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## High court rules for local mining control

By Patricia Mitchell

The state's highest court has decided that local zoning is not superceded by state law for the purpose of regulating mining. The decision will almost certainly be applied locally as disputing sides argue the future of a New Scotland gravel mine in another court.

The Court of Appeals has upheld a Western New York town's right to regulate where a mine is permitted through zoning, a basic tenant of New Scotland's stand against a gravel mine. In a decision handed down Monday for Frew Run Gravel Products vs. the

Town of Carroll, the court upheld a decision earlier this year by the 4th department of the Appellate Division giving the town the right

justices in a brief court appearance Thursday that the decision — not yet then announced — would have some affect on the future of

Supervisor-elect Herbert Reilly said he hopes to arrange a meeting of all interested parties to discuss the mine and the town's water

to continue mining on 27 acres on the former Tall Timbers Country Club. The decision earlier this year declared that the state's Mined Land Reclamation law supercedes local zoning.

Town Attorney Fred Riester said Monday that the Appellate Division will either decide the New Scotland case now that the Court of Appeals decision has been handed down, or the case will go back to state Supreme Court to decide whether the miners have rights under an old town ordinance that allowed mining on the land. Riester said it

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### *New Scotland's mining case is affected, but both sides warn that other issues could be involved.*

to prohibit mining in an area where local zoning prohibits it even though the miners hold a permit from the Department of Environmental Conservation.

Attorneys for New Scotland and miners William M. Larned and Son agreed with Appellate Division

the 27-acre gravel mine in New Scotland. On Monday, following the Court of Appeals decision, attorneys said there are other aspects of New Scotland's case that will probably have to be answered.

Meanwhile, New Scotland

problems in the area within the next several weeks.

In the local case, New Scotland is appealing a state Supreme Court decision that favored miners William M. Larned and Son, doing business as Voorheesville Sand and Stone, in their bid



### Good things

Getting into the spirit wasn't hard for Bethlehem's Girl Scout Troop 593 as they baked pies Wednesday to sell and raise money to donate to needy families. The Girl Scouts made \$50 that will be distributed by the town. Getting a taste of their treats, above, are, from left, Kristin Albert, Heather Barclay and Stacy Mizrach, after Heather and Stacy prepare the pie fixings, right.

Tom Knight photos



## BC's report card: still at top of scale

By Patricia Mitchell

Test scores of Bethlehem Central students show continued progress, and reflect the historical high level of quality in the district's programs and work of staff and students, according to district officials.

This year's Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR), released to the school board Wednesday, shows that students scores on tests such as Pupil Evaluation Program (PEP), Regents, and Scholastic Achievement Tests (SATs), are stable, but some areas should be looked at, said Assistant Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews.

For example, 87 percent of students taking the sequential math II Regents passed the exam, compared to 98 percent last year.

And while the district had the highest number of students ever scoring above 500 on the SATs, average test scores declined slightly from last year. In the first year the social studies PEP was given to sixth graders a total of 82 percent passed.

In addition, McAndrews said eighth grade classes, and high school English and social studies classes are slightly larger than similar schools or those in Albany County.

However, BC students consistently scored above students in similar schools, Albany County and the state in the Regents and Pupil Evaluation Program tests, he said.

One district resident said he wants the board to take a look at

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## Detectives catch burglars in act

By Patricia Mitchell

One man has been arrested and a search is under way for another after Bethlehem detectives observed the pair in the act of ramming a Glenmont store window with a car late Saturday night. More than \$1,000 in merchandise was taken in the burglary, which fits the pattern of other area burglaries, Bethlehem police said.

After the detectives surprised the two men as they started to drive away from the Radio Shack store at the Town Squire Shopping Center, the suspects' car allegedly drove at the detectives' car twice, attempting to hit it as the officers swerved to avoid the collisions. The arrest came after a manhunt in the area of the shopping center.

Bethlehem Police Det. Ted Wilson said there are 14 other

reports throughout the Capital District of similar burglaries.

Arrested shortly after the 11:15 p.m. burglary was Edward Swain, 32, of Albany. He is charged with burglary and grand larceny, both felonies, and criminal mischief. A second suspect has been identified but has not been arrested, police said Monday.

Police detectives John Cox and Wilson reported that they were on surveillance Sunday night at the Town Squire Plaza because of recent burglaries, when a car drove into the plaza with two men at about 11:15 p.m. After the car sat for about five minutes, a man later identified as Swain got out and walked toward the bank as if to make a night deposit. He then walked past the stores, stopping

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# BC AIDS panel gets experts

By Patricia Mitchell

Two community members with professional expertise on AIDS have been named to Bethlehem Central's 22-member AIDS curriculum advisory council.

The district and the advisory council were in the spotlight recently when the school board refused to appoint a member of the clergy from the community as required by the state Regents. The Regents recently reaffirmed their requirement, but the Delmar resident who objected to the school board's stance has decided not to pursue the matter.

Dr. Sarah Elmendorf and Jeffrey Fudin were approved as members of the advisory committee by the Bethlehem Central school board last Wednesday. Superintendent Dr. Leslie Loomis, making the recommendation, called them "outstanding community members."

Their appointments were approved by the school board 6-1, with board member Charles Reeves casting the sole negative vote. Reeves was the only board member to vote against forming the AIDS advisory committee without a clergy representative, and he said his latest vote was in protest of the earlier decision.

The BC board voted on Nov. 18 to set up its advisory council without the clergy representative because board members were concerned that the state requirement may violate the Constitutional principle of separation of church and state.

The Board of Regents, meeting on Dec. 11, reaffirmed the requirement of appointing clergy representatives instead of making it voluntary, Reeves said. He said he knows of no other district that has agreed with BC's position.

Because BC is the only school board that has refused to follow the state mandate, J. Alan Davitt, a Delmar resident and executive director of the state Catholic Conference, said he has decided not to pursue legal action against the board because it would emphasize the issue out of proportion.

"It's making a mountain out of a mole hill," Davitt said this week. Instead, he said, he will rely on the wisdom and good intentions of those who will be serving on the committee.

Davitt said at the Nov. 18 meeting that the school board acted illegally in his opinion and he would check out whether it would be appropriate to pursue legal action.

However, telephone calls coming into the state School Boards Association indicate that a lot of school boards are considering the same position as BC's. Louis Grumet, director of the association, said this week that his organization supports BC's position on the requirement, and a number of Regents have indicated they would continue to look at it.

"I would be surprised if it's over," Grumet said.

"I hope they change the rule," said BC board member Bernard Harvith this week. A constitutional law professor at Albany Law School, he brought up the issue before the board. "We've done our part. I don't think this should go on week after week. We have tried to be nonconfrontational."

Elmendorf is an infectious disease expert, treating AIDS patients on an out-patient basis at Albany Medical Center Hospital, and is on the teaching faculty at the hospital's college.

Fudin is a registered pharmacist and a clinical oncology pharmacist at the Veteran's Administration Hospital, and he is also on the teaching staff of Union College.

They will be joining 22 parents, staff and faculty appointed last month. The council will recommend teaching on the new state curriculum on AIDS and is required by the curriculum. It will study the state curriculum and advise school personnel on identifying when and how to instruct students on AIDS according to community values.

Elmendorf was also appointed to BC's AIDS case review committee. The committee is also required by the state and will be convened to look at a case in detail if AIDS is contracted by a student or an employee. Also on the committee will be Assistant Superintendent Dr. Briggs McAndrews, Dr. Clarence Spain, school physician Dr. Andrew Sullivan, and the doctor of the AIDS patient. If a student is involved, then the student's parents will also sit on the committee.

## Woman injured in collision

A woman was taken to an area hospital Saturday after the car she was riding in collided with another at the intersection of Delaware and Elsmere avenues, Bethlehem police said.

Treated and later released from Albany Medical Center Hospital was Ann Abry, 67, no address available, for chest pains, a hospital spokesman said.

According to police reports, Paul Abry, 69, of Hudson Falls was going through the intersection with a green light at about 5:50 p.m., when a car driven by Chris Katsoudas, 21, of Albany, who told police he had a green arrow, started to make a left hand turn when the two cars collided.



The Bethlehem Festival, the town-wide expression of caring for those less fortunate, winds up this week as school children and members of the community begin boxing up the food goods and presents for needy families. That effort traditionally takes place

at the Bethlehem Central Educational Services Center on Adams St. Here Ruth Voorhees, left, Nancy Hoffman and Vera Peek take a break to wrap presents they and other BC staff members donated for a family they adopted. *Spotlight*

# High School kicking the habit

By Patricia Mitchell

No Bethlehem Central High School student has asked for an exception under the district's new smoking policy because of being addicted to cigarette smoking.

As an unwritten addition to the policy that started at the beginning of the school year, students who can provide notes from their parents and a physician confirming their addiction can smoke on school grounds as long as they participate in a smoking cessation program.

Only seniors with written parental permission can smoke outside the high school this year, and no students can smoke next year. Staff and teachers at all schools can smoke in designated areas.

High School Principal Charles Gunner said at Wednesday's Bethlehem Central school board meeting that compliance with the policy has been generally good in its first three months.

"Generally, I would say it has been a success," Gunner said.

There has been a decrease in the number of senior smoking passes given this year, Gunner said, and the number of in-school suspensions is down about 10 percent. He said he thought there would be a "bumper crop" of

suspensions this year.

In-school suspensions are given for the first violation of the school's no smoking policy and out-of-school suspensions are given for additional violations. Gunner said out-of-school suspensions for smoking are down by about 50 percent.

Students are still smoking in bathrooms, and it will increase with the colder weather, but Gunner said he believes that is down also.

A smoking cessation program required for 14 students had 13 attending, and one student showed up voluntarily, Gunner said. A voluntary program will be set up in the future.

As for the staff and teachers, Gunner said, a second smoking area will not be designated at the high school or any other school. Teachers and staff use the same room for smoking, and Gunner said there are more support staff workers than teachers who smoke.

In other business at Wednesday's meeting, Middle School Principal Fred Burdick said two ninth grade boys at the high school will

be charged with allegedly breaking into the school and setting fire to one of the lockers early on Dec. 12.

The Delmar Fire Department, which responded to the scene, was "very, very good," and "very, very prompt," Burdick said. He also praised the Bethlehem Police Department, and said its support was excellent.

Burdick said the replacement of property, such as books and personal items, will probably be less than \$50, but the overtime costs for cleaning up could be about \$600. Parents of the youths may be assessed for the costs, he said.

The boys will be turned over to Albany County Court and charged with burglary and arson, both felony counts, and criminal mischief. Burdick said a superintendent's hearing will also be held.

At the board's next meeting Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 8 p.m. town Building Inspector John Flanagan will present the fire inspection reports and Glenmont Principal Donald Robillard will give a presentation on "Integrating the Arts."

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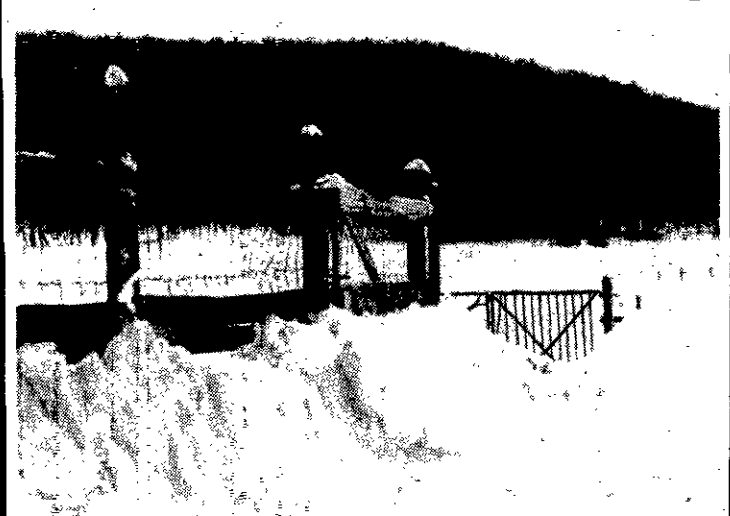
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## Christmases past

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All the Christmases roll down toward the two-tongued sea, like a cold and headlong moon bundling down the sky that was our street; and they stop at the rim of the ice-edged, fish-freezing waves, and I plunge my hands in the snow and bring out whatever I can find. . .

"Get back to the Presents."

"There were the Useful Presents: engulfing mufflers of the old coach days, and mittens made for giant sloths; zebra scarfs of a substance like silky gum that could be tug-o-warred down to the galoshes; blinding tam-o'-shanters like patchwork tea cosies and bunny-suited busbies and balaclavas for victims of head-shrinking tribes; from aunts who always wore wool next to the skin there were moustached and rasping vests that made you wonder why the aunts had any skin left at all; and once I had a little crocheted nose bag from an aunt now, alas, no longer whinnying with us. And pictureless books in which small boys, though warned with quotations not to, would skate on Farmer Giles' pond and did and drowned; and books that told me everything about the wasp, except why."

"Go on to the Useless Presents."

"Bags of moist and many-coloured jelly babies and a folded flag and a false nose and a tram-conductor's cap and a machine that punched tickets and rang a bell; never a catapult; once, by mistake that no one could explain, a little hatchet; and a celluloid duck that made, when you pressed it, a most unducklike sound, a mewing moo that an ambitious cat might make who wished to be a cow; and a painting book in which I could make the grass, the trees, the sea and the animals any colour I pleased, and still the dazzling sky-blue sheep are grazing in the red field under the rainbow-billed and pea-green birds. . .

"Hardboileds, toffee, fudge and allsorts, crunches, cracknels, humbugs, glaciers, marzipan, and butterwelsh for the Welsh. And troops of bright tin soldiers who, if they could not fight, could always run. And Snakes-and-Families and Happy Ladders. And Easy Hobbi-Games for Little Engineers, complete with instructions. Oh, easy for Leonardo!"

"Mistletoe hung from the gas brackets in all the front parlours; there was sherry and walnuts and bottled beer and crackers by the dessert spoons; and cats in their fur-about watched the fires; and the high-heaped fire spat, all ready for the chestnuts and the mulling pokers."

"Some few large men sat in the front parlours, without their collars, Uncles almost certainly, trying their new cigars, holding them out judiciously at arm's length, returning them to their mouths, coughing, then holding them out again as though waiting for the explosion; and some few small Aunts, not wanted in the kitchen, nor anywhere else for that matter, sat on the very edges of their chairs, poised and brittle, afraid to break, like faded cups and saucers."

"For dinner we had turkey and blazing pudding, and after dinner the Uncles sat in front of the fire, loosened all buttons, put their large moist hands over their watch chains, groaned a little and slept. . ."

"In the rich and heavy afternoon, the Uncles breathing like dolphins and the snow descending, I would sit among festoons and Chinese lanterns and nibble dates and try to make a model man-o'-war, following the Instructions for Little Engineers, and produce what might be mistaken for a sea-going tramcar."

"Always on Christmas night there was music. An uncle played the fiddle, a cousin sang "Cherry Ripe," and another uncle sang "Drake's Drum." It was very warm in the little house."

"Auntie Hannah, who had got on to the parsnip wine, sang a song about Bleeding Hearts and Death, and then another in which she said her heart was like a Bird's Nest; and then everybody laughed again; and then I went to bed. Looking through my bedroom window, out into the moonlight and the unending smoke-coloured snow, I could see the lights in the window of all the other houses on our hill and hear the music rising from them up the long, steadily falling night. I turned the gas down, I got into bed. I said some words to the close and holy darkness, and then I slept."

Dylan Thomas, in *A Child's Christmas in Wales*.

### EDITORIAL

## Vietnam memorial for women urged

Editor, the Spotlight:

The Vietnam Veterans Memorial in Washington, DC is a moving site to visit. Millions of Americans have been profoundly affected by the names of those who have died inscribed on the wall. The wall is a central feature of the memorial, with the addition of a statue of three infantry soldiers complementing it.

During the past two years a national effort has been undertaken to add a statue of a woman to the Vietnam Veterans Memorial. This effort is supported by many veterans groups. It is felt the addition of the bronze statue of an Army nurse will raise consciousness regarding the contribution of women, which in most cases was in a healing, capacity (both emotional and physical).

To facilitate the process, legislation has been introduced in both the Senate and House of Representatives which will permit site and statue approval to rest with Secretary of the Interior Hodell. At this point it is critical to express popular support for the Vietnam Womens Memorial and specifically for *Senate Joint Resolution 215* and *House Resolution 3628*.

I ask all your readers to write a letter or postcard to their senators, US Senate, Washington, DC 20510 and their Representative, US House of Representatives, Washington, DC 20515, to support these measures.

As a woman who served in Vietnam, I thank you for your support.

Mary R. Powell  
Glenmont

### War toys aren't 'only toys'

Editor, The Spotlight:

It was with respect and gratitude that I read about the efforts of a group of local parents to protest the selling and purchasing of war toys. Thank you for reporting it in the *The Spotlight*.

"But they're only toys!", some argue. War toys confuse us and our children in a number of ways. Recent tragic incidents have shown what can happen when a toy is mistaken for real by a police officer.

I don't want my son to become confused about appropriate behavior. He learns by role-playing. I won't encourage him to play being someone who hurts others by buying him the props.

Saturday morning commercials try to lull us into thinking war toys are okay and fun and necessary in a boy's life. They're not.

Rachel Michaud

Slingerlands

### Senior citizens enjoyed party

Editor, The Spotlight:

The Bethlehem Senior Citizens recently enjoyed their annual Christmas Party held at the Normanside Club for about 50 guests. A turkey dinner was enjoyed by all. A musical program was enjoyed. Merry Christmas to all.

Bethlehem Seniors

### Vox Pop

#### Kitty rescued by helpful teens

Editor, The Spotlight:

A true Christmas story: My kitty, "Funny-Feet", is a tree climber. On her twenty first tree climb she met her Waterloo.

She was stuck up in a 50-foot pine tree for six days and was there during the snow and sleet storm.

No help was given by the Humane Society, Niagara Mohawk, the fire or conservation departments when called.

However, the Bethlehem Police sent over the animal control officer who could only offer sympathy.

Two high school teenagers, Paul Suttcliff and his partner Greg Gould, of Delmar, who do tree-work when called in the middle of the night during another snow storm, came over and brought her down to safety with loving care.

When asked for the bill, they said all we want for you and Funny-Feet is to have a "Merry Christmas".

Adele Parsons

Delmar

#### Article 'opinionated, inflammatory'

Editor, The Spotlight:

To date, I have written to *The Spotlight* concerning the broader issues of planning and development, and I have thanked *The Spotlight* for a job well done in some instances. However, I must write now because I see a misuse,

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## Berry's World



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## An exercise in wonder

By Rev. Canon  
Kenneth Cleator

When one reflects on the fact that on Christmas Day well over a billion Christians around the world will remember and honor a Jew who lived 2,000 years ago, was born in a barn, never traveled beyond his native Palestine, never went to a university, never wrote a book, never held any political office and never owned anything but the clothes on his back, one is bound to ask, "How come?"

Comparing the birth and life of Jesus Christ with that of other founders and leaders of world religions is an exercise in wonder.

Moses, the leader of Judaism, was raised in a royal household; Siddhartha Gautama, founder of Buddhism, was the son of a high caste of India; Confucius, revered for centuries by the Chinese, was a scholar and politician; Muhammad, founder of Islam, was a rich merchant.

Jesus Christ was none of these. Yet his influence is such that today in cities, towns and villages in North and South America, Europe, Africa and Asia he will be honored.

Last year, Yale University historian Jaroslav Pelikan published his book, "Jesus Through the Centuries," calling him "the man who belongs to the world."

Indeed he does! He was and is different. In his own times and ours he stands out.

It is difficult to think of an area of life in the western world that has not been influenced by him —

in art, literature, music, architecture, education, economics, in the search for truth, and in the pursuit of justice and peace.

The first Christmas in Bethlehem long ago was the opening chapter in the life of Jesus Christ. The day heralded the beginning of a new future for all humankind who seek to know him and follow him.

Few were there at the beginning to know what was happening — his parents, possibly some humble shepherds who came down the Judean hills to see the miracle that was taking place, and three wise men from what is modern Saudi Arabia who realized a new world was in the making in the oddest and strangest place imaginable — a barn at the rear of a country inn.

What followed is history. Some of its chapters make agonizing reading, filled as they are with the tale of man's inhumanity to man; some are treasured because they record the stories of the heroes of the faith and their humanitarian contributions to humankind. St. Francis, Abraham Lincoln and Dr. Wilfred Grenfell are among the heroes.

Following Bethlehem's most famous son is not always easy. He makes moral and ethical demands not all are ready to accept and live by; but, not following him is their loss and the world's. How desperately this decade needs to pay attention to what Jesus Christ stood for, his basic teachings, his way of life, his spirit and quality, and his revelation of God.

Chou En-lai, former premier of China and the architect and builder of modern China, once asked an American friend, "Why does your country spend such huge sums to explore the moon when we haven't yet discovered how to live on earth?"

The hope of the world rests on people's ability to live together as caring human beings. "A new commandment I give you that you love one another," Jesus said.

At Christmas we will remember those words. The carols will be sung and the candles lighted. The human eye will become misty as the old words are heard again.

Let's make it more than lip, ear and eye service. Let's go deeper than the carol singing, the candle lighting, the Christmas tree, the turkey and all the trimmings. Let's determine to live every day of the year closer to the quality of the life of the Man we remember.

If this Christmas we will let him get at us, live in us, shape our thought and influence our actions, then the world we long for may begin to appear.

For starters, let's put toys with a peace rather than a war theme under the Christmas tree.

Merry Christmas! Joyous Noel!

*Rev. Canon Kenneth Cleator is retired rector of St. George's Church, Montreal. He is a regular speaker at the Lenten services at St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany.*

## Mr. Kringle speaks

The following Point of View article was submitted under unusual circumstances, but in the interests of providing a diversity of opinions, The Spotlight brings it to the readers. The writer states that he is a citizen of the world, but on the other hand his presence and influence have been evident in our community.

By Kris Kringle

I think it must have been that latest re-run of "Miracle on 34th Street" that did it — that decided me to end my long silence and my practice of letting others speak for me. I have decided to speak out for myself and try to put to rest some misconceptions about me, in fact some plain untruths.

### Point of View

Let's look at the record. You will have to admit that I've been very patient about all that fun, at my expense, for the past 40 years that "Miracle on 34th Street" poked at "Mr. Kringle."

But can you imagine having to see Edmund Gwenn — a lovable enough old cherub, I'll concede — pretending that he's really me? How would you like that? It's bad enough to have had to watch him in black-and-white, but now we've been "colorized." What that does to my complexion!

One of the worst parts, though, is the casting. How could they have picked for the Kringle role a chubby old fellow? I don't know where the idea got started that I'm rotund, but I've been trying to combat it for maybe centuries, and well-intentioned but libelous portrayals like Gwenn's in "Miracle" certainly haven't helped. Me, I'd have cast the Kringle part with someone like Jack Barrymore. Or perhaps Bob Taylor. Bushman, I'd have accepted him. That would have helped to straighten out this misbegotten portliness.

To say nothing of the business of my age. There's a general impression that I'm an old coot. Actually, it's only like yesterday that I got started in my profession (and I should point out that I'm certified by the New York State Board of Regents and approved by the Pennsylvania Department of Agriculture). As Chevalier used to say, "I remember it well." Chevalier, hummm, there's a thought. Maybe he's the one who should have been cast as me. What that could have done for the Kringle image!

Of course, that beard doesn't help. In my day, beards were worn by guys like the eighth Henry or Honest Abe. Sincere, hard-working chaps, far from the debonair style that I'm famous for among the people who know me best.

Then there's that joke. I'm tired of having kids asking each other who it was who came down the chimney with me. And their saying, oh yes, how else do you account for that line in "The Night Before Christmas" that says I "turned with a jerk."

Let me assure you, this is a one-man show. That's true even though some people have seemed to confuse me with a couple of other fellows who've been doing their best to muscle into the act. They've been going under such names as "Santa Claus" and "Saint Nicholas." And even trying to dress like me — not the real me, that is, but the unfortunate popular view, red slacks, jacket, and all.

Just to end this needless confusion. I've had a couple of meetings with them at the summit (it's chilly up there) and laid it on the line. I've given 'em this last Christmas, but beyond 1987 they'll be part of my conglomerate with a warning to shape up. No more "Santa" and that undignified "St. Nick." They can do their thing, but they'll have to do it under the name of Kringle Enterprises, Ltd., which has a nice sound to it. Watch us on the Big Board.

Early next year, I'll be launching a big media campaign to acquaint everyone with the new set-up, and to prepare them for the way it'll be next Christmas. Get ready: with the competition out of the way, I've already decided — no more Mr. Nice Guy.

CONSTANT READER

## Can you Trump this?

If you're still interested in what makes Donald Trump tick (and what makes him triumph over most mortals just about every time), then the December issue of *Vanity Fair* is for you. It includes a longish excerpt from his newly published memories, with bits like these:

"The final key to the way I promote is bravado. I play to people's fantasies. People may not always think big themselves, but they can get very excited by those who do, which is why a little hyperbole never hurts. People want to believe that something is the biggest and the greatest and the most spectacular." (Are you with us, Mr. Coyne?)

Trump described Mayor Ed Koch as "a bully, pure and simple," then goes on:

"Bullies may act tough, but they're really closet cowards. The only people bullies push around are the ones they know they can beat. Confront a strong, competent person and he'll fight back harder than ever. Confront a bully and in most cases he'll collapse like a house of cards."

*Vanity Fair* (\$2 a month; \$12 annual subscription) is one of the country's more unusual magazines. The contents typically come across as designed for Yuppies, but there's more than a grain of general interest. In this issue, there's a penetrating look at the man Fred Astaire was. You may not be moved by an article on "the conflicted but otherwise divinely happy Bette Midler," or care much about *Vanity Fair's* 1987

Hall of Fame (Madonna, Mike Tyson, Scott Turow, Fawn Hall, Emily Lloyd and maybe ten other less "famous" individuals.) But you may find interest in someone named Marife Henandez, "one of the few Puerto Ricans on the charity circuit, who is determined that 1988 will be hers."

Marife, it seems, is "fiercely entertaining Democratic candidates, positioning herself as the next heavyweight hostess." She's described as 48 years old, rail-thin, redheaded, and razor-sharp, and the veteran of five marriages. One of these, it seems, tends to become lost. Questioned by the interviewer, she explains, "He died when I was 20 years old. It was a very sad thing, so I don't include him."

An excerpt from a bit of byplay with her "aggressive new public relations man." She's suddenly confronted with the need for an extra man at a dinner given for "the banana king of Ecuador."

The exchange went like this:  
Marife: "Mario?"  
PR man: "Nah, not Mario."  
Marife: "Henry, if he's in town?"  
PR Man: "I can get you what's

his name, the richest guy on the Forbes list..."

You'll find a number of more revealing gems in this piece, if you like that sort of thing. To give you an idea of how such matters can go, Marife once was M.C. on a New York City TV channel, "The Puerto Rican New Yorker," her first power base. "In 1976 she invited a little-known presidential candidate named Jimmy Carter onto one of her shows. The two got along well. Hernandez pitched in on the campaign and President Carter awarded her a newly defined post (at \$45,000) as chief of protocol in New York." And there one of her new acquaintances was Margaret Thatcher, which in turn led to a big project called Britain Salutes New York, "a piece of unprecedented cross-cultural puffery," with Marife in charge...

One further note of warning about *Vanity Fair*. Nestled among its ads for Calvin Klein underwear, BMW, Esprit, etc., are more than two dozen pages of toiletries and fragrances (many for men) including Tiffany's "Rhapsody in Blue," whose scent pervades (and, some would say, stinks up) the whole magazine. Maybe someone ought to start a new line: "Be Prepared."

### Word for the week

Grenfell: Sir Wilfred Thomason Grenfell (1865-1940), an English physician and missionary. He fitted out the first hospital ship to serve fishermen in the North Sea. After 1892, built hospitals and introduced child welfare work in Labrador. After 1912, opened King George V Seaman's Institute in Newfoundland. Cruised annually in hospital steamer along Newfoundland and Labrador coasts. Author of *Adrift on an Ice Pan*.

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## Vox Pop

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news story, would suggest that there may be some sort of repercussions from the Town Board because of the Bethlehem Citizen's for Responsible Planning (BCRP) endorsement action. Please let me reiterate that BCRP endorsed one Republican (Dennis Corrigan) and one Democratic (Bob Burns) candidate. Our endorsement action was based entirely and solely on the issue of planning, after more than a year of BCRP's active involvement with this issue, and with the candidates. And, our endorsement only occurred after the candidates forum on planning where the candidates had an equal opportunity to respond to citizen's

questions and state their views on planning.

The point is that there should be no room for Mr. McPheeters' leading suggestion about how the town board will treat a citizen's group.

In conclusion, citizens of Bethlehem, regardless of political affiliation should look to *The Spotlight* for straight news reporting and this expectation will increase as more people become involved in the governance of their town — which they will.

Samuel E. Messina  
Bethlehem Citizens  
for Responsible Planning

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Bethlehem VFW Post's Teens for Vets get into the Christmas spirit with enthusiasm as they go carolling at Delaware Plaza Wednesday night. They went carolling in a

hay wagon made by a member of the post and even carried Santa Claus on a trailer in back to visit with children. Patricia Mitchell

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## Chief says no discrimination

Bethlehem's chief of police says it's not true that the department's only woman police officer was passed over for a promotion because of her sex.

"We deny it," said Chief Paul Currie on Monday.

Officer Cindy Reed-Kerr has said she intends to file a sex discrimination suit against the town this week, claiming she was not promoted to sergeant because of her sex.

Reed-Kerr, who was the top scorer on the civil service promotional exam, is a nine-year veteran of the force and its first and only woman officer.

Reed-Kerr, Officers Marvin Koonz and Louis Corsi received the highest scores on the exam, in that order. Corsi was promoted to the position, effective Dec. 12, by

the Bethlehem Town Board, after a review board made up of the chief and the department's three lieutenants interviewed the candidates.

"I feel the review board was very fair and very impartial," said Currie. The board put a lot of work into the decision and was very conscientious, he said.

Currie said he could not comment about specifics of the case because it is apparently going into litigation.

In a letter from Reed-Kerr's attorney, Richard Croak, to Town Attorney Bernard Kaplowitz, Croak said she believes she was discriminated against in the selection process because a member of the review panel "stated that she could not be selected because a woman cannot supervise male officers." Reed-

Kerr also alleges that Currie has made remarks and taken actions that indicate his bias against woman officers.

Under a federal statute, Title VII, a woman cannot be discriminated against when being considered for hiring or a promotion on the basis of sex unless there is a bona fide outstanding qualification for another candidate, Croak said.

Croak's letter also said that the official reason for promoting Corsi over Reed-Kerr was her sick leave record. Most of sick leave was used for maternity leave, Croak said, adding that he does not think it is proper or legal to consider maternity leave when making promotions.

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# Bethlehem, fire districts get storm aid

The Town of Bethlehem and three of its fire districts have been given approval on their applications for federal disaster aid as a result of the devastating Oct. 4 snow storm. The federal moneys are for the removal of debris from public property and to repair public facilities.

The town received approval for \$333,256, 75 percent of which will come from the federal government (\$249,943). One half of the remainder of the funding will be covered by the state. The Elsmere Fire District received total aid approval for \$2,071, the Delmar

Fire District for \$2,973 and the Selkirk Fire District for \$10,974.

Bethlehem Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick said Friday that he expects the federal share of the funds to be available to the town in February. Although the money will be placed in a special account, Hendrick said, most of it will eventually go to recoup the town's losses from the storm — paying overtime costs, replacing equipment and taking on additional road projects that had to be put off this fall.

There are, he added, some "long-term benefits" from the

funds. The town purchased an extra wood chipper and some other equipment to handle the cleanup, and will be allowed to keep that while being reimbursed, Hendrick said.

In a related development, Niagara Mohawk Power Corp. has recently completed an assessment of the costs of the repair work resulting from the Oct. 4 snow storm. The power company estimated the cost restoring power to nearly 250,000 customers to be \$19 million dollars.

This surpasses the company's previous worst storm during

which \$3.7 million was spent to restore service.

The report also analyzed the efforts made by Niagara Mohawk to restore power as quickly as possible. The assessment found two areas that needed improvement; early assessment of storm damage "leading to an overly-optimistic estimate of the amount of work and crews needed to restore service" and insufficient communications facilities to handle the large number of customer calls.

The company has adopted additional emergency response procedures based on its findings which will include the immediate request for additional outside assistance and expansion of the use of toll-free telephone lines to improve customer access.

## Soloist to talk

Liz Jones will give a music talk at the Bethlehem Public Library Sunday, Jan. 3 at 2 p.m. She is the soloist in the Harris Violin Concerto to be performed by the Albany Symphony Orchestra at its Jan. 10 family concert.

# New planner meets with citizens

By Bill Cote

"The planning process involves difficult choices," said Jeffrey Lipnicky, Bethlehem's new town planner. "A well developed plan can limit problems but not eliminate them."

Those cautious words set the tone for an open forum conducted by the Bethlehem Citizens for Responsible Planning Dec. 14 so that town residents could meet Lipnicky. Generally Lipnicky's reception was positive; after all, the organization had advocated a full time planner for the town, and supported the town board's decision to approve funds to hire one.

John Finn, chairman to the organization, introduced Lipnicky,

a six-year veteran of the Poughkeepsie planning force, to about 50 in attendance. Some came to listen, some brought specific concerns, others aired complaints. Most seemed drawn by curiosity to know more about a man who will have a profound impact on future patterns of development in the Town of Bethlehem.

Lipnicky approached the group in a direct, firm and pragmatic manner: cautious but not afraid to confront idealism. In addition to discussion his planning philosophy, he spoke of the need for new development to respect and enhance the character of the community, yet stressed that the process of change is inevitable.

He echoed a feeling that the town is in need of a long-term comprehensive plan and said that landscaping regulations should be accented.

Lipnicky listened and noted issues that were brought forward in the dialogue but was cautious about committing himself to any particular course of action. He said he expects to spend the first few months on the job learning procedures and gaining a sense for the concerns that exist in the town.

Lipnicky will attend the planning board meetings and coordinate the town's planning activities. He will report directly to the town board and Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick.

# Norman's Gate still on hold

By Bill Cote

Plans for the Norman's Gate subdivision in Elsmere were again tabled by the Bethlehem Planning Board because of uncertainty over how much buildable land is available.

The project came before the board again last Tuesday evening for final plat approval. The plot plan for the proposed 36-lot development off Euclid Ave. has been haunted by a discretionary slope line that is intended to define a sharp change in the natural grade of the land along the Normanskill bank. Recent controversy could result in the elimination of three lots from the plan.

The board was advised early on, when it sought the advice of an independent engineering consultant, that construction along the steep clay bank should be regulated. Reconciliation of a line defined by the project land surveyor to that of the engineering consultant hired by the town was the major issue concerning the board Tuesday. The plans were again tabled pending redefinition of the line by both parties.

In other business, the board struck phase two of the Woodhill subdivision from the agenda at the last minute Tuesday evening

when it learned that the applicant may be in violation of the Bethlehem zoning ordinance. According to town planners, the applicant currently uses his property as a holding place for more than 20 unlicensed automobiles. Zoning law states that more than two unlicensed cars constitute a junk yard.

Four unit apartment buildings are proposed for the Patterson Drive and Tice Lane area site.

In other business, the board:

- Took a "pre-preliminary" look at a proposed North Bethlehem four-lot subdivision. The site at the northeast of the Krumkill and Schoolhouse road intersection, to be known as Tannatta Estates, drew fire over a common driveway proposed to access three of the lots.

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# School district report card shows test scores improved

By Sal Prividera

Both administrators and board members say they are pleased with the Voorheesville Central School District's Comprehensive Assessment Report (CAR).

The state Board of Regents-mandated report was presented to the board last Monday night. The CAR report annually reviews student achievement on statewide tests including the PEP, PCT, RCT, and Regents examinations.

Board Member David Teuten complimented the staff on improvement in the district's results. "It's nice to see the expectations of the parents being met by the students."

The district's PEP (Pupil Evaluation Program) results were improved in both reading and math at the third grade level, but decreased at the sixth grade level. In grade three reading, only five percent did not surpass the State Reference Point (SRP) improving from 12 percent last year. All of the district's third grade students tested above the SRP in math.

At the fifth grade level, four percent did not surpass the SRP in writing, a decrease from only one percent last year.

The sixth grade results dropped slightly from last year's one percent below the State Reference Point in both reading and writing

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to eight percent in reading and four percent in math.

Eighth grade students taking the PCT (Preliminary Competency Test) in reading scored better than the previous year's students, with only three percent failing to reach the SRP. However, the eighth grade PCT writing results dropped from only two percent below the SRP to five percent below. "The tests have gotten harder," said O. Peter Griffin, principal of Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School.

The high school students who took the Regents Competency Test (RCT) scored comparably with last years students with all passing both the math and reading tests. The results were not as good for the seven students who took the writing competency test: only 14 percent passed.

The Class of 1987 scored an average of 455 on the verbal Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT), 25 points higher than the national average, and 509 on the math SAT, 33 points higher than the national average.

In other business, the board voted 5-2 to approve bonding the

district treasurer and other district employees on the recommendation of the district auditor. The treasurer will be bonded for \$1 million and all other district employees will be bonded for \$50,000 at a cost of approximately \$2,200, according to the resolution.

The motion met with resistance from board member, Joseph Fernandez who did not feel that it was necessary to bond in those amounts. He recommended bonding the treasurer only, for \$100,000, and later recommended bonding the treasurer for \$250,000 and all other employees for \$50,000. Fernandez and Judith Shearer voted against the motion.

The bond will cover both stolen money and failure of the bonded employee to perform their duties, which results in the loss of money by the district, said Gene Grasso, district business superintendent. The district is presently getting quotes and will take the time to get the best buy, he said. Grasso said he "can't be sure when the bond will be in effect," but added he expect the process to be complete by January.

At last week's meeting, the board also:

- Held to an earlier decision that school buildings and grounds could not be used by profit making organizations.

- Approved the 1988-89 budget calendar, including two meetings in January with one meeting held at the elementary school (Jan. 20) and one held at the high school (Jan. 28).

- Approved an out-of-town



Toy designers and students in the creative innovative wood class, from left, Sean Foley, first prize winner Matt Hladun, first prize winner Tom Genovese, Henry Nuebold and John Wojewoda, ninth grade students at Clayton A. Bouton Junior-Senior High School, stand behind their prize-winning products. They were selected winners by a panel of faculty, receiving prizes donated by Dick Crannell of Voorheesville.

field trip to the Suffern Invitational Wrestling Tournament.

## Elmwood Park holds organizational meeting

The Elmwood Park Fire District Board of Fire Commissioners will hold its organizational meeting Tuesday, Jan. 5, at 8 p.m. at the North Bethlehem Fire House. The board holds regular monthly meetings the first Friday of each month at the fire house at 8 p.m.

## DWI arrest on Rt. 156

An Albany man will appear in New Scotland Town Court on Jan. 7 for allegedly driving while intoxicated, Albany County Sheriff Deputies said.

The Albany man was charged with DWI after he allegedly crossed the center line of Rt. 156 in New Scotland, deputies said.

## GE Plastics aids Feura Bush seniors

The General Electric Plastics Selkirk Operation recently donated \$1,800 to the Jerusalem Reformed Church in Feura Bush. The donation will be used to subsidize the church's food programs and transportation costs associated with the senior citizens programs.

Some of the money will also be used to retain senior advocate-director, who will help seniors develop their own programs, according to Rev. David Mulholland.

"We're grateful to Selkirk GE for recognizing the needs of seniors in our area and stepping forward to help," said Rev. Mulholland.

## Krumkill Rd. site of 2-car accident

A Delmar woman was taken to St. Peter's Hospital Thursday after the car she was driving collided with another at Blessing and Krumkill roads, Bethlehem police said.

Melissa Aiezza, 18, of Harrison Ave., was treated and released for head injuries after the 11:30 a.m. collision, a hospital spokesman said.

According to police reports, Aiezza was stopped at the stopped sign on Blessing Rd. and then entered Krumkill Rd. without yielding to a car driven by Regina Donato, 67, of Font Grove Rd., Slingerlands, and the two cars collided.

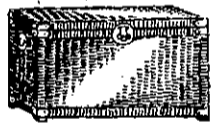
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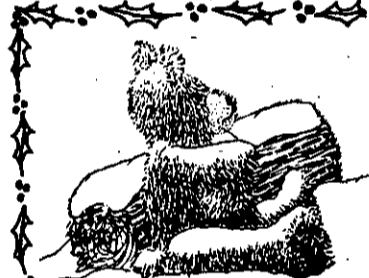
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# Voorheesville News Notes



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## Live nativity scene at church

In keeping with the real meaning of Christmas the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville, Maple St., will display their living creche on Wednesday and Thursday, Dec. 23 and 24, from 5 until 7 p.m. on the lawn in front of the church. Church members will portray the nativity scene in four 30-minute segments each night. The program is being coordinated by Lee Flanders.

## Christmas services announced

Area churches are planning their Christmas celebrations.

The First United Methodist Church will hold two services on Christmas Eve and one on Christmas Day. On Thursday, Dec. 24, a family service will be held at 7 p.m. and a candlelight service will be held at 11 p.m. On Christmas Day the morning service will be held at 10 a.m.

The senior, junior and cherub choirs will sing at various services. All are welcome.

St. Matthew's Catholic Church will hold Christmas services on Thursday, Dec. 24, at 4, 7 and 10 p.m. and on Christmas Day at 11 p.m.

On Christmas Eve the 4 p.m. children's liturgy will feature a children's choir and a nativity pageant presented by the First Communion students.

The folk group will sing at the 7 p.m. Mass, and the Christmas choir will sing during the 10 p.m. service.

Tom and Joe Kraemer will play at the 11 a.m. Mass on Dec. 25.

## No fines at library

The Voorheesville Public Library has a Christmas present for the community. Between Christmas and New Year's Day the library will hold a fine-free week. All borrowers who return overdue books during the week will not be charged a fine. All those who pay outstanding fines during the week will have their fines rounded to the nearest dollar and halved. Librarian Nancy Hutchinson encourages everyone to take advantage of this holiday offer.

The Voorheesville Public Library will be closed on Dec. 25 and 26, as well as Dec. 31, and Jan. 1 and 2.

## Student reading promoted

Students from the Voorheesville Elementary School will be reading over vacation in preparation for the January session of Parents as Reading Partners.

Several students in the upper grades of the elementary school won honors in the PTSA button design contest held in conjunction with the book fair.

"Reading has a Porpoise" by Jennifer Oates, "Reading Makes Me Hoppy" by Bonnie Polzin and "Tune into Reading" by Debbie O'Malley, won first, second and third place honors. In addition to receiving book fair gift certificates, the students will see their designs used for buttons in the upcoming Parents as Reading Partners program.

Other students who were given honorable mention for their button designs were Rebecca Bryden, Mike McDermott, Mara Steinkamp, Jason Flesh, Kelly Griffin, Rick DiNovo, Kirstin Breisch, Brian Case, Becky Dawson and Cindy Tate.

## PTSA plans fun, raises funds

The PTSA has planned a variety of activities for the next month. Family fun night will be held on Jan. 29. Everyone is welcome to enjoy an evening of food, fun and friends at the grade school, where the Lir.dendolls will lead a variety of games for the whole family.

Anyone looking for holiday gifts might be interested in some of the items offered by the PTSA, including the current edition of *Entertainment '88*. The book offers a multitude of discount certificates for food and family fun. Call Dorothy Patashnick at 765-2458 or Molly Getnick at 765-4003 to order one of the \$25 books.

Purple and gold folders featuring the Blackbird logo may be purchased for 75 cents each by calling Dorothy Patashnick at 765-2458 or Deb Baron at 765-9371.

## Save those labels

Those cold winter days are here and those who choose to warm up with some hot Campbell's soup are asked to save those labels: The Voorheesville PTSA is again taking part in Campbell's Labels

for Education program. Labels and other proofs of purchase from Campbell's, Prego and Swanson products may be redeemed by school officials for school materials. This year Scott Paper Company Apple symbols are also redeemable. The labels may be deposited in receptacles at the grade school or the public library.

In past years elementary school officials have obtained free science equipment, athletic devices and computer software through this program.

## Young writers sought

Students who would rather be writing than reading are invited to enter a script in the Young Playwright Contest being sponsored by the Imagination Celebration. Although the program is facilitated through the Gifted and Talented Program, all students residing in the district are invited to enter finished scripts by Jan. 30.

The winning scripts will be staged in May. Both individuals

or small groups are welcome to enter scripts that deal with this year's theme of "A World of Difference." Interested students may speak with Mrs. Wolkenbreit.

## District needs instructors

The Voorheesville Central School District is also looking for talented adults as well. Jim Hladun, director of the district's continuing education program, is looking for course instructors. The continuing education advisory board is seeking instructors for courses in photography, keyboarding, oil painting and other arts and crafts. For information call Hladun at 765-3314.

## Seniors plan holiday party

The New Scotland Senior Citizens will hold a craft meeting on at 10 a.m. Wednesday, Dec. 30, at the old New Salem Schoolhouse Museum. The meeting will be followed by a covered dish luncheon. Each person who attends the mid-holiday party may bring picture of himself from

years past and a gift for the crazy grab bag exchange. For information call Lois Crouse, president, at 765-2109.

## Altamont Fair names treasurer, members

Walter Miller of Slingerlands was elected treasurer of the Altamont Fair directors for 1988 and several area residents were named associate members.

William Campion, Kenneth D'Arpino, Tom Gallagher, Marilyn Miles, Robert Mudge, William Springer and Homer Warner of Voorheesville were named associate members for 1988. Sydney Dunston and Donald H. Miller of Slingerlands, Albert Dwyer Jr. of Delmar, Clifton Lawton and Paul Winne of Feura Bush and Ralph Van Woert of Glenmont were also named.

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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. when agenda warrants, 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.

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

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

**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.

**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.

**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.

**Feura Bush Funsters,** 4-H group for youths between eight and 19 years, meet every Thursday, Jerusalem Church, Feura Bush, 7-8 p.m.

**Bethlehem Archaeological Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day on Monday and Wednesday and on Saturday Mornings. Information, 439-4258.

**Town of Bethlehem Youth Employment Service,** hours for youths interested in part-time work, Bethlehem Town Hall, 1-4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday. Information, 439-2238.

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

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

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

**AARP,** Bethlehem Tri-Village Chapter, are offering free tax counseling for seniors, Bethlehem Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, Wednesdays 9 a.m.-3 p.m., Thursdays 1-4 p.m. Information, 439-4955.

**Delmar Reformed Church,** Candlelight Service with instrumental music, 7 p.m., service with harp music played by Karlinda Dejnozkn, 11 p.m.

**Open House,** for staff children, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., 9:30 a.m.-noon. Information, 439-8116.

**Bethlehem Public Library,** closed for Christmas Eve.

**Candlelight Services,** Bethlehem Lutheran Church, 85 Elm Ave., 7 and 9:15 p.m. Information, 458-1757.

**Candlelight Service,** Jerusalem Reformed Church, Feura Bush, 7:30 p.m.

**Christmas Eve Service,** St. Stephen's Church, Delmar, for children and families, 7:30 p.m., with full choir and Eucharist; 11:30 p.m. Information, 439-9136.

SUNDAY 27  
DECEMBER

**Delmar Presbyterian Church,** Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

**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,** worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

**Normansville Community Church,** Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Community Church,** morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist,** service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**Glenmont Reformed Church,** worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

**Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church,** worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

FRIDAY 25  
DECEMBER

**Chabad Center,** services and discussion followed by kiddush, Fridays at sunset, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-8280.

**Bethlehem Public Library,** closed for Christmas.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** Christmas Day Service with holy communion, 10 a.m. Information, 458-1757.

SATURDAY 26  
DECEMBER

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Chabad Center,** services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

**Bethlehem Public Library,** reopens 10 a.m.

WEDNESDAY 23  
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.

**Parent Support Group,** sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**Testimony Meeting,** First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**Normansville Community Church,** Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Holiday Egg Nog Party,** with harpist Martha Gallagher, Good Samaritan Home, 125 Rockefeller Rd., Delmar, 3-4 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

THURSDAY 24  
DECEMBER

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

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church,** Thursdays, Bible study, 10 a.m., creator's crusaders, 6:30 p.m., senior choir, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4328.

**Bowling,** sponsored by Bethlehem Support Group for Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-7880.

**Christmas Eve Service,** Community United Methodist Church, Slingerlands, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-1766.

## 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

"Nonsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through January 3, Tickets, 235-7969.

### FOLK

Dana Lyons, folk singer, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Dec. 27, 8 p.m.

### ART

"Dinosaurs Alive," features seven near life-size prehistoric creatures, State Museum, Albany, through Dec. 28, daily, 10 a.m.-5 p.m. Information, 474-5877, or 474-5842.

"Blacks in America: A Photographic Record," images of Black Americans from 1850-1983, State Museum, Albany, through Jan. 3.

Oil paintings of David Coughtry, Posters Plus Galleries, Stuyvesant Plaza, Albany, through December, Monday-Friday, 10 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m., Sunday, noon-5 p.m. Information, 482-1984.

"Gary Larson: The Far Side of Science," 400 original cartoons, New York State Museum, Albany, Dec. 20-Feb. 20. Information, 474-5877.

Paintings by William Ramage, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through Jan. 1, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

"The Blessings of Liberty," tells the story of the United States Constitution, Neil Hellman Library, College of Saint Rose, 392 Western Ave., Albany, through December. Information, 454-5180.

"Broadside," early advertising art, Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through July, 1988.

Works of Raymond A. Decker, watercolor and oil paintings, Ellis Hospital, Schenectady, through December. Information, 439-3491.

"Departing This Day: Steamboating on the Hudson River and Lake George," Albany Institute of History and Art, 125 Washington Ave., Albany, through April 2, 1988.

Holiday Exhibition of Dolls and Toys by the Shaker Doll Club and Friends of Pruyn House, 207 Old Niskayuna Road, Newtonville, through Dec. 31, Monday-Friday, 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Information, 783-1435.

"Curious Arts: 19th Century English Ornamentation," Museum of the Historical Society of the Early American Decoration, 19 Dove St., Albany, through October 1988. Information, 462-1676.

Installations and drawings by William Ramage, Albany Center Galleries, 23 Monroe St., Albany, through January 1, Monday-Friday, 11 a.m.-3 p.m. and 5-7 p.m. Sunday, noon-4 p.m. Information, 462-4775.

American Flyer S-Gauge Model Trains, from William Barrett's collection, Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, through January, weekdays, 9 a.m.-9 p.m., Saturdays, 9 a.m.-5 p.m., and Sundays 1-5 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

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**Onesquethaw Church**, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, Eucharist, 8 a.m. with breakfast. Family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

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

**MONDAY  
DECEMBER 28**

**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.

**Mothers' Time Out**, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**Alateen Meeting**, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

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

**Film**, "The Great Muppet Caper," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Vacation Bowling**, sponsored by the Bethlehem Support Group of Parents of Handicapped Students, Del Lanes, Elsmere, 4-5:30 p.m. Information, 439-1880.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**TUESDAY  
DECEMBER 29**

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

**Family Concert**, Paul Strausman, musician and songwriter, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

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**Films**, "Snowman," and "Homer Price's Doughnuts," Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Parent Support Group**, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

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

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

**Testimony Meeting**, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**Normansville Community Church**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

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**THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 31**

**Bethlehem Public Library**, closes for New Year's Day, 5 p.m.

**Good Samaritan's Home**, New Year's Eve party with residents, 125 Rockefeller Road, Delmar, 2:30-4 p.m. Information, 439-8116.

**Children's Event**, "New Year's Eve at Noon," Bethlehem Public Library, 11:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**FRIDAY  
JANUARY 1**

**Bethlehem Public Library**, closed for New Year's Day.

**Bird Watch**, for beginners, Five Rivers, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

**SATURDAY  
JANUARY 2**

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

**Chabad Center**, services followed by kiddush, 109 Elsmere Ave., Delmar, 9:30 a.m. Information, 439-8280.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Village Squares**, square dance, first United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, 8-11 p.m. Information, 438-1227.

**Bethlehem Public Library**, reopens, 10 a.m.

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JANUARY 3**

**Delmar Presbyterian Church**, Worship, church school, nursery, 10:30 a.m.; family worship and communion first Sunday of the month; coffee hour, 11:30 a.m. Information on adult education and youth fellowships, 439-9252.

**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.

**Bethlehem Community Church**, morning worship service, 10:30 a.m., Sunday School, 9 a.m., baby care provided, evening fellowship, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-3135.

**First United Methodist Church of Delmar**, worship and nursery care for pre-school children, 9:30 a.m.; kids Christian Fellowship, 9:45 a.m.; church school and adult education, 11 a.m.; Junior Youth Fellowship, 3:30 p.m.; Senior Youth Fellowship, 5:30 p.m. Information, 439-9976 or 439-2689.

**Normansville Community Church**, Sunday school, 9:45 a.m., Sunday services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Onesquethaw Church**, Worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday School.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Bible study and Sunday school classes, 9:15 a.m., worship, 10:30 a.m., babysitting available. Information, 439-4328.

**First Church of Christ, Scientist**, service and Sunday school, 11 a.m., child care provided, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar. Information, 439-2512.

**Glenmont Reformed Church**, worship, 11 a.m. nursery care provided. Information, 436-7710.

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**THURSDAY SHOPPING** - Residents of Glenmont, Selkirk and South Bethlehem to Town Squire Plaza in Glenmont 9:00 a.m. - 11:30 a.m.

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**Slingerlands Community United Methodist Church**, worship service, church school and youth forum, 10 a.m., coffee hour and Cherub and Junior Choir rehearsals, 11 a.m., 1499 New Scotland Rd., Slingerlands. Information, 439-1766.

**St. Stephen's Episcopal Church**, Eucharist with breakfast, 8 a.m. Family service, 10 a.m., with Sunday school and nursery, coffee hour following service, Poplar and Elsmere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

**Music Talk**, by Liz Jones of the Albany Symphony, Bethlehem Public Library, 2 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Delmar Community Orchestra**, rehearsal Mondays, Bethlehem Town Hall, Delmar, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-4628.

**A.C. Sparkplugs Dance**, modern western square dancing, mainstream level with caller Al Cappetti, American Legion Hall, Voorheesville Ave., Voorheesville, 8 p.m. Information, 765-4122.

**Mothers' Time Out**, meets Mondays, Christian support group for mothers of preschool children, child care provided, Delmar Reformed Church, 10-11:30 a.m. Information, 439-9929.

**MONDAY 4**  
**JANUARY**

**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.

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

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

**Alateen Meeting**, Mondays, support group for young people whose lives have been affected by someone else's drinking, Bethlehem Lutheran Church, Delmar, 8:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 439-4581.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Delmar Progress Club**, general meeting, Bethlehem Public Library, 10 a.m.



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**TUESDAY 5**  
**JANUARY**

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

**Bethlehem Sportsmen's Club**, first Tuesdays, Dunbar Hollow Rd., Clarksville, 7:30 p.m. Guests welcome.

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

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

**Five Rivers**, training program for volunteer teachers, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:15 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

**Elmwood Park Fire District**, organizational meeting of the Board of Fire Commissioners, North Bethlehem Fire House, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 869-6996.

**WEDNESDAY 6**  
**JANUARY**

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

**Parent Support Group**, sponsored by Project Hope and Bethlehem Opportunities Unlimited, meets Wednesdays, First United Methodist Church, Delmar, 7:30-9:30 p.m. Information, 767-2445.

**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.

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

**Testimony Meeting**, First Church of Christ, Scientist, 555 Delaware Ave., Delmar, 8 p.m. Information, 439-2512.

**Normansville Community Church**, Bible study and prayer meeting, 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elsmere. Information, 439-7864.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience all day Monday and Wednesday, and Saturday morning meetings. Call 439-4258 for more information.

**Delmar Progress Club**, Bethlehem Public Library, decoration removal, 10 a.m., literature group, 1:30 p.m.

**Fiction Lecture**, led by Helen Adler, "Portrait of the artist as a man," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

**Public Hearing**, Bethlehem Board of Appeals, on application of Colin and Sally Izzard, 103 Winne Rd., for variance under Article XII, 8 p.m., on application of Wickes Lumber, Rt. 9W and Pictuay Rd., Selkirk, for variance under Article V, 8:15 p.m., and Albany County Chapter of the state Association for Retarded Children, lands at Blessing and Krumkill roads, for variance under Article V, 8:30 p.m., Bethlehem Town Hall. Information, 439-4955.

**Bethlehem Business Women's Club**, monthly dinner meeting, with Kathy Wixped of the Cooperative Extension on food and nutrition, Albany Motor Inn, 6:30 p.m. Information, 439-2034.



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# AREA EVENTS & OCCASIONS

Events in Nearby Areas

**WEDNESDAY 23**  
**DECEMBER**

**Bloodmobile**, Regional Blood Center, Hackett Blvd., Albany, 8:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m. Information, 462-7461.

**Concert**, Clayton A. Bouton High School bands and choruses, Empire State Plaza, Albany, noon-1 p.m.

**Farmer's Market**, baked goods, apples, and wreaths, South Gallery, Empire State Plaza, 11 a.m.-3 p.m.

**MONDAY 28**  
**DECEMBER**

**Children's Holiday Festival**, "Dunderklumpen," State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information 474-5877.

**THURSDAY 24**  
**DECEMBER**

**Concerned Friends of Hope House**, self-help group for parents of substance abusers, 1500 Western Ave., Albany, 7:30 p.m. Information, 465-2441.

**Organ Concert**, with Family Liturgy, First United Methodist Church, Cox-sackie, 6:30 p.m. Information, 731-6858.

**TUESDAY 29**  
**DECEMBER**

**Children's Holiday Festival**, "The Great Illusion Show," with Jim Snack, New York State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information 474-5877.

**Seminar**, "Long-Term Home Care — An Alternative to Nursing Home Placement," sponsored by Albany Medical Center, Albany Medical College, Albany, 7-8:30 p.m. Informatic 445-3137.

**Film**, "Winne the Pooh and Tigger Too," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**SATURDAY 26**  
**DECEMBER**

**Children's Holiday Festival**, "The Magic Pony," State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information, 474-5877.

**WEDNESDAY 30**  
**DECEMBER**

**Children's Holiday Festival**, "Flipper and the Elephant," State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information 474-5877.

**Film**, "The Devil and Daniel Mouse," Albany Public Library, 161 Washington Ave., Albany, 2 p.m. Information, 449-3380.

**SUNDAY 27**  
**DECEMBER**

**Children's Holiday Festival**, "Firebird," by the Bermington Puppets, State Museum, Albany, 1 and 3 p.m. Information 474-5877.

## Holiday closings

The Christmas holiday means a change in schedules for many public offices and banks as many close to allow their employees time to enjoy the holiday with their families.

Bethlehem Town Hall will be open until 1 p.m. on Dec. 24 and be closed Christmas Day. The Voorheesville Village Hall will be closed on Thursday, Dec. 24 and Friday, Dec. 25.

The Delmar Post Office will close Christmas Day, but will reopen Saturday, Dec. 26, for its normal hours.

Several area banks will also change their hours for the

holiday. Albany Savings Bank, National Savings Bank, Northeast Savings Bank and Norstar Bank will close at 3 p.m. Dec. 24 and remain closed until Monday, Dec. 28. Key Bank will be closed Christmas Day and reopen on Tuesday, Dec. 29.

## Norstar distributes phone gift certificates

Books of five AT and T Long Distance Gift Certificates may be purchase for \$25 at area branches of Norstar Bank. Each sale will result in a contribution to the Special Olympics.



The Rev. Warren Winterhoff of Bethlehem Lutheran Church, left, presents a check for \$971 to Bob Snow, administrator of the Good Samaritan Nursing Home for use for the home's Chapel Fund. Almost \$2,000 raised from the church's fall bazaar was donated to the nursing home and the Ronald McDonald House in Albany.

## Greet the New Year with bird count

A birdwatching program for beginners will be held at the Five Rivers Environmental Education Center in Delmar Friday, Jan. 1, at 9 a.m.

The program will be led by center naturalists and will be the seventh annual New Year's Day bird count at the center. Winter bird ecology and basic tips in bird identification will be introduced to participants.

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The regular Christmas Eve service will be held at 11:30 p.m. with the full choir and Eucharist.

A Christmas day regular service of Holy Communion will be held at 10 a.m.

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Of all the seasons of the year, Christmas is the most emotional and draining for many people. This is ironic since the holiday is supposed to be a time of peace and

inner joy as we celebrate the birth of the Christ. So why is it such a trying time for so many?

While the reasons are many, I will focus on just one, the

"pursuit of perfection." People want things to be perfect at Christmas and that is a tall order. Things are not perfect all year long, so how can they be so on this day? At some very deep level we believe that if we can make things perfect for just this one shining day, somehow the imperfection of the rest of the year can be redeemed. So we search for the perfect tree and comb the stores for the perfect gift. The gift must be just right, because it carries so

much "emotional freight." All the things we have not found the words to say all year long must somehow be conveyed by a gift.

All of this is complicated further by the fact that we do not live just in the present. We are also creatures of our past, and at some level we want to be able to recapture some past era of our life when things seemed perfect. With the passage of time things change, and not always for the better. We want to go back to a golden age when we were children and all was right with the world, a time when the family was all together. We desire to recapture the past and relive it again even if for just one short magical moment. Therefore we engage in the "pursuit of perfection."

"If I don't step on any of the cracks in the sidewalk then everything will be all right," we said as children. "If I just do it perfectly, then everything will be perfect." As adults we know that is not true; but, at Christmas we are not just adults, we are also children. We again play the games of our childhood, sometimes without even being aware that we are doing so. Eventually, however, we realize that even if we do things perfectly, it will not bring the magical and redeeming moment for which we had hoped.

At the core, this is a theological problem. We have misunderstood the Christmas story. We have forgotten that the child whose birthday we celebrate did not come into a perfect world, nor were the circumstances surrounding his birth perfect. His mother

and father had to make an arduous trip during the last few days of her pregnancy. When the labor pains began there was no proper place to give birth. All the rooms were filled. The best that the innkeeper could do for them was to allow them to stay in the barn at night. Not a perfect place to sleep much less to deliver your first child. Anyone who has ever spent any time in a barn knows that animals are not perfumed and antiseptic creatures. Joseph must have felt great concern for his wife, and Mary's thoughts must have been many indeed. This was all far from a perfect situation.

But then again the story is not about a perfect situation. The story is about the birth of the Christ, who comes into an imperfect world to live among us as we live our imperfect lives.

We know the story of this child's life when he became a man. He taught and healed. The leaders of the day rejected him, and he was sentenced to die by crucifixion, a horrible way to die. So where is the perfection in all of this?

We need to remember that the Christmas story is telling us that the meaning of life is not found in the perfect circumstances of life, rather meaning is found in the living of life itself. The man Jesus shows us how to live with meaning in an imperfect world. He also points us to the Father, who is Being Itself and the source of all meaning: The imperfection of the world remains, and we experience these imperfections in our lives, sometimes in very deep and painful ways. Into this imperfect world the Babe of Bethlehem is born to show us how to live in this world. He comes to tell us that we are not alone. He is with us. The name Emmanuel means God is with us.

Let us put aside the frustrating and draining "pursuit of perfection" and acknowledge that this is an imperfect world, that our lives are imperfect, but that the imperfection does not need to negate life's meanings. We need to remember that the one who has come, and comes again, is the light that shines in the darkness, and the darkness has not overcome it.

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We cordially invite everyone in our town to join us during the evening hours between 7:00 p.m. and midnight to make a visit to our prayer, for quiet time and for reflection in the candlelight march as we keep the Vigil of Christmas.

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7:30 p.m. Family Worship Service and Pageant

11:00 p.m. Service of Candles & Carols  
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### Christmas Eve Candlelight Service

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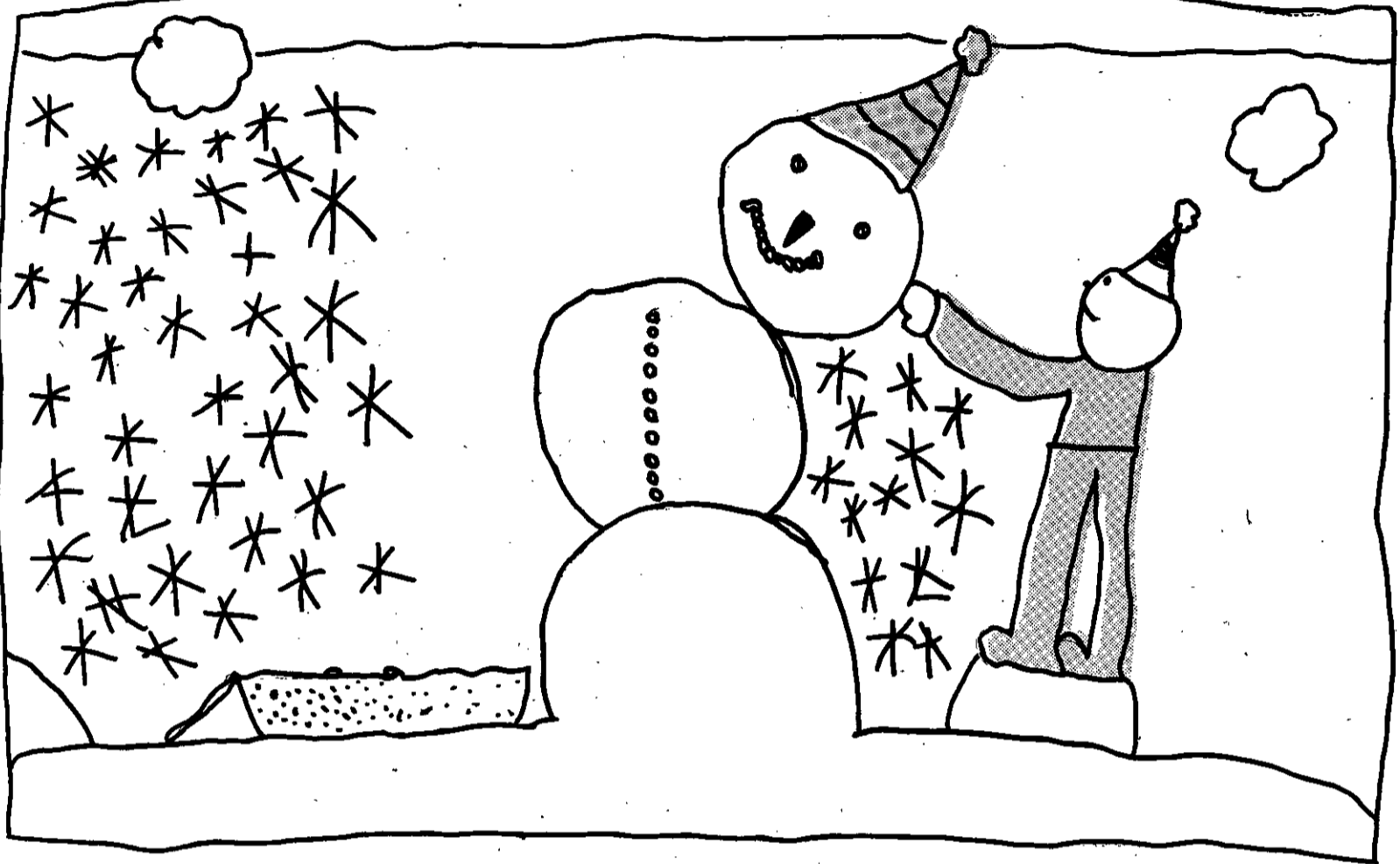
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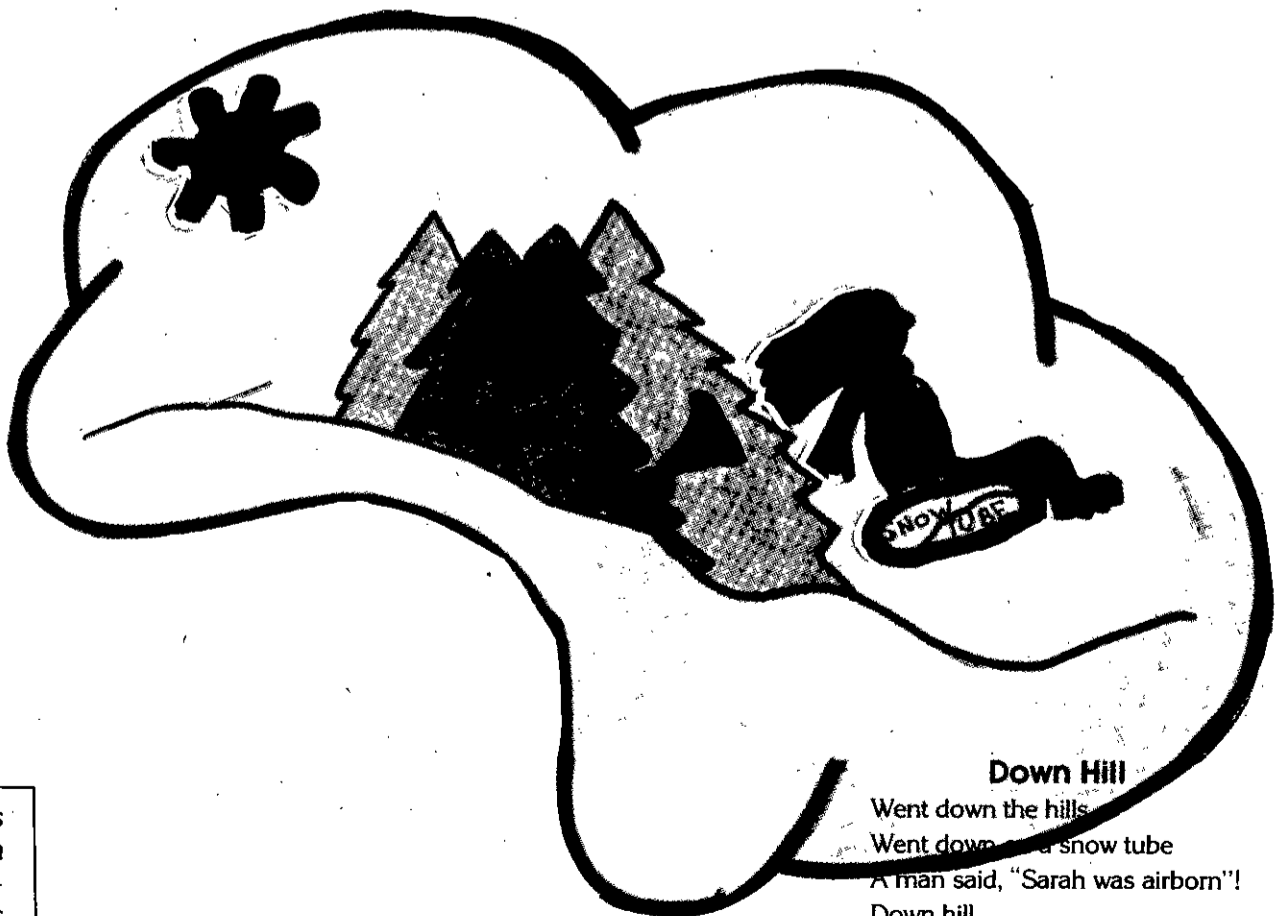


Colleen Connery, Coeymans School-Grade 2, Ms Markus

## Memories of Frost

I woke up one morning  
While my brother was  
snoring.  
I got out of bed to look out  
the window,  
And on my sill were flakes  
of snow.  
There were icicles hanging  
from the roof,  
So I brought one inside for  
proof.  
Then I went to my diary to  
write the first snow,  
And also that I was the first  
one to know.

Sarah Robbins  
Clarksville School  
Grade 4  
Jack Bailey



## Down Hill

Went down the hills  
Went down on a snow tube  
A man said, "Sarah was airborne!"  
Down hill.

Stacy Miburn  
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Mr. Jones

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# Holidays

Hanukkah is a time for sharing,  
Or helping one another,  
Loving and caring.  
Inside activities because of cold  
weather,  
Dancing for joy of winter vacation,  
And having fun making snowmen,  
You and your friends having a  
snowball fight,  
Snow is great to play in!

Christmas presents,  
Sitting by the fireplace, warming  
yourself up,  
Telling one another stories,  
Making each other wait 'till the  
special day,  
Asking each other what they want  
and what they got them,  
Santa coming and wishing  
everyone a Merry Christmas!

**Cara Hogan**  
Elsmere School-Grade 4  
**Mary Jo Rutnik**

Christmas is a time for joy,  
Helping one and another,  
Reading "Rudolph the Red-Nosed  
Reindeer."  
It is great fun to open the

## Hanukkah

On Hanukkah, seven nights of joy,  
Many a child will be found with a  
toy.  
The smell of sizzling latkes fills the  
air,  
And the presents are opened with  
a simple tear.  
The menorah shines with a  
warming glow,  
As outside, falls the soft white  
snow.  
Around goes the dreidel after a  
spin,  
The outcome is either a loss or a  
win.  
The family together is the best  
part,  
All their warmth and joy comes  
from the heart.

**Jared Beck**  
Elsmere School-Grade 5  
**Maureen Wiltse**

## Hanukkah Through the Senses

At Hanukkah I hear latkes  
sizzling in the frying pan, I hear the  
dreidel spinning and the gelt  
jingling, I hear the presents being  
ripped open, and I hear the  
laughter of my family.

At Hanukkah I see all the  
presents by the fireplace, I see the  
fire lit with my family sitting around  
it, I see the dreidel spinning and the  
gelt shining. I see the latkes in the  
frying pan and the menorah lit.

At Hanukkah I smell the latkes  
being cooked and the wax burning  
from the candles in the menorah. I  
smell the new, fresh smell of my  
presents.

At Hanukkah I taste the rest of  
the dinner. I taste the chocolate  
gelt and other candy I get.

At Hanukkah I touch the  
presents I receive and I touch the  
dreidel. I touch my family that  
comes to visit.

I like Hanukkah because it is  
very beautiful and fun.

**Nikki Royne**  
Elsmere School-Grade 5  
**Maureen Wiltse**

## The Coldest Skiing Trip

I was going to a mountain and it  
was very cold. We were going to ski  
the next day. We were driving and  
driving and driving. I seemed like it  
would take forever. I could finally  
see the mountain. Wow — it was  
big!

The next day I went out to ski. It  
was freezing. I had to go get  
another sweater. I went up the  
chair lift. The air up there was cold,  
too. I got off the chair lift. I went  
down the hill. I brought a neck  
warmer because of a lot of people  
had frostbite — a very lot.

We stayed there for two weeks. It  
would have been more fun if it  
weren't so cold. It was fun, though.  
And I hope I can ski again, as long  
as it is not too cold.

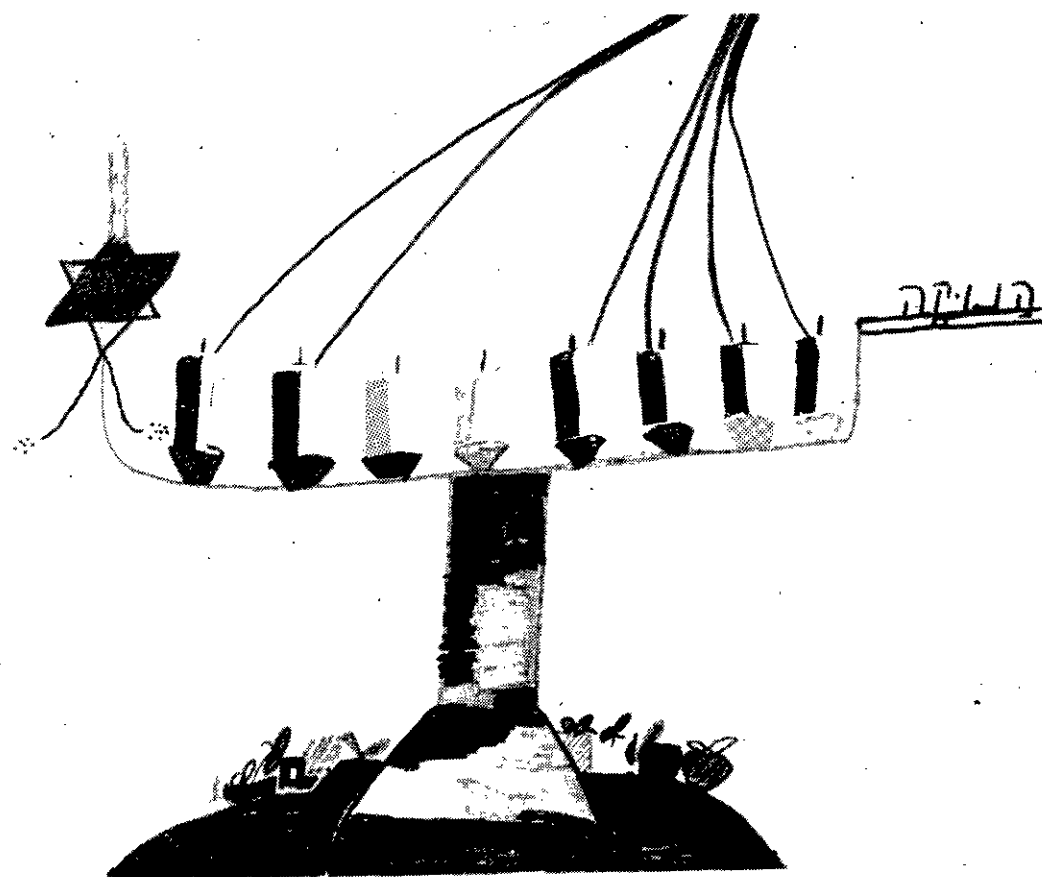
**Ethan Drake**  
Slingerlands School-Grade 3  
**John Caporta**

## Two Traditions

On Christmas Day I helped my  
friend decorate her tree.

On Hanukkah, I helped my  
mother light the menorah.

**Jessica Berlow**  
Slingerlands School-Grade 1  
**Charlotte Rounds**



Jennifer Patashnick, Voorheesville-Grade 4, Mr. Burnam

## By the Menorah's Light

We just came back from  
sleigh-riding,  
The menorah's burning bright,  
We're listening to the tales of the  
Maccabee's,  
How they won their fight.  
They defeated the huge Greek

army,  
With the few soldiers they had,  
And that's the first miracle of  
Hanukkah,  
The second one's very sad.  
There was no oil for the menorah,  
But they head far up North,  
A place where they can get more

oil,  
(Unfortunately it wasn't close.)  
But lucky for them the oil,  
Which would have lasted one day,  
Lasted for eight days and that is  
why,  
These are eight days of Hanukkah!  
**Jonathan Getnick**  
Voorheesville-Grade 5  
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On Christmas morning I woke up at 5 a.m. I woke up my mom so we could open our presents. We turned on all of the lights and opened our presents. When we were done, we went to our grandma's.

My cousins, Mike and Christine, were there. In the basement we made up a play. The play was about the poor people who couldn't celebrate Christmas. When we were done with the play we talked about the poor with all my relatives.

I thought of the poor because they probably didn't get any presents. I felt bad. When I got home, I told my mom that I couldn't take all of the presents I had gotten for Christmas. She said, "No, I think you should keep them, but next year we should think about the poor."

Now every Christmas we gather all our toys we've outgrown, and we take them to the church. We also buy a gift for a poor child. We put the gift under the giving tree at church.

I feel happy that children are getting more presents. It makes me feel lucky to have all that I have. I have never had a bad Christmas, but the 1985 Christmas is one I won't forget.

**Greg Sack  
Glenmont School-Grade 5  
Louisa Mailey**

**My Very Special Memory**

My special memory was walking into my church on the last Sunday of Advent, and there was our mitten tree, full of warm clothing for the poor. I stood thinking how glad I was that the poor would be warm that Christmas. I was happy, and then I remembered they wouldn't have the joy of putting golden ornaments on a Christmas tree — or opening up a present wrapped in red and green paper and finding what they had always wished for. No, they wouldn't have that joy, but I still knew that our church, our people, had helped the poor, and that they wouldn't be cold. They would be sort of happy and sad, just like I felt then. I knew our gifts to them, the warm things we gave to them, would be treasures to them.

Now I still remember that wonderful Sunday and how our precious gifts were used to put joy in a family's heart.

**Emily Spooner  
Slingerlands School-Grade 4  
Evonne Lutkus**

and I decorated the tree. My Grandpa was lying down on the couch. A few minutes after my Dad and brother had put the wreath on the door, they started to help decorate the tree, too. It was fun because everyone was there. Now I can't wait until this Christmas.

**Lora Gurley  
Slingerlands School-Grade 5  
Arlene Solnick**



**Mara Steinkamp, Voorheesville-Grade 6, Mrs. Fennell**

**My Favorite Winter Memory**

The most "fun" time of the year is winter when it gets close to Christmas! I remember last year when our Dad came to our house all the way from Omaha, Nebraska, for Christmas, like he does every year! Our Grandpa came to our house, too, all the way from North Carolina! How great it was for my Mom, my brother, my Grandpa, my Dad and me to be together! We had so much fun, but... the part I remember best occurred a few days before Christmas Day. We were decorating for Christmas. My Dad and my brother were sitting on the couch making a wreath while my Mom

**Christmas Through the Senses**

At Christmas you see, smell, taste, hear and feel things that you only think about the rest of the year.

At Christmas you hear bells, Christmas music and carolers outside singing.

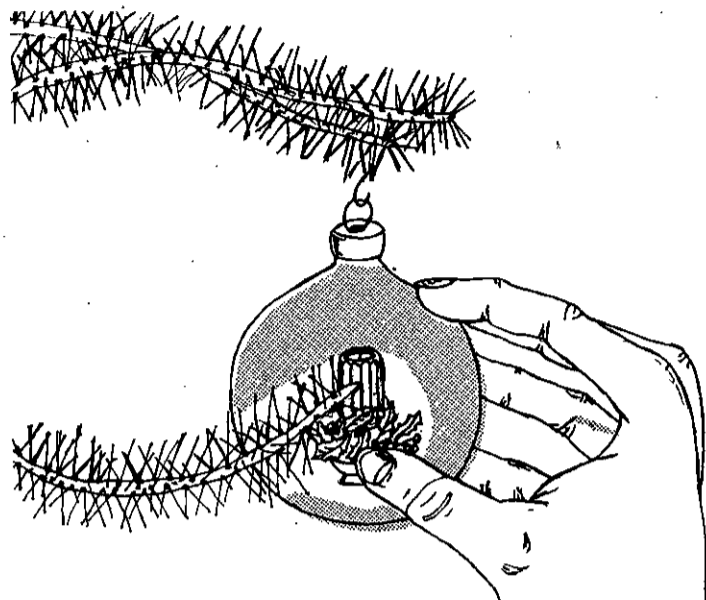
You smell different things, too, like pine needles, pies and eggnog.

You taste a lot of different things, too, such as eggnog, chocolate

candy and candy canes.

At Christmas, you feel things like presents, stockings, pine needles and tinsel. The great thing that I feel is the happiness in our house and around me.

**Colleen Doody  
Elsmere School-Grade 5  
Hugh Williams**



**Chris Phillippo, BC High School-Grade 9, Ms. Roe**

**Christmas Eve**

It was a snowy Christmas Eve. Many of my relatives were coming in the door. I could hardly wait to open presents. I helped my mom to serve milk and cookies. Then everyone sat down and we opened presents. When us kids were done we went outside to play in the snow. My cousin and I had a snow ball fight. Soon we got cold so we went inside. We had hot cocoa. After that we played with our new toys. Then we all sat down and watched a movie. When it was over, everyone said good-bye and they left. I couldn't wait till morning!

**Jennifer Mardaham  
Voorheesville-Grade 5  
Mrs. Gleason**

**My Best Christmas**

Merry Christmas Everybody.  
Renee's my name.  
Ringing a bell is what some people did.  
Yippy, I was so excited!  
Christmas came,  
Here and there  
Reindeer pulling Santa's sled.  
I couldn't wait until  
Santa came to my house.  
That night I was sound asleep.  
"Merry Christmas," is what Santa said  
As he left my house.  
Someone else might have seen him but I didn't.

**Renee Hillmann  
A.W. Becker-Grade 4  
Miss Koch**



**The Cobbler's Christmas Guest**

(A Holiday Parable)

Many years ago there lived in a small village a cobbler by the name of Conrad. Though alone and poor, this kindly old man always had friendly and consoling words for everyone.

At Christmas time, some neighbors decided to visit their friend Christmas morning since he had no family. To their amazement, they saw that his wrinkled old face was radiant.

As they entered his shop, they saw a room made festive with holly and evergreen, and the table was laden with delicacies.

"Who is coming to visit you?" one neighbor asked in surprise.

"Last night the Lord appeared to me in a dream and told me that He wanted to be my guest on Christmas Day. I am all prepared for His arrival," Conrad replied.

After the neighbors had left, Conrad sat waiting for his hallowed guest. While he waited, a beggar passed his window, ragged, and half starved. Conrad called him in, fed him and gave him shoes for his nearly frozen feet. After the beggar had left, an old woman hobbled by carrying a sack of wood. Conrad served her dinner, let her rest before the fire, and then helped her on her way.

Again, he sat by the window waiting for his important guest. Suddenly he heard the sobbing of a child. When he opened the door, he saw a frightened, cold youngster.

After some warm milk and soothing words, he reunited the child with its worried mother.

Once more he returned to his vigil, but night was falling fast. Where was the promised guest? Anxious and weary, Conrad dropped to his knees.

"Oh, Lord," he pleaded. "What has delayed You?" Then out of the silence came a voice:

"Conrad, be not dismayed, for Three times I came to your friendly door. Three times my shadow crossed your floor.

I was the beggar with frost-bitten feet,  
I was the woman given food to eat,  
I was the child in the lonely street."

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### One of My Favorite Christmases

One Christmas I woke up and went around to all the bedrooms to see if anybody was awake. If you're wondering, nobody is supposed to go downstairs unless everybody is awake and ready to go down. Well, I woke up and waited until everybody was up. And when I went into the living room, the most

wonderful feeling came over me — because all that year I was asking and asking for a big, big stuffed polar bear and when I saw a big garbage bag with something in it, I felt wonderful. Then I noticed a white foot sticking out. Then I knew it! It was my polar bear! I was so excited! I ran over to the bag and threw it off. My dad and sister thought his name should be

Norman. So that's what I named him.

He is so cute. He's about half of a twin bed in size. He's sitting and has a red scarf around his neck.

I loved that day and I love him.

**Cailin Brennan**  
Slingerlands School-Grade 4  
Marilyn Valentini

### What Christmas Means to Me

Christmas is the most enjoyable and beautiful holiday to me. It means thick, creamy egg nog running down my throat and a roasted chicken with stuffing in the middle and mashed potatoes with gravy at the side of my dish.

It means a room lit up by the light of the Christmas tree with all the presents underneath, dimly reflecting the light. It means staying up all night waiting eagerly for the morning. It means gingerbread and candy canes. It means seeing how much bigger the ornament box has grown. It also means being happy with your family and seeing the faces of the people you gave presents to light up with joy.

**Ian Nixon**  
Elsmere School-Grade 5  
Maureen Willse

### I Couldn't Sleep at All Last Night

I remember one night when I could not sleep. I got up at midnight to get a glass of water. I peeked in the living room and I saw the presents! On Christmas Day, I looked in my stocking and I found a note that said, "Next time, sleep through the night." It was signed "Santa."

**Jeff Brown**  
Clarksville School-Grade 4  
Judith Kimes

### A Special Holiday

The best things about Christmas are decorating the tree, singing carols at night, and helping with the cooking. There will also be lots of kisses and hugs and pinches on the cheek that day. You will see a lot of aunts and uncles and cousins. You will probably have lots of fun opening your presents.

You and your family will talk about all the fun you will have been having. Soon the feast begins. You have turkey and sweet potatoes, carrots and most of all, cakes and candy.

That's what Christmas means to me!

**Kristin D'Angelo**  
Elsmere School-Grade 5  
Maureen Willse

### Rainy on Christmas

My favorite winter memory, Is easy to explain,  
My favorite winter memory Is when it almost rained!  
On Christmas Day!

You see it got sort of cloudy,  
We all thought it would snow,  
But it started to rain!  
Oh! No!

We all had a Merry Christmas,  
But the only problem was  
We all got soaked on the way to Grandma's!

**Darcey Langford**  
Voorheesville-Grade 5  
Mrs. Gleason

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**The Igloo**

It was a snowy day in the winter of 1986. My friends and I decided to make an igloo. First we worked and slaved to get a massive mound of snow piled up in the front yard. Then we carved out the heavily packed mound with our shovels. After the mound was half carved out, we all took a break.

We all went into my house and had really yummy hot cocoa! But then I spilled my cocoa all over my lap! My lap felt like it was on fire — "ouch." I decided not to change my clothes because my legs would cool right off as soon as I got back outside. (It was below zero outside.) Then my friends and I started back at carving out the mound of snow.

We finished carving about one hour later. We knew that outside it would freeze that night, so before going to bed my friends and I poured icy cold water all over the heavily packed mound of snow.

We awoke the next morning to see a super sight — a perfect igloo. That morning we had super fun playing in the igloo and around the igloo; we even tried tunneling under the igloo. But tunneling

under the igloo didn't work out!

Then they came — every little kid in the neighborhood. The destructive little kids repeatedly asking to come in. The answer was always no! My friends and I knew what they would do to a snow fort, or any fort for that matter!

Then at about 3:00 pm one of the kids decided to have a sit on the weaker outside wall of the igloo. (We were inside the igloo.) That did it. The sides gave way, and the whole igloo collapsed on our heads. We were covered from head to toe with snow and all steaming mad. The rest of the day was spent yelling at the kids and cleaning up.

**Luke Hallenbeck  
A.W. Becker-Grade 5  
Miss Neylan**

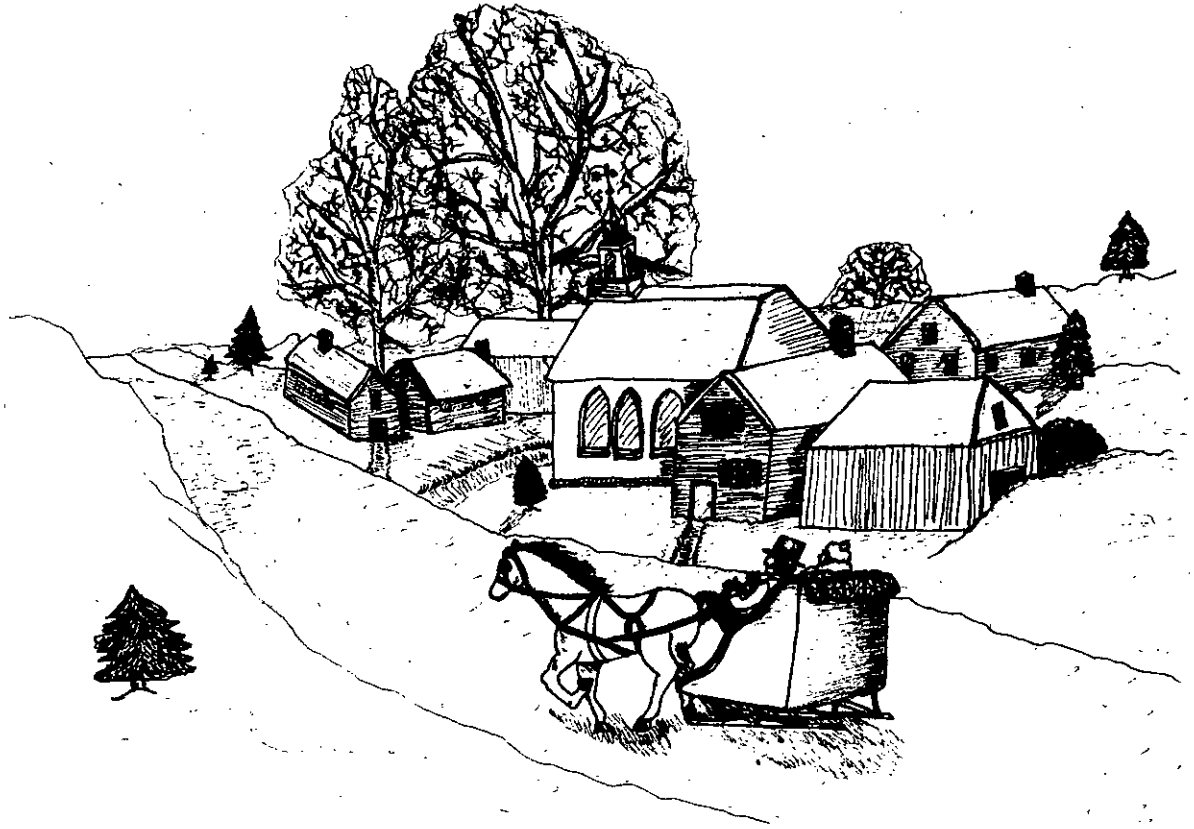
**The Blizzard.**

I remember when that blizzard came. It will never really be the same. Trees fell and road signs too. The snow looked like crystals or twinkling stars. It looked very pretty. The cold wind blew hard. It was fun playing in the snow, sleigh riding and building snowmen!

**Nicole DiStefano  
St. Thomas-Grade 2  
Mrs. Choppy**



Luke Hallenbeck, A.W. Becker-Grade 5, Ms. Neylan



Susan Moran, BC High School-Grade 11, Ms. Roe

**A Winter in My Heart**

It wasn't exactly winter  
But it felt like it a lot.  
The snow was falling fast  
and I felt like something hot.  
The power was out  
but the wood stove would do.  
We made coffee and tea  
and a big pot of stew.  
We all sat around in a cozy,  
dark room,  
No radio, no TV,

and not too much room.  
It sounds quite unpleasant,  
but, believe me, it's not.  
This happens to be the best  
winter memory I've got.

**Allyson Mulhern  
Clarksville School-Grade 4  
Jack Bailey**

sitting by the fire with my friend  
Gen. But my very favorite thing is  
having Christmas dinner with my  
family. I'm going Christmas  
shopping with my Mom. Every day  
we think of a time to go and a day  
to go.

**Nicole Zeimis  
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# Winter Memories

## Cutting the Tree

About a year ago, I went with my father to cut down a Christmas tree for his house.

When his van pulled up into the driveway I didn't just see him, I saw someone else. I climbed in the front seat and my father introduced me to Judy.

Judy was from Long Island. She lived in an apartment in Guilderland. Apparently she met my dad at a Halloween party.

At first I was surprised, but after the long ride to a field in New Scotland, Judy and I got to know each other.

Next we got out of the van and began to search. We probably were walking for over a half-hour when we finally spotted the perfect tree.

After all of us lugged the tree back to my dad's van and we tied it on the roof, we headed home to have hot cocoa and to decorate our six and a half foot high Christmas tree.

Around dusk my dad had to go to the store and Judy and I went out on the front lawn to build a snowman. When we went inside I was soaked down to the bone. Judy made more hot cocoa and then we sat on the couch and watched Frosty the Snowman.

The reason why this favorite winter memory is because now on December 19, Judy and my father are getting married. Now Judy is going to be my step-mother.

**Noelle Urbano**  
**Voorheesville Elem.-Grade 5**  
**Mrs. Gleason**

## A Snow Fort

My favorite winter day was last year, when the snow-plow plowed all the snow into our driveway. The pile of snow was about five feet in the air. I started digging holes in the pile. It looked like a fort!

On Christmas my father bought a thing that you put snow into it and push it into the ground. It comes out like a square. Then I started putting it on my fort so it would look like a castle. Then I thought of something neat! I put steps in the front of the fort! Then I put more and more snow on the top so I could walk on it. Then I started sliding down the back and I made a slide. I plugged up a few holes so it would look like a big hill. Then I went to my friends house. I asked if he could play hide-and-seek. I hid in my fort. When he wasn't looking I ran to safety. After that we played in the fort.

**Eddie Berben**  
**A.W. Becker-Grade 3**  
**Mrs. Barasch**

## A Sledding Party

Every January first my family and I go to East Berne for a sledding party at a friend's house. Lots of people come. We go there to celebrate New Year's Day. At my friend's house there is a very big hill. I like to go sledding with my friends.

When I go sledding, I like to go on the sno-tubes. Once I made a jump so I could fly like the wind. My friend's hill is so big that we make a track that is very long. I like going on the long trail better.

After everyone is finished sledding, all the people come inside to get something to eat. Children play and grown-ups talk. But everyone has a good time. Still every January first, no matter what year, we still have a sledding party.

**Andy Jukins**  
**Slingerlands School-Grade 3**  
**John Caporta**

## My First Snow Fort

My favorite winter memory was when I built my first snow fort. All my friends helped. My brother's friends helped and so did my dad. Before we started, my mother said Ryan and I had to put snowpants on. When we finally got outside into my front yard, it felt like it was ten degrees below zero! My dad came outside. He said to roll big snowballs. My friend and I rolled one and my brother, Ryan, and his friend rolled another. It was around January and it was freezing!

"Is this big enough Dad?" I said. "That's fine," he said. "Now roll another one."

"Okay."  
 "After this we'll probably be finished," he said. My friend and I started another one.

"Just smell that fresh air," I said. When we finished, Ryan's friend and my friend stayed for hot chocolate. It felt terrific when I took a giant sip of hot chocolate. "Yum," I said. "This is the best winter I ever had."

The day ended up that my brother kept on watching dumb baseball tapes and I had to watch them. I will always remember that day because my toes were freezing!

**Amy Venter**  
**Slingerlands School-Grade 2**  
**Ann-Marie Bacher**

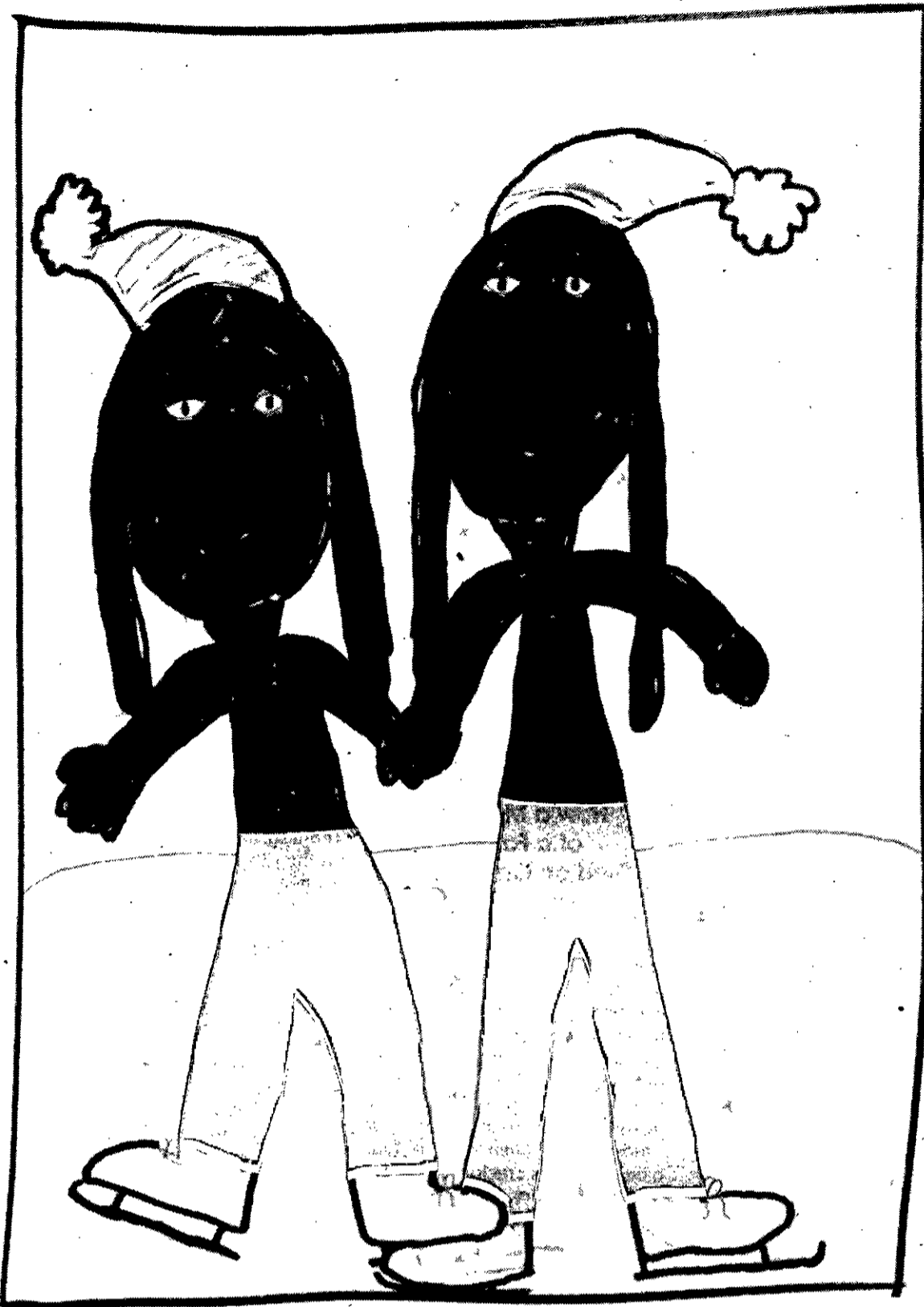
## A Winter Accident — a true story

One time I crashed into a tree on my sled.

Oh my! It hurt!

Then I went to bed.

**Tim Tobin**  
**Elsmere School-Grade 1**  
**Vickie Wooldridge**



**Sarah Svenson, Hamagrael-Grade 3, Henric Post**

## The Winter Day I Could Never Forget

One windy day, I was getting on my white figure skates for my very first skating lesson. I was going because I had been begging my mom to let me skate. So I finished tying my skates. It was at a big wide skating rink. I was with my big brother, my baby brother, and my mother.

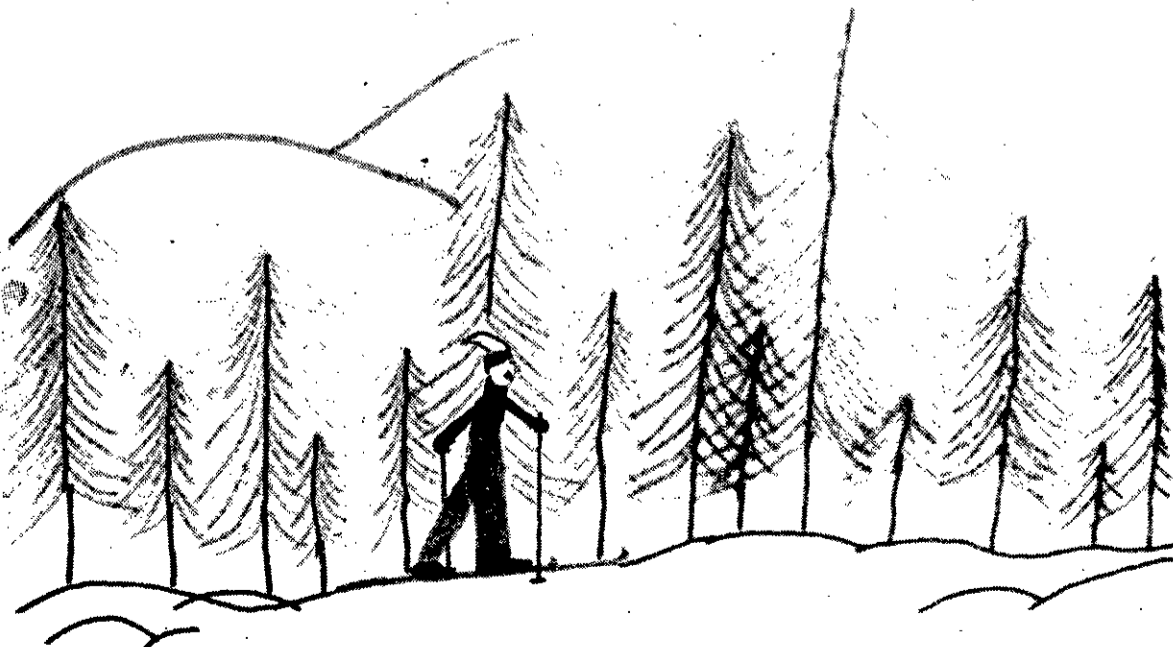
I walked out into the rink, but I was holding onto the wall (which

was made of wire fence) and said, "Hi!" to the teacher. I tried to stand up without holding on. I kept falling down. But I thought I was skating well (not like an expert, but well). The skating teacher approved of me and that was the end of my very first skating lesson.

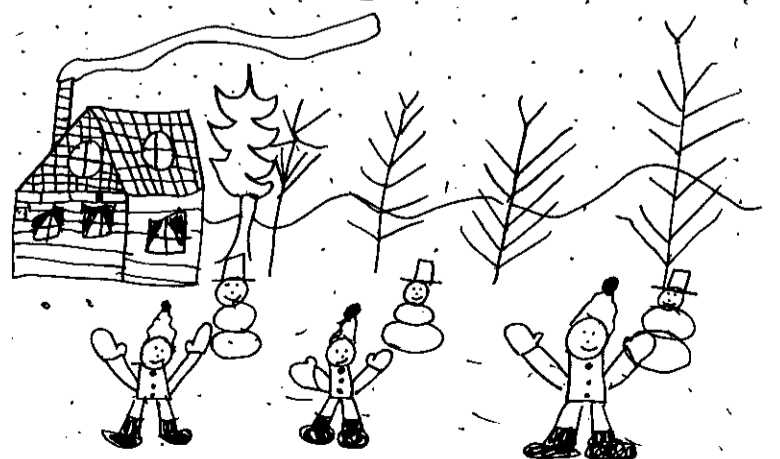
When I came home, I had hot cocoa with marshmallows in it. Then I took a hot shower and went

to bed thinking about my first skating lesson I just had.

**Jessica Sundram**  
**Slingerlands School-Grade 3**  
**Diane McNiven/**  
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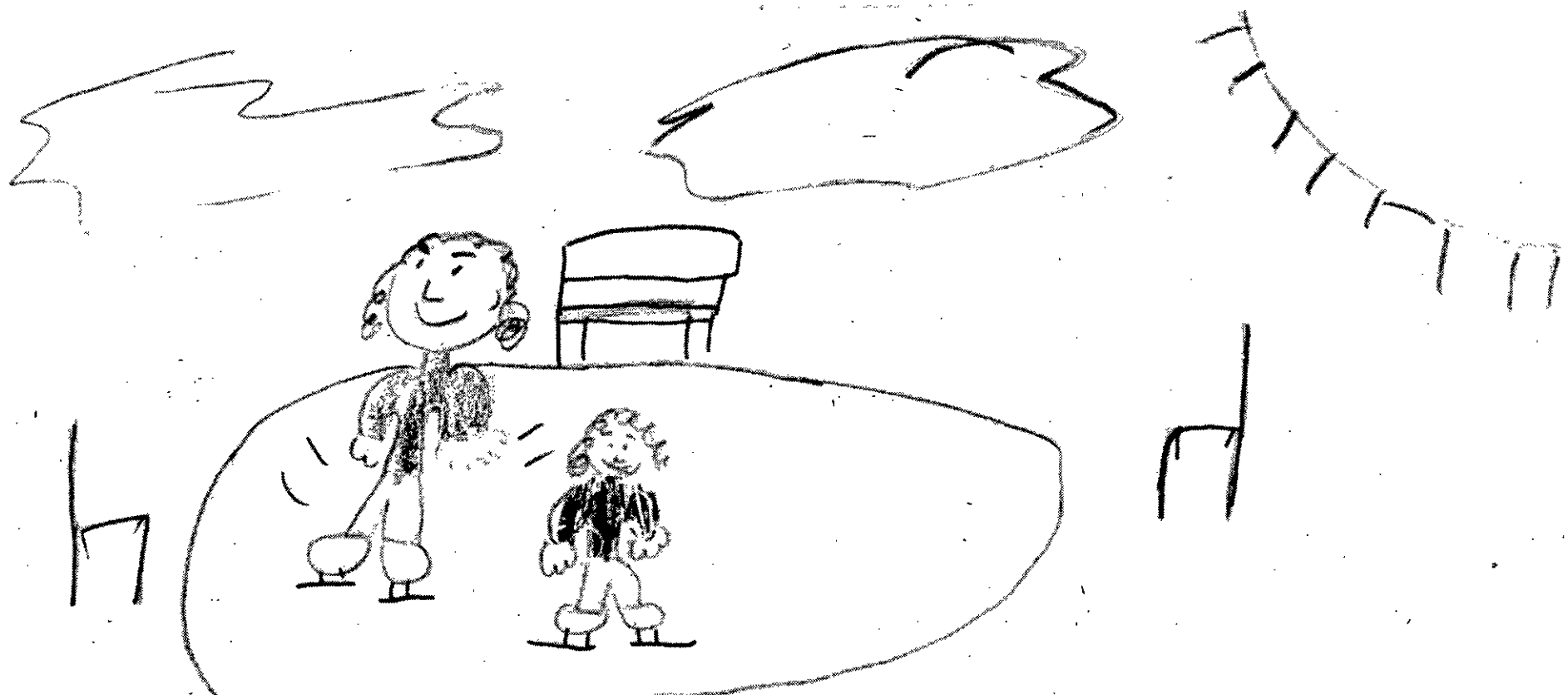


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**My Favorite Winter Memory**

Every time it snows I think about the first time I went sledding on a high, steep hill. It was morning and it was snowing hard. There was lots of snow on the ground. It was very deep. The snow came up to my knees. When I came out, my two friends were waiting for me.

When I got to the hill, I was scared. I looked down the hill and thought, "Why did I ever come here?" The hill looked like a mountain to me, and I could see lots of hilly bumps. I thought when I went over those bumps that I might really get hurt.

As I started down the hill, I felt a cramp in my stomach. The sled and I went faster and faster as we came to the bumps. I thought, "Oh, no, this is the end of me!" But when I was over the bumps, I felt so relieved. Now I came to the bottom of the hill and I thought, "I'm glad this is over!" But just then I saw a stream right in front of me and just before I hit the stream, I jumped off. My sled slid right into the stream! I got my sled out of the stream and went back up the hill.

I had so much fun. I went down that hill for the rest of the day. That is my favorite winter memory.

Chris Leonardo  
Glenmont School-Grade 4  
Mary Capobianco

**Sleigh Ride**

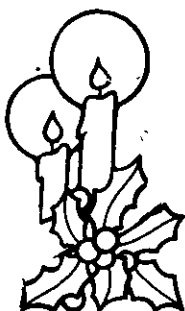
My favorite winter memory was when my family and I went to Faddegon's Nursery. There we went on a horse and sleigh ride. We sat on big haystacks in the sleigh. Two beautiful white horses were pulling the sleigh through the freshly fallen snow. We went around a field. In the distance we could see a forest. We saw many deer. When the sleigh ride was over, we went inside the Faddegon's Store and looked around. As we looked at the Christmas decorations in the store, we drank a hot cup of cocoa.

Kristen Watson  
Voorheesville-Grade 5  
Mrs. Gleason

**The Snowman**

My favorite winter memory took place a few years ago when I lived on Long Island. My grandparents came. My daddy and grandpa helped me build a snowman. He was huge. I remember how big he was because we have a picture of Daddy, Grandpa, the snowman and me. It was lots of fun.

Beth Rienti  
P.B. Coeymans-Grade 3  
Mrs. Mayo



**Going Sledding**

When I went sledding at a hill near the golf course I had a great time. I had to be careful though because there were many other people there with bigger sleds. Once I tipped over and my face fell in the snow so I looked like I had a beard. It was so cold and windy that I had to go home in forty five minutes. I had hot chocolate and sat by the heater to warm up.

Abby Smith  
St. Thomas-Grade 4  
Mrs. Keens

**How a Member of a Family Died on One Crack**

My winter memory is about the tree on our property and on our street. One October 4, 1987, we had the worst snowstorm and the earliest one in New York's history (except for the Adirondacks). On that day, just after the power went out we looked out our door window. My mom said "Oh, my gosh!" I just looked out our window, too terrified to speak. Our oldest tree was cracked down the middle! It had one side near our house and one was on our street. Finally, my sister spoke, "Gee, it's like a member of our family died." We stayed quiet for the rest of the storm. When we got our power back, my mom said, "You know that we were bragging about that tree and how big it got this year, and that was before the storm."

I thought, "The stupid storm! The stupid storm! The stupid stupid storm! I HATE WINTER! (Well, except for my birthday and Christmas.)"

We climbed the cracked tree for three days until my grandpa cut the branches. Now it's only a tall, skinny stump. We used it to put a

cornstark on for Halloween and Thanksgiving. It's still there, but is on the ground. I will never forget my tree.

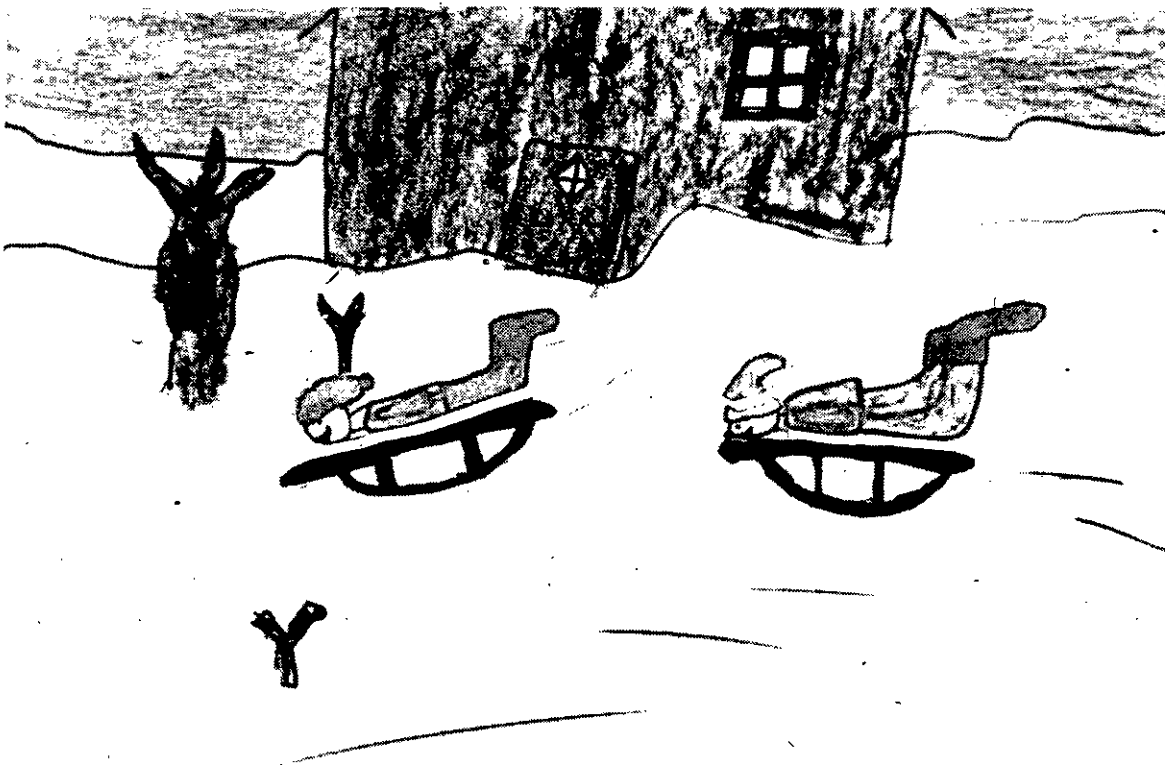
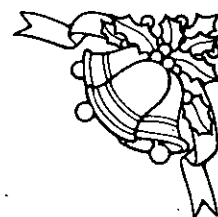
Paul Leonard  
Clarksville School-Grade 4  
Jack Bailey

**Blanket of Snow**

When I look out the window, I see a blanket of snow. A white, beautiful glow shines on the ground. In the winter the snow looks so smooth.

When people step in it, it looks ugly and sloppy. I remember when I was about six years old I cried because my sister stepped in the beautiful snow. I thought the snow was alive and my sister had killed it. As I got older, I realized how weird my thoughts were. I still don't like footsteps in the snow, but I know it isn't alive.

Danielle Torre  
Glenmont School-Grade 4  
Judith Parry



Richard Sprague  
Voorheesville Elem.-Grade-3  
Mrs. Schultz



Claudine Mueller, P.B. Coeymans-Grade 5, Mr. Nulton



Chris Cerezin, BC High School-Grade 9, Mrs. Segal

**Christmas Tradition**

On Christmas Eve we go to Mass to celebrate Jesus's birthday. After Mass we go to McDonald's for a quick supper. Then we go to my dad's parents and we have lots of fun. First we exchange presents, that's a lot of fun, you never know what might be in the box you just got, or what's inside your brother's box! After that we go in the den for gingerbread cookies and milk. The cookies are really cute; they have raisins for eyes and icing around their arms, legs, and

around their neck!

On Christmas Day we go to my mom's parents and open our presents that Santa leaves for us there. Christmas is so much fun. I'm glad there's a next year!

Daisy Ford  
St. Thomas School-Grade 3  
Mrs. Mahon

**Once Upon  
A Winter Night**

The snow falls softly onto the

winter trees,  
And they glisten in the bright moonlight.  
Icicles hang daintily from the bough of every evergreen.  
Reflecting the shining light of the fire,  
Surrounded by smiling, laughing faces.  
The last autumn leaves dance gracefully across the frozen pond.  
Below the dark, icy branches of the snowbirds tree.  
And I sit near the skating pond by the fire with my friends.

and smile,  
and laugh,  
and dream.

Rebecca Coffin  
Voorheesville Elementary  
Grade 6  
Mrs. Beck

**My Snowman**

On a winter snowy day  
When I went out to play,  
I built a snowman  
Big, fat and round.

Chris Jolly  
Elsmere School-Grade 1  
Vickie Wooldridge

**The Snow Fort**

My favorite winter memory was when my friend and I made a deep snow fort. It was huge and long. We had a supply of snow balls. We threw them at kids as they walked by. The next day, the snow fort was demolished. I felt horrible. But we could always make another one.

Mike Burns  
Voorheesville-Grade 5  
Mrs. Gleason

**Cutting a tree**

When I am a grown-up, I'll remember our annual Christmas tree cutting party. Every December we go out to my cousin's house and cut a tree. We argue and argue about a good tree. Then we decide on the best tree. After we cut a tree, we go to my cousin's house and drink hot chocolate, have lunch, and sing carols. Then with many thanks and good-byes, we go home. When we go home and put up the tree and tree ornaments, we say, "This is the best tree we ever had."

David Blabey  
Slingerlands School-Grade 4  
Marilyn Valentini

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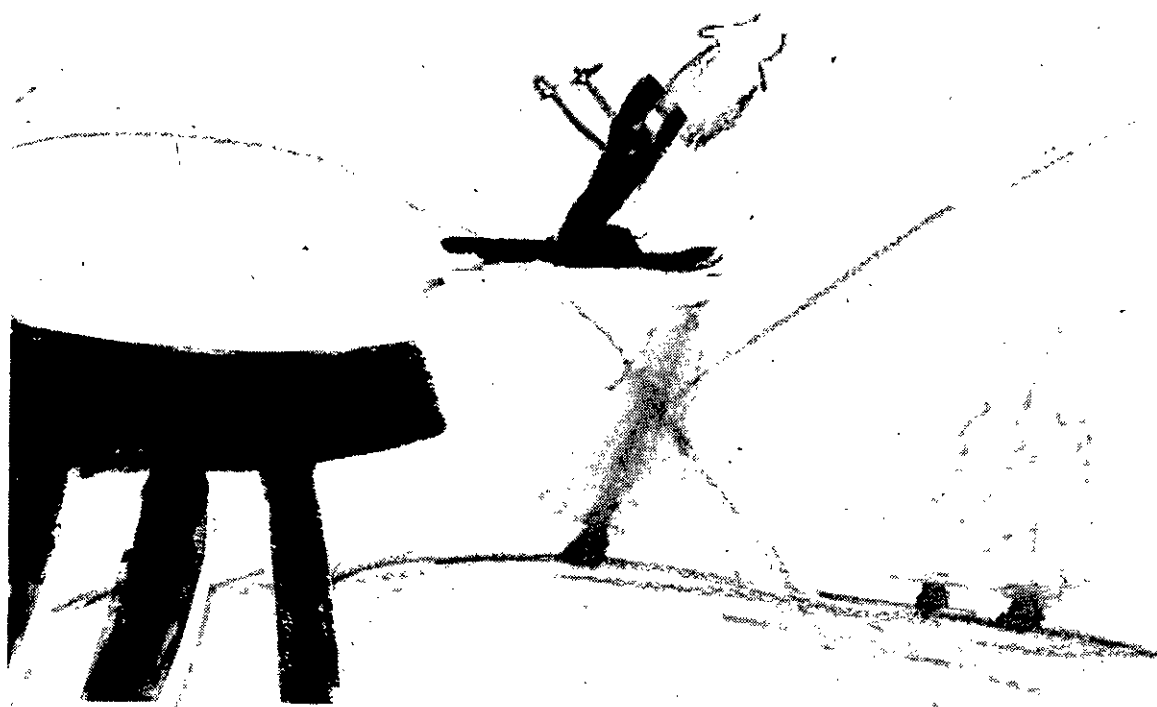
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### Racing on Snow

On a cold winter morning we went on a trip to Lake George. We went snow mobile riding. I beat my sister in the race. It was fun racing and winning.

Sean Ostrander  
A.W. Becker-Grade 2  
Ms. Seuderi

### Old Clothes

My favorite winter memory is looking through my old winter clothes. I give away the ones that don't fit and I keep some for my dolls.

I kept a blue sweater coat for my dolls. My dolls loved that coat because I gave it to them.

After I got out of Kindergarten, I gave my Big Bird boots to my brother. They are red and have a Sesame Street sign next to Big Bird. My brother Timmy is three years old and he wore them once to preschool.

It's fun to look through all my winter memories and remember the things I wore.

Nicole Melius  
Ravena Elementary-Grade 1  
Mrs. Salt

### Winter Memory

I remember the snow,  
And it was so low,  
But the wind blew fast,  
In a blast,  
It was nice,  
And it looked like rice,  
Then Mom called me in,  
And I saw a cookie tin,  
Without a shout,  
But Mom caught me,  
I felt like a bee!

Chris Eberhardt  
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### Favorite Winter Memories

Big snowflakes falling,  
Sliding down hills with your friends,  
Hot cocoa inside.  
Playing in the snow,  
Seeing Santa on the roof,  
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Skating on a frozen pond,  
Winter's passing by.

Haiku by A.M. Kindergarten  
students  
Slingerlands School  
Helen Salamone

### A Favorite Winter Memory

The best winter was when my family and I were all together. My mom and dad went sleigh riding together. I made them tip over. Then they threw snow at me. Then they threw me in the snow! Then we went back up to the house. We had hot chocolate. It was a great day!

Todd Wickham  
A.W. Becker  
Mrs. Barasch

### Sledding

My grandparents only live a few miles away, so I visit there a lot. I enjoy going there because there is always something fun to do. I was there one day with my ten cousins. My grandfather was taking us on sleigh rides.

When it was my turn, I hopped on the sled with everyone encouraging me. We whipped around the yard with the wind in our faces. Over and around the hills we went. I was nervous, hanging on with all my might. Then it was all over as soon as it all began.

People came and people went. Then it was my turn again. The same thing happened except this time it was more enjoyable. This is my favorite winter memory because I spent it with my family.

Danielle Leonard  
Glenmont School-Grade 5  
Velma Fuller

### My snowman, fat and round

When winter arrives in December, The white snow makes it cold. So in our fireplace to keep us warm, We light a red hot fire. I build a great big snowman, And it always is as happy as can be. I watch the snow fall on the ground, And look at my snowman, fat and round.

Staci Shatsoff  
Slingerlands-Grade 4  
Marilyn Valentini

### Cat in the Snow

Last year the snow was very high. My cat couldn't walk in the snow. All my cat could do was go under my mom's bush, and when he went to the backyard my dog Tiffany and my puppy Pickles would chase my cat. The cat would go on the deck and then jump down. Then he would go around the house to the front door. I would open the door and there would be my cat all covered with snow.

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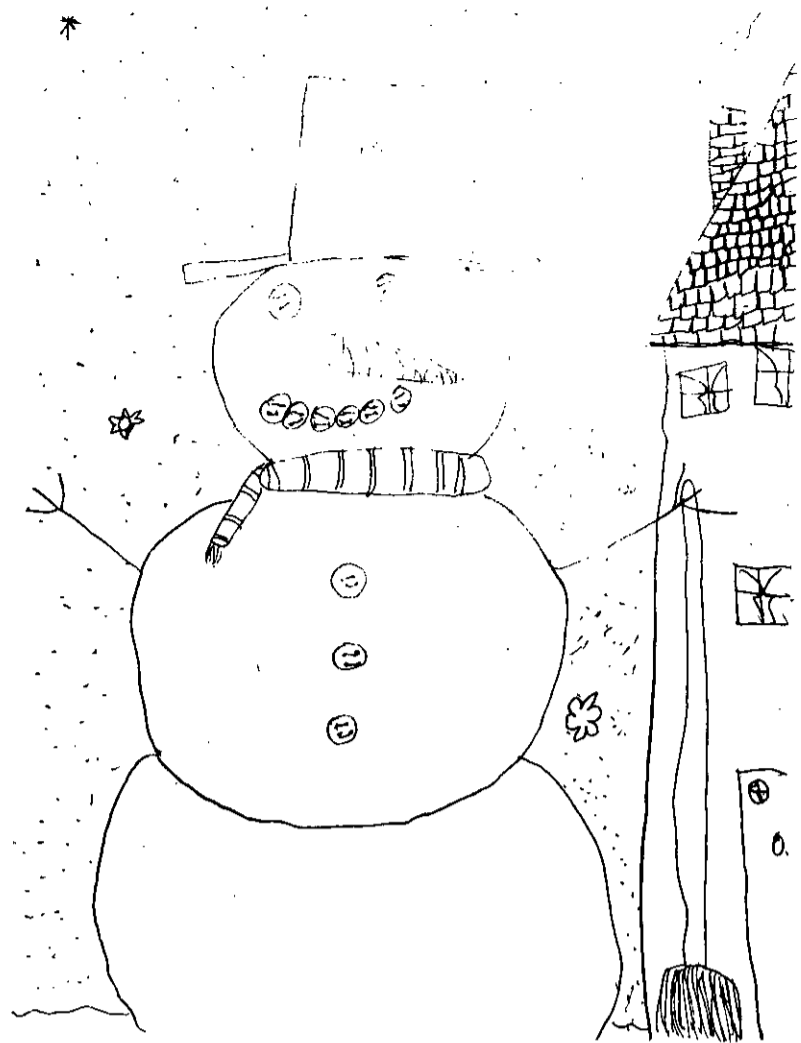
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my brothers, though. (They are always acting strange). The only thing I hate about the party is going home when it's all over.

Karen Buckley  
Becker School-Grade 3  
Mrs. Hilson

### How Frosty Junior Came to Be

It was a cold day. It was snowing out lightly. It was a weekend. My friend and I went outside to build a snowman. My friend made the bottom. I made the middle and the head.

We put the snowman together. I got some bark chips for the eyes, nose and mouth. We used sticks for the arms. We put my dad's gloves on the hands. We put a hat on. We also put a scarf on him. Then we went inside. We had some lunch. Then we drew a picture of the snowman. Then we made up a name. We decided to call him Frosty Junior.

I hope it happens again. I'm thinking about it.

Matt Clement  
Slingerlands School-Grade 3  
Diane McNiven/  
Mignonne Phillips

### The Day That I Fell on the Ice

Once I was ice skating and I fell flat on the ice! I was blacked out! I was right on the ice, just lying there. When I got up off the ice, I had a big cut on my chin. I was bleeding badly. My mom called the hospital. The hospital called an ambulance. The ambulance came to the Town Park — that's where I fell. The man that was in the back of the ambulance came and picked me up. He brought me to a

### A Family Christmas Party

Every year my family and I go to a Christmas party. We have it at a different time each year. My father always says it can be at our house all the time. Everybody else says no because it takes too long to get here. We pull names from a hat to see who we give a present to. I like it when the party's at my Aunt Kates house, I like Aunt Kate's

house because it's really big and there's so much to do.

We can all bring food if we want to. My dad always brings a cake with white frosting and a bunch of cherries shaped like a Christmas tree. We always sing jingle bells and other Christmas carols when we are passing out the gifts. I'm usually playing with my cousins Libby and Jenny. I don't play with

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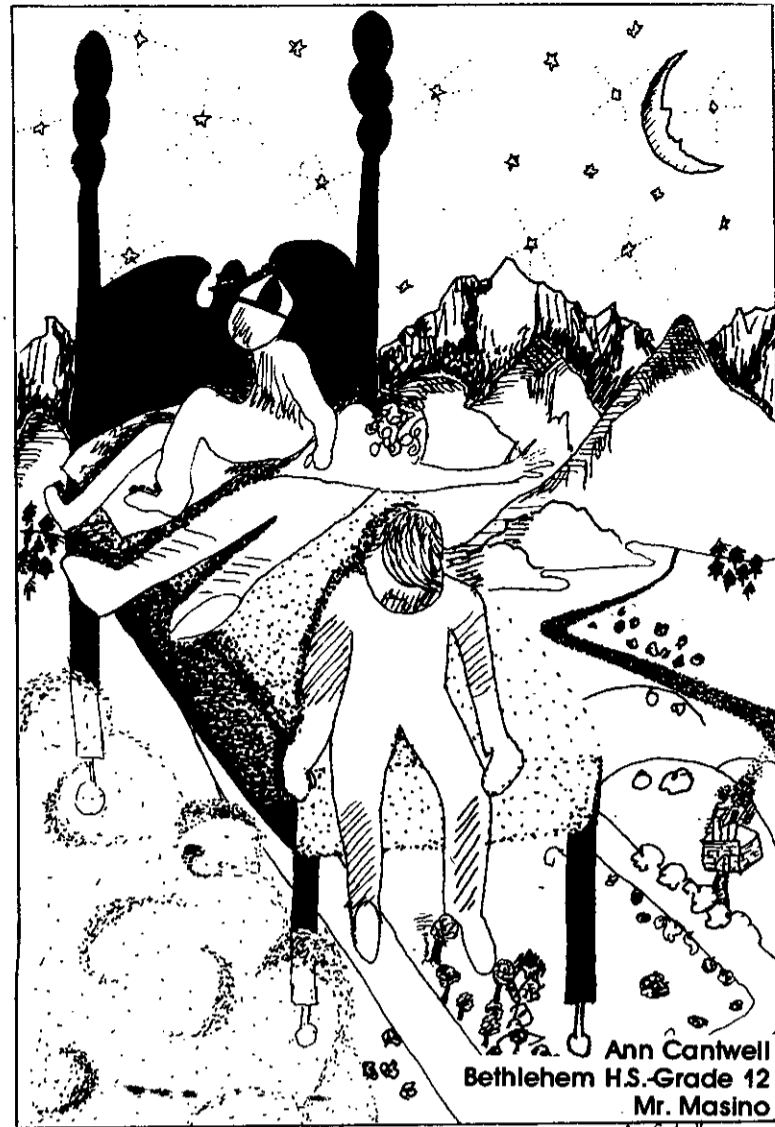
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room at the park. It was hot in there. Then I opened up my eyes, and I said, "WHAT!" The man took me in the ambulance to the hospital. When I was in the hospital, they took me to a room. They gave me injections in my chin. They felt good. They felt like a feather washing against my chin.

I don't know whether or not I am going ice skating again!

Milt Orietas  
Clarksville School-Grade 4  
Judith Kimes

### My Favorite Winter Memory

One day I called my friend Mike to come to my house to sleigh ride. So Mike arrived. We went to the hill. Mike looked at the hill and his eyes popped out. Then I took a look. To me, it looked like an ice-covered mountain. Mike was halfway down the hill, yelling, "Ya Ho!" And he was going as fast as the devil. Then when he was at the bottom, he told me to come down. So I put my legs in the sled, but I didn't let go of the ground. Then my dad waved, and I let go to wave back and I started going down faster and faster. Going down the hill so fast and snow going in my face, everything looked like a blur. Before I knew it, I flipped over and landed face first in the snow. I picked myself up and started yelling, "It's cold! It's cold!" I started shaking. I turned completely white.

So that's my favorite winter memory.

Nick Tommell  
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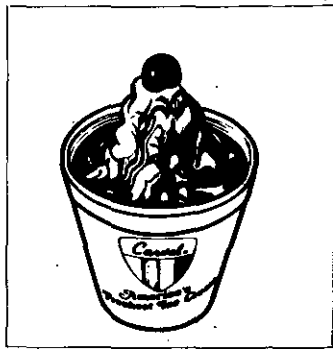
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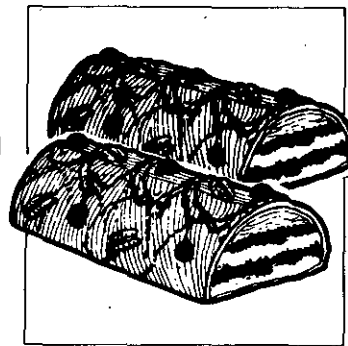
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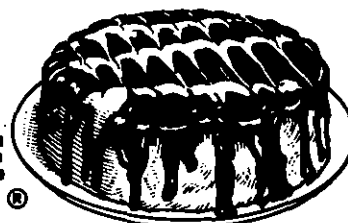
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# Rules for local control

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 is more likely to go back to Supreme Court, where it could be decided by a jury trial.

Monday's decision is a great victory for home rule, localities and citizens, said Robert Morrison on Monday, chairman of Concerned Citizens for New Scotland, the citizens group that led the fight against the mine, because it upholds the issue of local laws. He said he "looks forward to a favorable decision" now that the local zoning issue has been settled.

While spokesmen for Larned and Son said they were not surprised by the decision, they pointed out there are other aspects of the New Scotland mine case that will still have to be answered. Miners' attorney Wayne Smith said he has prepared for the other aspects and because of it, he feels he has a stronger case.

Smith argued Thursday that the town delayed a decision for 17 months, and he believes that his clients have vested rights since construction has already begun on the land in compliance with their state mining permit. Larned and Son applied for a special use permit to mine 27 acres between Hilton Rd. and Rt. 155 in April, 1985, and a three-hour public hearing was held in May, 1986, that was adjourned without a date after more than three hours of testimony, objections and lively debate.

Then the New Scotland Town Board rescinded the special use of mining in the two zones where the mine is located in September, 1986, but the town told his client that the action would not affect their proposal, Smith said.

In December, 1986, the planning board threw out the mining application without reconvening the public hearing, declaring that mining was an illegal use of the

land because of the town board's earlier actions, Smith said.

Since then, Larned and Son appealed the planning board's decision to the state Supreme Court, which ruled that New Scotland's zoning ordinance was preempted by the state's Mined Land Reclamation Law. Larned and Son mined the land briefly during the summer until the town decided to appeal the lower court ruling to the state Appellate Division, the mid-level appeals court.

During that time, the town issued a stop work order for site work done on the property to prepare it for mining because the town claimed it would change the use of the land. New Scotland also went to court in the summer to get a stay of the lower court order after it filed its appeal with the Appellate Division.

The court will still have to consider that Larned and Son's state mining permit states that the mine doesn't comply with local zoning and therefore doesn't relieve them of getting local approval, said James Linnan, attorney for Concerned Citizens.

Monday's unanimous decision by the seven-member Court of Appeals said that stricter local standards for the reclamation of mined lands would be consistent with the Mined Land Reclamation Law's overall aim of protecting the environment.

It quotes the law that it "shall supercede all other state and local

statutes relating to the extractive mining industry" as long as it is not "construed to prevent any local government from enacting local zoning ordinances or other local laws which impose stricter mined land reclamation standards or requirements than those found herein."

The justices decided there was nothing in the law or its history that this portion of the law "was intended to be given the preemptive effect the petitioner urges." If local zoning was preempted because of this portion of the law, the decision said, it "would drastically curtail the town's power to adopt zoning regulations" as permitted in state law.

The Town of Carroll appealed to the Appellate Division after a state Supreme Court justice ruled in favor of the miners in March, 1986. The justice declared that the town was prevented by state Environmental Conservation Law from regulating where mines are placed, because the law states it supercedes "all other state and local laws relating to the extractive mining industry."

The Appellate Division then overturned the Supreme Court's decision on appeal from Carroll, and upheld its right to regulate where mining is permitted through zoning.

Meanwhile, an informal meeting could be set up early next year in New Scotland between residents, the miners, and a developer that now holds title to most of the land

to discuss all issues involved in mining, developing the country club and a water system for that portion of the town. A similar meeting for Wednesday was cancelled.

Wednesday's meeting would be a chance to discuss all positions relating to mining, development and a proposed water system for Orchard Park, just south of the country club, and to know where all parties stand, said Reilly, a town board member who will take office as town supervisor Jan. 1. He called such a meeting "fruitful" and said he will try to get another meeting together, maybe within the next two weeks.

Reilly said he believes the reason why the first meeting fell through was because it could have been used against the town

if it had lost its case against the Larned and Son mine.

Concerned Citizens would be willing to exchange views and discuss what might be done outside the courts, even though their fundamental position against mining has not changed, Morrison said. Significant factors, including the ownership and the controlling interest of the land has changed, Morrison said, and there are new factors to consider now.

Larned and Son are also willing to discuss their position with the town, said Sue Sutch, secretary-treasurer of the company, and are looking forward to a meeting.

"We do have a good project and it is not going to hurt anybody," Sutch said.

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Cheryl Clary

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### Students go shopping

The Secret Santa shop was held last week at the A.W. Becker Elementary School. Young shoppers at the school were allowed to shop for their families and friends without the help of mom or dad, who might peek at their surprise gift.

The PTA wishes to thank those who volunteered their time.

### Family films nights planned

The A.W. Becker PTA is planning a series of family film nights for January. Children will be bringing home additional information and titles of the upcoming movies.

### Tots share food

The children of the Creative Play Preschool are again sharing

food items with the area food pantry. Each week the young people place a suggested food item under the class Christmas tree.

The little ones are also reminding adults in the area that they are welcome to donate simple food items to the pantry.

For information call 767-9593.

### PTO fair was success

The Ravena-Coeymans PTO would like to thank everyone for making the holiday fair a success. The children and adults who spent many long hours preparing handmade crafts were delighted to see many eager shoppers enjoying themselves.

The PTO will not hold a meeting in December. At the next meeting on Feb. 2 parents will

have an opportunity to preview books that will be offered in the upcoming book fair.

### EMT training offered

The Glenmont Job Corps Center will be conducting emergency medical technician training sessions and refresher courses. The free classes will be held from Jan. 25 until May 26 on Monday and Wednesday nights. Preference will be given to ambulance, fire and police personnel. Classes will be limited to 50. The registration deadline is Jan. 15.

For information call Jennifer Price at 767-9371, ext. 233.

### Enjoy holidays

Finally, wishes for a safe and happy holiday season are extended to all members of the Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk community.

### Deputies investigate alcohol gift to minor

Albany County Sheriff Deputies said they are continuing their investigation after a Voorheesville man allegedly gave alcohol to a minor Saturday night.

The 19-year-old man was charged with unlawfully dealing with a child, and he will appear in Voorheesville Village Court on Jan. 4, deputies said.

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# Workshop not a school, board sets new hearing

By Bill Cote

The sheltered workshop and day treatment project proposed for North Bethlehem is not a school, the Bethlehem Board of Appeals decided Wednesday. That means the Albany County Association for Retarded Children must request a variance to permit the facility in an A-Residential zone.

The board decided to reopen the public hearing on the request to consider discrepancies in the material submitted by the association. The new hearing is scheduled for Jan. 6 at 8:30 p.m.

The 72,400 square foot facility is proposed for the southwest corner of the Krumkill and Blessing roads. In an A-Residential district, only single family homes and schools are allowed by Bethlehem zoning law. The ARC contends that it has a curriculum and considers itself a school, but the board of appeals members disagreed.

Plans presented by association administrators state that clients would engage in the assembly of bookbinders and hospital kits. These operations remove the proposition from qualifying as a school, according to the board.

The board then took steps to evaluate the plan for a use variance permit, which could allow construction of the facility at the same site under a different heading of the zoning law. During the course of discussion however, several questions were raised over a document submitted at the

board's request since the earlier hearings. Board members said they felt it would be necessary to call the association in to reconcile discrepancies between the report and testimony from the last hearing. The January date was set.

No public hearings were scheduled for the Dec. 14 meeting. However the board discussed a dozen agenda items, making several informal decisions:

- Finke and Sons, Inc. in Selkirk was granted a conditional variance to construct additions to its building on Rt. 9W. Limits were established for the permissible duration of construction, the amount of display equipment located in front of the building and the storage location of other equipment.

- Four M. Construction Company was informally denied its request for a variance for a lot on Orchard St. The substandard plot was originally planned to be a roadway into the Woodgate subdivision but was never cleared. According to the board, the lot does not meet minimum area or width standards established in the zoning code and in addition, the proposed home would have exceeded maximum lot coverage by 22 square feet.

- Board members expressed reservations about Stewart's Ice Cream Co. and Dake Bros. Inc. proposal to build at the Rt. 9W and Old Town Rd. intersection in Selkirk. The general feeling was

that Stewart's would be an asset to the area, but that the chosen location is a dangerous one. According to the board, Old Town Rd. is presently considered substandard and could not safely handle two directions of traffic at its intersection with Rt. 9W. Further, sight distance is limited for vehicles reentering the flow of traffic, and the highway changes from two to four lanes heading south. The board will vote on a formal resolution on Jan. 6.

- Wickes Lumber Company on Rt. 9W in Selkirk was scheduled for a hearing on Jan. 6 at 8:15 p.m. The company seeks a special exception to the zoning code in order to construct a lean-to for protecting inventory from the weather. The proposed shelter will measure 20 by 216 feet.

- Colin and Sally Izzard of 103 Winne Road in Delmar were scheduled for public hearing on Jan. 6 at 8 p.m. They have proposed construction of an addition to their home and are asking the board for a variance to permit building on a side yard.

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## Barnet elected to Parsons board

Laurence Barnet of Glenmont has been elected to the board of directors of Parsons Child and Family Center.

He is a past president of the Albany Rotary and a former president of the Child Guidance and Family Psychiatric Clinic, an agency which merged with Parsons in 1982.

Barnet is an account executive with Prudential-Bache Securities.

Barnet is a graduate of Dartmouth College.

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## BC matmen capture two more dual meets

By John Bellizzi III

Two more dual meet victories last week increased the Bethlehem Central wrestling team's record to 4-0, and they're not showing any signs of letting up.

Columbia and Mont Pleasant fell to the Eagles by scores of 66-18 and 62-3 respectively, scores that are becoming characteristic of BC's dual meets this season.

Going into this week's only dual meet, a double dual this afternoon with Averill Park and Voorheesville, the Eagles still have three undefeated wrestlers: Pat Leamy, with a 7-0 record, Chris Saba, also 7-0, and Mike Mosley, with an 8-0 record.

Bethlehem lost only one match and conceded two forfeits during last Wednesday's meet against Columbia, which they won 66-18.

Columbia won by forfeit at 91, but sophomore Kevin Schoonover, BC's 98-pounder, quickly tied the team score up at 6-6 by pinning his opponent in 56 seconds. Schoonover placed second in last weekend's Clyde Cole Invitational at Oxford.

### Wrestling

Schoonover's pin was followed by a pin by Pat Leamy in a minute and 20 seconds, giving the Eagles a 12-6 lead over the Blue Devils. Leamy was the 105-pound champion at Oxford.

Eric Brown accepted a forfeit for the Eagles at 112, increasing BC's lead to 18-6. Mike Leamy won by technical fall 15-0 in the third period, followed by a 23-6 technical fall by Tom Nyilis at 126, to add 12 points to BC's team score. Mark Farina was pinned at 132, but John Gallogly came back at 138 and pinned his man in a minute and 20 seconds. Saba pinned his 145 pounder 35 seconds into the second period. Mosley, a two-time Clyde Cole champion, won his 167 pound match with a 28 second-fall. Tom Morrison, Steve Guynup and Jim Hoffman accepted forfeits. Bethlehem relinquished a forfeit at 250.

The Eagles pinned seven Mont Pleasant wrestlers last Friday to emerge victorious 62-3. At 98, Schoonover pinned his man in a minute and 35 seconds, followed by quick pins by Leamy and Brown. Farina was decided at 132, and John Metcalf won by decision 14-2 at 138. Co-captains Saba and Guynup won by forfeit. Morrison decided his opponent 10-0 at 155. Mosley, Hoffman, Leamy and Nyilis pinned their opponents in the second period.

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# Indians second in Academy meet

By Josh Curley

The RCS Wrestling team raised its record to 4-1 with a crushing win over Lansingburgh and brought home the second place trophy from the Albany Academy Tournament last week.

The Indians easily defeated Lansingburgh last Thursday, giving RCS its second Colonial Council victory against no losses. Ravena won all but three weight classes in dominating the match. Geoff Demis and Tim Baranska sparked the team with pins in 1:06 and 20 seconds respectively. Others from the RCS squad that wrestled to victories were Henry Mormile, Curt VanDerzee, Jeff Friday, and Steve Swanson.

Lansingburgh had to forfeit at several of the lower weights, aiding Ravena's cause. The final score was 48-15.

Ravena joined eight elite teams in the area at a tournament hosted by Albany Academy last Saturday. The Indians advanced seven of the 14 RCS wrestlers that attended into the finals. Of these, Demis, Bill Stanton and Baranska came out on top at 105, 119, and 167 pounds respectively. These three wrestlers personal records remained undefeated this season at 8-0. Bob Pelletier, Friday, Swanson, and Mark VanHoesen advanced to the finals but came up short of the win and settled for second place. Several

exciting wrestling matches were displayed by 250 pounder VanHoesen, Paul Losavio at 177 and Kevin Demis, who competed at 112 pounds. As a team, the Indians defeated Class A schools like Linton, Amsterdam, and Colonie and were outscored only by wrestling power South Glens Falls 164 1/2-156.

This week RCS faced Albany Academy (2-1) at home. Coach John Vishneowski feels Academy could be a threat, but the Indians appeared to have no problem handling them at the tournament last weekend. Ravena outscored Albany Academy by nearly 100 points.

## Legislative hotline operated by league

The League of Women Voters will be operating a legislative hotline beginning on Wednesday, Jan. 6. The hotline will be available to answer questions about the workings of the state government.

The hotline will be open Monday through Friday from 9 a.m. to 4 p.m. during the legislative session. The hotline number is 1-800-462-6204.

# Birds pin Cannoneers

By Matt Bates

The Voorheesville wrestling team remained unbeaten in league play last week with a 48-24 win over Watervliet. The team is now 4-0 in the Colonial Council.

Last Thursday, the Birds got off to a very shaky start. Watervliet jumped out to an 18-0 lead after receiving two forfeits at 98 and 105 pounds. The tide then turned, as the Bird went on a 48-0 run. Pat Magram pinned his opponent in just 35 seconds. Bob Blanchard won by forfeit and then Tom Ravida improved his record to 4-0 with a 6-4 decision. Chris Dell'Acqua also stayed unbeaten. He won a hard-fought 12-5 win. The Birds then put the match away with three pins in a row by Matt Cillis, Rick Leach and Paul Novak. Cillis, too, remained unbeaten at 4-0. James Kane and John Traudt accepted forfeits to end the run. Mario Darpino also won at 250 with an easy pin in 1:10.

Last Saturday, the team took part in the Hudson Falls tournament. The Birds finished sixth in the team standings out of eight teams. The squad did place four wrestlers in the finals, however. Tom Ravida made it to the finals and was beaten 4-0. That was Ravida's first defeat of the season. Matt Cillis was also decided in the finals. He lost by a final score of 5-2. At 250 pounds, Mario Darpino was in the finals but got pinned in 5:23. John Traudt was the exception to the

rule as he won the tournament at 177 pounds with a pin in 4:14. Traudt has yet to lose a match this season.

Today, the team has a double duel match with Bethlehem and Averill Park.

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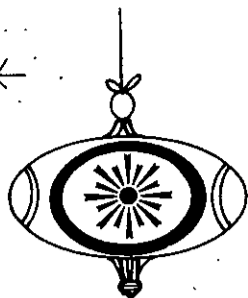
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# Eagles find it hard to play catchup ball

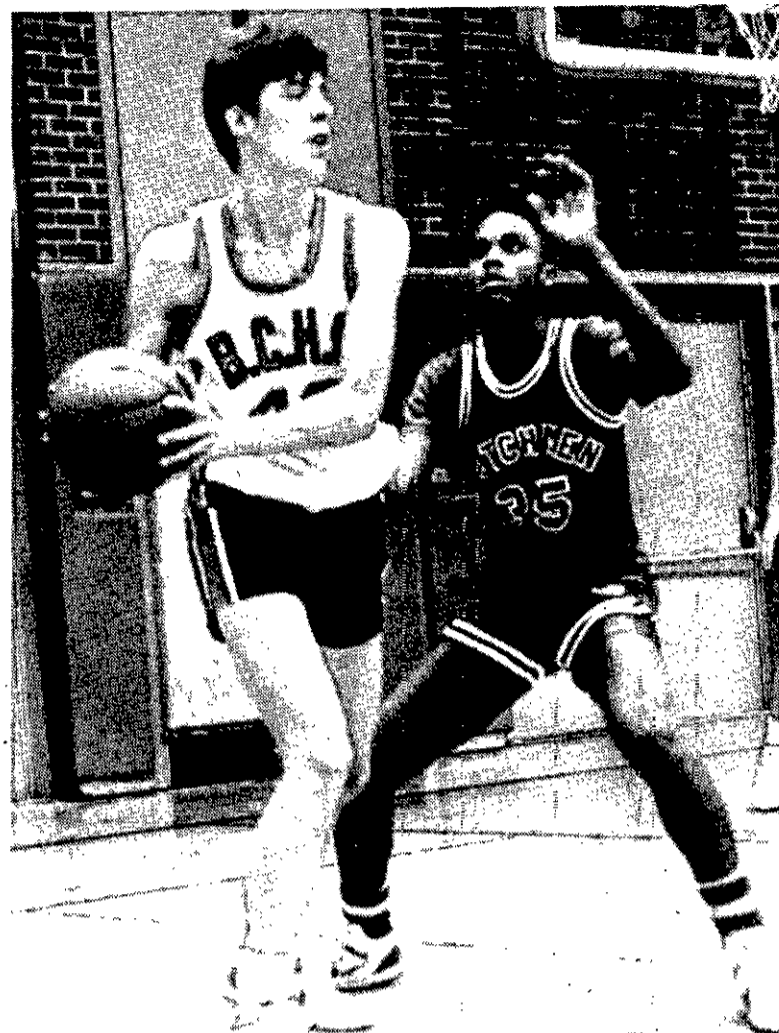
By Lisa D'Ambrosi

It was a disappointing week for the Bethlehem boys varsity basketball team, which lost to both Shenendahowa on Thursday and Guilderland on Saturday.

In the Shenendahowa game, the Eagles played well for the first half, but from then on, the game went downhill. Bethlehem was only down seven points at the half. By the third quarter, according to Coach Jack Moser, their only chance was to start playing a man-to-man defense, but the Plainsmen were too quick for them. Todd Wright, Bethlehem's 6-8 center, scored 19 points, guard John Peyrebrune tallied 11 points, and Jeff Hawley finished with 13 points. The final score was Shenendehowa, 91, Bethlehem, 58.

In the game against Guilderland, the Eagles were either suffering from fatigue or from "a total lapse of concentration," commented Coach Moser. The Dutchmen were only scheduled to play Bethlehem last week, which may have given them the edge. The Eagles played very well in the first half, and were 11 points ahead by halftime. The second half was dismal. They "played flat," said Moser, while Guilderland continued to beat Bethlehem to the boards. Because of this, Bethlehem only scored four points in the third.

In both games, the opposition "got ahead... delayed the game," and forced Bethlehem to go man-to-man, yet the Eagles were just



BC's Jim Blendell, no. 45, moves the ball against a tough Guilderland defense. *R.H. Davis*

too slow as a team to execute it. The final score was 64-51.

Coach Rushman's Junior Varsity team beat Shenendahowa in overtime. They are undefeated with a record of 6-1.

Bethlehem meets Mohanaseen on Tuesday at home at 8 p.m., and the Helderberg Tournament will be on Dec. 28 and 29 at BC.

### Rotary donation

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# Blackbirds almost pull a major upset

By Rick Leach

After losing by 44 points to Mechanicville, the Voorheesville basketball team couldn't have been very optimistic going into their game against state-ranked and unbeaten Watervliet. However, the Birds played very well and nearly pulled off a stunning upset before finally falling 71-63.

"We had to reestablish ourselves and get some confidence back after the Mechanicville disaster," Coach Bob Crandall said. That is what they did as they built an early lead and stayed close all the way to the end. Gardner Foster and Marty Gordinier led the Blackbirds early by combining for 14 first quarter points. The team's other starting forward, Joe Harding, also showed flashes of brilliance in the first half. However, in the second half, the

big men virtually disappeared, and it was up to guards Ed Sapienza and John Lawrence. Although their three-pointers kept the game close, they were not enough to win it, as the Cannoneers nailed 29 of 44 foul shots, including many in the closing minutes, to seal the victory. Also playing well for Voorheesville was senior guard John Meacham, who, in only his second game back, is not yet 100 percent.

This week the Birds take on Lansingburgh today (Wednesday) in a makeup game at home. They then travel to Bethlehem on Monday to meet the hosts in the first round of the Heldeberg Tournament. They need some wins to gain the confidence needed to make a run at the Colonial Council title.

# Lack of confidence slows down Indians

By Josh Curley

Ravena's boy's basketball team had its chances, but failed to win its two games last week, losing to Waterford 58-49, and Schalmont 61-44.

Coach Jim Gorham attributes the losses to a deficiency in the all-important "confidence factor." He feels that the team is unsure of its own abilities, and doesn't even consider victory as a possibility against strong teams like Schalmont.

In Friday's game with Schalmont, Ravena held a slim lead after one quarter, but was outscored 19-9 in the second quarter and never managed to close the gap. Phil Nicewonger led in the scoring column with 13 points.

Earlier in the week, the Indians

hosted Waterford. They led in this game until the fourth quarter, when defensive pressure forced 10 turnovers. Tony Johnston was the high scorer with 13 points, including three 3-pointers. Mike Frazzetta added 12.

According to Gorham, Frazzetta had a "good week," becoming the leading rebounder for the team. Dave Cary, at 6-4, is also developing into a good rebounder, using his height advantage and physical strength.

The "confidence factor" should be at a higher level in the next matchup at Albany Academy after the holiday break. Ravena brings its dismal 0-6 league record up against Academy's relatively weak team in what Gorham calls an "interesting confrontation."



BC gymnast Jennifer Googins warms up during intermission at Thursday's meet against Shaker and Scotia. The BC squad scored 83.70 overall. Susan Koepfen

# BC gymnasts hit the boards

By Deborah Cousins

They didn't win, but they definitely experienced the sweet and sour tastes of competition.

"It was an experience, and we did quite well. Better than I expected," said BC gymnastics Coach Tim Bennet of Thursday's meet against Shaker and Scotia.

Shaker definitely dominated the competition in the meet. Bethlehem did quite well also, ending up with an overall score of 83.70. Bennet is confident that after a few meets, the team will be scoring in the 90's.

Chrissy Mann did extremely well on Thursday. Especially well since she had been limited in her performance because of a back injury. Mann placed first on the team and fourth on the uneven

bars, with an 4.8.

Suzanne Spinelli did equally as well, with a first place in the floor exercises, a second place on the vault, and a score of 4.0. on the beam. Spinelli had to scratch herself from the uneven bars, due to a basketball injury to her fingers.

On Saturday, Jan. 2, at 10 a.m., the girls will travel to Shaker High School to compete in the Shaker Invitational. The line-up will be fairly similar to their last meet, and Bennet feels that the most improvement is needed in the development of more variety, but that this will come with time. Bennet is especially hopeful about the performance of eighth grader Amy De Gaetano, who took second on Thursday on the uneven bars.

# RCS spikers now at 8-1

By Kim VanDerzee

The RCS volleyball team came through last week with three more wins to improve their record to 8-1.

The RCS offense was led by Lisa Ray, who was 35 for 37 in serving last week. Ray had help from setters Dawn Dinardi and Theresa Darlington, and spikers Kris Gerg and Hope Ackert. The defense was led by Tammy Samsel.

The week started on Monday with a win over Voorheesville. The Indians had a slow start, but wound up winning in two games 15-6 and 15-3.

On Wednesday RCS defeated Watervliet in two games, 15-9 and 15-3.

The week ended with yet another win in two games over Albany Academy for Girls, 15-3 and 15-4.

RCS will finish out the year on Monday against Holy Names.

# Job Corps center wins accreditation

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# Lady Eagles learn lesson of third quarter letdown

## BC Girls Hoop

By Bill Dixon

Last week, the Bethlehem girls basketball team faced two of its more substantial challenges of the season with the same sense of determination and confidence which had so far yielded them an impressive five win, one loss record.

Against Shenendehowa, a third-period letdown proved fatal, but the lessons won in that game contributed to a win later in the week over Guilderland.

The first half of a close, high-scoring match with Shenendehowa Wednesday left the Eagles ahead by one point. BC had shown the opposition two well played quarters with Anita Kaplan scoring 15 points and Julie Francis 10. A strong defense kept Shenendehowa scrambling, but, by the third quarter, things had begun to go downhill for Bethlehem.

Four ill-timed turnovers of the ball cost the Eagles an expensive total of 32 points, only 16 of which they were able to win back by the end of the quarter. Unfortunately, the other 16 points remained a chasm between the two teams for the rest of the game. In the fourth quarter, both teams were able to sink 21 points, making the final score an 81-66 win for Shenendehowa.

"They had a little bit more

firepower than we did," said Coach Gene Lewis.

When the team faced Guilderland Friday, some lessons had, however painfully, been learned.

"We tried to keep our offense up this time for that third quarter," said Lewis, "but we still thought they'd be pretty tough."

Guilderland, last year's Gold Division Champs, held up reasonably well under the win-hungry Eagles, trailing them by only seven points by the end of the first half. But this time the team finished what they had started in the third quarter. Building on a series of three pointers scored by Michel Gibbons and Julie Francis in the first half, the Eagles were then able to add another 18 points

to their score, while only giving up six. Guilderland kept at it though, totalling up 17 points in the fourth quarter to Bethlehem's 11. The attempt at a comeback was thwarted by the combination of the Eagle's aggressive offense and unwavering defense. The final score came to 51-40.

"We shut them down really well," said Lewis. "Everyone contributed."

Francis upheld her fearsome reputation with her 19 points, plus five steals. Kaplan also did her share, with 14 points and three steals. Amy Kowski and Gibbons led the team in assists, Kowski with five to her credit. Lynette Stracke, team co-captain

this year along with Gibbons, also helped to keep the ball off the home court.

Today the team will be playing Mohanasesen, which will probably prove to be a formidable, though not impossible opponent.

"We have the ability to play with anybody in the league. It's just a matter of hanging onto it," said Lewis. "We have to continue to be tough, take care of ourselves, and just take it one game at a time."

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# BC swimmers leave Burnt Hills, Guilderville in their wake

By Sarah Scott

The Bethlehem Central boys swim team clinched its third and fourth victories last week with convincing wins over Guilderville and Burnt Hills.

Guilderville (Guiderland and Voorheesville combined) was a good meet, said Coach Ken Neff. "There were good swims on both sides and it was a good, fun meet," he said. The score was 56-40 and Neff deemed the meet "not super close."

Cameron O'Connor placed first in the 100-yard backstroke with a time of 1:04.6. In the 200-yard medley relay, O'Connor, Scott Whitney, Geoff Frank and Chris Drew finished with a winning time of 1:52.6.

"The Burnt Hills meet was a nice exciting one," Neff said. "It was a strong meet and a great meet for the pool opening." The score, 106-56, showed the strength

of the BC team. The BC team of O'Connor, Whitney, Frank, and Drew was just touched out in the 200-yard Medley relay. Their time was 1:47.6 and the Burnt Hills team swam it in the time of 1:47.5. BC went 1-2-3 in the 200-yard freestyle with Justin Baird first, Chris Engstrom second and Drew Patrick third. Engstrom and Patrick both swam personal bests. Brink Hartman swam a personal best of 59:6 in the 100-yard butterfly and a personal best split time of 54:6 in the 400-yard relay. Scott Whitney swam a time equal to that of last years Sectionals in the 100-yard breast.

Divers Andrew Sattinger and Bill McCarthy placed first and second respectively. Coach Neff declared, "They are working very hard and have achieved incredible improvement on their own."

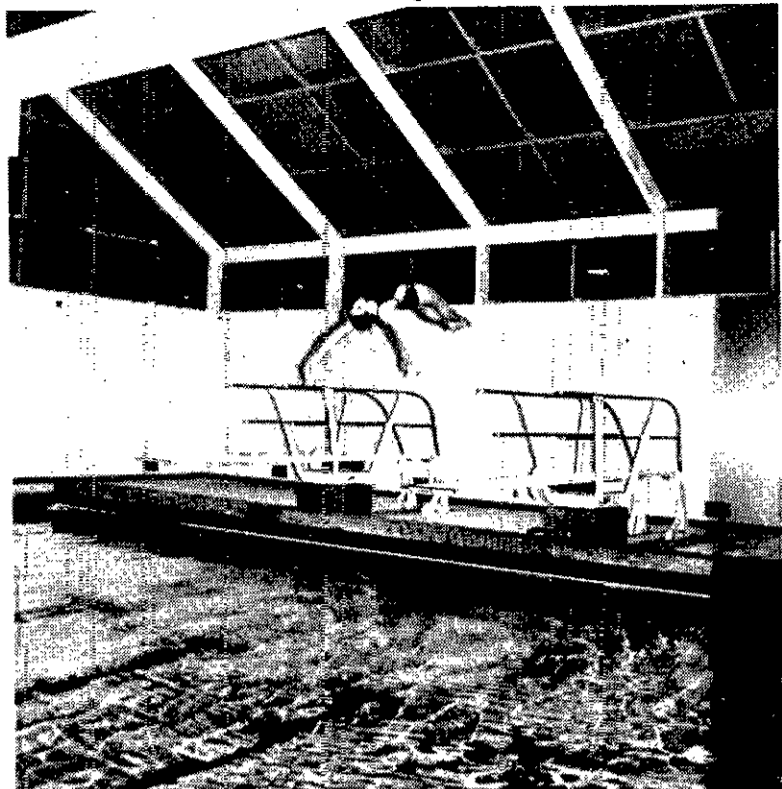
On Tuesday, BC meets Amsterdam away. It will be an interesting meet because the pool

is 20 yards instead of 25 yards. A 100-yard race requires swimming five lengths of the pool instead of four, so concentration is important. Overall the Amsterdam team will be weaker than Bethlehem, but one swimmer, Matt Vinchenaseau, is capable of pushing anyone in any of the four strokes.

On Dec. 26, the new meet the old at noon. The Alumnae Meet matches the swim team alums against the present team. Coach Neff said "It is a fun experience. Some of the distances are shortened for those not presently swimming." For the rest of the vacation, the hard core training takes place to prepare the team for its seven home meet stretch in January.

## Front window shot out

The front window of an Ellsworth Ave., Elsmere, home was apparently shot out by a BB gun Wednesday. A resident heard a loud crash at about 10:20 p.m., Bethlehem police said.



BC girls' swimmer Kelly Ross was the first one in the new Bethlehem Central High School pool as she demonstrated her technique for the pool's grand opening ceremonies on Monday, Dec. 14. The high school pool was part of a \$4.6 million capital improvements bond approved by district voters in December 1985. *Patricia Mitchell*

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# Mergers keeping it close

by Stephen A. Smith

This past week the Guilderville swimming team faced two of the most dominating swim teams in Section II and still managed to keep it close.

Guilderville opened the week competing against a swimming dynasty, the Bethlehem Central Eagles, who have not lost a league meet since 1976. Yet, against the determined Knicks the Eagles were only able to slide past by 14 points, 48-34. The battling brothers from Guilderville, Joe and Kevin Tyrrell, help to keep his contest close. The relay team Tyrrell, Tyrrell, Gary Washburn and Scott Bowden opened the meet in convincing fashion by swimming to first place in the 500 relay. Kevin Tyrrell also claimed victory in the 200 individual medley. His younger brother Joe finished first in the 200 freestyle. David Washburn also gave an excellent performance in the backstroke, finishing second by only a few strokes. Although the Knicks didn't capture a victory, they were able to give the Eagles

quite a score.

Two days later the Knicks were up against yet another powerhouse team with a state champion swimmer. Kevin Paulsen struggled to carry his Albany High team to a slim nine point victory, 51-42. Paulsen's toughest race came against Kevin Tyrrell, a long time friend, in the 100 breaststroke in which Tyrrell won by just a quarter of a second. Tyrrell also had a tough exhibition race in the 100 freestyle, finishing first over Smith, Bissell, and Duncan, all formidable swimmers. Once again in this meet the sectional hopeful relay team remained impressive, finishing first.

After these two challenging meets other teams should start to look at these Guilderville Knicks as more of a threat. Improvement has become an important goal of the Knicks for this season and with each meet this becomes more obvious.

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# Slick roads cause Elm Ave. accident

Ice and snowy road conditions apparently caused a Selkirk woman to go off Elm Ave. and hit a tree Tuesday morning, Bethlehem police said.

Janice McGrath, 42, of Vista La., Selkirk, was driving south on Elm Ave. at Wexford Rd. in Delmar when her car ran off the road, police said.

McGrath was treated and released from Albany Medical Center Hospital for injuries she received in the crash, a hospital spokesman said.

# Clarksville man stopped, faces DWI

Bethlehem police said a 28-year-old Clarksville man has been charged with driving while intoxicated.

The man was stopped on Rt. 32 at Bender La. in Delmar at 8:50 p.m. Friday for speeding. The man said he was coming from Albany, although he was actually headed toward Albany on Rt. 32, police said.

In addition to DWI ticket, police said the man was also ticketed for speeding.

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# Obituaries

## Mary DiAnni

Mary A. Polsonetti DiAnni, 79, of Selkirk died Sunday, Dec. 20 at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

She was born in East Boston, Mass. She was a homemaker. She was the wife of the late John B. DiAnni.

She was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church in Delmar.

She is survived by her son, John J. DiAnni of Selkirk; a brother, Fred W. Polsonetti of Winthrop, Mass.; and three grandchildren.

Entombment was in Memory's Garden, Colonie. Arrangements were made by the Daniel Keenan Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Arthritis Foundation, North-eastern New York Chapter.

## Robert Thomas Spohr

Robert Thomas Spohr, 56, of Delmar died Monday, Dec. 14 at Albany Medical Center Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Albany and was employed by the New York State University Construction Fund as an assistant change order coordinator.

He was a communicant of St. Thomas the Apostle Church.

He is survived by his wife, Ann Barelski Spohr; a son, Robert T. Spohr of Delmar; his mother, Olive M. Spohr; four brothers, Richard Spohr and Thomas Spohr of Altamont, Donald Spohr of Pine Plains, N.Y. and James Spohr of Rhinebeck, N.Y.; and three sisters, Olive Liguore of Boulder, Colo., Jane Silvernail of

Pleasant Valley, N.Y. and Georfianna Armond of Springfield, Penn.

Arrangements were made by the Lasak and Gigliotti Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

## Delaware Ave. accident sends 5 to hospital

A Selkirk woman was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way when her car collided with another vehicle on Delaware Ave. after she pulled out of McDonald's Restaurant Wednesday night, Bethlehem police said.

Laura Wilkie, 25, of Grove Rest Trailer Park in Selkirk, was crossing over the east bound lanes of Delaware Ave. to go west at about 7:35 p.m. She told police she had to slow down to allow a west bound car to go by. Police said Wilkie's car was struck when a car driven by Ruth Ann Wickham, 17, also of Selkirk, was driving east on Delaware Ave.

Wilkie was taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for injuries received in the crash, and was later released, a hospital spokesman said. Two passengers in her car, Krista Wilkie, age six, and Sarah Wilkie, age one, were also reported taken to Albany Medical, police said.

Wickham, and a passenger, Kurt Brozowski, 15, were also reported taken to Albany Medical Center Hospital for injuries, police said.

Wilkie was ticketed for failure to yield the right of way, police said.

# BC gets its report card

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the students taking courses and their scores. Sherwood Davies of Delmar, a frequent visitor at board meetings and former school board candidate, said he believes the district may have an imbalance towards advanced placement biology because students did not take physics or any of the other sciences.

High school Principal Charles Gunner said advanced placement chemistry and calculus were not offered last year and students took a transfer credit out of the State University at Albany for physics.

This is the third year the CAR was compiled. It 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.

Students scoring above the State Reference Point in the PEP tests in math in grades three and six, the third grade reading test and the fifth grade writing test grew across the board from last year's scores. Four percent of third graders scored below the reference point on the reading test, and one percent on the math test, compared to five percent and four percent of BC students taking the tests last year. Scores for the sixth grade reading test declined slightly from last year.

Compared to similar schools, or large central school districts with 2,500 or more students, eight percent of third graders scored below the reference point on the reading test, and three percent on the math test.

Five percent of the students taking the fifth grade writing test scored below the reference point compared to seven percent last year. Last year's score was a drop from two percent on the 1984-85 scores. In similar schools, six percent of students taking the writing test scored below the reference point.

In the sixth grade math test, three percent of BC students scored below the reference point, compared to six percent in similar schools and four percent of BC students last year.

The sixth grade reading test scores were the only results that declined from last year — eight percent scored below the reference

point compared to four percent last year. Middle School Principal Fred Burdick said there were variables from year to year that could have affected the score, such as an influx of about 65 students coming into the district and some other students being lost to the district from the elementary schools. However, this rate was still above the 11 percent below the SRP in similar districts.

In the sixth grade social studies PEP test, 15 percent scored below the reference point on the objective portion and 38 percent on the writing sample for a combined total of 18 percent scoring below the reference point. This was the first year the test was administered and no scores for other school districts were given. McAndrews said a review of scores, scoring techniques and programs should be done before making conclusions.

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 was established for each test, and pupils who score below it must be provided with remedial help.

On the Regents, BC students consistently scored above students in similar school but some scores were slightly below last year's. For example, 87 percent of BC students passed the sequential math II exam, compared to 98 percent last year. One reason for this, McAndrews said, is that more students took the exam than last year. This score was also above the 82 percent rate in similar schools.

Other Regents exam results were also down slightly, such as 93 percent passing the physics exam, compared to 97 percent last year, 92 percent passing the sequential math I exam compared to 100 percent last year, and 87 percent passing the earth science exam, compared to 89 percent last year. McAndrews said earth science is a ninth grade course and the district doesn't feel it should be. However, these scores were also above the same results in similar schools.

In other Regents results, all students taking the business math exam passed, compared to 88 percent in similar schools; 94 percent passed the English exam, compared to 89 in similar schools; 96 percent passed the social studies exam, compared to 85 percent in similar schools; and 92 percent passed the sequential math III exam, compared to 79 percent in similar schools.

McAndrews said the Regents' results show that students are aiming towards the exams and are not being talked out of taking them towards the end.

Turning to SAT results, McAndrews said more students scored above 500 on the verbal and math portions than in other years, but averages were slightly down from last year.

The average score on the verbal test was 484, compared to 490 last year, and the average on the math test was 522, compared to 532. However, about 41 percent of all 11th graders taking the verbal test scored above 500, compared to about 39 percent last year, and about 50 percent scored above 500 on the math portion, compared to about 45 percent last year.

# Detectives catch

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in front of the Radio Shack store.

The detectives said Swain waved at the driver, gesturing for him to move the car toward him. The car drove onto the curb, police said, where it stopped in front of the window. The car then nudged the window to break it, and Swain allegedly grabbed three VCRs from the store.

Cox then drove toward the

other car with police lights on and the suspects' car swerved at them, the detectives said. Cox swerved to avoid a crash as Wilson tried to get out of the car to stop them. The suspects' car again swerved towards the police car as Wilson jumped back into the car and Cox accelerated to avoid a crash again.

The suspects' car then took off at a fast rate of speed, the detectives said. They said that when the fleeing car pulled out of the plaza lot it spun sideways out of control in front of another car, and went off the road into a yard. Cox pulled his car so that it was blocking the suspects' car, and the two occupants ran off into back yards, with Cox and Wilson in pursuit.

A police dog from the Albany Police Department was called in and police officers started checking the area. About 25 minutes later, police said, Lt. Richard Vanderbilt stopped Swain on Rt. 9W near the Glenmont plaza and he was later identified as the passenger.

## VFW post throws a Christmas dinner

The Bethlehem Veterans of Foreign Wars Post 3185 recently hosted a Christmas Dinner for over 100 members and guests of the post.

The dinner was served by the "Teens for Vets" youth group. The group, made up of students from Bethlehem Central Middle School, has made a Christmas Card fruit house for patients of the VA Hospital and have knitted shawls for the Good Samaritan Home.



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Michelle Pregent

**In Clarkson honor society**

Michelle Pregent of Delmar has been accepted into Chi Epsilon, the honor society for civil engineering students. A 1985 Bethlehem Central High School graduate, she is a junior at Clarkson University and is in the top third of her class.

She is the daughter of Mr. and Mrs. John T. Pregent.

**School matters considered**

Three popular human development and family resource fact sheets are again available from Cornell Cooperative Extension. "Off to a Good Beginning: Getting Ready for Kindergarten," "Becoming Part of Your Child's School" and "Getting to Know Your Child's School" have been revised.

"Off to a Good Beginning: Getting Ready for Kindergarten" was written by Patricia Ziegler of the Department of Human Development and Family Studies at Cornell University's College of Human Ecology. The publication

discusses selecting a school, visiting the school and making decisions that will affect the child.

Ziegler points out that a kindergarten sometimes may not be in a perfect setting and offers suggestions to compensate for that. She discusses what to do when the child is "not quite ready" for kindergarten or is bored.

"Becoming Part of Your Child's School" and "Getting to Know Your Child's School" were written by Christiann Dean, an extension associate in the Human Development and Family Studies Department. Both fact sheets give the parent ideas on how to communicate better with school administrators and teachers. "Becoming Part of Your Child's School" tells why a parent should get involved and points out how open communication benefits the children.

"Getting to Know Your Child's School" addresses the relationship between your family's values and priorities of the school. This fact sheet takes you on a tour of what you can do to better understand the underlying values of your child's school administration and teachers.

For a free listing of all Child Development Fact Sheets and their prices write to the Cornell University Distribution Center, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, N.Y. 14850.

**Aerobics class for beginners**

An aerobics class for beginners will be offered beginning Monday, Jan. 11, by the Bethlehem Parks and Recreation Department. Classes will be held on Mondays and Thursdays at 6:15.

The class will feature low level exercise routines for beginners. Class size is limited. For registration call 439-4131.



Tracy Elliot and Steven Collier

**Elliot-Collier**

Mrs. Gordon Elliot of Cantonville has announced the engagement of her daughter, Tracy Elliot, to Steven Collier, son of Mr. and Mrs. John Collier of Delmar.

The bride-to-be is employed as a purchasing assistant for Key Bank N.A. and her fiance is a

music teacher at Chatham Central School District. He is earning his masters degree in music education at the College of Saint Rose.

An Oct. 15, 1988, wedding is planned.

**Hearts and Flowers needs volunteers**

The American Heart Association needs volunteers for its Hearts and Flowers project. Volunteers are needed to deliver flowers throughout the Capital District and to take orders at their place of business, to recruit sales sites and to help assemble the bouquets.

The bouquets will be made of five carnations and two pieces of fern and cost \$5. All flowers must be pre-ordered and proceeds will be used to support the research, education and community service programs of the Heart Association.

**Edgrr the Bear in Christmas stockings**

Delmar author Alexandra Kurland's most recent Kenyon Bear book has been chosen by the book's printer, Thomson-Shore of Michigan, to be its annual Christmas gift. The book, "Edgrr The Bear Who Wanted to be Real", will be given to over 1,000 of the printers customers. Kurland's book was chosen from more than 3,000 titles printed this year by Thomson-Shore.

**Peck-DiLorenzo**

Mrs. Sally Winne of Feura Bush and Edward Peck Sr. of Copake Falls have announced the engagement of their daughter, Katie Peck of Ballston Lake, to Phil DiLorenzo, son of Mr. and Mrs. Charles DiLorenzo of Rexford.

The bride-to-be is a pharmacist with the AARP in Scotia and her fiance is a carpenter with G.M. Stanco Construction.

A spring 1989 wedding is planned.

**Anne Calvagno wed**

Anne Calvagno, daughter of Eileen Calvagno of Glenmont and Anthony Calvagno of Colonie, and Jack Wainwright, son of the late John H. Wainwright and Beverly Wainwright of Schenectady, were married Dec. 11 at the bride's mother's residence in Glenmont.

The couple will reside in Slingerlands.

**Tom Denham named to economics society**

Thomas J. Denham has been selected for membership in the St. Lawrence University, Canton, chapter of Omicron Delta Epsilon, a national economics honor society.

To be eligible for membership a student must have a 3.2 average in economics courses and a 3.0 overall academic average.

He is the son of Maud Denham of Delmar. Denham, a senior at St. Lawrence, is a Dean's List student, a Charles Dana Scholar, a LISTA volunteer, a member of the national senior honor society and participated in the Off-Campus Study Program in London in the fall of 1986.

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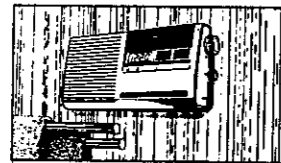
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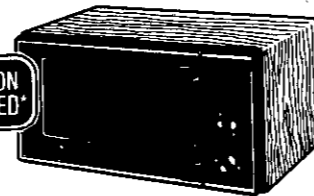
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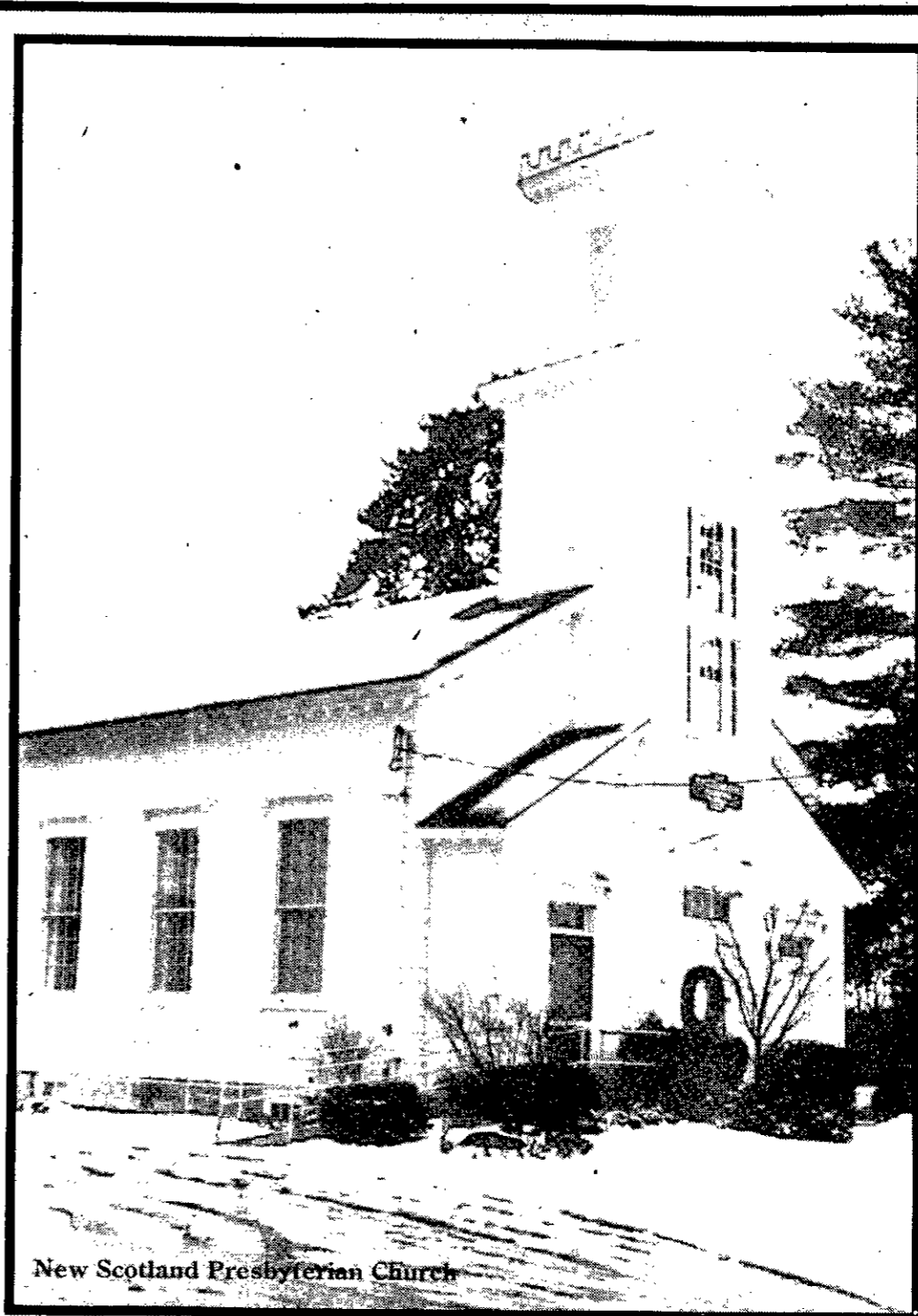
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