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## Jon Swick uses gifts of talent, family

By Ann Treadway

In some ways, Jonathan Swick of Elsmere is a typical teenager: he loves loud rock music and his Commodore computer.

But in at least two other ways, this 17-year-old is not typical at all: he's a pianist who performs frequently in public — and he has Down's syndrome.

A few weeks ago, Jonathan played the piano at a national convention of the Down's Syndrome Association at the Hyatt Regency Hotel in Washington, D.C. His parents, Joseph and Olga Swick, were with him to enjoy the acclaim his performance brought from the audience of 600 people.

Jonathan said in his living room the other night that playing the piano "relaxes my mind." He takes lessons from Mary Alice Senecal of Albany, who has a background in special education, and practices for two hours every day.

His first performance took place about a year ago at the State University at New Paltz, followed by one at the Concord Hotel in the Catskills. Shortly before the Washington trip, Jonathan played for the Bethlehem Senior Citizens group.

"His sister used to play the piano only to please us," Olga Swick said, "but Jonathan loves to play. He's very self-directed, and his teacher says he has talent." Allison, Jonathan's older sister, is married, lives in Delmar, and is studying at Albany Med to become a physician's assistant.

Jonathan attends Bethlehem Central High School, where he is mainstreamed in the Excel program for some courses and attends special education, BOCES classes for others. His parents are extremely pleased with his educational progress these days, and he is, too.

"I'm doing very well," he said with a happy grin.

This represents a comeback for Jonathan, who spent two years in a BOCES class in Gunderland after being unable to make a successful transition from the Bethlehem elementary grades to the middle school classes. He's now receiving the extra support he needs at the high school, Olga said, and is very happy there.



Jonathan Swick, recently returned from a convention performance, plays the piano while his sister, Allison, and father Joseph look on and listen.

Patricia Mitchell

The Swicks have lived on Brookman Avenue for almost 35 years. Joseph works from home as manager of Albany Pipe Insulators. Olga, who was a high school teacher before she had a family, now teaches at the Montessori School in Albany.

They spend much of their time seeing to Jonathan's special educational needs. In addition to his piano lessons, Jonathan is tutored two evenings a week by a Bethlehem teacher, Jesse Braverman. And once a week, all three of the Swicks travel to Charlton, N.Y., so Jonathan can take private computer lessons from Chet Guild, a State University at Albany professor who also happens to be a quadriplegic.

The Swicks heard about Guild from a fellow

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## It's a deadlock for Reilly, GOP

### Special election for New Scotland?

By Patricia Mitchell

Republicans and Democrats on the 2-2 New Scotland Town Board are apparently deadlocked on three key town positions going into Friday's organizational meeting.

A town council seat and the town and zoning attorneys have not been decided on nor is there agreement on the way in which those positions should be filled in the meantime, town officials said Monday. The impasse, and the complexity of state law regarding the filling of vacancies, means it is still unclear who will have the upper hand in filling the posts. The appointment of a building inspector is also undecided, but both sides said that is more of a personnel matter than politics.

Democratic Councilman Herbert Reilly will have to vacate his seat on Jan. 1 when he is sworn in as supervisor, leaving four members on the five-member town board evenly split between Democrats and Republicans. Also to be sworn in after winning in the November election are Democrat John Sgarlata and incumbent Republican Councilman Wyman Osterhaut. They will be joining Councilman H. Allyn Moak, the other Republican on the board, who was not up for reelection this year.

While the Republicans are calling for a special election as early as this March to fill Reilly's term that expires in 1989, the Democrats have been trying to get the Republicans to agree to appoint a neutral individual who would serve until after next fall's general election.

The Republicans would have

an edge in a special election since they hold a registration advantage of 2,059 to 1,578.

However, if the town board can't agree on an appointment or a special election, the seat would remain vacant until the fall election, said Democratic Party Chairman Thomas Dolin, an Albany attorney.

The minority party could have a better chance in November's election because more voters would turn out to vote for president.

Dolin also said one of the board members could appeal to Gov. Mario Cuomo, a Democrat, to call for a special election but he does not see that happening because special elections are expensive to run.

Reilly said five names were presented — both Democrats and Republicans — but the idea to appoint a successor was rejected by the Republican councilmen.

Moak said the Republicans want the towns' people to decide on the seat. Reilly won't appoint a Republican and Moak said he can't put in a Democrat. He has no idea who would run for councilman in a special election, Moak said.

However, Reilly disagrees with the Republicans' call for a special election, pointing to the appointment to the town board of Republican Blanche Stickley last summer after the death of longtime Democratic Councilman Kenneth Tice. Reilly cried foul on that appointment when he found himself outnumbered by the Republicans 4-1 and facing the possibility of a Republican

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## No money for Bethlehem, New Scotland bridges

By Patricia Dumas

Albany County is authorized to spend \$4,270,709 on county roads during 1988 but none of that money currently is slated to go for bridge replacement in New Scotland or Bethlehem.

The county legislature approved the appropriation last week as one of a long list of items voted upon in order to implement the county budget. The sum was recommended by the county commissioner of public works. According to Paul Cooney, county engineer, most of the money will go toward maintenance work on the county's 286 miles of road. Only about one-third of the budgeted amount will

be used for road repairs, Cooney said.

Although three bridges in New Scotland have been ordered closed and the Jericho Bridge in Bethlehem has been out of use for more than a year, the report submitted to the legislature by the county department of public works does not include the local bridges even among projects tentatively listed for attention.

A meeting last week between Bethlehem town officials and County Executive James Cooney to discuss the status of the Jericho bridge problem failed to produce any conclusion about who will pay for the bridge repairs.

Many factors are involved in determining just which roads and

bridges will get priority attention, Cooney explained. He said the county must assess the condition of the bridges, overall repair or replacement cost, the length of any detour which would have to be used during repair time, and the amount of traffic on a daily basis.

Cautioning that plans are tentative, Cooney noted that the report to the legislature calls for replacing deficient bridges in Berne, Coeymans, Rensselaerville and Westerlo. He said that only one of those projects has been specifically authorized. The legislature last week approved that project — authorizing the county to contract with Wm. J. Keller &

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South Bethlehem residents came out over the summer to protest the lack of action taken by county officials to facilitate repairs to the Jericho Bridge, which has been closed for nearly two years for safety reasons.

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# Former state official finds way to 'make a difference'

By Theresa Bobear

"Yes," Robert C. Osborne of Delmar believes an individual can make a difference in this world. "And hopefully I'm making a lot of difference. I'd like to think so."

The former deputy commissioner of the state Department of Social Services founded a private health care management business, R.C. Osborne and Associates, last February. During the past 10 months, Osborne has put in an average of 13 to 14 hours each day, six days a week, to establish health care programs throughout the nation. Recently he's been using his skills to help some well-known people fulfill their philanthropic dreams.

Through the generosity of singer Paul Simon, Osborne is working to establish a mobile medical van program in New York City. And financier Carl Icahn, chairman of Trans World Airlines, is using Osborne's firm to set up private foster care services for homeless children in New York City.

Osborne admits to having formed some very definite opinions about how health care services should be provided during his 15 years of managing and operating health care facilities.

He said his experience as deputy commissioner of the state Department of Social Services allowed him to meet noted national leaders involved with health care delivery. "It gave me a very good perspective on the problems that poor people are having with health care and social services in general," he explained.

Osborne sees his firm as working in complete cooperation with the state Department of Social Services. "I think that our goals are the same."

"It's very difficult to make things happen when you're dealing with such a huge bureaucracy," said Osborne. "I think there's a recognition that there are certain things that can get done faster in the private sector than in the public."

"I see myself as working in concert closely with the state and local departments of social services to solve problems that are paramount at this time," he said.

Osborne offers his time and expertise in addressing the problems of homeless children in



Robert Osborne spends much of his time setting up health care programs across the nation.

New York City.

He helped Paul Simon use his Graceland Tour profits to establish a mobile medical van program. The van, which is operated by the New York Hospital, provides health care to the city's homeless children. Osborne coordinated the project and secured the necessary state approvals in eight weeks — record time. He is now working to secure approvals for a second van.

"Paul Simon clearly made a difference with what he's done so far," said Osborne.

While Osborne said the project he's coordinating for Carl Icahn is evolving, the end product will be the establishment of a private social services agency. The agency will identify foster or adoptive parents for children whose parents are in no condition to provide care. Some six structures will be renovated to provide an alternative to the "SRO" hotels for the homeless on 42nd St. The additional housing stock will allow poor families to be reunited.

"I think I'm doing a lot of the same things I was doing with the state, but I am unencumbered by the bureaucracy," said Osborne.

"I had always wanted, from the time I could remember, to run my own business," he said. "I enjoy the fact that I'm able to be free to be my own boss and still be able to pursue interests — to help a certain portion of the population."

"I think it's possible to be an entrepreneur and still make a social contribution," said Osborne. "So far, I've been able to prove this to be true."

Osborne has advised health

care facility administrators in states such as Virginia, Ohio, Illinois, Colorado, California and Maryland.

The offices of the national firm are in Albany and Washington, D.C. In addition to employing two assistants, Osborne may hire a consulting physician, attorney or accountant, depending on the project.

He said he is looking for more long-term health care management projects and is hoping for do more work in Albany.

A native of New York City, Osborne holds a bachelor's degree in sociology from Bethany College, Kansas, Mo., and a master's of public administration from New York University. He is currently pursuing a Ph.D. in urban and environmental studies at Rensselaer Polytechnic Institute.

He earned a service medal and two air medals while serving as an aerial photographer for the U.S. Air Force in Viet Nam.

Osborne has served as director of a community health center in White Plains and at the Whitney M. Young Health Center in Albany, and as assistant director of the Bronx Municipal Hospital Center. He set policy and administered the state's medicaid program while serving as deputy commissioner of the state Department of Social Services.

Osborne currently serves as speaker of the house for the National Association of Community Health Centers.

He and his wife Karen reside in Delmar with their two children, Alicia and Robert.

## □ Jon Swick and his gifts

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Olga said that for some time they've observed a regular Friday night routine — the long drive to Charlton, weekly grocery shopping, and then a quick meal at a Pizza Hut or Ponderosa. They hope computer skills will open the door to a job for Jonathan.

The Swicks expect Jonathan will earn a high school diploma in three or four years, and then may attend Hudson Valley Community College. Piano playing, they know, while a wonderful hobby, can't be counted on as a way to earn a living.

Jonathan began his schooling at the Montessori School, which Olga said is "for everyone." She described the school's basic

philosophy as "freedom within a structure." She and her husband were among the founding families of the local Montessori school 21 years ago (before Jonathan's birth), she said. At present, the school is located on Morris Street in Albany, but an affordable new site is being sought.

In spite of the time they spend looking out for Jonathan, Joseph and Olga Swick both appear quietly contented with their lives. Olga attributes this attitude to faith in God.

It hasn't been easy, she admitted. Their first son developed a brain tumor as an infant and died at the age of eight. After that, Allison was born and then, when Olga was in the older childbearing age range, Jonathan came along to join the family.

"I didn't tell people about his specialness," Olga said, "but I didn't talk about Allison's being gifted, either."

She decided then, she remembers, that God would just have to give her the strength necessary to handle this new challenge. And she believes He did.

Jonathan is a handsome, happy boy — who plays one heck of a Beethoven sonata.

### Acciardo is intern

Heather M. Acciardo, the daughter of Raymond and Sheila Acciardo of Selkirk, is serving as an intern at Shreve, Crump and Low Jewelers.

Acciardo, a senior retail management major at Simmons College, Boston, will assist the store's manager and buyer.



### Delmar Bootery, club winners in contest

The winners of the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce's Holiday Decorating Contest have been announced.

In the commercial category, first prize went to the Delmar Bootery on Delaware Ave. and second place was won by the Normanside Country Club. There was a tie for third place between Birch Tree Furniture Company and John G. Myers Travel.

In the residential category, the Bruce McBride family of 209 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, won first place with second going to the Albert Penk family of Clapper Rd., Selkirk. There was also a tie for third place in the residential category between the Thomas Venter family of Delmar and the Thomas Frazier family of Delmar.



Above, the McBride house on Kenwood Ave.; left, the Delmar Bootery.

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### Rash of car break-ins reported in Delmar

Bethlehem police said a rash of thefts from cars were reported between Monday and Tuesday in Delmar.

A mobile telephone handset and antenna, valued at \$295, were taken from a pickup truck on Hudson Ave. between 1 and 8 a.m. Tuesday. Police said the telephone is useless without a transceiver that was not taken.

A driver's side window was broken on a car parked on Fernbank Ave. and a radar detector was taken between Monday and Tuesday. Police said it is valued at \$140.

Two cars parked on Pheasant La. were also broken into Monday night or Tuesday, police said. A cassette radio, amplifier and two speakers, all valued at \$170, were taken from a car parked at 30 Pheasant La., and a cassette radio was taken and the dashboard was damaged on a car parked at 16 Pheasant La., police said.

Three cars were also rummaged through between Sunday and Monday while they were parked on Wellington Rd. A tool box with tools was taken in the incident.

### German classes

The German Language School of Albany will hold a student information and registration session at the William K. Sanford Town Library, Albany-Shaker Rd., Colonie, at 7 p.m. Tuesday, Jan. 5.

For information, call Marni Frede at 482-1253.

### Truck overturns

A Slingerlands man was uninjured after the tractor trailer he was driving overturned at the intersection of Rt. 9W and Elm Ave. in Selkirk on Wednesday, state police said. The 44-year-old man was ticketed for failure to stop at a stop sign.

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## '88 keys: thoughts for the coming year

Do people really make resolutions — "turn over a new leaf" — at the close of a year and the start of another? Do their institutions do so (at least figuratively)?

Custom says that it's true, and presumably no harm's done by some candid self-scrutiny and an inner little voice that says, "I can do better." In any event, the closing of the accounts at year's end and the turning of the page for the oncoming year do offer an attractive opportunity, psychologically at least.

In that spirit, *The Spotlight* seizes this occasion to enumerate several of the items of community-wide interest. On these, we resolve to direct your attention during 1988, with the goal of helping to find means for improvement or solution. (Resolution/solution: note the similarity of context.)

Each of these items, we believe, deserves a general thoughtful, informed participation by citizens that can result in desirable, suitable action.

At the threshold of the oncoming year, then, let's all make one firm resolve and promise:

*In my New Year's Eve celebrating I will practice moderation and will do my part to assure that neither I nor anyone else I'm with (and particularly those under my control and responsibility) tries to drive while affected by alcohol. I will remember to respect the rights of other people and spare them horror and sorrow.*

The dreadful toll caused by celebrants of the new year need not happen. Common sense and only ordinary concern for the well-being of others can put an end to the senseless and tragic slaughter on the road.

Incidentally, the announced reso-

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lution by various police forces that they will be especially vigilant that night should help to stiffen a decent regard for one's self and for fellow human beings.

But that regard hardly should end there. Safe driving can and must prevail throughout the year, and with that kind of resolve we can bring an end to the needless highway toll.

#### On to other '88 key matters for Bethlehem and New Scotland:

As we see it, planning our communities' future deserves a very high priority on the agenda. Growth and development are, to a degree, inevitable. There's a limit to that growth. Where should the line be drawn? What are the inalienable rights of those settled in a community to control the intrusion of elements that may or may not be in their interest? Should not the community — and all its people — have a voice, as well as a stake, in determining its size and its character? We must not be at the mercy of those who see our open land as an invitation to make a new fortune. Nor must we be at the mercy of those who oppose all progress, particularly when it impinges on their "back yard."

The community's ability, and willingness, to govern its own future is at the very top of the roster of key priorities, we believe. Intensified attention by citizens to the ideas and commitment on the part of planners and other public officials is a genuine subject for concern. *The Spotlight* hereby resolves to renew discussion of this subject early and often in 1988.

Let's look at a few of the other items for the 1988 agenda in our towns:

Improved traffic arteries, and a better flow. The various segments of the community are too closely knit to permit a spotty effort at patchwork solutions. A regional view and approach is mandatory if we're to improve on people's time, patience, and safety.

We'd like to see aggressive action to explore the possibility of bringing about a new commercial area that will better serve the needs of this diverse and diffuse community.

A community center for Bethlehem. What we've said before will bear repeating and underscoring. We hope Bethlehem's Town Board will move quickly now to promote public discussion of a site, the type of facility, and its financing.

Senior citizen housing is an urgent need, as was described in these pages in our Dec. 9 issue. It's a need that we will reiterate again and again while examining alternative remedies.

Education: The quality that is being, and is to be, offered in the three area school districts is a fit topic for attention and review. So is the long-standing problem of redistricting Bethlehem Central's elementary schools. The long-term interests of the district as a whole should prevail.

Water supply and access to adequate water for the total community (especially if it is to grow) is a matter of great concern. We will explore the various potential avenues. No less

important is the question of solid waste disposal in all categories. The possibilities are growing smaller and the answer is an urgent priority.

Volunteer service: a continued willingness by citizens to take part, to help out — especially in emergency services — should receive greater attention. Can voluntarism receive a boost through devices such as tax credits that could provide a new incentive?

We'll be well advised to continue beating on the condition and usability of the bridges in our community. Though the remedies seem to be beyond local jurisdiction, our representatives can continue to be aggressive in getting action.

We will want to direct the attention of the City of Albany to its role in helping to bring about unimpeded access to and from the city. Needless delays result from unplanned traffic flow on the far side of the bridges.

Finally, you can expect *The Spotlight* to look at the pressing obligation for the community to give concerted attention to the facts of alcohol and other drug abuse. The topic is most keenly visible among young people — but the attitudes and expectations of parents and others is an inescapable aspect. What sensible answers, workable improvements are we all going to seek this year?

On all these topics *The Spotlight* invites your participation by contributions to these pages. And we welcome not only your ideas but any addition you suggest for the community's agenda.

### CONSTANT READER

## Dubious achievements

One of the magazine world's spectacular events of any year is *Esquire's* "Dubious Achievement" awards. This year's winners in "Absolutely, positively the worst year on record" are in the January issue (\$2.50). The editors take note of Richard Nixon's letter to Gary Hart of last summer in which he congratulated Hart for handling "a very difficult situation uncommonly well" in withdrawing from the race. *Esquire* continues:

"Suddenly, there it was, clear as five o'clock shadow: Hart's eerily mirthless smile, his uncanny ability to arouse suspicion with the simplest pronouncement, his bizarre urge to self-destruct right before our eyes. With his letter Richard Nixon acknowledged that he, too, recognized the bond with Gary Hart. And thus the torch was passed to a new generation."

More than 100 irreverent, sly, some hilarious, some in dubious taste, outrageous 1987 news items are spread over eight pages, such as "Michael Reagan revealed that until the age of ten he believed that the family's black cook was his mother" and "Spuds MacKenzie, the Bud Light canine mascot with the ability to attract beautiful women, was revealed to be a female."

The writing in *Sports Illustrated*

consistently is among the best in any magazine. In an issue that's already off the newstands but is worth hunting up (Dec. 21; \$2.25), *SI* salutes eight "Athletes Who Care." In an essay introducing the eight, Frank Deford states that "Sportsmanship has been superseded by a relatively new term, gamesmanship, which is very nearly the antonym for sportsmanship — infamy to its fame, greed to its grace."

"In one sense, these men and women are representative, vicars of all athletes who give of themselves unto others. But they are not merely symbolic, they are very much flesh and blood. They are the worthiest."

The eight are: Chip Rives, college football; Rory Sparrow, basketball; Kip Keino, track; Bob Bourne, hockey; Patty Sheehan, golf; Reggie Williams, football; Dale Murphy, baseball; and Judi Brown King, track.

There's a new magazine out, called *Traveler*, published by the immense Conde Nast company. At \$2.50 it's a pretty good buy for those who travel considerably or who are just fascinated by far away places. The December issue featured an article, "How to Shop Like a Princess," a consumer guide to the Princess of Wales' London shopping spree. ("The

essential question: 'If I could buy what Di buys, would I?'"

*Town and Country* (\$3) presents an annual "Generous American Award" and the 1987 recipient is Curtis L. Carlson of Minneapolis: "A self-made man legendary for turning his ideas to profit, he has long applied the precepts of business to charitable giving. In addition to making private gifts, such as a recent \$25 million donation to his alma mater, the University of Minnesota, he has also challenged a generation of business leaders to use company earnings to solve community problems. . . he has inspired the new philosophy of corporate giving."

Mr. Carlson, by the way, is described as a "prototypical Midwestern Swede with a jovial Santa Claus exterior. Beneath the surface, however, lies the soul of a demanding taskmaster."

*Town and Country* also enumerates "Super Santas of '87," a couple of hundred individuals, foundations, and bequests responsible for gifts of \$1 million or more.

*Manhattan, inc.*, features the story of the "soft-selling of Jack Kemp" by an advertising master, Phil Dusenberry. The ad man

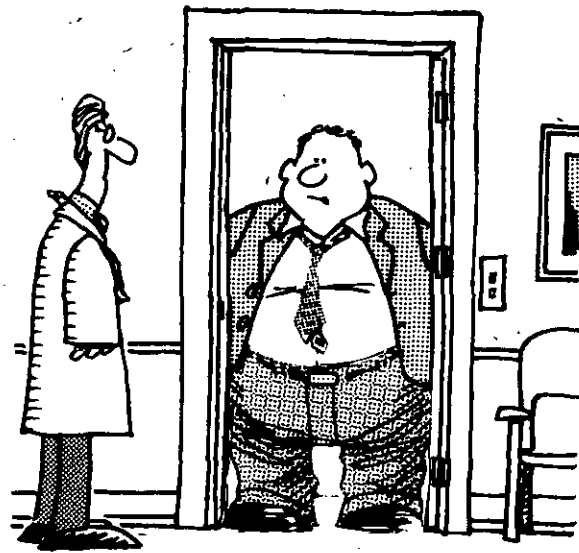
wants "to create a sense of Jack; to me, Jack is a lot like Reagan in the things he stands for, except he's a more active guy than Reagan is, you know what I mean?"

The issue (December, \$3) also features a view of Time, Inc., and

its new editor in chief, Jason McManus.

"McManus will have to prove that the very things that give the company its luster — its famous and influential magazines — must be protected and nurtured."

## Berry's World



"I put on a little weight over the holidays...."

UNCLE DUDLEY

## Letter from a sober friend

Stacked with all my Christmas cards was a letter from an old friend who was marvelling at how wonderful the holidays have become. And the very special reason why.

What With the holiday rush, I just got around to reading it now, and I wanted to share it with you.

Dear Uncle Dudley,

Seventeen years between drinks — "Boy, am I thirsty." That's a line I use often. It always gets a laugh. But, laughing didn't get me to give up drinking. Crying did.

There were a lot of tough years before I could get myself to admit (aloud, key word) that something was wrong.

That million-dollar salesman in my head assured me "it's o.k. to have just one." "My supersalesperson" was on the job 24-hours-a-day. In the old days, after I had "just one" depression was my natural state of mind. Damn, how could I fall for that "just one" line again.

During the last years of my drinking (God, please let them be the last) I went to bed angry every night. The targets of my anger — anyone or anything. I was always angry. In the morning, after a "wired" night's sleep the usual hangover would wake me. Dragged down with guilt, tears and apologies to my husband (he got the worst of it) and family, I would make the same sincere vow, "Tonight it will be different, so help me God," and so help me God—it wasn't. Why?

Because getting to that place where you finally admit and commit is an experience only an active alcoholic knows about. It's hell, pure and simple. Getting sober takes "guts". First, you have to muzzle that "salesperson" in your head and say these words out loud, "I'm sick and tired of being sick and tired I am an alcoholic." If you're a sucker for "instant gratification," as all alcoholics are, it will be realized at the moment you say these words. What you do with it after this moment is entirely up to you. I knew I was in trouble with drinking for about two years before I was able to do anything about it.

I read an article in a women's magazine written by an alcoholic. What she wrote sounded just like my life. I wrote to her, she wrote back to me telling me how to get help. I kept her letter under the blotter on the desk for two more years. No joke. Every time I went past that damn desk my heart skipped a beat. Then one night



(compulsively as usual) I jumped up from the dinner table and said, "I'm going out!" Big surprise because I never was able to go anywhere in the evenings. My husband and the kids stared in disbelief.

I took the keys to my husband's car and off I went. I drove to another town looking for the church I thought had an AA meeting. I went to the wrong church and interrupted choir practice. I left there in disgrace and sat in the car crying. Told myself to shape up. I started down the road to the next church in that town. Went down the one way street the wrong way and was stopped by the police.

The officer asked to see my license. I didn't have it and didn't have my husband's registration. I was crying again and shaking apart. The police asked, "where do you want to go?" I told him I was looking for a meeting. He said, "Lady, follow me." He drove me to the right church and said, "In the front door, straight ahead to the end of the hall, that's AA."

When I got to the room, there were five people there. A beautiful young woman came to the door. I thought, "Oh God, I'm in the wrong place again." She said, "come on in, don't be scared, you're in the right place." And believe me, in the next 10 minutes I knew she was right.

I'm one of the lucky ones, from that night to this moment I only want "not" to drink. There have been times when I've thought "boy a drink would be just the ticket right now." But I have never let go of that feeling that I never want to be where I was the night before I took the ride to my first AA meeting.

When I got home, everyone was in bed. I climbed into bed. My husband jokingly said, "where did you go, to GG's" (a local bar in town) I told him it was two letters alright but not "GG", it was "AA." He put the light on and we talked for hours. Luckily for me, he is warm, loving, kind and sympathetic. He was also naive

(still is). He never realized how much I drank. He says he never dreamed I needed AA but, on the other hand, he has always encouraged me to go to the meetings.

Historically, my family has been plagued with drinking alcoholically. One regret I have is that I never told my dad I joined the program. He was a holy terror when he was young and messed up his life and my mom's. My sister and I had a terrible childhood because of the drink. After my mom died, dad's drinking slowed a bit and eventually stopped because he was ill.

Dad was staying with us when I first went into AA. When I went to meetings I never told him where I was going. Of course, I learned about not talking about important things from him. I thought if I told him about AA he would try to talk me out of it. Now of course, after all those meetings, I realize that we could have talked about our mutual disease. It was an opportunity for us to share something special and I missed it. He is gone now and to this day I always wonder what his reaction would have been.

So my friend, I am very proud to be in AA. And I feel badly for people who need the program and haven't found it. When you're in AA, you never experience hopeless and desolate aloneness again. No matter where you go, out of town, state or the country, AA is only a phone call away.

There is a fall-out of happiness throughout my family and friends in the last 16 years because of AA. I like to think it has changed me physically, financially and spiritually. I'm on a direct line to God. He holds me and my loved ones in the palm of His hand. And whether you believe it or not, 16 years worth of "Our Fathers" (said after every AA meeting no matter what your religion) has to improve your life.

This is how it happened to me. It's simple: if drink is messing up your life — don't drink. If you want to stop drinking reach out and get help. It's as easy as dialing the telephone: 489-6779.

Once the mind is ready and the gut is obedient and the heart says yes, it's a "trinity of agreement." I have never "yet" (another key word in sobriety) had another drink. But the path to sobriety is a turbulent one. There are many surprises along the path to sobriety, but take it from this pilgrim; it's worth it.

Your friend,  
Agnes A.

## Through the cracks

Assemblyman Richard J. Conners has been in the New York State Legislature for more than a decade. His district, which is based in the city of Albany, also takes in the towns of New Scotland and Guilderland. In this interview with Editorial Page Editor Dan Button, he discusses an issue which is dividing legislators about one of their historically important functions.

The 1988 session of the Legislature will be called to order within the next several days. Along with the customary major issues that we will take up, there is a new one which regrettably seems sure to be on our agenda.

### Point of View

I say "regrettably" because in my opinion this particular issue has been raised mistakenly by well-intentioned individuals who are looking for "a cause."

For many months these same individuals were devoting their energies to the popular sport of utility-bashing. But with the establishing of an almost brand new Public Service Commission, that little crusade has become out-of-date. Instead, by courtesy of some segments of the media, together with such organizations as Common Cause and NIPRG (which more frequently than not take positions I agree with) we are confronted by the non-issue of "Member Items." Even some legislators are falling into their new game.

The key words this time are "pork barrel." Those are dirty words. They imply that something's rotten in the barrel, and that it must be set to rights. Of course, I have no trouble agreeing that if and when any legislative body allows its members to violate good practice, a correction is necessary. My point is that the "member items" do not fall into any such category.

My dictionary informs me that the expression "pork barrel" has been in use since 1904. The definition is "A government project or appropriation yielding benefits (as patronage positions, increased employment, or public spending) to a political district and its political representative."

You will note that the definition does not condemn such projects as evil or even deplorable. In any event, the so-called member items which have been established legislative practice for many decades are not proposed and approved for the benefit of the "political representative."

They are, indeed, beneficial to the district that is his (or her) privilege to represent. One of the questions that has been raised claims that the purposes and funding that are now served by member items should be part of the general budget proposed by the Governor and ultimately approved by the Legislature. That view is tied to the vast misunderstanding that prevails in some quarters about the nature of the member items.

In truth, they serve an exceedingly useful and laudable function. They fulfill one of the legislator's basic roles — that of the ombudsman who is in touch with the people of the district and with their needs. No Governor, no Budget Director, no bureaucrat down in the Alfred E. Smith office building can possibly know of those needs and put them effectively into the Governor's budget.

The member items can be said to represent the numerous important needs of the people that have fallen through the cracks, to use a current expression. It is the local legislator who learns of them and does what he can to help satisfy actual needs of voluntary organizations who require help in their programming. These invariably are very worthy purposes, virtually without exception. I regret and resent the level of misunderstanding that declares these humanitarian causes are "pork barrel." That slur is a grave disservice to deserving causes, and it is also a discredit to those who peddle the idea.

I was especially outraged in the instance of the *Times Union's* "expose" that included the Northeastern New York Food Bank as "pork." The fact is that no fewer than 17 legislators had joined to help pool resources for the needy, otherwise not available.

Unhappily, that is only one example of the kind of essential organization and vital service that can be victimized by this popular "member-item-bashing."

I tend to agree with one of my Republican colleagues, Sen. Nicholas Spano, who has suggested that funding requests be reviewed by an advisory body which would make recommendations to the member. That might well serve a justifiable purpose, though actually one major result would be to protect the legislator against extravagant claims of favoritism. In the end, the responsibility for recommending member items for budget approval must be the legislator's. I am willing to stand by my judgment, and it certainly has been my experience that no local organizations are trying to impose unsuitable requests. It is also the case, of course, that there's a limit on what can be voted, and not every worthwhile inquiry by an organization can be honored.

In sum, I strongly believe that New York's legislators are serving properly and effectively the interests of the people of the state when they pick up those good causes that have "fallen through the cracks."

## Kudos to a 'true professional'

Editor, The Spotlight:

So many negative things are said and written about airlines and airline personnel that I thought I'd write this little letter with a contrary view.

One night recently my husband and I boarded a USAir flight in Pittsburgh en route to the Albany airport after making connections from another city. There was a delay in departure in order to enable some other passengers from another flight to make the connection. This was explained to

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us by our captain in a pleasant, straightforward manner. My husband remarked to me, half-humorously, "I like that captain's voice. He conveys confidence."

Less than an hour later, as we approached the Capital District, we had good reason to remember that comment. The captain came on the intercom again, and in a reassuring way he informed the

passengers that there might be a bit of a problem in landing, due to an unusual noise experienced in the takeoff at Pittsburgh. Something might be amiss with the landing gear, a wheel, a tire. The immediate solution, he explained, was to fly in low at the Albany airport so that observers there could take a quick but good look at the landing gear. That's what we did, with a pass over a runway at an altitude that I understand was about 100 feet, though to us it seemed much less. We could see

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the emergency apparatus standing by below.

The captain got an A-OK, which he relayed to us, and eventually we set down without further incident. At that point, a lot of us in the cabin applauded. I think that what we were cheering was not the safe landing, but the skill of the pilot and, even more so, his aplomb that kept the tension at a minimum. I never learned the captain's name, but he's a good man, a real professional. He earned the thanks of a lot of people that night, and their admiration. "Relax, you're in good hands," he had said at one

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uneasy stage. And so we were.

Name Submitted

Delmar

## Educate parents on war toys danger

Editor, The Spotlight:

I strongly agree with the article about war toys which was published in the Dec. 2 issue of *The Spotlight*. I appreciated that Ellen Kelly-Lind and her family and some of her friends put forth

their efforts to show their opinion about war toys. Their protest was against the purchasing of G.I. Joe, Rambo and other war toys for their children.

I believe that Christmas is a time for thinking about peace and other good things for the new year. Not for violence and killing innocent lives. I think that there should be more articles about war toys because more people get killed believing that toy guns are real guns. More parents will think to support the Northeast War Resisters League efforts to educate people about the dangers of toy weapons.

Leslie Dullea

Delmar

## Bethlehem seniors thank Selkirk GE

Editor, The Spotlight:

Bethlehem Senior Citizens Services and the Bethlehem Food Pantry would like to thank General Electric's Selkirk's Plant for their donation of turkeys for delivery to shut-ins. Twenty seven families benefitted from their generosity.

We appreciate G.E.'s continued support of our projects.

Karen Pellettier

Director

Bethlehem Senior Services

## Women's Club elects officers

Newly elected officers of the State University at Albany Women's Club are Meg Elbow, president; Bami Das, vice president; Nancy Scholes, secretary, and Dorothy Ellinwood, treasurer.

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Sons Construction Corp. of Castleton for repair of county road 404 bridge over Basic Reservoir in the town of Westerlo. Keller was the low bidder on the project at \$154,880.

Planning for road work also depends on whether or not state or federal aid is available for eligible projects. In the case of the Jericho bridge, another funding source, Conrail, is involved because the bridge goes over the Conrail Selkirk Yards. Conrail has said it will pay approximately \$800,000 for repairs to the bridge substructure and abutments but, according to Cooney, a dollar amount can't accurately be set "because nobody has X-ray eyes which would be needed to tell in advance just how much damage has to be repaired."

Initially, the bridge repair work was slated to cost \$2.2 million, with the county and Conrail disputing their cost share and responsibility. Conrail has acknowledged its responsibility under Section 93 of the state railroad law and the county executive has said that the county would pay a share of its legal responsibility. However, he said he is looking for state or federal aid and also has asked the town of Bethlehem to come up with a share of the repair money. Bethlehem officials say that would be illegal because Jericho Rd. is a county road.

Cooney and Coyne met Wednesday with Bethlehem officials to discuss the town's concerns on the bridge. The meeting was arranged by State Senator Howard Nolan, according to Supervisor J. Robert Hendrick, after Hendrick's letters to Coyne went unanswered.

Hendrick said there was no

change in the county's position that a third party would have to bear part of the cost of repairs to the bridge. But he refused to be pessimistic. "We got it on the burner again," he said.

However, Hendrick said, a new concern was raised by county officials. Even if the bridge deck is repaired, can the bridge structure bear the weight of large vehicles such as fire trucks? Hendrick said Cooney said he would study that question and report back. Access by emergency vehicles one of the major reasons cited by residents who want the bridge reopened.

A spokesman for Coyne declined comment on the meeting because, he said, negotiations are in progress.

The three bridges that have been closed in New Scotland are Cass Hill Road, Plank Hill Road, and Wolf Hill Road. They have been posted by the state for closing because under state and federal regulations any bridges posted for two tons should be closed. The Wolf Hill Road structure was the last of the three to be posted for closing but so far the town board has managed to have it kept open for convenience.

Albany County and the town of New Scotland are also said to be considering replacing the Onesque-thaw Creek Road bridge with an historically designed structure in keeping with its site in an historic district. The town is responsible for bridge surfaces and the county for bridge decks, according to agreement.

One of the projects on the agenda for the county public works department in 1988 is a report, due in the spring, on a study of existing traffic flows in relation to expected growth in the towns of Guelderland, Bethlehem and New Scotland. Growth is being analyzed in the areas of Blessing, Schoolhouse, Font Grove, Russell and Krumkill roads.

## Weaving driver faces DWI charge

After driving off New Scotland Rd. onto its shoulder, a 33-year-old Westerlo man has been charged with driving while intoxicated, Bethlehem police said.

The man was spotted by police while they were on patrol at about 11:20 p.m. Wednesday. Besides DWI, the man was ticketed for driving without insurance and having an unregistered vehicle, police said.

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# Airport action delayed

By Patricia Dumas

Partly responding to citizen protests against a piecemeal approach to airport development, the Albany County Legislature has postponed action on a proposal for construction of a new airplane hanger.

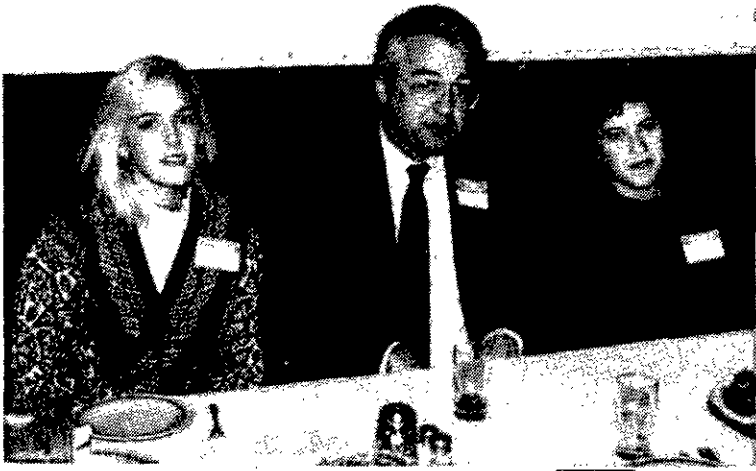
The proposal, which would have allowed Brockway Air Inc. of Plattsburgh to construct the hangar on approximately 60,000 square feet of leased land, was on the legislature's agenda last week but was sent back to its mass transit and finance committees for more study at the request of legislature Chairman Charles Cahill.

According to David Torncello, Jr., chairman of the Mass Transit Committee, part of the study will be directed toward what effect the construction would have on water pressure and fire protection in the residential area near the proposed hangar site. County Attorney William J. Conboy III said there are other questions about the Brockway proposal, "and we want to make sure it gets careful evaluation." He did not specify what the questions are.

Concerns about water pressure and fire protection were among issues raised in a statement distributed to legislators and the press by the Shaker Ridge-Vly Road Neighborhood Association. Members of the association, who live near the site in the northeast quadrant of the airport, circulated their statement before the legislature meeting and later said they were pleased to see the vote postponed.

The statement said that the hangar proposal should not be decided "in isolation" and called for the entire package of airport development plans to be submitted to the legislature as one proposal. The hangar construction "is only the first of a series of planned projects for the near future that are being coordinated by our county executive's airport economic development coordinator," the association pointed out. It referred to plans announced by the coordinator, Howard Goldstock, and by County Executive James J. Coyne for a 2,500-car parking garage, a 250-room hotel, a restaurant, industrial park, air cargo terminal and expansion of the existing airport terminal building.

"Since this is just the first proposal of the county's development and expansion package for the airport, any decision about Brockway should be postponed until the whole package is presented, studies being done by the Capital District Transportation Authority and Clough Harbor engineering firm are completed, and environmental review of the total expansion plan



County Legislator Robert Hoffmeister meets earlier this year with Bethlehem Central High School students Katherine Lawrence, left, and Randi Wokenbreit as part of the on-going Local Government Intern Program run by the Albany County Cooperative Extension.

is done," the association contended.

Acting on another agenda item, the legislature authorized a contract with Clough, Harbour & Associates for preparation of an updated study of airport land use. Conboy said that the engineering firm's study, authorized for a fee up to \$100,000, will include other studies being conducted by the state Department of Transportation and the Capital District Regional Planning Commission. But he said that airport development will not necessarily be put off until the study is completed because a 1975 master plan for airport development includes

many of the projects currently being considered.

The legislature last week also authorized purchase of a 1,000 square foot parcel of land which is part of the site of the county civic center now under construction. The \$35,000 authorized payment will come out of the bond authorization for the center project but had to be negotiated separately from a previously negotiated deal with the state Office of General Services, Conboy explained. He said the county has been negotiating for 10 months "in an effort to get a favorable settlement."

## Deputies nab 2 on DWI charges

Albany County sheriffs deputies said they made two driving while intoxicated arrests last week.

A 28-year-old Delmar man was stopped for failure to keep right on Rt. 32 in Bethlehem at 11:45 p.m. Tuesday, and subsequently charged with DWI, deputies said. He will appear in Bethlehem Town Court on Jan. 14.

Deputies said a 24-year-old Clarksville man was stopped for speeding on Rt. 443 in New Scotland. He was charged with

DWI and for resisting arrest. Deputies said he was arraigned in Berne Town Court and sent to the Albany County Jail in lieu of \$500 bail.

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

**Village of Voorheesville,** Board of Trustees, fourth Tuesday at 8 p.m., Planning Commission, third Tuesday at 7 p.m., Zoning Board, first Wednesday at 7 p.m. when agenda warrants, conservations advisory council, as required, 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 first and third Mondays of each month at 8 p.m. at the board offices, Thatcher St., Selkirk.

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

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

**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.

**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.

FRIDAY  
JANUARY 1

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

**Bird Watch,** for beginners, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, 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, 8-11 p.m.

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

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Bethlehem, 439-4258.

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

SUNDAY  
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, 439-9252.

**United Pentecostal Church,** Sunday school and worship, 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.; children's 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., services, 11 a.m. and 7 p.m., 10 Rockefeller Rd., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

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

**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.

**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 Elmsere Aves., Delmar. Information, 439-3265.

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

MONDAY  
JANUARY 4

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

**Al-Pan 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.

**Delmar Community Orchestra,** rehearsal, Mondays at 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,** Christian support group for mothers of preschool children will hear psychotherapist Elizabeth Reed speak about family therapy, 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.

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group,** provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience, Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

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

TUESDAY  
JANUARY 5

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

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

WEDNESDAY  
DECEMBER 30

**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, first and third Wednesdays, 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., Elmsere. Information, 439-7864.

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THURSDAY  
DECEMBER 31

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

## 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

"Nunsense," Cohoes Music Hall, through Jan. 3, Tickets, 235-7969.

"Mrs. California," Capital Rep. Jan. 1-Feb. 7, Tuesday-Friday, 8 p.m., Saturday, 4:30 and 9 p.m., and Sunday, 2:30 p.m. Tickets, 462-4531.

### FOLK

Dave Van Ronk, folk singer, Caffe Lena, 45 Phila St., Saratoga, Dec. 31 and Jan. 1 and 2, 8:30 p.m. Information, 583-0022.

### ART

"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, 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.

"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 January. 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.

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 Jan. 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.

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

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- Mark Russell Comedy Special Wednesday, 10:30 p.m.
- Happy New Year U.S.A. Thursday, 10 p.m.
- Beijing Acrobatic Company Friday, 10:30 p.m.
- Mystery! Saturday, 8 p.m.
- Masterpiece Theatre Sunday, 9 p.m.
- Open Air Monday, 9 p.m.
- The Killing of Bhopal Tuesday, 10 p.m.

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**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, Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., Delmar, 9:15 a.m. Information, 453-1806.

**Elmwood Park Fire District**, organizational meeting of board of fire commissioners, North Bethlehem Firehouse, 307 Schoolhouse Rd., Albany, 8 p.m. Information, 869-6996.

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

**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.

## FRIDAY 8 JANUARY

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

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

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

**Preschool Films**, "Happy Birthday Moon," "The Trip," and "Emperor's New Clothes," Bethlehem Public Library, 10:30 a.m. and 1:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

## SATURDAY 9 JANUARY

**Bethlehem Archaeology Group**, provides regular volunteers with excavation and laboratory experience Mondays, Wednesdays and Saturday mornings. Information, 439-4258.

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

**Bethlehem Art Association**, critique session, Bethlehem Public Library, 1 p.m. Information, 439-6806.

**Nature Walk**, "The Flowers of the Winter," Five Rivers Environmental Education Center, Game Farm Rd., 2 p.m. Information, 453-1806.

## SUNDAY 10 JANUARY

**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, 10 a.m.; choir rehearsal, 5 p.m.; evening service, 6:45 p.m., Rt. 85, New Salem. Information, 765-4410.

**First United Methodist Church of Delmar**, worship and nursery care for preschool children, 9:30 a.m.; children's 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.



The Capital Repertory Company's production of *Mrs. California* opens Jan. 2 at the Market Theatre in Albany. Pamela Nyberg, right, portrays Mrs. San Francisco and wins the competition for the "best iced desert." Her

competition comes from Dorothy Cantwell, from left, Pat Dougan and Kate Kelly. The comedy based on a 1955 beauty contest runs through Feb. 7.

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

**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.

**Onesquethaw Church**, worship, 9:30 a.m., 10:45 a.m., Sunday school.

**Bethlehem Lutheran Church**, Bible study and Sunday school, 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.

**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.

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**Silent Films**, "Tillie's Punctured Romance" and "The Tramp," Bethlehem Public Library, 7:30 p.m. Information, 439-9314.

## TUESDAY 12 JANUARY

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

**A.W. Becker PTA**, meets second Tuesdays, A.W. Becker Elementary School, Rt. 9W, 7:30 p.m.

**Slingerlands Fire District**, commissioner's meeting, second Tuesday at Slingerlands Firehouse, 5 p.m.

**Curriculum Night**, for Bethlehem students in grades 9-11 and parents, Bethlehem Central High School, 8 p.m. Information, 439-3650.

## WEDNESDAY 13 JANUARY

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

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## THURSDAY 7 JANUARY

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

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

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

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# Town in water link with Guilderland

By Bill Cote

A request from the Bethlehem Department of Public Works for a North Bethlehem emergency water connection with the town of Guilderland received the town board's nod at last Wednesday's meeting. A hookup would benefit both towns by providing back-up service for maintenance shut-downs and emergencies. Cost of the \$103,000 system would be shared by the two towns.

Bruce Secor, Bethlehem's Commissioner of Public Works, presented the preliminary plan, and stated that details of the agreement still must be worked out and a public hearing will be required. He told the board that all of North Bethlehem is presently serviced by one 12 inch main and that outages over the last couple of years have prompted the move. The project is included in the 1988 budget.

Board members raised several questions regarding the terms under which water might flow across town boundaries. Overall control will lie with the state Water Control Division and the Department of Health, said Secor. Town attorneys will have to wrangle with specifics.

In a separate request, the

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Department of Public Works was given permission to accept two deeds from General Electric Company that will permit extension of the water system along Long Lane in Selkirk.

The board accepted the letters of resignation from two longstanding Bethlehem public servants. Earl S. Jones, Jr., a 60-year resident of Bethlehem, served 26 years as counsel to the town Planning Board. George O. Mann, who served 10 years in the comptroller's office, tendered his resignation as comptroller. Both resignations are effective Dec. 31.

A resolution was approved to amend the traffic ordinance for a 30 m.p.h. speed limit on Kenwood Ave. from the Delmar Bypass to Delaware Ave. The change will be in force around Jan. 9, and the 20 m.p.h. school zone speed limits at the Bethlehem Central Middle School and St. Thomas School will remain the same.

The town board will hold its organizational meeting on Wednesday Jan. 4, at 7 p.m. The next regular meeting of the board will be January 13 at 7:30 p.m.



The Five Rivers Environmental Education Center is seeking volunteers to lead winter ecology classes like the one above. No

experience is necessary and all training will be provided. For information on becoming a volunteer call 453-1806.

## Finding flowers in winter fields

A nature walk on "the Flowers of Winter" is scheduled for Saturday, Jan. 9, at 2 p.m. at the Five Rivers Center on Game Farm Rd. in Delmar. Led by center naturalists, this walk will seek out the remains of summer wildflowers, which keep their shape despite being dried. The naturalists will discuss the identification of winter weeds as well as their natural history and the many legends and lore that are attached to these plants.

The walk will be on gentle terrain. Participants should dress warmly and wear good walking shoes. The program is free and open to the public. For information, call the center at 453-1806.

## Fire chiefs discuss press relations

The New York State Association of Fire Chiefs will conduct a workshop on relations between news media and fire emergency personnel on Jan. 9 at 9 a.m. at the Schenectady County Community College. For information, call 477-2631.

## Because of a sneeze, residents lose power

A sneeze caused a man driving a dump truck Monday morning on Rt. 443 to lose control and shear off a utility pole, knocking power out to New Scotland and Berne residents, Albany County sheriffs deputies said.

No charges were filed in the incident, deputies said.

Michael Blodgett, 24, no address

available, was driving a dump truck west on Rt. 443 in Berne at about 8 a.m. when he sneezed and lost control of the truck, deputies said. The truck then sheared off a utility pole and carried it down an embankment before it hit a tree.

Blodgett was treated for injuries and released from Albany Medical Center Hospital, a hospital spokesman said.

Nigara Mohawk Power Company crews were called to the scene to restore power to the several homes who lost power, deputies said.

## Bryant selected to be Outstanding young man

Mark Thomas Bryant of Delmar has been selected for inclusion in the 1987 edition of *Outstanding Young Men of North America*.

# Developer wants action on project

By Sal Prividera

The developers of Windham Village, a proposed upscale development of senior citizen condominiums on Wemple Rd. in Glenmont, are still prepared to go ahead with the project but are becoming concerned about town delays in approving the project.

Gerald Keneally of the Morache-Keneally Development Group Inc. said Monday the project is "still pending a final recommendation" by the Bethlehem Planning Board concerning the group's request for a zoning change from AA-Residential to a Planned Residential District (PRD).

"We still feel that there is a need and a demand for the condominiums," said Keneally. He said that the group hired a consultant to survey the needs of the area and that a need for the Windham Village type of housing was shown. He called the research of the housing needs "extensive." The condominium prices will start at \$80,000, and the development will offer services designed specifically for elderly people who wish to remain independent.

Some town officials have said they are skeptical about the demand for such high-income units. The town has a committee at work preparing recommendations for more moderately priced senior housing.

Keneally said that within three weeks "Morache-Keneally will go

## Square dancing resumes

The Silver Bullets Square Dance Club will offer a mainstream continuation class in modern western square dancing on Thursdays, from 7 to 9 p.m., beginning on Jan. 7. Plus level lessons will be offered on Thursdays from 9 until 10:30 p.m. For information call 439-3689.



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# Mystery stone in remodeled farmhouse yard

Len and Jackie Tompkins have only lived in their old-time red brick home for two years, but they have already dramatically changed the look of the exterior. Many people who have traveled over Rockefeller Rd. where it comes down the hill and reaches level ground beside the Normanskill creek will remember looking at an appealing brick farmhouse that was painted white. One of the Tompkins' first renovation tasks was to have a professional restoration company sandblast the exterior of the house and return it to its natural red brick color.

The house was built about 1830 and it is listed on a map of 1852 as belonging to "P. Rockefeller." Undoubtedly the old road takes its name from this early family. There was a large barn on the property, but it burned about five years ago. However, the carriage house and a brick milk house remain on the 40 acres that the Tompkins now own. Originally the farmlands extended up the hill to the present railroad tracks and beyond to the new homes opposite the Good Samaritan Home. These houses now stand on what was once cornfields and cow pasture. There was a windmill located along the creek that used the current of the stream to power its arm. While the footing for the windmill is still in place, the crude but effective source of power has disappeared.

Long after the Rockefeller occupancy of the farm there was a family by the name of Fix who resided in the house. A spry octogenarian, Edna deRouville, now of Cuyler Ave. in Albany, recalled for us pleasant memories she had of large parties held at the Fix home. Mrs. deRouville as a girl had resided in the grey painted wooden house still standing on the corner of Rockefeller Rd. and Kenwood Ave. She told of the long, cold winter walks she often made over Rockefeller Rd. to catch the trolley from Graceland Cemetery to her classes at Albany High School. If the weather was particularly foul her father would meet her at the trolley line with his horse and buggy in the afternoon.

The Tompkins house has a

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Allison Bennett



sturdy laid-up stone basement that contains a cooking fireplace. There is still much work to be done to restore the interior of the home to its former beauty. "It's a lot more work than I really realized at the time of my excitement in purchasing the place," said Len Tompkins, with a resigned look on his face.

So far the dining room, located in the right wing along with the kitchen, has been papered in a small patterned blue colonial wallpaper and the wainscoting has been painted a fresh white, as have the built-in dish cupboards. A bay window in the dining room is a Victorian addition put in to "modernize" the house.

In the main body of the house the floor plan is that of the traditional central hall. There are the two large front rooms with a smaller room behind each. While these are now open as alcoves to the main rooms, at one time they were probably partitioned and served as bedrooms. In the living room to the left of the front entrance door there is another bay window matching the one in the dining room. Around the ceiling light is another Victorian addition of a plaster rondel, used purely for decoration. The original wide pine floor boards are still in place and under the windows a decorative wooden paneling is inserted to add a touch of sophistication to the "best parlor."

The entrance hallway now has a bathroom at the rear, but on the exterior there is evidence that originally there was a doorway there that facilitated exit to the rear yard. In those days the hallway was well ventilated in the heat of summer with both front and rear doors open to catch the breezes. A walnut stair railing leads upstairs to the second floor bedrooms. Under the main staircase there is another set of stairs that lead down into the basement.

Upstairs there are two large



The Tompkins residence on Rockefeller Rd. in Delmar was built in 1830. Above, the front view of the brick house. Below, is the

side view of the more than 150-year-old home. *Spotlight*



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bedrooms over the living room, with a bath added to the one bedroom in more recent times. There is no entrance from these bedrooms to those in the other part of the house because of a partitioned wall. Another pair of stairs gives access from kitchen to the two upstairs bedrooms in the wing.

Outside in the yard the feeling of another time is preserved by the old-fashioned cabbage rose bushes, huge spruce trees that were planted to ornament the recessed front entrance door with its sidelights and a horse chestnut tree that shelters the flagstone walks from house to driveway. There is a hand

cug well, laid up with cobblestones and capped with a hand pump. There is another well across Rockefeller Rd. that was piped under the road to feed this well near the kitchen-dining room extension.

A mystery prevails in the front yard because under one of the large trees rests something that the Tompkins felt resembled a grave stone and caused them to speculate whether an animal or a person might be buried beneath. The stone is plain except for the word "BULL" carved at the top. The writer, upon inspection, hoped to put their mind at ease by suggesting that the stone was much thicker than the average

grave marker, and might possibly have been a section of a horse and carriage block that had a family name engraved upon it. Any other inspections or opinions would be welcomed by the Tompkins family.

When one is down in the valley of the Normanskill creek, beneath the highway bridge and under the hills that surround this early farm home, it is easy to imagine that our hurrying, noisy civilization is far away. Here only the buzz of the mosquito and the occasional swish of a passing car interrupt the peacefulness. The residents of Normansville want to keep their area a rural haven on the edge of the city and suburbia and hope to do so by working to place this entire little hamlet on the National Register of Historic Places.

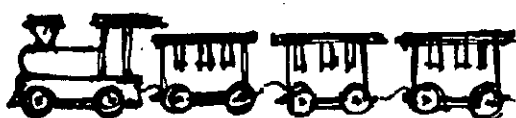
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The chamber music group will play from 8 until 10 p.m. in the restored ballroom of 11 N. Pearl St., Albany.

Admission to the Strauss waltz ball is free with the purchase of an \$8 First Night button.



Recognize anyone? The fifth and sixth grade students of the old Elsmere School posed for this picture in the spring of 1928. Pictured in front of the school, which is now part of the Nathaniel Adams Blanchard American Legion Post on Poplar Dr., are Alberta Yantz, front row, from left, Jane Sidford, Helen Filkins, Phyllis MacMillen Van Alstyne, Ruth Lavery Taylor, Helen Yelton, Elizabeth Wehrle Pelton, Antoinette Schmitz Neyensch, Caroline Welter Dorsman and Dorthey Reno Yeomans. In the second row, from left, Donald Sager, Aramandine LeValley, Florence Robinson, Helen VanWie, Ethel Lavery Snyder (who identified all pictured), Lorraine Walton, Marion Booth, Helen Pittz Roark, Eunice Arnold Carrio, Gladys Rose, Helen Wickert, Josephine Lacavera and Robert Jensen. In the third

row, from left, Norman Jones, Robert Spensly, Robert Tiedman, John Hauf, Junior Carpenter, Richard Benjamin, an unidentified student, Gordon Morris (currently an Albany County Legislator), Ralph Palmer, Harry Brown (a Delmar jeweler), Robert Sherman and Robert Peel. The picture was provided by Vincent Hummel whose mother, Grace Hummel, taught at the school.

**On the cover:** The entire cast of the Delmar Choral Society's production of *H.M.S. Pinafore* appears on the cover of this week's *Spotlight*. The two act play ran for two nights in February 1933. It was the story of a young girl who is in love with a common sailor, but whose father, the captain, wants her to marry a nobleman. In the end, the girl marries the man of her dreams.

### Three troopers make sergeant

Peter Grobecker, James Dolan and John Dorn, all troopers stationed at the state police barracks at Selkirk, will be promoted to the rank of sergeant effective Jan. 8.

Grobecker, 38, joined the troopers in 1978 and has served in Saratoga, Glens Falls, Duanesburg and the governor's detail in addition to the seven years he has been at Selkirk. He will be transferred to Troop B with headquarters in Ray Brook.

Dolan, 43, joined the state police in 1968 and has served most of his career as a trooper and investigator at Selkirk. He was appointed to the Bureau of

Criminal Investigations in 1979, and will remain as an investigator in Selkirk.

Dorn, 30, joined the state police in 1983, and served in East Greenbush and Selkirk. He will be transferred to Troop A with headquarters in Batavia.

### Storage shed entered on McCormack Rd.

Nothing appears to be missing after someone broke into a storage area of a McCormack Rd., Slingerlands, home between Thursday night and Friday, Bethlehem police said.

The burglar first broke a pane of glass on the rear door and then smashed in an inner door's

window and some of its wood, police said. The burglar then climbed through the door's window into a storage room by the kitchen.

Not only was nothing taken, police said it appears the main house was not entered during the break in.

### BCHS Curriculum Night rescheduled

The Bethlehem High School Curriculum Night has been rescheduled for a week later. It will be held on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 8 p.m. in the high school's cafeteria.

## I resolve

The echos of past years' resolutions can be haunting. This year I resolve not to diet nor to learn another language.

### ON THE HOME FRONT

Susan Gordon



Each day will enjoy a new slant. I'll giggle when our son uses the spaghetti server as a back scratcher. When the vegetable scrubber doubles for a bathtub Brillo pad, I'll admire its utility.

Yesterday, several pounds of sunflower seeds dusted the back garden. I vow not to berate the squirrels when they nest in our bird feeders and up-end them.

With the holiday purchases now complete, I'll compliment brusque salesclerks on their calm demeanors. I'll revel in the invigorating hike of retrieving my car from Crossgates' gravel lot — in a wind chill factor of 5 below.

When one of my car's headlights dims prior to a Vermont sojourn, I'll rejoice that it didn't quit on an unlit back road. I'll convey thanks to our mechanic for his repeated towing and kind nature.

Nor will I forget our home, that bastion of small tasks. When I notice the radiator awaiting a fresh paint, I'll thrill at its future coat of hot pink or fuchsia.

I think that this year's resolution to think creatively will be fun.

## Births



### Bellevue Hospital

Girl, Jasenya Quinne McCauley, to Lana Turner and Kenneth L. McCauley, Delmar, Dec. 6.

### St. Luke's Hospital, Manhattan

Girl, Anna Ashley, to Susan and John Bradford Hunter, Mamaroneck, Nov. 11. Maternal grandparents are Eleanor and Hollis Swett of Delmar.

### Voorhees, N.J.

Boy, Christopher Keith, Dec. 18 and adopted Dec. 22 by Carole and Dr. Timothy Jameson of West Virginia. Maternal grandmother is Mrs. Roy Owen of Delmar.

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### Holidays joyous

Although Christmas is past, the happy holiday memories brought through the generosity of numerous community organizations will last through the new year.

According to Peter Luczak, who chairs the Human Concerns Committee, more than 20 area families received holiday assistance in the form of food and gifts. Luczak said many groups and individuals in the community donated food, clothing, toys and money to help area families in need.

Among the groups that brightened the holiday were the Kiwanis Club of New Scotland, the American Legion Auxiliary, the New Salem Fire Auxiliary, Voorheesville Cub Pack 73, Voorheesville Boy Scout Troop 73 and members of the religious education classes at St. Matthew's Church. Donations were also made by the New Scotland Presbyterian Church, the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville and St. Matthew's Church.

### Firemen accept donations

Members of the Voorheesville Fire Department are hoping to start the year off on a safe note by distributing complimentary calendars to village residents. Attached to the calendars are stickers listing emergency phone numbers. Fire Chief Bill Hotaling said the tot finders stickers are also available from any Voorheesville Firemen.

Area residents who would like to make a contribution to the fire department may use the envelope attached to the calendar Contributions may be sent to the Voorheesville Fire Dept., 12 Altamont Rd, Voorheesville, N.Y. 12186.

### Church sponsors dinner dance

Members of St. Matthew's Church are sponsoring a dinner dance at the Albany Country Club on Saturday, Jan. 30. The evening will include cocktails at 7 p.m., dinner at 8 p.m. and dancing from 9 p.m. until 1 a.m. Dinner choices include prime rib at \$22 or stuffed flounder at \$18. Church members may make reservations by calling Jack Stevens at 765-4350, Delores Pierro at 765-4584 or Susan Dougherty at 439-9951.

### Religious programs planned

Religious education classes at St. Matthew's Church will begin on Saturday, Jan. 9, for grades 1 through 6 and on Sunday, Jan. 10, for pre-school and high school classes. After-school classes for grades 1 through 4 will begin on Tuesday and Wednesday, Jan. 12 and 13. Fifth and sixth grade after-school classes will begin on Monday, Jan. 25.

At the First United Methodist Church of Voorheesville Sunday School classes will resume on Sunday, Jan. 3.

On Sunday, Jan. 10, the men and boys of the congregation will join together for a fellowship breakfast at 8:30 a.m.

### PTSA begins new year

The Voorheesville PTSA will hold its first meeting of the new year at the Voorheesville Elementary School library on Tuesday, Jan. 12, at 7:30 p.m. A special program on "school readiness" will be held during the meeting. All are welcome.

Anyone would like to contribute to the purchase of new school equipment may purchase the gold and purple folders being sold by the PTSA. The folders, which bear the blackbird logo, cost 75 cents. For information call Deb Baron, PTSA president, at 765-9371 or Dorothy Patashnick at 765-2458.

### 4-H Club brightens day

Area 4-H groups also made the holidays a little happier for local people. The Osborne Corners 4-H club donated a food basket to the St. Matthew's Human Concerns Committee for an area family. Members of the group enjoyed a Christmas party.

### Back to school soon

The New Year also means the resuming of classes in the Voorheesville Central School District. Classes at both the high school and grade school will begin on Monday, Jan. 4. The next day off from school for district students will be Monday, Jan. 19, Martin Luther King Day.

### Library board to meet

The monthly meeting of the library executive board will be held on Monday, Jan. 4, at 7:30 p.m. in the lower level of the library. Bids on the new library will be opened this afternoon (Dec. 30) in the office of school district business manager Gene Grasso.

## Group finds problems in library contracts

By Sal Prividera

Contract bids for work on the Voorheesville Public Library will be opened as planned Wednesday (today) despite a letter sent to the school board and the library architect, Bender Associates, claiming deficiencies in the bid documents.

The letter was sent by the Associated General Contractors of America, New York State Building Chapter, to Bender Associates pointing out over 30 areas that need work.

"We see no real problems with the contracts out to bid," said Marsden Linder, architect manager of Bender Associates.

The contractors association is a state-wide trade association that reviews "dozens and dozens" of bid documents in a year, said Jeffrey J. Zogg, director of governmental affairs. The association "provides comment to public and private owners on the appropriateness (such as applicable laws) of their construction documents," he said.

"It is fair to say there are many problems that need to be addressed before they can competitively bid," Zogg said, adding the association review was in the best interest of the bidder.

Zogg said that there were several areas where the documents did not comply with the "Guide to Administrative Procedures," published by the state Department of Education. "It appears that the owner is asking one of the prime contractors to coordinate the other prime contractors... it's the

owners responsibility," he said.

Zogg said that he did not prepare the review of the library bids and was not familiar with all the points covered in the letter sent to Bender Associates.

He added that the association did not receive a response to the letter and was sending another letter urging the architect to delay the bid opening.

"We're trying to be constructive," Zogg said, "we want to see the people of Voorheesville get their library... we want to see it get done in a competitive fashion with minimum disputes (over bids).

"We feel his (Paul Richards of the Associated General Contractors of America, who reviewed the library documents) comments regarding the state Department of Education are without merit," said Linder. He said the firm had "worked with the state for a long time" and have received state approval of the bid documents.

He said the bid documents did not ask a prime contractor to coordinate the work, but was meant to make contractors aware of their responsibilities and that there will be other contractors working on the project. He said the contractors are all responsible for the job going smoothly.

Linder said the firm told the school board that there was no reason to delay the bid process.

The next step in the library construction process will be the analysis of bids and the selection of contractors, he said.

## Hearing set for sewer rates

By Sal Prividera

A public hearing date on the proposed sewer rates for the Pleasant St. Sewer District was set by the Voorheesville Village Board of Trustees last Tuesday.

The hearing will be held Wednesday, Jan. 6, at the village hall at 7:30 p.m.

The purpose of the hearing will be to tell residents how the rates will effect them, said Donald Meacham, village attorney. Residents will have a 15-day appeal period after the meeting and the proposed rates would go into effect on Feb. 1.

A temporary rate of \$31 per month was set at last month's meeting.

The board also unanimously approved the transfer of \$300 to the village historian's budget to further his work. Village historian Dennis Sullivan requested the increase to have prints made of historic photographs provided by village residents and to have early village documents, including a 1723 deed, properly encased.

"If we don't take the opportunity now... we won't be able to build sufficient archives," Sullivan said. The village owns the records and when completed they would be displayed in the library or village hall, he said.

In other business, the board denied a request by Martha Crisafulli of 1 South Main St. for a zoning change to allow a three-unit apartment on her property. Meacham told the board that the village "could not give a variance for something zoning doesn't allow."

### Blessing wins baking contest

Mary Blessing of Clarksville won first prize in the Applelicious Baking Competition held during the recent Stuyvesant Apple Festival. Blessing was awarded \$100 for her entry.

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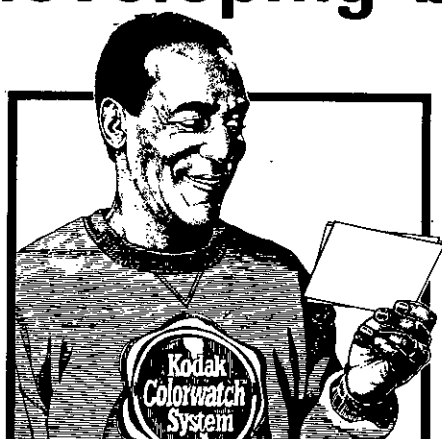


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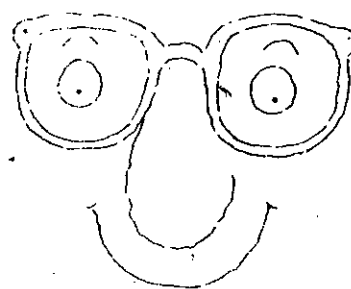


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# RCS adds library to renovations list

The Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk Board of Education voted last week to amend its contract with the architect firm of Mendel, Mesick, Cohen, Waite and Hall to include renovations of the senior high school library.

District Superintendent William Schwartz said the board's approval was provisional, pending the receipt of the contract from the firm. He said the board had not received a written cost estimate,

but said the cost would be "essentially \$5,000."

The junior high school ski club attended last Monday night's meeting to request the use of district transportation for its recreational program, Schwartz said. The group received approval, but must pay \$3 per student per trip. Schwartz said the charge for the bus use was "to help defray district costs" and the decision was based on past district practice.

## Leaves accident scene, Ravena man arrested

Bethlehem police said a Ravena man was picked up by Coeymans police after he allegedly left the scene of an accident on Rt. 9W in Glenmont Tuesday night. The man was also charged with driving while intoxicated.

No one was injured in the incident, police said.

A 27-year-old Albany man told police he entered the southbound lane of Rt. 9W from a parking lot, with no traffic in his direction, at about 7:25 p.m. The 36-year-old Ravena man was also headed south at an unreasonable rate of speed, and tried to pass the Albany man's car on the right, police said. However, the two cars collided, and the Albany man's car was pushed into the oncoming

lane of traffic.

Police said the Ravena man then left the scene of the collision, but was picked up later by Coeymans police in the village. He was charged with DWI, driving with his license suspended, leaving the scene of an accident, and failure to leave sufficient space between cars, police said.

## Lawn job twice

Bethlehem police said the lawn at the state Public High School Athletic Association on Delaware Ave., Elmsere, was damaged twice this week when a car was driven over it on two separate nights. Police said the lawn was damaged some time between Thursday and Saturday and again on Saturday or Sunday.



Mark Katz, a third grade student at the Glenmont School, is hard at work on his fire prevention safety message and poster for

display at the Farm Family Insurance Company on Rt. 9W.

## RCS names students to honor roll

Ravena-Coeymans-Selkirk High School has announced the names of students selected to the honor roll, with an average between 85 and 89 percent, for the first marking period:

### Grade 12

David Allegretta, Tim Baranska, Carey Britton, Catherine Crewell, Joseph DeCastro, Michelle Dedrick, Marsha DiNapoli, Kristine Gerg, Mark Hale, Robert Kilroy, Joseph

Lassonde, John McKiernan, Kim Nelson, Brian Olby, David Oliver, Sandra O'Neill, Kris Orsino.

Dena Perry, Karen Pickup, Amanda Price, Jennifer Rodd, Lynda Scalzo, Eric Schwanke, Daniel Smith, Margaret Stangle, Karen Stoddard, Tracy Tucker, Alfred VanAlstyne, Alisa Wagner, Carla Ward, Fern Westervelt.

### Grade 11

Chad Blakesley, Kevin Brown, Pam Carras, Amy Collins, Miguel

Colon, Joshua Curley, Wes Cuzdey, Denise Dingman, Dan Egan, Philip Goodrich, Jill Gottesman, Chad Hotaling, Karen Jensen, Tony Johnston, Nicole Jordan.

Bridget Kelley, Ken Leavitt, Anthony Nunziato, Tracey O'Brien, Michelle Olson, Keith Pomakoy, Jeff Schaffer, Lisa Schaffer, Yolanda Smith, Dora Sterritt, Darin Tice, Jason Tucker, Curt VanDerzee, Nicole Wagner.

### Grade 10

Alex Austin, Sara Ayers, Jason Bardin, Jason Barrios, Ralph Carhardt, Anthony Cary, Shay Conrad, Melissa DeFlumer, Lauren Infantino, Christine Kennedy, Keather Latant, Garrett Mabae, Frank Maiorana, Jason Mantor, Laura Nicholson, Rebecca Novko, Christine Reilly, James Rexford, Melissa Roberts, Cherie Stalker, Tammie Stalker, Orbin Tercero, Dorothy Whiting, Cynthia Wilsey, Mark Winnie.

### Grade 9

Linda Brown, Carolyn Canuteson, Erik Deyoe, Stacey Fahrenkopf, Krissy Gottesman, Kevin Hall, Thomas Holsapple, Amy Keir, Kevin Kosowsky, Traci Layman, Robert Newkirk, Kelly O'Connor, Christopher Racine, Nicole Roach, Dustin Rock, Nicholas Rulison, Jason Turck, Michael VanAlstyne, Kim VanDerzee, Jessy Wilson, Michelle Wyant.

## New officers elected

Officers of the Onesquethaw chapter, Order of the Eastern Star, will be installed during a meeting at the Masonic Temple, Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Wednesday, Jan. 6, at 8 p.m.

Among the officers being installed are: Muriel Snyder, matron; Alan Lewis, patron; Doris Calamaras, associate matron; James Herbst, associate patron; Shirley Lewis, secretary; Helen Campbell, treasurer; Ruth Campbell, treasurer; Ruth Traeger, conductress; Veva Blood, associate conductress, and Marcia Pardoe, trustee.

Installing officers are: Joseph Benedict, patron; Marcia Pardoe, marshal; Velma Fuller, assistant marshal, and Helen Reynolds, chaplain.

All are welcome.

# We're Talking Business

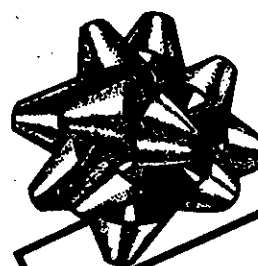
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# Home on the Exchange

(It's come to my attention that many people apparently believe I made up that incredible story, related here on Nov 18, about the tulip market in Holland during the early 1600's. On page one the *Wall Street Journal* of Dec. 11 states "In retrospect, the giddy 1987 surge of the five-year bull market has at least some elements of a speculative craze, echoing the Tulip Mania of the 1600's...")

And now for the "more dramatic look" at contrarian investing I promised last time...

It was back in '87, it was. Why shucks, I wasn't knee-high to a toadstool, but I'm not likely to forget the day that feller rode into town. No sir. One of them solitary types. Say, pass me some of that chaw, why don't you.

I was playing in the road in front of the exchange when I seen him go in. Heard him, mainly. Them doors had a way of creaking as they swung back and forth. I don't know, something about him made me run to the window.

He entered real slow, like he was looking the place over. Took his time getting to the trading desk. "Stock," he growled.

Pete limped over with a rag. "Mister," he said, "you buying or selling?"

"Stock," he repeated, and turned to face the room.

You could've heard a trading slip drop, it was that quiet. 'Til Poker piped up, that is. "You new in these parts, mister? I don't suppose you got a name?" The stranger didn't say nothing, just looked him up and down.

"Pipe down, you fool," hissed Paunch. He was the richest man in town. Practically owned the place. "Don't you know who that is? That's Laclede."

"Yeah?" shouted Poker, "can he handle a stock?"

"That's Kloten Laclede."

Poker went white in the face and you could see his hands shaking, but he was too stubborn to back off. "Mister," he shouted, "I suppose you'll be selling like the rest of us, now the market's down."

Laclede moved the toothpick to the other side of his mouth. "What's it to you?"

"Why only a fool would buy stock now. Some say there's a recession coming. Others say inflation. Either way, I don't like the looks of it."

"Funny, I can't remember asking you."

Poker got all flustered. "Go ahead, Pauch. You tell him."

"Well sir, folks around these parts feel the bull market's over, I'll bet there isn't a bull within a

## Conrail promotes safety

In an effort to educate children about railroad safety, the Conrail Police Department is making a film, entitled *Trespass*, and a "Railsafe" game available to area schools and youth organizations.

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week's ride of here."

"I noticed," said Laclede.

"So," continued Pauch, smirking, his hands gripping his lapels, "I'm selling out before she goes any lower."

"What you got?"

Pauch leaned forward. "You like IBM?"

"I do at 111."

Pauch was aghast. "But IBM was at 175 not two months ago."

"I prefer 111."

"Mister," cut in Poker, "you're either a fool or a sucker."

"Am I? Which would you rather pay, 111 or 175?"

Poker fell back, scratching his head. Pauch wasn't smirking anymore. "But what if she goes lower?"

"Well then, I get to buy some more, don't I?" Laclede looked around the room. "No offense, but seems to me you folks got it backwards. The idea is to buy low and sell high, not the other way around."

"But...but what about the risk?"

"Comes with the territory. But I figure there's less risk at 111 than 175."

"But they say there's bad times

ahead."

"Forever? I guess you folks figure the grass'll never come back, now the bulls have eaten it. Suit yourself. As for me, I'm kind of low on prime stock right now and looking to buy. You can find me at Elsie's." With that he turned to go, but Poker grabbed his arm, his eyes wide.

"Say, Laclede, you think I should get me some IBM?"

"Mister, I'd say you could use a good investment advisor."

David Vigoda, CFP, CFA, a Delmar resident, is an independent financial consultant.

## Area firm submits lowest bid

Harrison and Burrowes Bridge Construction Inc., Glenmont, won a contract for replacing the deck on the bridge carrying Rt. 23 over Rt. 9W in the Town of Catskill. The area firm submitted a low bid of \$456,789 to the state Department of Transportation. Five bids were received. The project is scheduled for completion by June 1, 1988.

## Movers recognized for 15 years of service

D.L. Movers Inc. of Delmar, the local agent for Wheaton Van Lines, Inc., was recently recognized for 15 years of service to the organization.

Dick Leonardo, the company's president, was presented a plaque honoring the agency at Wheaton's 34th annual agents meeting held recently in El Paso, Tx.

## Promoted at bank

Victoria Tomsons has been promoted to the position of manager at the Delmar office of Albany Savings Bank.

A graduate of Broome Community College and the State University College at Brockport, Tomsons joined the bank's management trainee program in June of 1984. She has served in a supervisory capacity at the bank's Empire Plaza location and as assistant manager at the bank's Pine Hills office.

Tomsons is a member of the American Institute of Banking, the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce and the Delaware Plaza Merchants Association. She resides in Albany.



Victoria Tomsons

## Allers to coordinate public relations

Marie Buccigrossi Allers of Selkirk was recently named public relations coordinator for Roberts Real Estate.

Allers is now responsible for internal and external communications, including media relations, publications and promotional events.

A graduate of the College of Saint Rose, Allers has been employed by Roberts Real Estate for more than a year. She was formerly employed as a public relations intern for Saint Peter's Hospital. She is a member of the International Association of Business Communicators.



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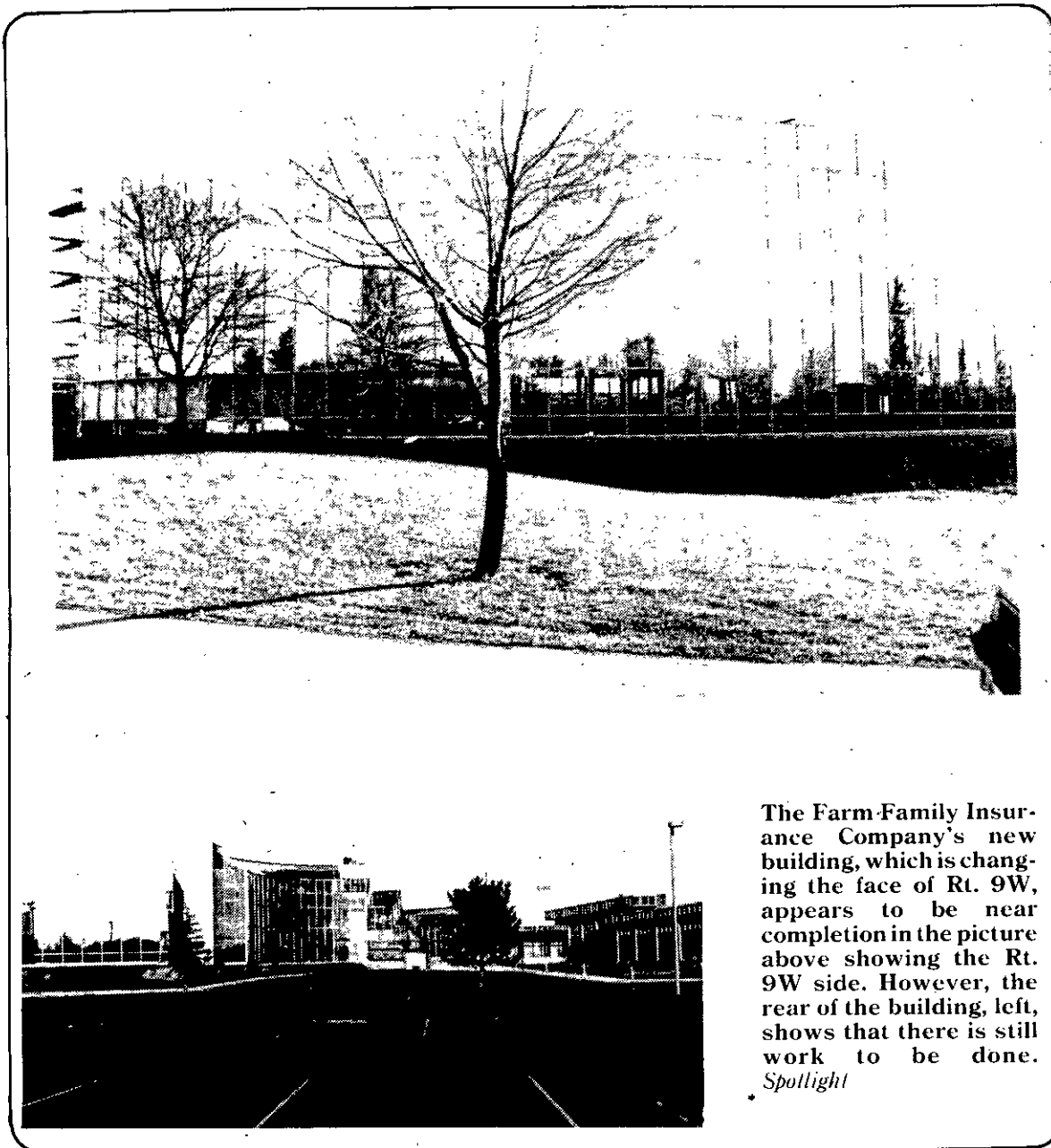
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## Bethlehem chamber puts out new book

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has recently published its "Community Fact Book" for 1987-88. The book was designed to be a guide to living, working and doing business in the Town of Bethlehem.

The book includes a listing of all businesses and services available in the town and a list of chamber members. The listings include addresses and phone numbers for all entries.

A brief history of the town, a description of the education opportunities, a description of town government and the emergency services are included in the book. Town services, public transportation, the Bethlehem Public Library and senior citizen services are also detailed.

The chamber will be presenting 500 copies of the book to the town government to use as an informational piece for new Bethlehem residents.

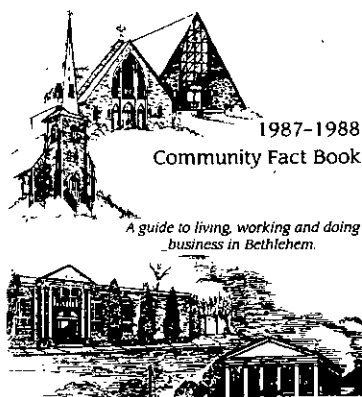
### Another long weekend

The New Year's Holiday will bring about the usual number of closings and schedule changes that those who need to use banks, post offices and public offices should be aware of.

The Town of Bethlehem Town Hall will be closed Friday, Jan. 1, and will reopen on Monday. The New Scotland Town Hall will close at noon on Thursday and reopen on Monday, Jan. 4. The Village of Voorheesville will close the village hall on both Thursday and Friday.

Post offices will close at 5 p.m. on New Year's Eve, stay closed on Friday and the window will be closed on Saturday. Normal service will resume on Monday.

Home and City Savings Bank will close at 3 p.m. on Thursday and reopen Saturday at 9 a.m. Key Bank and Norstar Bank will close at 2 p.m. on Thursday and reopen Monday. Manufacturers Hanover and Albany Savings Bank will close at 3 p.m. and remain closed until Monday.



The newly published "1987-88 Community Fact Book" compiled and published by the Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce contains information on business as well as the Town of Bethlehem. The cover drawings are by Virginia Remington Rich.

### Glenmont business receives honors

The Air Products and Chemicals in Glenmont was recently honored by the health and safety committee of the Chemical Manufacturers Association.

The company's IGD Glenmont distribution terminal and Glenmont operations department process systems group received certificates for a year without serious injury.

### Wing establishes new business

Robert Barclay Wing has established a new business in Bethlehem. The Quaker Son Development Corporation, 48 Jordan Blvd., Delmar, will offer consulting and construction management services. In addition, the new firm will pursue its own residential and commercial development projects in the Capital District area. Wing will serve as president of the business. For information call 439-3727.

### Matterson completes seminar

Elizabeth V. Matterson of Matterson Associates, Delmar, recently completed a one-week program on professional growth and development in organization management, sponsored by the U.S. Chamber of Commerce. The program was held at the University of Delaware.

### Glenmont firm wins contract

F and F Maintenance of Glenmont won a contract for replacing floor drains, drainage piping and floors in the pasteurizing building at the Greene Correctional Facility in Coxsackie. The area firm submitted the sole bid of \$64,500 to the state Office of General Services.

### Kachidurian awarded car from cosmetics firm

Andrea Kachidurian of Glenmont has been awarded the use of an Oldsmobile Firenza by Mary Kay Cosmetics, Inc., as a result of her accomplishments as an independent beauty consultant.

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### Carl R. Lindsey Joins Stetson-Harza

Carl R. Lindsey, a chemical engineer, has joined the architectural, engineering and planning firm of Stetson-Harza located in the Rensselaer Technology Park.

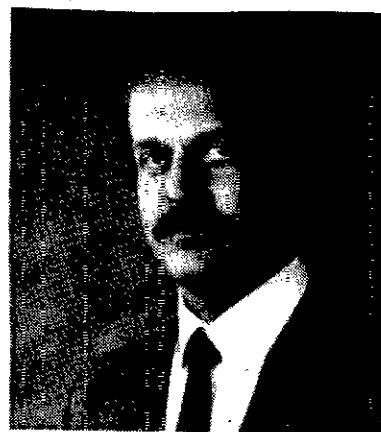
He was formerly employed by the Noryl Division of General Electric Plastics in Selkirk.

A licensed professional engineer in Texas, Lindsey holds a bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of North Alabama, a master's of business administration from Lamar University and a master's of science in engineering from the University of Texas. He is a member of the American Institute of Chemical Engineers.

Carl and Pat Lindsey reside in Delmar with their two sons.



A mountain of toys for the U.S. Marine Corps' Toys of Tots program are turned over at the Delaware Plaza Fantastic Sam's location last week by store manager Mary Hyatt to Staff Sgts. Clevon Hicks, left, and Jorge Paduani. The local store collected the most toys in the 10-store chain. *Spotlight*



**Gary P. Fox**  
**Home and City names credit card manager**

Gary Fox of Slingerlands has been named manager of Home and City Saving Bank's credit card department. He will be responsible for overseeing the operation of the bank's MasterCard and Visa program.

Fox was previously the consumer loan department manager. He received his bachelor's degree from the State University College at Oswego and is a member of the American Institute of Banking.

#### Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce moves

The Bethlehem Chamber of Commerce has moved its offices to Adams St. The organization's new mailing address is 113 Adams St., Delmar, N.Y. 12054.

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**Andrew E. Toga**

#### Named assistant vp

Andrew E. Toga of Delmar has been named to the newly created position of assistant vice president of administrative services at St. Peter's Hospital.

He has been employed by the hospital since 1986 and previously served as director of material management. He is a graduate of Tufts University and holds two master's degrees from Columbia University.

## Reentering the job market?

Are you considering changing jobs or re-entering the job market? Then you may need the services of Bethlehem Public Library's Career Resource Center.

The CRC, originally the Job Information Center, was established in 1976 with a grant from the Upper Hudson Library Federation to provide information, advisement and referral to adults. It was designed as a clearinghouse for employment and career information.

The first step in planning a career or searching for a job, self-assessment, is perhaps the most difficult and time-consuming one. This is where you inventory your abilities, skills, interests and training to zero in on a job field which best suits you. The Library has a number of resources such as Richard Bolles' classic book *What Color Is your Parachute*, that can help you do this.

Once you have identified a job field, find out more about it by looking up in references such as the U.S. Department of Labor's *Dictionary of Occupational Titles*, the *Occupational Outlook Handbook*, or their *Guide for Career Exploration*. The CRC has hundreds of books and pamphlets on specific careers and an index to them by job title. You can also explore your career options through individual, hour-long appointments with a career counselor at the Library. This is a free service for residents of the Town of Bethlehem and the Bethlehem School District. Make an appointment by calling the CRC or Reference Desk at 439-9314.

The next step in achieving your career goal is preparing a resume. This is an organized summary of all the things that you have done that relate to the job you are seeking. The Library has many sample resumes and cover letters in the CRC's circulating book collection. In addition, be sure to pick up free copies of the "Resume Writing Fact Sheet," "Resume Words," and "Resume Writing Bibliography," which were prepared by CRC staff to help you in



writing your resume. If you still have questions, make an appointment and have the CRC's career counselor evaluate your resume. The CRC has an IBM Selectric typewriter available by appointment for job search related typing.

Once your preparation is complete, you are ready to conduct your job search. The Library has sources that can make this task much easier and your search more effective. The following publications carry extensive job listings: *New York Times*, *National Business Employment Weekly*, *Albany Times Union*, *Schenectady Gazette*, and the *Tuesday Wall Street Journal*. In addition the CRC regularly receives federal, state, county and city civil service announcements. For more specialized career fields, the CRC has an occupational index of trade and professional journals which advertise positions.

The Library can help you research an out-of-town job by providing information on specific job openings, cost of living standards, salary ranges, taxes, weather, housing, etc. A wealth of information can be tapped through the Library's extensive collection of out-of-town telephone directories.

Finally, the CRC can help you get ready for the most crucial step in the job hunting process, the interview. Prepare for it by using the Library to research the organization through annual reports, newspaper clipping files and business directories. Use magazine and newspaper indexes to help you find articles about the business or company. Then psych yourself up by reading one of the

books on the CRC's "Interviewing Techniques Bibliography" such as Jo Danna's *Winning the Job Interview Game*, *Hidden Job Market* by Tom Jackson, or H.A. Medley's *Sweaty Palms, the Neglected Art of Being Interviewed*. If you're too nervous to read, listen to the audio cassette tapes, *I Got the Job* or *How to Make Job Interviews Bring Job Offers*.

If you would like more information about Bethlehem Public Library's resources for career changers and the unemployed, stop by the CRC and ask for the pamphlet "Job Hunter's Guide to the Library." The Career Resource Center has what you need and is here to help.

Anna Jane Abaray  
Bethlehem Public Library

#### Adams Hardware robbed of chain saws

Seven chain saws were taken during a burglary of a Delmar hardware store between Wednesday and Thursday, Bethlehem police said.

A rake was apparently used to carry the chain saws from the Adams Hardware Store on Delaware Ave. to the railroad tracks in back of the store. The rake was kept in a wheelbarrow at the back of the store and was found by the railroad tracks after the burglary. A box that stored the chain blades was also found by the tracks.

The manager of the store noticed the saws were missing from the front of the store when he came to work at about 7:30 a.m. Thursday. Police said a window was found broken in the rear of the store and the back door was open.

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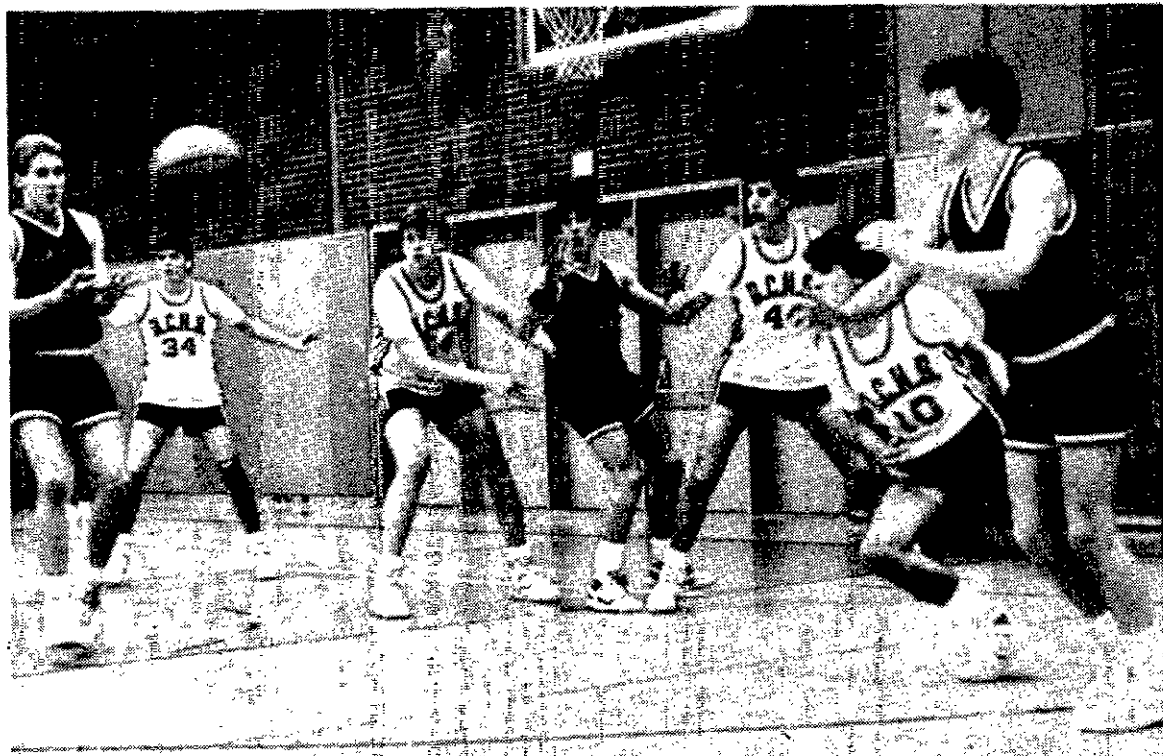
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The Bethlehem defense played a key role in last week's victory over Mohonasen, allowing the Eagles to take an early lead.

Protecting the hoop are, from left, Paul Curran, 34, Todd Wright, 54, Jim Blendell, 44, and Neil Breslin, 10. R.H. Davis

## Eagles conquer Mohanasen

By Lisa D'Ambrosi

It was a short but profitable week for the Bethlehem Boys varsity basketball team as they emerged the victors from their game with Mohanasen on Tuesday.

After a humiliating previous week in which they lost to both Shenendahowa and Guilderland, the Eagles overcame what Coach Jack Moser entitled simply "an embarrassment", and came back to beat Mohanasen. The previous week, the problem seemed to be lack of any focus or concentration, but this game more than made up for the deficiency. The team

"played harder" and with "more intensity," said Coach Moser. Mohanasen seemed to miss a large number of offensive rebounds and was not as quick as Bethlehem. Despite Bethlehem's apparent superiority, the score at the half was Bethlehem 35, Mohanasen 31.

Three minutes into the third quarter, Bethlehem sprang back into action by breaking a 39-39 tie and running up an 18 point lead, bringing the score to 61-43. This was both the major breaking point and the key that led the Eagles to their victory. Bethlehem used their proven effective triangle and two formation, was fast breaking a lot more than the previous week, and converted many foul shots.

Neil Breslin, who replaced guard Jeff Hawky, contributed to the win, commented Coach Moser. Bethlehem's 6-8 center

Todd Wright and guard John Peyrebrune each scored 23 points for the Eagles. Jim Blendell tallied 14, and Kyle Snyder had 10. The final score was 78-65. The JV team also was victorious over Mohanasen with a score of 60-45.

### Lottery for state park cabins

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### THE HOME TEAM



By Tom Kuck  
Broker Manager

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## BC girls second in Gold Division

By Bill Dixon

A combination of endurance and hard work proved to be the key for the Bethlehem girl's basketball team's 49-35 victory over Mohanasen last Wednesday, a victory that put their record at seven wins and two losses, second within the Gold Division.

Facing a stubbornly aggressive opposition and an unfamiliar court, it took the Eagles most of the first half to pull things together. Though their defense remained as strong as ever, BC's offense seemed to have a hard time, scoring only seven points to Mohanasen's six in the first quarter. The gap between the two teams widened, however, as the second quarter saw the Eagles sink 14 points while giving up only ten. The score at the half being a still shaky 21-16, spirits for that critical third quarter were high.

"It was simply a matter of making up our minds. We just decided to do it," said Coach Gene Lewis.

Still, the game would fail to produce any dramatic turning point for either side.

"It was nothing really aesthetically pretty. We just went out, did a lot of the right things, and did the job," continued Lewis.

Anita Kaplan and Julie Francis lead a disorganized though effective offense, Kaplan totaling

22 points for the game with Francis putting in 14. Helping to get the ball up court was Michel Gibbons with seven assists and Lynette Stracke with four.

"We played better in the second half. Once we started getting the ball on the inside, they just couldn't stop us. In every phase except shooting we did really well. It just took us a while to find our range," said Lewis, satisfied but not overwhelmed by the team's performance.

While the game was far from boring, the last half for the Eagles became more chore than competition. Keeping the ball up court remained a constant nuisance for the offense-minded Bethlehem squad. Stracke had six of the team's 14 steals, while Amy Kowski chalked up three and Francis took away four. In the fourth quarter it became more and more evident that Mohanasen was simply being outplayed. The Eagles, even without their usual high point total, ended up dominating the court most of the time. Mohanasen just couldn't catch up.

"It was a ragged kind of job, but we just kept at it," said Lewis.

This week the team takes a break from its game schedule and gets some much-needed rest and court time before a predictably difficult game with Saratoga on January sixth.



John Peyrebrune, 24, sets up the Eagle offense, while Jeff Schaffer, 50, watches. Peyrebrune scored 19 points to help lead the team to victory against Mohonasen. R.H. Davis

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Howard Engel, 17, was treated for a slight concussion and cuts to his head, troopers said.

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# Eagles coach sees tournament win

By John Bellizzi III

After adding Voorheesville and Averill Park to the list of teams that have been crushed by the Eagles in dual meets so far this season, Bethlehem Central wrestling Coach Rick Poplaski is confident that his team is ready to tackle bigger game. Namely, this week's Spencerport Tournament, which finishes today in Spencerport, N.Y.

Seventeen schools from around the state are participating in the tournament, which is the biggest test for the Eagles yet. BC delivered an impressive performance recently at the Clyde Cole Invitational in Oxford, placing second. "We had the same number of finalists and champions this year at Oxford as we did last year, when we finished fourth," observed Poplaski. "The difference was the fact that everybody else kept on going, gaining team points in those consolation matches." Bethlehem is hoping for another good showing this week.

Bethlehem faced Voorheesville

## Wrestling

and Averill Park in a double dual meet last Wednesday, and defeated both teams soundly, 51-9 and 42-21 respectively. Bethlehem's dual meet record now stands at 6-0, but there are some formidable opponents waiting in the wings after vacation. The Eagles are scheduled to face Colonie, Saratoga and Guilford in duals the week after Christmas break. Of those schools, Poplaski expects the greatest challenge to come from Saratoga.

Kevin Schoonover accepted a forfeit at 98 pounds last Wednesday to open the dual meet against Voorheesville. Pat Leamy followed in the 105 pound weight class, pinning his opponent in the first period. Eric Brown accepted a forfeit at 112 to increase Bethlehem's lead to 18-0 over Voorheesville.

119 pounder Mike Leamy won his bout by decision, 8-1. Tom

Nyilis was defeated at 126 pounds by a slim 6-5 margin, putting Voorheesville on the team scoreboard. They were still down 21-3, though, going into the 132 pound match, which John Gallogly of the Eagles ended in the first period by registering a pin. Chris Saba won by decision 7-1 in the 138 pound weight class. Two more decisions followed: Absar Hussain won 4-0 at 145 pounds, and Tom Morrison decided his 155 pound match by a 6-0 margin.

Pete Bragaw accepted a forfeit at 167 to augment Bethlehem's lead to 42-3. Mike Mosley won by a 12-6 decision at 177, and Jim Hoffman won by forfeit at 215. 250 pounder John Reagan showed great promise in his varsity wrestling debut, but was overcome by a more experienced opponent and pinned.

Averill Park was defeated by the Eagles on the same evening by a score of 42-21, BC's smallest margin of dual meet victory yet this season. Coach Poplaski was generally pleased with his squad's performance against a tough opponent, one that was expected to give them a lot of trouble.

Schoonover's 98 pound match ended in a 7-7 tie, earning two team points for each team. Pat Leamy's undefeated record for the season was broken in the next match as he fell to his opponent by a major decision, 9-1, worth 4 team points to Averill Park. Brown, Mike Leamy and Nyilis won the next three matches by decisioning their adversaries 10-5, 6-0, and 10-0 respectively. Gallogly was defeated by former BC standout wrestler Ed Moak 14-9 at 132 pounds. Saba won his match by default, due to an injury sustained by his opponent earlier that evening that prevented him from finishing his match. Hussain was pinned by his Averill Park man in the first period, narrowing BC's lead to 21-15. Morrison won by decision, 6-2, at 155 to give the Eagles three more team points. Mosely, Steve Guynup and Hoffman won their matches by

fall to secure the Eagles' victory. Mosley's pin in the 167 pound weight class came in the second period; Guynup and Hoffman, wrestling at 177 and 215, pinned their men in the first period. Reagan again found himself pitted against a more experienced opponent, and again was defeated after an impressive performance.

Bethlehem's junior varsity wrestling team also had a successful evening last Wednesday. The undefeated JV team demolished Voorheesville's four-man JV squad and defeated Averill Park 45-9.

The jayvees aren't taking it easy over vacation, either. Yesterday, they were scheduled to travel to Queensbury to defend the title they won last year at the Queensbury JV tournament. Saturday, Bethlehem will participate in the Ballston Spa JV tournament. The Eagles had a very strong showing at Ballston Spa last year, although team score wasn't tabulated.



David Brown

## Brown plays football

David E. Brown, a 1987 graduate of Bethlehem Central High School, recently completed a season as a running back for the Dean Junior College football team.

A criminal justice major, he is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Edward Brown of Glenmont.

## Blendell swims at Cortland

Sandie Blendell, a Bethlehem Central High School graduate, is a member of the women's swimming team at the State University College at Cortland. She has been a State University of New York Athletic Conference champion in the 400 medley relay. She is a junior majoring in physical education.

While attending Bethlehem Central High School, Blendell was a member of the softball and track teams and captain of the swimming team.

She is the daughter of James and Veronica Blendell of Slingerlands.

## Running out the old

The Hudson Mohawk Road runners Club will kick off the new year with two races on Jan. 1 at the uptown State University at Albany campus. Entrants can choose between the 13.1 mile "Hangover Half Marathon" or the "Sober-Up Run," a three-mile race.

Registration will take place at 11 a.m. in front of the Physical Education Building.

# Voorheesville has two mat losses

By Matt Bates

The Voorheesville wrestling team ended the first part of the season with two losses at the double dual meet with powerhouse Bethlehem and Averill Park.

Bethlehem toppled the Birds by the score of 51-3. The only Voorheesville wrestler who could manage a victory was Tom Ravida at 126 pounds. He decisioned his opponent, 5-0.

Against Averill Park, the team fared much better but still ended up losing, 39-31. At 126 pounds, Ravida became Voorheesville's only double winner with a 9-0 decision win. Bob Blanchard registered a pin in 1:22 at 119

pounds. In the 138 pound class, Matt Cillis won an easy decision, 10-3. John Traudt, who was beaten for the first time against Bethlehem, returned to form with a pin of his opponent in 1:24. At 215 pounds, freshman Chad Hotaling obtained his second varsity win in impressive fashion. Hotaling pinned his counterpart in 4:34. Mario Darpino closed the match at 250 pounds. He also registered a pin, with his coming in just 36 seconds.

The two losses have no effect on the team's league record, which is 4-0. After the holidays, the Birds will be in the middle of a tight league race.

## LEGAL NOTICE

### PUBLIC NOTICE

On December 15, 1987, George M. Ragsdale, Daniel F. Viles, Jr. and Gregory T. Lano, d/b/a Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Co., filed an application with the Federal Communications Commission for authority to construct a new commercial FM broadcast station on Channel 242A at Voorheesville, NY.

The general partners of Mid-Atlantic Broadcasting Co. are George M. Ragsdale, Daniel F. Viles, Jr. and Gregory T. Lano.

The proposed station is a Class A FM facility. The antenna is proposed to be located at 1.1 km southwest of Camp Pinnacle, Helderberg Mtns., Albany County, New York. The proposed antenna height is 17 meters above ground, with an ERP of 0.300 Kw. The studio will be located in Voorheesville or within the principal community service contour, at a site to be determined.

A copy of the application is available for public inspection at Voorheesville Public Library during regular business hours. (December 30, 1987)

### NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

Notice is hereby given that the Board of Appeals of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York will hold a public hearing on Wednesday, January 6, 1988, at 8:15 p.m., at the Town Offices, 445 Delaware Avenue, Delmar, New York to take action on application of Wickes Lumber, Route 9W & Pictuay Road, Selkirk, New York for Special Exception under Article V, of the Bethlehem Town Zoning Ordinance to construct a lean to for the protection of inventory from the weather at premises Route 9W and Pictuay Road, Selkirk, New York.

Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman, Board of Appeals  
(December 30, 1987)

## LEGAL NOTICE

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Charles B. Fritts  
Chairman Board of Appeals  
(December 30, 1987)

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Charles B. Fritts Chairman  
Board of Appeals  
(December 30, 1987)

## LEGAL NOTICE

At a Regular Meeting of the Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York, held at the Town Hall, 445 Delaware Ave., Delmar, N.Y. on the 23rd day of December, 1987.

PRESENT: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Bickel, Mrs. Ritchko, Mr. Webster, Mr. Corrigan.  
Absent: None

The Town Board of the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, New York does hereby amend the Traffic Ordinance of the Town of Bethlehem adopted on the 17th day of July, 1968, and last amended on the 2nd day of September, 1987 as follows:

I. ARTICLE II, Section I. Maximum Speed Limit, Paragraph (c) Thirty (miles per hour is hereby established as the maximum speed at which vehicles may proceed on or along the following highway in the Town of Bethlehem, Albany County, N.Y. be adding the following new section as follows:

87. Kenwood Avenue - for its entire length from Route 32 (The Bypass to Delaware Avenue - with the School limits to remain as is.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance will take effect ten days after publication.

The foregoing amendment to the Traffic Ordinance was presented for adoption by Mrs. Bickel was seconded by Mrs. Ritchko and was duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Bickel, Mrs. Ritchko, Mr. Webster, Mr. Corrigan.  
Noes: None.

BY ORDER OF THE TOWN BOARD  
TOWN OF BETHLEHEM  
CAROLYN M. LYONS  
TOWN CLERK

Dated: December 23, 1987.  
(December 30, 1987)

## LEGAL NOTICE

WHEREAS, the town of Bethlehem in reconstructing a portion of Hannay Lane in the Town of Bethlehem discontinued the use of a portion of said road, which is no longer needed and has been abandoned for highway purposes, and

WHEREAS, Henry Junco, adjoining land owner has requested that use of said road be discontinued, and

WHEREAS, Martin J. Cross, Superintendent of Highways, has made a written order providing said portion of Hannay Lane be discontinued as a highway.

WHEREAS, the section of abandoned Hannay Lane to be conveyed is more specifically described in Schedule A annexed hereto.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the Town convey to the said adjoining land owner the above mentioned property and that the Supervisor be authorized to execute any and all documents necessary to convey said interest, and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall not take effect until thirty day after its adoption nor until approved by the affirmative vote of a majority of the qualified electors in the Town, voting thereon, if within thirty days after its adoption there be filed with the Town Clerk a petition subscribed and acknowledged by electors of the Town qualified to vote upon a proposition to raise and expend money in number equal to at least five per centum of the total vote cast for governor in the Town at the last general election for the election of State officers, protesting against such resolution and requesting that it be submitted to the qualified electors of the Town for their approval or disapproval, and

## LEGAL NOTICE

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that a notice setting the date of the adoption of this resolution and an abstract concisely stating the purpose and effect thereof, shall be published and posted as required by law.

The foregoing resolution was presented for adoption by Mr. Webster, was seconded by Mrs. Bickel and duly adopted by the following vote:

Ayes: Mr. Hendrick, Mrs. Bickel, Mrs. Ritchko, Mr. Webster, Mr. Corrigan.

Noes: None.  
Dated: December 23, 1987.

### SCHEDULE "A" DESCRIPTION OF A PORTION OF HANNAY LANE TO BE DISCONTINUED AS A TOWN HIGHWAY

ALL THAT CERTAIN PIECE OR parcel of land, situate, lying and being in the Town of Bethlehem, County of Albany, State of New York, more particularly bounded and described as follows:

Beginning at a point in the Northeastly line of Hannay Lane at its point of intersection with the Northwestly line of a parcel of land conveyed to Henry Junco by State Bank of Albany by Deed dated June 17, 1977 and recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 2135 of Deeds at Page 283; thence running from said point of beginning South 55 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds East along the Northeastly line of Hannay Lane, 190.85 feet to the Northwestly line of a parcel of land acquired by the People of the State of New York for the relocation of U.S. Route 9W; thence South 75 degrees 56 minutes 00 seconds West along the Northwestly line of U.S.

## LEGAL NOTICE

Route 9W, 40.05 feet to its point of intersection with the Southwestly line of Hannay Lane; thence North 55 degrees 33 minutes 17 seconds West along the Southwestly line of Hannay Lane and the Northeastly line of Lands Conveyed to Luciano Junco and Gwendolyn Junco, his wife, and Henry Junco (Parcel 2) by Deed dated January 2, 1976 and recorded in the Office of the Albany County Clerk in Book 2129 of Deeds at Page 887, 164.32 feet to a point; thence North 34 degrees 26 minutes 43 seconds East through Hannay Lane, 30.00 feet to the point and place of beginning, containing 0.122 acres of land, more or less.

Reserving from the above-described parcel a permanent right-of-way and easement for the benefit of the Bethlehem Sewer District of the Town of Bethlehem and/or the Town of Bethlehem and their employees, servants and agents, to maintain an 8 inch collector sanitary sewer line and a sanitary sewer force main with the right of ingress and egress for any and all purposes connected with the maintenance, use, operation, repair, reconstruction, patrolling and inspection thereof, and the right to bring upon the said right-of-way such equipment as may be necessary to do any and all acts deemed necessary to dig a trench and lay such pipe; and to maintain, operate, repair, inspect, dig up and use said line and its appurtenances in and over a strip of land 20 feet wide extending 10 foot Northerly and 10 foot Southerly of the sanitary force main and 10 foot Southerly and 10 foot Easterly of the sanitary collector sewer line. The sanitary for main and collector sewer line are depicted on Schedule "B"

(December 30, 1987)

# BC shows strength in meet

By Sarah Scotti

The BC varsity swimmers have once again shown their strength, this time by beating Amsterdam 50-28.

"Amsterdam was not very tough," Coach Ken Neff said. "We have an advantage with our facilities that enables us to be a little bit stronger than them." The meet was held in a 20-yard pool instead of the usual 25-yard pool. It is difficult to compare the times because distances are not as accurate and many times more lengths of the pool have to be swam.

Bethlehem showed its strength in a few events. In the medley relay, Camaron O'Connor, Scott Whitney, Geoff Frand and David Belfort placed first in a time of 1:27:00. Neff declared "The time would be a record except the race was 160 yards instead of 200 yards." In the 500-yard freestyle, Geoff Frank and Pat Fish placed first and third respectively. Frank's time was 5:32:16, and Neff said "It was a good swim, but hard to

## Swimming

compare since the race consisted of five extra turns." Fish's time was 5:42:00, and Neff said "this was a very strong swim for him."

The Alumnae meet on Saturday was a fun meet for those involved and also those watching. It was exciting for the young alums to swim in the new pool for the first time. A reunion was also taking place, so many swimmers from the class of '77 participated. Coach Neff declared "Even though we couldn't really keep score, it was a nice event. The present swimmers were able to watch swimmers of a different caliber and pick up tips."

This week, the team begins its "hard core" training. Without school to interfere, the team can work especially hard. BC is preparing for an exciting seven-meet home stretch. On Jan. 6, Bethlehem swims against Albany Academy. "Academy hasn't shown much this year and won't pose

much of a threat," said Coach Neff. On Jan. 8, BC will swim against Shenendahowa. Shenendahowa has a very strong team and has the best all-around swimmer in the section. BC must work hard in order to beat them.

Even though the Eagles are technically swimming in the high school pool, for part of the week they will be back at the middle school while minor problems are being repaired. They should be back at the high school before the week is out.

## Bethlehem Central offers high school information

The Bethlehem Central High School administrative personnel will answer questions and discuss high school curriculum plans with current eighth grade students and their parents at Bethlehem Central Middle School, 332 Kenwood Ave., Delmar, on Thursday, Jan. 7, at 8 p.m.

For information call 439-3650.

# RCS wins at volleyball

By Kim VanDerzee

The RCS girls volleyball team extended its winning streak to ten games last week with a win over Holy Names in two games.

Despite poor playing the Indians won the first game 15-3.

The girls on the bench came in and played the second game, which RCS won 15-6. Erika Warnstadt, Stacy Herron and Jill Gottesman all played a good second game.

RCS has this week off and has only one game next week against Cohoes.

## Area student honored

Sean P. Rafferty of Slingerlands has been selected for inclusion in *Who's Who Among Students in American Universities and Colleges*.

Rafferty is a senior majoring in accounting at Siena College, Loudonville.

# STAR BOWLERS

Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 13, 1987 at Del Lanes in Elmsmere go to:

Sr. Cit. Men—Warren Boutelle-243, Bill Johnston-540.

Sr. Cit. Women—Helen Flagler-185-516.

Men—Bill Boughton-259-683.

Women—Sandy Fastert-247, Sharon Williams-576. (4 Game Series) Linda Portanova-816.

Maj. Boys—Chris Siciliano-184-526, Bill Cornell-178.

Jr. Boys—Mike Aylward-225-659, John Frisbee-203, Oren Johnson-203.

Jr. Girls—Gretchen Seaburg-148.

Prep Boys—Ben Comtois-198.

Prep Girls—Stacy VanDyke-167.

Bantam Boys—Jeff Whitehouse-145.

Bantam Girls—Dolara Horton-103.

Junior Classic honors go to:

Boys—Matt Kallner-259, (4 Game Series)-917, Brian Almindo-275, (4 Game Series)-874, Mike Graves-248, (4 Game Series)-811.

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Bowling honors for the week of Dec. 20, 1987 at Del Lanes in Elsmere go to:

Sr. Cit. Men—Harold Eck-235, Bill Johnston-560, John DeFlumer-560.

Sr. Cit. Women—Harriet Niehus-177, Helen Flagler-468.

Men—Steve Brewer-255, Gerald Tryon-683, (4 Game Series) Larry Benacquisto-807.

Women—Kristi Flanigan-227-608.

Major Boys—Dan Dunn-175, Chris Siciliano-188-539.

Jr. Boys—Steve Brandt-195-489, Adam Peters-206-537, Kory Snyder-199-555.

Jr. Girls—Lisa Green-189.

Prep Boys—Patrick DeWilde-184-412, David Decker-179-488.

Prep Girls—Melanie Dale-150, Lindy Person-149-357.

Bantam Boys—Mark Katz-97-118, Brian Bellemjian-131.

Bantam Girls—Kelly Gerber-62-122, Kelly O-Shaughnessy-72.

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Date	Department or Unit	Nature of Call
Dec. 17	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 17	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 18	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 19	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 20	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 20	Delmar Rescue Squad	Auto accident
Dec. 20	Slingerlands Rescue Squad	Rescue call
Dec. 20	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Washdown
Dec. 20	Bethlehem Ambulance	Medical emergency
Dec. 21	Bethlehem Ambulance	Maternity
Dec. 21	Delmar Rescue Squad	Personal injury
Dec. 22	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Washdown
Dec. 22	Elsmere Fire Dept.	Structure fire
Dec. 22	Delmar Rescue Sqd.	Standby
Dec. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Respiratory distress
Dec. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency
Dec. 23	Delmar Rescue Squad	Medical emergency

Bethlehem Volunteer Ambulance put its new ambulance in service on Dec. 15 at Station No.1 at 10:30 p.m.

There will be a full EMT Course and refresher course offered at the Job Corp. Center Rt. 144, Glenmont. All applications must be received by Jan. 15. The course will run on Monday and Wednesday nights beginning Jan. 25. Pre-registration will take place on Jan. 20 at Job Corp Center. For information call Jennifer Price at 767-9371 or 756-6053.

If you have a little time to give and want to have a good feeling about helping others, contact your local fire department or ambulance service. They can always use your help.

To submit items for Fire Fighters Corner, call Isabel Glasletter at 439-2627.

### Letterman's Club forms at high school

The Letterman's Club, for varsity athletic team members, is in the process of being formed at the Bethlehem Central High School.

The purpose of the club is to build school spirit and bring athletes together through various activities.

Officers were elected at the club's first meeting. Elected were Justine Reel, president; Pete Coccozza and Michelle Gibbons, vice presidents; Lance Sprinkle, correspondent; Sasha Mayer, recording secretary; and Dave Defazio, treasurer.

### Advanced first aid training offered



The Albany chapter of the American Red Cross is offering a 15-week advanced first aid training course from Jan. 7 through April 14. The classes will be offered on Thursdays from 7 to 10 p.m. at the Albany Chapter House, Hackett Blvd., Albany.

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# □ Stalemate in New Scotland

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majority for the next two years. Stickley lost her bid for election Nov. 3.

Reilly has also protested several other appointments by the town board, claiming Republicans were appointed to Democratic seats in violation of a "gentleman's agreement" to preserve the political balance of the bipartisan boards.

The appointment of Stickley to Tice's seat was different, Moak said, because it was only for three months, while there are still two years remaining on Reilly's council seat.

"This is a different thing," Moak said.

The Republicans held a slim 3-2 majority until Tice's death, but if the current 2-2 split tips in favor of the Democrats it would give them their first town board majority and a real chance at making public policy in the town.

The board dictates town policy and the hiring of government officials and employees. Under outgoing Supervisor Stephen Wallace, the town board steered clear of partisan party politics and voting along party lines with motions made and seconded from both sides of the board.

In the meantime, Republican Party Chairman John Graziano's resignation will be effective Thursday, and the party plans to

meet Wednesday, Jan. 6, to elect another chairman, said Anne Carson, vice chairman of the party. Graziano is resigning for personal reasons, and is living in Albany, Carson said. Questions about Graziano's successor were referred to Carson Monday night.

## Other appointments disputed

With no clear majority on the town board, the appointment of the town and zoning attorneys could also be in jeopardy. Reilly said he plans to nominate John Biscone, his campaign manager and former town supervisor of Coeymans, as town attorney, while the Republicans will nominate longtime town attorney Fred Riester.

If he could appoint the town attorney then Reilly said he offered that the Republicans could appoint the zoning attorney as a compromise. John Bailey of Voorheesville is completing his first year as zoning attorney.

"I think I have a right to choose my town attorney. I don't intend to yield on it. I feel Mr. Biscone has a lot of experience and expertise. I have no quarrel with Fred Riester," Reilly said, adding that he feels he has a closer relationship with Biscone. "It seems like a fair compromise."

If the Republicans keep the attorneys' seats, Reilly said, he feels he has "lost the whole ball of wax."

Not only may the town board be unable to agree on the appointment of the two attorneys, there could also be some disagreement over what happens to those positions in the meantime, Dolin said. While there does appear to be some basis for the Republicans' position that under Section 5 of the state Public Officers Law the present appointments will be carried over until an agreement can be reached, Dolin said he is not sure whether that law applies to the town attorney.

"To me, it is unclear whether it applies or not," Dolin said.

Sections 20 and 24 of the state's Town Law state that the town attorney shall hold office until Jan. 1, when the term of the appointment ends, Dolin said, and therefore Riester will have to leave office. He is still researching the matter and he said he hopes the issue can be resolved by the town board and it doesn't face a legal dilemma over the appointment.

The town may have to function without the attorneys if their appointments can't be decided on, Reilly said.

The question of whether appointments hold over or stay vacant if the town board can't agree on a successor could apply to other appointments such as the zoning attorney, the planning board consultant and various board members, Dolin said. There are questions of the definition of public officers and other legal questions that have to be explored, he said.

Dolin said he hopes the two parties can continue to negotiate and find solutions, and the town doesn't become paralyzed.

## Parties hope to organize Friday

However, other appointments have been agreed upon, according to Moak and Reilly said. But Reilly declined to say who will be appointed to the boards. He said the two sides may meet Wednesday (today) to discuss the building inspector's appointment.

"They are all squared away," Moak said.

Even with their disagreements, both sides of the town board said the town will be able to organize on Jan. 1.

"I see no problem at all," Moak said of the board taking up the town's business. "I can work with Herb. I'm willing to cooperate."

Reilly said he wants the organizational meeting and its business to go smoothly, and he believes the town will organize. He said discussions on the town's appointments in the past few weeks have been productive and constructive.

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# Obituaries

## Cuyler A. VanDeCarr

Cuyler A. VanDeCarr, 87, of Slingerlands died Sunday, Dec. 27.

A longtime area resident, he was the husband of the late Evelyn MacFarland VanDeCarr.

He was retired from his position of district manager for the asphalt division of the Mobil Oil Co., in Albany.

He was a member of the Masonic Lodge of Hudson and the Shriners of Concord, N.H.

He is survived by a son, Neil C. VanDeCarr of Altamont; two daughters, Mrs. M.O. Nash of Ossining and Mrs. John Cummings of New London, N.H.

Burial was in the Blue Hill Cemetery, Braintree, Mass. Arrangements were made by Marshall Tebbutt's Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to the St. John's Lutheran Church Educational Fund, Altamont.

## Ruth Kimmey Carnell

Ruth Kimmey Carnell, 76, of Slingerlands died Friday, Dec. 25 at her residence after a long illness.

She was a long time area resident and was involved with the Albany Business College, which was owned by her family.

She was a member of the Albany Country Club, the University Club and the Junior League of Albany. She was a member and a volunteer of the Albany Institute of History and Art and a member of St. Peter's Episcopal Church in Albany.

She is survived by a daughter, Kimmey Decker of Middleburgh; a son, Prentiss Carnell III of Albany; a sister, Marjorie Whittam of Slingerlands; a brother, John Kimmey of Columbia, S.C.; eight grandchildren and two great-grandchildren.

Burial was in the Albany Rural Cemetery, Menands. Arrangements were made by Marshall W. Tebutt's Sons Funeral Home, Albany.

Contributions may be made to either the Albany Medical Center Hospital or the St. Peter's Hospital Foundation.

## Gayle Cummings

Gayle Norris Cummings, 66, of Delmar, a veteran of World War II and an officer in the American Legion auxiliary, died Sunday, Dec. 27, at Albany Medical Center after a long illness.

She was a resident of Delmar for 24 years and was the wife of the late Joseph P. Cummings.

She was a senior clerk for the New York State Thruway Department Bureau of Equipment Maintenance and an Army Air Corps veteran of World War II.

She was senior vice president of the N.A. Blanchard Post Auxiliary.

She is survived by two daughters, Mary Keefe of Norfolk, Mass., and Carol Mott of Scotia; two sons, Kevin Cummings and Neil Cummings of Colonie; a brother, Charles Norris of Oregon; and six grandchildren.

Burial was in the Bethlehem Cemetery. Arrangements were

made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

Contributions may be made to the Delmar Rescue Squad.

## William H. Heath

William H. Heath, 96, of Glenmont, a retired dairy farmer, died Tuesday, Dec. 22, at St. Peter's Hospital in Albany.

He was the former owner of Heath's Dairy in Glenmont. He was a long-time area resident.

He was a 75-year member of the Bethlehem Grange. He served as a fire commissioner in the Selkirk Fire Department and was a member of the Board of Directors of the Farmer's Production Credit Association of Menands.

He is survived by his wife, Ruth Geurtze Heath; two sons, Jerold A. Heath of Glenmont and William L. Heath of Bristol, N.H.; a daughter, Margaret Thayer of Glenmont; 16 grandchildren and 32 great-grandchildren.

Burial was in Elmwood Cemetery, Glenmont. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

## Thelma Lemon

Thelma Palmatier Lemon, 72, of Delmar, a retired teacher, died Wednesday, Dec. 16, at Albany Memorial Hospital after a long illness.

She was born in Ord, Neb., and was a retired teacher of all grade levels in several area school districts including Bethlehem Central Schools. She was also a professor at Hudson Valley Community College in Troy and worked for the New York State Teacher's Retirement System.

She was a member of the Association of American University Women, the Adirondack Club and the American Association of Retired Persons. She was a past member of the Delmar Progress Club.

Burial was in the East Greenbush Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Applebee Funeral Home, Delmar.

## Victor Rudzinskas

Victor Rudzinskas, 59, of Voorheesville died Friday, Dec. 25 at St. Peter's Hospital after a short illness.

He was born in Latvia and was a long-time area resident.

He was a laborer and flagman for the state Department of Transportation for 22 years. He was an Army Veteran of the Korean War.

He is survived by his wife, Catherine Klokoch Rudzinskas, three sons, Robert Houck of Latham, Victor Rudzinskas Jr. of Voorheesville and Alan Rudzinskas of East Berne; three daughters, Catherine Handy of Cohoes, Anna Mohan of Voorheesville and Haidee Moore of Altamont; his mother, Bonita Rudzinskas of The Bronx; two brothers, Paul Rudzinskas of Amsterdam and Thomas Rudzinskas of The Bronx; and four grandchildren.

Burial was in the Mount Pleasant Cemetery, New Salem. Arrangements were made by the Brunk-Meyers Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

## Elsie L. Brown

Elsie L. Brown, 90, formerly of Voorheesville, died Tuesday, Dec. 8, at the Child's Nursing Home.

She was born in Malone, N.Y., and was an eight-year resident of Voorheesville. She was a homemaker.

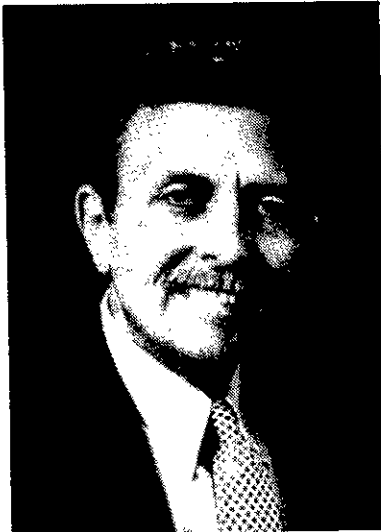
She is survived by two daughters, Hattie Woehrlé of Voorheesville and Audrey Personius of Lake Placid; a son Harry M. Brown of Port Henry, and six grandchildren.

Burial will be in the spring in Notre Dame Cemetery. Arrangements were made by the Reilly and Son Funeral Home, Voorheesville.

## Square dance Saturday

The Tri-Village Square Dance Club will hold a dance on Saturday, Jan. 2, from 8 to 11 p.m. at the First United Methodist Church, 428 Kenwood Ave., Delmar.

Jim Ryans will call. All mainstream couples are invited. For information call 438-1227.



## John H. Shafer Thruway Authority names director

John H. Shafer of Delmar has been appointed executive director of the state Thruway Authority by the Thruway Authority Board.

Shafer previously served as deputy director of the authority and as assistant commissioner for engineering and chief engineer for the state Department of Transportation.

He received his bachelor's degree in civil engineering from the University of Detroit and completed a graduate program in traffic engineering at Yale University.

## Free seminar offered to fight drunk driving

Dr. Emogene Bedrosian of Slingerlands is offering a free seminar of slides, music and discussion aimed at educating "whoever wants to listen" about who drinks, how the decision to drink affects lifestyle, the medical aftermath of a drunk driving accident, and the social and emotional impact of such a tragedy on the family, friends and community of the injured or dead.

Bedrosian, an emergency department physician at St. Peter's Hospital, Albany, has treated many victims of drunk driving accidents. Bedrosian resolved to design a education program after Cathleen Quinn, the daughter of colleagues Dr. Brian Quinn and nurse Dalmar Quinn, was killed in a collision with a drunk woman who left the scene relatively unharmed.

"I was finally angry," Bedrosian said. "It was time to speak up."

Bedrosian avoids loading down her audience with statistics. "Who cares about numbers? I talk about what happens. I talk about the horrible suffering, from the perspective of a career emergency physician. I mean to inform, not threaten, audiences with this presentation."

School officials, civic organization leaders or other interested individuals may make reservations by calling 439-5935.

## Art association elects officers

The Bethlehem Art Association has elected officers for the coming year. They are Dale Crissafulli, president; Joan Krathaus, vice president; Carol Schlageter, secretary; Ray Decker, treasurer; and Sue Gillespi, membership chairman.

Members and potential members are invited to bring a painting to the Jan. 9 meeting at the Bethlehem Public Library at 1 p.m. Tony Masino will be attending to critique the paintings. For information, call 439-6808.



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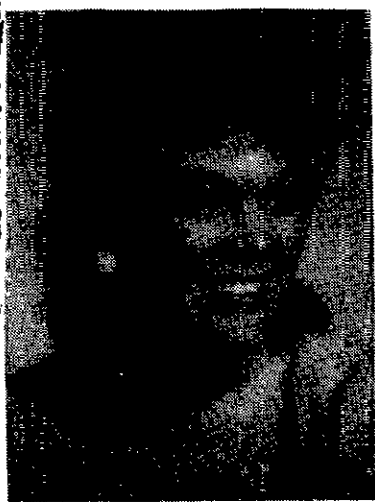
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Suzanne Kelly

### Kelly-Crossley

Mrs. Linda A. Kelly of Delmar has announced the engagement of her daughter, Suzanne, to David A. Crossley of Watervliet. The bride-to-be is the daughter of the late Dr. Edward F. Kelly.

A June wedding is planned.

### Children's clothing considered

Children can be hard to keep up with in replacing clothes and shoes they have outgrown.

Several publications are available from Cornell Cooperative Extension to help parents in buying clothing wisely and making apparel for children.

"Buy by Size, Not Age" is a six-page fact sheet that gives tips on measuring children and suggestions for growth allowance.

"Children's Shoes" is a booklet that gives basic information on different types of footwear, fit and rate of foot growth.

"Buying Clothes for Small Children" gives ideas on how to choose clothes for comfort, safety, quality and longer wear. The author also points out that confrontations can ensue if the child doesn't like the clothing.

Mittens get lost easily, so why not make a spare pair using left over fabric from other sewing projects, or worn sweaters or blankets? "Mitten Magic" includes patterns as well as suggested fabrics to use for the outside and the lining. Elastic is used to help snug the mitten around the child's wrist.

"Mitten Magic" was adapted from "Mittens, Mittens, Mittens," Cooperative Extension Service, Purdue University, Lafayette, Ind. Patterns and illustrations are by Esther F. Rupel, assistant professor and Mary Gayle Hartzell, graduate student.

These publications are available from the Cornell University Distribution, 7 Research Park, Ithaca, 14850. Prices range from 30 to 60 cents.



Heather Lyons Dering

### Dering-Kostue

Mr. and Mrs. Elmer C. Dering of Delmar have announced the engagement of their daughter, Heather, to Michael Stephen Kostue of Princeton Junction, N.J.

The bride-to-be earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education from Potsdam College. She is pursuing a master's degree at the College of Saint Rose, Albany.

Her fiancé, a graduate of the State University College at Alfred and the State University College at Utica, has a bachelor's degree in industrial engineering. He is employed as a production supervisor by Setco, a division of McCormick and Co., Cranbury, N.J.

An August wedding is planned.

### Silent film festival planned at library

In observance of its founding in 1913, the Bethlehem Public Library will hold a 75th Anniversary Silent Film Festival during January, February and March.

The festival will feature classic silent films that were popular during the library's first decade. Carole Lillis will introduce each film and talk about its significance in the development of the American movies. All films will be shown Mondays at 7:30 p.m. Reservations are not necessary and the programs are free.

On Jan. 11, "Tillie's Punctured Romance" and "The Tramp", two Charlie Chaplin comedies, will be shown.

Carole Lillis, a Delmar resident, has produced a series of programs on American film directors for the Bethlehem Channel and is an avid film buff. A lecturer and teacher, she has been active in community theater and has acted in plays for the Albany Civic Theater, the Village Stage, the Junior College of Albany and the College of Saint Rose. Also, Lillis has directed student productions at the Voorheesville and Bethlehem High Schools.



Mr. and Mrs. Leon J. LaTant

### Mary Beth Howe wed

Mary Beth Howe, daughter of Dorothy Parker of Delmar and Raymond Howe of Greenville, and Leon John LaTant, son of Lucine LaTant of Belleville, N.Y., and the late Leon LaTant, were married Sept. 19 at the Glenmont Reformed Church. The Rev. Robert Entin officiated.

Bonnie Howe, sister of the bride, was maid of honor. Heather LaTant, daughter of the groom, was junior bridesmaid. Tracy Stadler, cousin of the bride, Amy Jacobs, Barbara Oropallo and Debby Wyche were bridesmaids.

Lance LaTant, brother of the bride, was best man. Kevin LaTant, son of the bridegroom, was ring bearer and junior usher. Bill Watters, Doug Anderson, Wayne Dean and Thomas Kundel were ushers.

### African safari planned by Institute

The Women's Council of the Albany Institute of History and Art is sponsoring a 28-day safari to Kenya and Tanzania leaving on Feb. 3.

Highlights of the tour in Kenya include the city of Nairobi, Aberdare National Park, Samburu Game Reserve and the Tsavo National Park. Lake Manyara National Park, Serengeti and the Ngorongoro Crater are on the tour itinerary for Tanzania.

Accommodations will be in city hotels, game lodges and resorts.

For information call 463-4478.

## SENIOR CITIZENS

### Blood Pressure Clinic

The Town of Bethlehem's Blood Pressure Clinic meets the third Tuesday of each month. In January the clinic is on Jan. 19 in the Town Hall Auditorium from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. and from 7 to 9 p.m. Transportation is available by calling 439-5770. Mark your calendar!

### H.E.A.P. Assistance

The Home Energy Assistance Program was developed to help those who are 60 plus and those on fixed or low income. Eligibility guidelines for the program are based on gross income figures for the month the HEAP application is made. If you received assistance last year you will automatically receive an application for this year's program. Applications are mailed by Albany County Department for Aging and Handicapped at various intervals.

The Bethlehem Senior Services Office will provide a volunteer to provide assistance for filling out applications for Town of Bethlehem residents 60 years and over. Please contact 439-4955, extension 77, and your name will be added to an interest list. Our volunteer will return your telephone call and answer your questions concerning the program.

### Cheese Distribution Day

The next Cheese Distribution Day will be held on Thursday, Jan. 7, at the Bethlehem Town Hall in Room 106, for 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Snow Date: Tuesday, Jan. 12.



## Community Corner

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