivalries. In any case, such a meet cannot be held in Delmar this year because of the pool situation, hence Bethlehem's sizeable swimming community will not have a climactic home meet for the first time in a dozen years.

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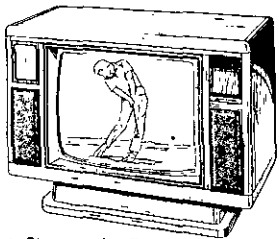
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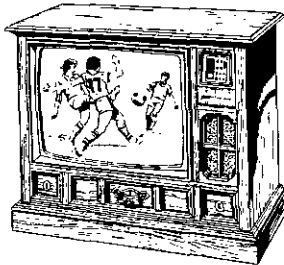
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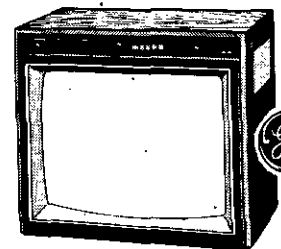


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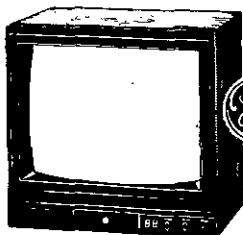
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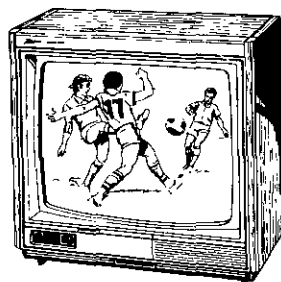
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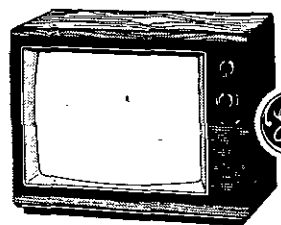
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Eagles: not tested yet

By John Bellizzi III

Last Wednesday, the Bethlehem Central varsity wrestlers rolled across the crimson mats of Mont Pleasant High School and walked away with a 65-10 victory. The following evening, the Eagles were successful in defeating their second opponent, Scotia, in their first Suburban Council dual meet of the 1986-87 season, 63-12.

These two lopsided victories seem to indicate a successful season ahead for the strong BC wrestling program, but varsity coach Rick Poplaski expects a greater challenge in upcoming meets. "Basically, we haven't begun to wrestle the tough teams. These two schols were relatively weak competition, and we can't tell much from those matches. Next week is where the tough part of December's schedule will set in, though, with meets against Saratoga, Voorheesville and Averill Park. The scores we had last week are the kind we should have."

Tonight, the Eagle varsity and junior varsity matmen are on the road to Colonie for a dual meet with a 5 p.m. starting time for JV, with varsity to follow. "Colonie hasn't been one of the more consistent teams in the league," Poplaski said. "It's hard to know what to expect."

Bethlehem was definitely the aggressor in last Wednesday's Mont Pleasant meet. The Eagles

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won by forfeit in four weight classes, had six victories by pins, and one superior decision, with only two losses. Tenth grader Pat Leamy won the 98 pound weight class by forfeit, good for six team points, while his brother Mike, also a sophomore, was pinned at 105. BC had another victory by forfeit at 112, this one going to senior Ben Greenberg.

At 119, Tom Nyilis lost his match by a 10-1 decision. Sophomore Ed Moak, wrestling at 126 pounds, gave the team the first of many pins with ten seconds remaining in the second period, chalking up six more for the Eagles. Junior John Gallogly followed at 132, pinning his opponent a minute and ten seconds into the match. Veteran co-captain Jim Dayter started off a good season by being awarded a superior decision, 12-0, equal to five team points.

The mat was slapped three more times in the same number of subsequent matches as three more Eagle grapplers won by fall: 145 pounder John Sinuc pinned his man with 38 seconds remaining in the first period; Mike Mosley pinned his 155 pound opponent in fifty seconds; and Steve Guynup, at 167, won with 23 seconds left in

the second period. Pete Bragaw, wrestling at 177, and Joe Diacetes, heavyweight, won by forfeit. Sophomore Sean Nixon, in the 250-plus unlimited weight class, won by pin with 44 seconds left in one of the most exciting matches of the evening.

Mont Pleasant's JV team forfeited all but four weight classes. Of those four, BC won three.

The next evening, at Scotia, the meet was again tilted towards the Eagles. Five pins, four decisions and two forfeits made up BC's 63 points.

Pat Leamy started the varsity team off by pinning his opponent, but his brother Mike was caught and pinned once again. Greenberg and Nyilis both won their matches by decision, Greenberg 17-6 and Nyilis 9-0. Ed Moak continued the undefeated record he has held throughout his BC wrestling career with a 13-6 decision, while Gallogly pinned his man again. Dayter and Sinuc came through with pins, Sinuc's towards the beginning of the match, Dayter's coming at the end of the third period. Mosley won by way of a 11-2 decision, while Gynup and Bragaw won by forfeit, as did Nixon. The last match of the dual meet was Diacetes, who only needed forty seconds to pin his man.

The freshman wrestling team

Birds start strong

By Steve Smith

The Voorheesville Varsity Wrestling team of 1985 finished their season with a record of 8 wins and 0 losses. These may be tough tracks to follow. The match against Albany Academy last Thursday was a clear indication that the Blackbirds are out to duplicate last year's feat.

The match opened with Christian Clark winning by forfeit. In the second weight class, Pat Ryan handily defeated his opponent 13-0. This set the trend for the remainder of the match, as Bob Blanchard scored a 4-0 victory over his opponent. Next, Rick Leach scored an incredible victory, by pinning his challenger in just 57 seconds. Matt Cillis found his opponent a little more challenging, but Matt's superior talent provided him with a pin in 2 minutes and 45 seconds.

Albany Academy's best hope for a win disappeared as Jason Depasquai pinned a tough opponent in 2 minutes and 39 seconds. Voorheesville finally secured their overall victory, with a technical fall victory for John Traudy.

For the first time, Christian Clark, Tom Ravidia, Paul Novac, Jason Graziano and Tim Giantasio wrestled on the varsity squad. These wrestlers, along with the veterans on Coach Dick Leach's squad, appear to be on their way to another successful season.

opens their season this afternoon at Saratoga. Meanwhile, after tonight's Colonie meet, the varsity is headed for the Oxford Invitational Tournament.

Note: The wrestling parents' meeting, originally scheduled for Dec. 2, was cancelled due to the afternoon snowstorm and will be held this Thursday at 7 p.m. in room 46 at the high school.

AARP party planned

A Christmas party, sponsored by the Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter of the American Association of Retired Persons, will be held at the Albany Country Club on Thursday, Dec. 18, beginning at noon. Reservations may be made for \$12.50 by Dec. 12.

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Eagles take final 4 for winning record

By Charles Henrikson

The Bethlehem Central girls volleyball team finished its season last week with a final record of seven wins and three losses in league play. It was a fine season for the BC girls, who finished third in the Suburban Council.

The team had a slow start to the season, but won their final four games to push themselves way up in the standings. They started the season with little camaraderie between the players, but the association of individuals developed into a good, solid team.

Last Monday this was very much in evidence as the girls beat a good Columbia team in two close games. This was a makeup of

VOLLEYBALL

a match postponed earlier in the season. The team worked as a "well-oiled unit," according to Coach Nancy Smith.

The team played last Wednesday in another makeup against Colonie. This was another two-game victory, and once again Smith was quite pleased with her team as it handled another Suburban Council power.

The Suburban Council Tournament did not go so well, however. BC went into it seeded third, but fared poorly. The two-day tournament, which was on Friday

and Saturday, "was a nice way to end the season," according to Smith, "but its too bad we couldn't have done better." The team seemed to revert back to their early-season playing methods, she said.

The success of the team has been due to many factors. Coach Smith moved Lynette Stracke from hitter to setter at mid-season, where she played admirably, and thus moved Julie Francis from setter to hitter, where she also did quite well. Captains Amber Cole and Wendy Vogel have both been serving and hitting well, as has Kristi Burkhart, whom Smith calls "an all-around good player." Heather House has been a consistently good server all season, and has continued her winning ways, and Lee Ann Frye

has developed into a good hitter.

"They each have their own strengths, and the team has great camaraderie, and this is why we have been winning," Smith said. She said she believes that the team will have continued success next year. The JV team did extremely well this year, as did the freshmen, who went undefeated.

Next year, however, will bring a big change in Suburban Council volleyball. The season is being moved from a current limbo between fall and winter sports to either the fall or the spring. With this, only two of this year's eleven team members will be able to play next year, as they almost all play other sports in the fall and spring. No predictions, therefore, can be made about next year's team at this point.

Birds miss by a hair

By Renee Hunter

"They were both close," is the way coach Nadine Bassler summarized the two losses her Voorheesville Blackbirds faced on the court last week.

Last Wednesday the girls hoop squad travelled to Cohoes to begin their league play for what turned out to be a very close match up. With the lead consistently alternating between the two teams throughout the four quarters, the game was tied with 22 seconds showing on the clock. Cohoes was able to grab a rebound and make a quick run for the basket, getting fouled in the process for a three-point play.

The ball went to Voorheesville, only to give Cohoes another rebound to grab. Again the opponents scored, making the final score 51-46.

The Blackbird scoring leaders were senior forward Laura Martin, sophomore center Tricia Carmody and sophomore guard Jennifer Elliot. Carmody and Martin were "really good on rebounding," according to Bassler.

In a non-league contest with Albany High School last Friday, the Voorheesville girls again gave their opponent a tough game. "The lead throughout the game went back and forth, and it was all even with three minutes remaining in the game," said Bassler.

It was in those closing minutes that nothing seemed to go right for the Blackbirds. Albany was able to steal the ball and score. Voorheesville tried valiantly to score but was unsuccessful. Albany grabbed several rebounds, moved quickly to its hoop each time and gathered in the points. When it was all over the score read 46-33.

Indians settle down

By Tim Penk

There was some sloppy play, but only the results count when the RCS girls volleyball team beat Cohoes 15-11 and 15-6 last Wednesday.

"the girls were really nervous about the first home game and the large crowd," Coach Ron Racey explained. The Indians started slowly but worked out the problems to dominate the second game.

The team fell behind early 0-6 and then 2-8 in the first game. Colleen Farrell brought the team back by serving seven straight points to make it 9-8 and the team

eventually won 15-11.

In the second game, Marie Setford and Kris Gerg started taking control, each with four kills. RCS had total control even with all the starters eventually on the bench and Kim Nelson ended the game with two consecutive spikes.

The team started out of control but eventually worked out all of the problems to prepare for the upcoming matches with Waterford Monday and the home match today (Wednesday) against Schalmont. The Schalmont match will establish who will lead the Colonial Council.

RCS wrestlers pinned twice

By Josh Curley

The RCS Wrestling team faced a tough first week of meets last week as they fell to 0-2. Both losses were suffered at the hands of very strong squads from Mechanicville and South Glens Falls.

On Thursday, RCS bowed to Mechanicville 42-24. The Indians did manage to win four weight classes, three of which were pins. Coach Gary VanDerzee said that if one or two of the close losses could have been won it would have been a closer meet. Seniors Ken Losee, Luther Legg and Jerry Baranska all managed to power pins against their opponents in the 105, 126 and 215 weights.

Freshman Joe Dillberg, who wrestled at 145 pounds, was termed by VanDerzee as having the best performance of the week. Dillberg was able to keep from

being pinned until after three minutes of wrestling against one of the best and most experienced wrestlers in the section.

On Saturday, Ravena wrestled South Glens Falls, which VanDerzee feels is one of the top teams in the area. In this defeat, RCS won three weights. Tim and Jerry Baranska pinned their competitor in the 177 and 215 classes respectively. Legg, in winning his second consecutive contest, produced what VanDerzee called the most exciting match of the two meets last week. Legg was matched against a wrestler of almost equal talent. The result was a tough 6-4 win earned by Legg.

On Thursday, Ravena is scheduled to wrestle against Lansingburgh at home. A meet that will likely create a victory for the Indians.

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By Tom Kuck
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Olya Travis

Olya Klem Travis, 75, a former resident of Colonial Acres in Glenmont, died Monday, Dec. 1, in Sarasota, Fla., after a long illness.

She moved to Florida nine years ago.

During World War II, working under the name Olya Klem, she was a singer and accordionist touring United Service Organization camps in Europe, South Africa and the Far East.

She was a former member of the Delmar Presbyterian Church and the Delmar Progress Club.

Her survivors include her husband, Harvey W. Travis; two sons, Malcolm Travis of Boston and Dr. Peter Klem of Denver; and two grandchildren.

Burial will be in Riverhurst Cemetery in Endicott at the convenience of the family.

Gladys Hutchinson

Gladys Sayles Hutchinson, 85, of Bridge St. in Slingerlands, died Wednesday, Dec. 3, after a short illness.

Born in Albany, she was a resident of Slingerlands since 1951.

She was a homemaker and the wife of the late Walter Hutchinson.

She was a member of the St. Paul's Episcopal Church in Albany.

She is survived by a daughter, Joan E. Hutchinson of Slingerlands, and a sister, Anna M. Sayles of Slingerlands.

Burial was in Albany Rural Cemetery in Menands. Arrangements were by Marshall W. Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home of Albany.

Jane Loeb

Jane C. Loeb, 65, of Georgetown Ct. in Voorheesville, a librarian at the Voorheesville Public Library, died Thursday, Dec. 4, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She had resided in Voorheesville since 1970. She was born in Philadelphia, and also lived in Ann Arbor, Mich.; Quebec; Billings, Mont.; and Livingston Manor.

She was a librarian at the Voorheesville Library for 15 years.

She was also a librarian at the Livingston Manor Public Library. She was a Red Cross volunteer in World War II, and a graduate of the John W. Hallahan Catholic Girls School in Philadelphia.

Her survivors include her husband, Howard A. Loeb; three daughters, Barbara Loeb Zimmer of Corvallis, Ore., Mildred Loeb Roffwarg of New York, and Kathleen Lee of Niskayuna; and two sons, Thomas Loeb of North Canton, Ohio, and William Loeb of Glens Falls. She also leaves a sister, Margaret Lucas of Long Island, and a brother, Walter Cornely of Maryland; and 10 grandchildren.

Burial was in New Scotland Cemetery. Arrangements were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home of Voorheesville.

Contributions may be made to the Voorheesville Public Library.

Anna Hext

Anna E. Hext, 67, of Delaware Turnpike, a retired nurse, died Friday, Dec. 5 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a long illness.

She was a resident of New Scotland for the past one-and-a-half years. She was born in Colonie and also lived in Albany.

She retired in 1984 from Memorial Hospital in Albany after working there for several years as a licensed practical nurse.

She was a member of St. Francis de Sales Senior Citizens, and a communicant of St. Francis de Sales Church.

She was the wife of the late Harold W. Hext.

She is survived by three daughters, Dawn Russo of Albany, Patricia O'Connell of Albany, and Joann Boomhower of New Scotland; a son, George Hext of Troy; a sister, Marion Dunn of Colonie, and three brothers, Franklin Murray, Joseph Murray and Samuel Murray, all of Colonie. She is also survived by eight grandchildren, two great-grandchildren and several nieces and nephews.

Burial was in Our Lady of Angels Cemetery in Colonie. Arrangements were by Reilly and Son Funeral Home in Colonie.

Contributions may be made to St. Peter's Hospice in Albany.

Hazel L. Cornes

Hazel L. Cornes, 90, of Kenwood Ave., Delmar, died Tuesday Dec. 2, in Memorial Hospital in Albany.

She was a resident of Delmar for the past 49 years, and was born in Colonie.

She was a homemaker and the wife of the late James A. Cornes.

She was the oldest member of Bought Reformed Church in Bought Corners in the Town of Colonie.

Her survivors include a son, Allen Cornes of Delmar; a brother, J. Kenneth Lansing of Waterford; four grandchildren, two great-grandchildren; one niece and one nephew.

Burial was in Oakwood Cemetery in Troy. Arrangements were by the Gordon C. Emerick Funeral Home in Clifton Park.

Contributions may be made to the National Kidney Foundation in Albany.

Not quick enough

A Selkirk man's vehicle received some minor damage after he accidentally drove over a manhole cover lying in the middle of Kenwood Ave. Thursday, Bethlehem Police said.

The 46-year old Dorchester Ave. man was driving down Kenwood Ave. when he saw the manhole cover in the middle of the road and swerved to avoid hitting it, police said. When he swerved to the right, however, he saw he was going to drive over the exposed manhole, and swerved to avoid it but instead wound up hitting the cover.

"We needed scoring from all team players in that game," said the frustrated Voorheesville coach. Except for two points from Elliot, the balance of the scoring came from Martin and Carmody, Bassler is hopeful that the guards will contribute more in future efforts.

Bassler is looking forward to the return of senior co-captain Betsy Zeh, who was out because of injury. "Betsy's leadership and presence should help the team," she said.

The Voorheesville junior varsity girls' basketball team beat Albany by a narrow two-point margin and now have a 4-0 record.

Today (Wednesday) the Blackbirds journey to Mechanicville. On Friday their opponent will be Lansingburgh in the high school gymnasium at 7:30 p.m. Both games will be tough matches for the Voorheesville girls since Bassler thinks every team in the Colonial Council is very strong this year.

Animals on the road

Seven car-deer collisions were reported last week, but one animal clearly got the worst of his encounter with a vehicle.

An owl flew into the side of a patrol car driven by Trooper R. A. Williams on County Rt. 108 on the Coeymans and New Scotland town line Saturday. Troopers said the injured owl was taken away by Department of Environmental Conservation officers.

At Rt. 32 and Bender La. in Glenmont, a Huntersfield Rd., Delmar, man and a deer collided at 8:20 p.m. Saturday after the deer ran into the roadway, Bethlehem Police said.

Two deer were struck when they ran into the path of a Selkirk man as he was driving south on Rt. 9W near Wemple Rd. Saturday, troopers reported.

A Cossackie man and a deer collided on Rt. 9W in Selkirk Thursday, troopers said.

On Wednesday, a Ravena man and a deer collided on Rt. 9W in Selkirk, troopers reported.

Three car-deer collisions were reported on Monday, troopers said. On Rt. 144 in Glenmont, a deer and an Albany woman collided; on Rt. 9W near Jericho Rd, a deer and an Albany man collided; and on Rt. 32 at Meads Corners, a deer and a Westerlo man collided.

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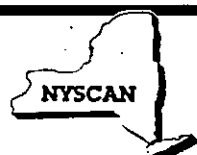
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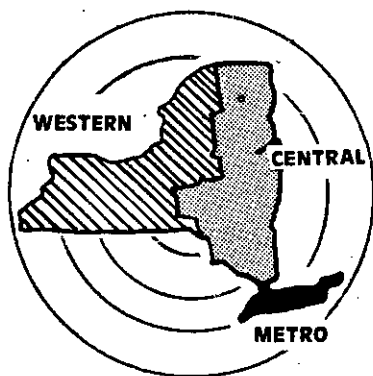
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Record success

Editor, The Spotlight:

Our 12th annual Winter Sports Mart at the Bethlehem High School on Saturday, Nov. 22 a record success, thanks to a huge turnout, generous contributions of time from many volunteer workers and the continuing support of the entire Bethlehem community.

Our sponsor, the First United Methodist Church of Delmar, deserves a special note of thanks for supporting us for another year and for providing us with meeting facilities and storage space.

Funds raised at this year's Sports Mart will finance a variety of troop activities over the next 12 months, and help defray expenses for overnight trips and camping expeditions.

Once again, we appreciate the opportunity to serve the residents of this community, and look forward to an active and exciting year of scouting.

The Boy Scouts of Troop 75

More BC comments

Editor, The Spotlight:

A recent article (Spotlight, Dec. 3) on the public meeting to gain

input for the selection of a Bethlehem Central Superintendent contained the comments of every speaker except me, even though I spoke twice.

In addition, Mr. Boynton and Mr. Davies did not identify themselves or say that they were former board candidates. Neither they or Mr. Dearstyne stated they were members of B.U.T., yet all of this was reported.

I am a two-time former board candidate, and made the following comments at the public meeting:

1. In the past, few committee recommendations have been implemented and future committees should work as consultants to assist staff development of recommendations that would be mutually arrived at; and therefore acceptable.

2. There are others, like myself, who moved here from other districts and took their kids out of private schools because we liked Bethlehem public schools better.

3. Just the surface of merit pay has been scratched and a superintendent with a lot of integrity and strength is needed, since many people will not like the honest choices that lie ahead.

Perhaps the only other comment

not reported was the observation by Mr. Davies that money should not deter the objective of finding a quality superintendent for our district.

A comment on the meeting: Mr. Boynton stated that the former superintendent was guilty of overt political action for using school facilities and publications to promote the budget. I disagree, because it is the job of the superintendent to explain and detail the budget the board has passed. The courts have upheld the districts' spending money to promote budgets as part of their responsibility to inform the public and run their district. Most districts are more aggressive in this.

Mr. Boynton has himself overtly attacked Bethlehem Central at many public meetings.

Thank you for this opportunity.

Timothy M. Fitzgerald

Selkirk

Resents 'cowboy' label

Editor, The Spotlight:

In response to the Dec. 3 letter of Kathy Keenan regarding "Dangerous Trucks," I must protest. As the daughter and granddaughter of men who have worked a total of 50 years for Callanan Industries, I resent them being referred to continually as "cowboys."

How can one person so quickly group an entire force of hard-working people into one category simply because since September

(three months) she has encountered traffic on Rt. 101?

From personal experience, I know these people work extremely long and hard hours, and do not deserve to be treated with such disrespect. Perhaps only a very few in the force are making a bad name for Callanan Industries; however, grouping the majority as "cowboys" and threatening to condemn a person as a "murderer" will certainly not help the situation.

Name submitted

Clarksville

Recycling possible

Editor, The Spotlight:

Every time I finish with the ingredients of a glass jar I am racked with guilt as I toss the empty container into the trash. At the same moment I am piling up empty glass jars, so are many, many other households. That amounts to a lot of glass that is tossed away never to be seen again. Why doesn't the town have an organized, recycling program to collect newspapers, glass and aluminum?

In New Hampshire it is mandatory to recycle all containers. I just moved here from a town in California where recycling day was the second and fourth Thursday of every month. The truck came around and collected the materials left by everyone in front of their homes near the roadside. It was a very successful program in which nearly everyone participated.

It seems unconscionable these days to throw out any materials that can be reused. Surely the Town of Bethlehem can get some program organized. As a community grows, so do its rubbish piles. We should show respect for our environment and recycle rather than toss out.

Lynn Finley

Delmar

The hunger gap

Editor, The Spotlight:

The holiday season is the one time of the year when most New Yorkers remember to help the less fortunate. Thanksgiving and Christmas are the two days of the year when the fewest number of people go hungry. Hunger unfortunately is a 365-day-a-year problem, with an estimated 2.5 million New Yorkers experiencing hunger sometime during each month.

Volunteer non-profit agencies have done a tremendous job in trying to feed New York's hungry population. Each month, food pantries statewide serve 270,000 individuals, while soup kitchens serve about 700,000 meals. This, however, meets less than 15 percent of the need. With the private sector already stressed to the maximum, it is clear that only Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature can realistically solve this problem.

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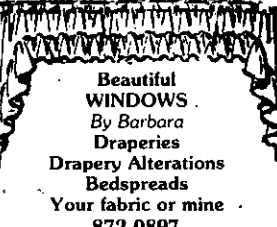
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mental Nutrition Assistance Program), the state's main anti-hunger program. SNAP provides supplemental funding for the federal Women, Infants and Children (WIC) program; supports feeding programs for the Frail Elderly; funds outreach efforts to increase participation in federal feeding programs such as food stamps and school lunches; and helps fund emergency food programs that feed the hungry and the homeless.

Of the various components of SNAP, the governor and his staff have been most opposed to providing support to the volunteer emergency food programs. The state presently funds only a tiny fraction of the cost of operating food pantries and soup kitchens. Rather than trying to assist the predominately religious-based organizations that operate on shoestring budgets financed by private charity, the Governor seems concerned that government support for these programs will mean that the volunteers won't continue their herculean efforts to solicit private donations of food.

The governor also needs to eliminate the 41 percent gap that exists between the basic public assistance grant and the U.S. Bureau of Labor Statistic's Lower Level Budget upon which it is based. One recent study in New York City found that 88 percent of the families coming to private social service agencies with food emergencies were already dealing

with the public assistance system! Since 1969, the basic grant has been increased only by 39 percent while inflation rose 190 percent. The combined total of the basic public assistance grant plus the shelter allowance and food stamps bring recipients to only 83 percent of the poverty level. By the government's own definition, this means that public assistance recipients must go without food for at least several days each month.

When we talk about poverty and public assistance, we are talking primarily about women, children and the elderly. It is a national scandal that the U.S. is the only industrialized country in the world where children are the largest segment of the poverty population—and the percentage of children living in poverty is increasing dramatically each year. The high incidence of children growing up in poverty will have a profound influence on the economic productivity of our society when this generation of poor children becomes adults.

Do something for the hungry this holiday season. Write today to Gov. Cuomo and the State Legislature to urge them to increase funding for SNAP, emergency food programs, and public assistance. For more information on how to combat hunger, contact the Hunger Action Network of New York State, Central Warehouse Rm.

306, Colonie and Montgomery Sts., Albany 12207.

Mark A. Dunlea

Citizenship awards

Youth Citizenship Awards of \$300 and \$200 will be awarded by the Soroptimist Club of Albany to two high school seniors who demonstrate "outstanding citizenship in the family, community, nation and world."

The Albany club winners will automatically compete for one or two \$1,250 prizes in this region, and a "federation finalist," chosen from among the winners in Soroptimist's 23 regions, will receive \$2,000.

Application forms, to be returned by Dec. 15, have been distributed to guidance counselors in public and private secondary schools in Albany.

Uniting ribbon

Harriet Seeley will show segments of the 15-mile peace ribbon, which was made by people all over the world, at the Dec. 12 meeting of Quilters United In Learning Together. The meeting will be held at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, from 9:30 a.m. until 2 p.m.

Triangle date Tuesday

Theater-goers from a wide area of the Capital District who will be converging on Delmar for the Princeton Triangle Club's musical stage show next Tuesday (Dec. 16) know that nothing is safe from the satirical humor of college undergraduates.

The 44-member undergraduate troupe will present its 1986 production, *Star Spangled Banter*, at Bethlehem Central High School auditorium on a one-night stopover between performances in Washington D.C. and Boston. The skits, songs and choreographed production numbers poke fun at such institutions as AT&T, beauty pageants, group therapy, movie sequels and finding love in the personal ads.

The fast-paced show, billed as "An American Hysterical Revue," also has a few barbs for America's best-loved superheroes. In a group therapy session Aquaman confronts his fear of the water, Wonderwoman ponders motherhood, the Hulk grapples with depression, and Spiderman reveals a bed-webbing problem.

There will also be a commercial for a new movie called *Rocky V Meets Rambo III* and a foot-stomping, hand-clapping hillbilly hoedown, a chronicle of dance through the decades from Ginger and Fred to Flashdance, and the popular Triangle trademark, a kickline of burly guys in drag.

Triangle is the oldest of the original college musical stage groups. The current Christmas holiday tour is the club's 97th. The Delmar appearance is sponsored by the Princeton Alumni Association of Northern New York.

Tickets are on sale at Tri-Village Drug, Johnson's Stationers and the Paper Mill in Delmar, and will be available at the door. General admission is \$7, students \$4.

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Boy, Samuel, to Michele Martino, Glenmont, Nov. 3.

Boy, Adam Joseph, to Patty and Bud D'Arpino, Slingerlands, Nov. 10.

Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Sacha Marie Smith, to Charlotte and Michael Smith of Voorheesville, Nov. 15.

Helping the needy

The Albany County Legal Secretaries Association Inc. will participate in the Adopt a Needy Family program, sponsored by the Albany County Department of Social Services.

In addition to making a minimum contribution of \$5 each, members are accepting donation from family members, friends and employers.

Contribution may be sent before Friday, Dec. 19, to Donna M. Carlson, c/o Rutnik and Rutnik, Esqs., 112 State St., room 1320, Albany, 12207. For information call 436-9646.



Mr. and Mrs. William Thomas Fitzgerald, III

Westmere wedding

Claudia Coreen Opal, daughter of William and Murial Opal of Colonie, and William Thomas Fitzgerald, III, son of Mr. and Mrs. William T. Fitzgerald of Glenmont, were married on Oct. 25 at Christ The King Church in Westmere. Rev. Robert Hart and Rev. Gregory Weider officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Colonie Central High and the Junior College of Albany. She is employed as office manager with TemPower, Inc. in Albany.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and is a sales representative with Martin Nemer Volkswagen. The couple will reside in Albany.

Holiday at the plaza

A variety of holiday celebrations, including noontime music programs presented by area high schools, will be presented at the Empire State Plaza in Albany through Dec. 22.

Student musicians from Bethlehem Central High School will perform on Tuesday, Dec. 16, from noon until 1 p.m. The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Senior High School band and chorus will perform at noon on the following day, Dec. 17.

An international fete, featuring ethnic foods and customs, holiday crafts and entertainment, will be presented on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 11 a.m. until 6 p.m. On the same day the Myers Dance Company will present a holiday light show from 1:30 to 5:30 p.m.; Olympic ice skating hopefuls will appear at 6 p.m., and the lighting of the New York State Christmas tree will be held at 6:30 p.m. Price Chopper will sponsor a fireworks display following the tree lighting ceremony.

In celebration of Hanukkah, the lighting of the Menorah, sponsored by Chabad Lubavitch, will be held from Dec. 15 through Jan. 2.

A holiday season farmer's market will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 24, at the South Gallery, from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.

Mills at Proctors

An "Old-fashioned Christmas Show" will be presented at Proctor's Theatre, Schenectady, on Saturday, Dec. 13, at 8 p.m., and on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 3 p.m.

Featured during the evening will be the music of the Schenectady County Community College Children's Chorus and the Schenectady Brass Quintet. Organist Allen Mills of Delmar will lead a carol sing. Proctor's precision dance ensemble will dance to "Santa Claus is Coming to Town" and "Parade of the Wooden Soldiers."



Mr. and Mrs. Carlos Eduardo Anzola

Kathleen Kennedy married

Kathleen Garrett Kennedy, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Jon Paul Tonetti of Delmar, and Carlos Eduardo Anzola, son of Dr. and Mrs. Eduardo Anzola of Delmar, were married on Oct. 12 in West Charlton, N.Y., with Justice Frederick Acunto officiating.

The bride is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and the Austin Beauty School. She is a hairstylist.

The bridegroom is a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School and the Junior College of Albany. He is an electrician and a member of IBEW, Local 724.

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Mr. and Mrs. Kevin A. Zappia

Elizabeth K. Thompson married

Elizabeth A. Thompson, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Philip J. Thompson of Delmar, and Kevin A. Zappia, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Zappia of Massena, were married on Nov. 8 at St. Peter's Church in Albany.

The bride, a graduate of Bethlehem Central High School

and Syracuse University, is employed by New York Telephone in Syracuse. The bridegroom is a graduate of Clarkson University. He is president of First Financial Securities, Inc.

After a Hawaiian honeymoon, the couple will reside in Syracuse.

MS group travels

Dr. Richard Howser will present a holiday travelogue during the Dec. 16 meeting of the Multiple Sclerosis Support Group of Albany-Rensselaer Counties. The meeting will begin at 2 p.m. at the Bethlehem Public Library.

Egg nog party

A Christmas Eve Egg Nog Party will be held at the Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, on Wednesday, Dec. 24, beginning at 3 p.m. For information call 439-8116.



Mr. and Mrs. Christian D. Hansen

Danita Putnam married

Danita Jean Putnam, daughter of Ivan and Ann Putnam of Voorheesville, and Christian David Hansen, son of Victor and Barbara Hansen of Voorheesville, were married Oct. 18 at the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, with the Rev. Gregory Pike officiating.

Deann Putnam, sister of the bride, was maid of honor, and bridesmaids were Jennifer Tucker, Kathy Kuhl, Mary Beth Jackson and Donna Throop. Jamie Putnam, niece of the bride, served as flower girl. E. William Kuhl served as best man. Ushers were Frank Salisbury, uncle of the groom, Gary Carl, Earl Salisbury and Loren Wood. Nathan Putnam, nephew of the bride, served as ring bearer.

The bride graduated from Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and attended Hudson Valley Community College.

She is employed by the Albany County Soil and Water Conservation District. The bridegroom graduated from Bethlehem Central High School and attended Hudson Valley Community College. He is employed by Robert H. Finke and Sons.

After a wedding trip to Virginia Beach, the couple will reside in Voorheesville.

Student fund created

Margaret and Charles Foster of Wellington Rd. in Delmar have established a student loan fund at the University of Rochester. The Glynn-Foster Fund, which honors both families of the donors, will be administered by the Dean of Students and will be available to undergraduates who qualify for emergency aid. It is not a scholarship fund.



Mr. and Mrs. William J. Van Dyke

Deborah L. Laraway married

Deborah L. Laraway, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Andrew W. Laraway of Voorheesville, and William J. Van Dyke, son of Mr. and Mrs. James Van Dyke of Westfield, N.Y., were married on Sept. 27 at the Third Reformed Church in Albany. The Rev. Richard Lake officiated.

The bride is a graduate of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School and Potsdam State College. She is employed as a social welfare examiner at the Chautauqua County Department of Social Services. The groom is a

graduate of Westfield Academy and Potsdam State College. He is a self-employed painting contractor.

After an Aruba honeymoon, the couple will reside in Westfield.

Correction

The meeting of the Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited will be held at the Bethlehem Town Hall, room 106, on Dec. 17 at 7:30 p.m. The location for the meeting was incorrect in the story in last week's *Spotlight*. The organization works to provide alternatives for area teenagers.

For information call Holly Billings at 439-6885.

Help with HEAP

Assistance in filling out the forms for the Heat Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is available by appointment in the Town of Bethlehem on Thursdays from 1 to 4 p.m. in room 110 at Bethlehem Town Hall.

The Heat Energy Assistance Program (HEAP) is a federally subsidized program administered statewide by the state Department of Social Services and the Office on Aging. In Albany County, it is administered by the Albany County Department of Social Services for persons under 60 years old and by the Albany County Department for Aging and Handicapped for persons over 60 years old.

The assistance is based on an income level and type of energy used and helps low income households meet the high cost of heating their homes.

Bethlehem Senior Services volunteer Harold Maher has assisted residents in filling out the necessary forms for HEAP for the past four years. Appointments can be made for assistance in the Town of Bethlehem by calling 439-4955 weekdays.

Christmas hymns

A selection of Christmas hymns and carols will be presented by the Delmar Presbyterian Church choir on Sunday, Dec. 14, at 7 p.m. The choir will be directed by Marge Thurlow and accompanied by Fred Schwartz, organist.

All are welcome.

Caroling at mall

Brownies and Girl Scouts from Hamagrael Elementary School will carol at Crossgates Mall on Sunday, Dec. 14, from 12:30 until 2:30 p.m. The scouts will sing on the lower level in front of Filene's.



Community Corner

Sounds of the season

The holiday season is upon us, and area schools' holiday concerts are overflowing with tidings this week.

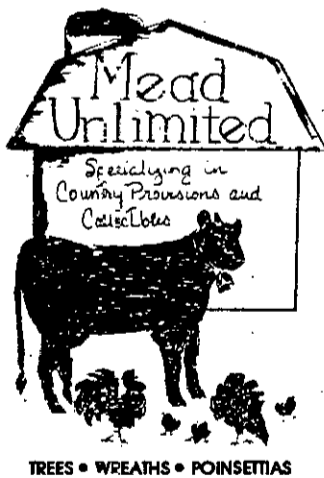
Leading the bandwagon, the Voorheesville Elementary School will present their winter concert at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday (today). The high school band at the Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School will follow with their winter concert offerings at 7:30 p.m., Thursday, Dec. 11. The senior high band and chorus will round-out Voorheesville's offerings at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17.

The Bethlehem Central High School will offer their holiday concert at 8 p.m., Monday, Dec. 15. The Clarksville Elementary School's holiday concert will strike up at 7:30 p.m., Tuesday, Dec. 16, and the Glenmont Elementary School will do the same at 7:30 p.m., Wednesday, Dec. 17.



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Mr. and Mrs. Glyn R. Gergin of 105 Hazelhurst Avenue, Albany, have announced the engagement of their daughter, Donna Marie, to Anthony N. Cassaro, son of Mr. and Mrs. Anthony Cassaro, 227 Ormond Street, Albany.

The bride-to-be is a secretary for the State Department of Social Services, Food Stamp Bureau. Her fiancé, a graduate of Siena College, is a claims adjuster for the Kemper Group in Albany.

A Sept. 19 wedding date has been set.



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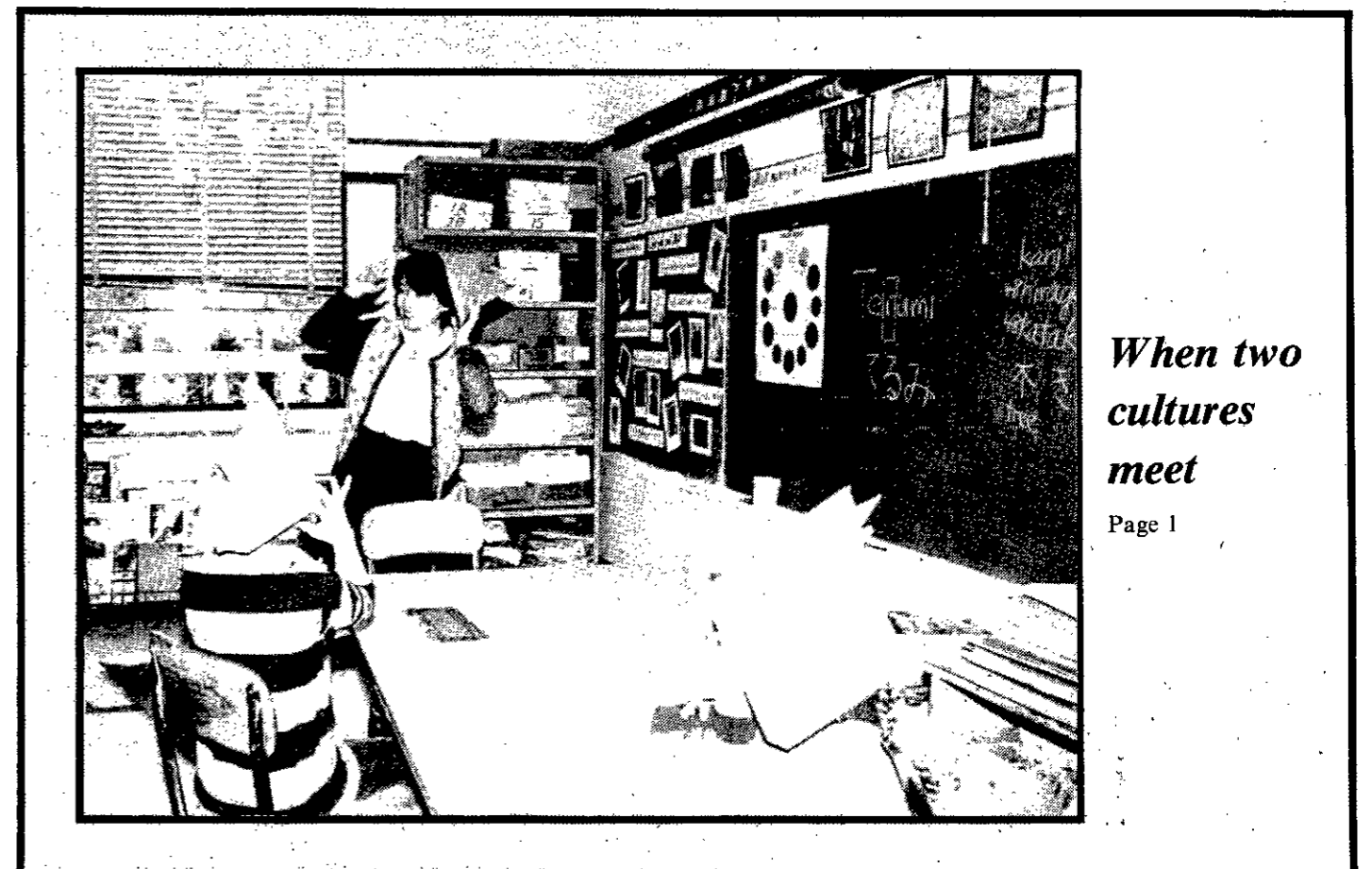
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